

TO-DAY'S NEWS IN BRIEF.

LOCAL AND SUBURBAN. Officer Gerard kills one of two would-be lead-pipe thieves who try to carry away property from a Washington avenue residence Sunday noon.

HEAVY RAINS CONTINUE TO BLESS LATE CROPS.

West and Northwest Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas and Iowa Drenched and Illinois Reports a Few Local Showers—Sixty Days of Drought Broken and Farmers May Repair the Damage to a Great Extent—Planting of New Crops Already Under Way in Sections Where Rain Has Fallen.

CORN NOT ENTIRELY RUINED WILL BE BENEFITED.

Reports of rain on Sunday from special correspondents of The Republic came principally from Missouri. The following counties reported downpours ranging from showers to continuous rains all day: Bates, Cass, Carroll, Clinton, Livingston, Lafayette, Pettis, Noda way, Linn, Platte, Saline, St. Clair and Jackson.

CATTLE RAISERS REASSURED BY RAINS HAVE QUIT RUSHING STOCK TO MARKET.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Kansas City, Mo., July 28.—Indicative of the complete change in conditions, Frank Cooper of Cooper & Elmore, livestock commission man, reports to-day that a customer of theirs has turned back a trainload of cattle he had started to market, and himself, being in need of some relaxation, has gone on to Colorado for a vacation.

WASHINGTON WEATHER REPORT

Washington, July 28.—To-day's Weather Bureau advices from the great corn belt were the most encouraging that have come to hand for the past forty days, showing in the opinion of the forecasters, that the great drought has been broken by a general cessation of showers in many portions of that section, and with a prospect of their continuation to-morrow.

MISSOURI.

TWO MONTHS DROUGHT BROKEN. REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Brown, Mo., July 28.—The drought of the past two months was broken here to-day by a good shower, which began falling at 4 o'clock this morning, cooling the air and refreshing vegetation. It is believed the rain is general over the county. It is not sufficient to do the corn much good, as the crop is too far advanced to benefit from a continued downpour.

ILLINOIS.

Bloomington, Ill., July 28.—A furious windstorm and rain late this afternoon demolished the Chautauque for the day, but the welcome downpour was received with thankfulness only and the programme for this evening will be carried out to-morrow. The rain continued for several hours, and the grounds about the fair were waterlogged.

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Indianapolis, Ind., July 28.—Several sections in this State were visited last night and to-day by heavy thunderstorms, and these produced a gratifying fall in the temperature, but there has as yet been no rain of consequence—that is, such a downpour as would effectively break the protracted drought and supply the corn with a new crop of seed.

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KANSANS WILL SOW BUCKWHEAT.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Topeka, Kas., July 28.—Kansas can supply the rest of the country with buckwheat cakes the coming winter. Now that the drought is broken and the corn crop is lost, thousands of farmers will at once sow a few acres to buckwheat. This product, in an average season, produces about fifteen bushels to the acre. The farmers say they will enjoy this luxury and forget the drought. Thousands of acres will be planted to Kaffir corn, one of the best forage crops of the State. Merchants are telegraphing for a new supply of seed.

MAY SAVE HALF CORN CROP.

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NEW YORK, July 28.—Anxiety over the Western crop situation proved the controlling and almost sole influencing factor in the stock market of the week. At times the price movement was widely erratic and marked by violent changes. On alternate days the market broke and rallied with almost pendulous regularity, the oscillations gradually reducing in extent as activity was curtailed, and the disagreeable fact was forced home upon the professional element that a really serious condition of affairs had possibly presented itself.

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set could not, in the judgment of conservative bankers, have withstood the strain of a speculative movement for the advance. In the extended conditions of the banks and financial institutions following the outbreak of the strike, the business carried by the syndicates and taxing financial resources, nothing could have stimulated the market. Credit is being extended to agricultural and commercial, as well as to financial syndicates and stock brokers. The time was at hand when the banks knew that the business men and the farmers would demand their funds. Have them they must and the syndicates, with the industrial stocks of securities, must be protected. Something had to go, and it was found to be inflated stocks. Their decline through extensive liquidation, has eased the monetary situation, and an encouraging speculative venture has relieved the future of much apprehension.

"SPARKING DROUGHT" IN MACON COUNTY.

Girls Organized "Emergency Society" to Receive No More Company Till It Rained. RULES SUSPENDED CIRCUS DAY.

Members of Club That Ostracized Macon Youths Did Not Attend Show—Rains Saved Ladies Further Privations.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Macon, Mo., July 28.—One of the most serious effects of the drought in Macon county has been manifested in the neighborhood of Ethel, a village of 500, over in the west part of the county. Forty of the prettiest and most enticing young ladies of the vicinity got together and organized what they called the Emergency Society. The officers were as follows: Hettie Sunderland, president; Lizzie Helton, vice president; Lizzie Cherry, secretary; Della Williams, Millie Bradley, Mattie Williams and Lizzie Parker, assistant secretaries; Ora Troutman, treasurer.

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Scruggs, Vandewort & Barnum. This store is closed at 5 p. m. every weekday during July and August, except Saturdays, when it is closed at 1 p. m.

Cotton and Woolen Dress Fabrics. Priced regardless of previous cost or present value.

Wash Goods. 7 1/2c per yard.

This morning we place on sale 300 pieces of High-Class Corded Batiste and "Shamrock" Dimity in Assorted, Eccentric, Geometric, Dresden and Novelty Printings on White and Colored grounds, 7 1/2c per yard.

Remnant Sale of Black and Colored Dress Goods. In Skirt Lengths at 50% Below Regular Prices.

It has been our custom for many years past to have a special clearance sale of short ends in our Black and Colored Dress Goods Departments previous to taking our Semi-Annual Inventory.

This year we begin with about 750 ends of very desirable Plain and Fancy Dress Fabrics, among which are: Whippards, Wool Velvings, Henriettas, Rain Proof Serges, Figured Challies, Fancy Plaids, Fray Luxor, Vigoreux, Homespun, Storm Cheviots, Venetians, Broadcloths, Albatross, Novelty Stripes, Frunella, Jacquards, Etamines, French Serges, Baratheas, Wool Grenadines, Fancy Mixtures, Covers, Granite Cloth, Tweeds.

And effects for tailor-made garments in lengths suitable for Dress Skirts, Rainy-Day Skirts, Marked at just 1/2 the Regular Piece Prices.

Standard Patterns for Separate Skirts, more than 100 designs to select from, 20c and 25c each. OLIVE STREET, BROADWAY & LOCUST STREET.

Burlington Route PLAN NOW FOR COLORADO. AUGUST 1 TO 10, INCLUSIVE. GOOD UNTIL OCTOBER 31st.

ROUND TRIP TO DENVER, COLORADO SPRINGS, PUEBLO, FROM ST. LOUIS \$21.00 FROM KANSAS CITY, ST. JOSEPH \$15.00 TO SALT LAKE CITY, OGDEN, UTAH, \$16.00 HIGHER.

ONE FARE, PLUS \$2.00, TO ABOVE POINTS EVERY DAY, FROM JULY 10 TO 31, INCLUSIVE. AUGUST 11 TO 31, INCLUSIVE. GOOD UNTIL OCTOBER 31st.

For rates and details, apply at City Ticket Office, 5 W. Cor. Broadway and Olive St.

PASSENGERS INJURED IN A COLLISION. Every Woman Marvel Whirling Spray.

John Stolz Crushed Between Two Bellefontaine Cars and Seriously Hurt.

MOTORMAN MOUNTZ ARRESTED. John Stead and Rosie Loerina Were Victims—Buggy Struck by a Mail Car.

Three persons were seriously injured and a score of passengers were bruised and shaken up in a collision of two street cars of the Bellefontaine line at the corner of Nebraska avenue and Meramec street at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

John Stead, 57 years old, of the grocery firm of Stead Bros., No. 842 North Third street, was cut on the face, and his right arm was crushed. He was removed to his home, No. 832 Page boulevard.

Car No. 1902 had stopped to let passengers off and car No. 476, which was following closely behind, crashed into the rear of the first car.

When the cars crashed together, there was a wild scramble among the passengers. William Baker, occupied injury by jumping into the aisle of the cars and was slightly injured. Others were slightly injured by jumping.

Mr. Stead, John Stolz and the little Loerina girl were caught between the pliers of the cars. Motorman Mountz escaped injury by jumping. The platforms of both cars were wrecked. Traffic was delayed more than an hour by the accident.

Doctor Dean of No. 285 Meramec street administered temporary relief to the passengers who were injured.

Motorman Mountz was arrested and held at the Second District Police Station to await the results of the injuries sustained by the passengers. Edward Cross, conductor on car No. 476, Car No. 1902 was in charge of Conductor William Kamper, No. 425 Finney avenue. Robert Caldwell, No. 470 Finney avenue, was the motorman. Car No. 1901 of the Bellefontaine line was driven by William Rodemeyer in front of No. 280 Page avenue.

A buggy in which Joseph D. Carroll, living at the James Hotel, and James Martin, of No. 264 North Sixth street, were riding, was struck by mail car No. 28 yesterday morning near the corner of Grand avenue on Olive street. The occupants were uninjured. The vehicle was damaged \$30.

BOY'S BODY RECOVERED—The body of Frank Linke, who was drowned Friday night while bathing in the river at the foot of Barton street, was found dead in the river yesterday morning at the foot of Elwood street, and was found dead in bed at 10 o'clock. His mantle can was seen near the body. He was 12 years old and lived at No. 1548 South Seventh street.

DEATH FROM HEAT AND POISON—An autopsy held yesterday morning on the body of Walter Schofield, who was found dead Saturday night in his room at No. 207 Chestnut street, revealed that death was due to carbolic acid poisoning and not heat prostration, as at first supposed. Schofield retired to his room early Saturday afternoon, and was found dead in bed at 10 o'clock. The autopsy was conducted by Dr. J. H. Hoover. Schofield was a writer, 32 years old. His mantle can was seen near the body. He was 12 years old and lived at No. 1548 South Seventh street.

W. H. JOHNSON DEAD. Said to Have Invented the Telegraph Switch Board. Louisville, Ky., July 28.—W. H. Johnson, who is said to have invented the switch-board used in an improved form to-day, by the Western Telegraph Company, while he was employed in the manufacturing department of that company in Cleveland, died to-day at the corner of Grand avenue and Olive street. He was 62 years old and lived at No. 1548 South Seventh street.