

The Alert, DAILY AND WEEKLY

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In the Lansing, Mich., Journal of last week, the editor, Mr. G. P. Sanford, devotes a column and a half to his trip a few weeks ago from Jamestown down to and about Grand Rapids.

The Mayor of St. Paul has offered a reward of \$500 for the apprehension and arrest of the murderers of Policeman O'Connell last Saturday morning. They were burglars whom he was about to corner and capture.

The forest fires in Clark Co., Wis., has been a fearful scourge. Besides the immense destruction of property some human lives have perished, but to what extent persons have been sacrificed in this calamity cannot as yet be ascertained.

A Leavenworth, Kan., grain firm has obtained a judgment of \$113,533 against the Western Union Telegraph Company on account of a mistake in a telegram to St. Louis commission house to "sell 50 July," which was received "sell 50 July."

Scott, who won \$150,000 from Wood at a game of draw poker at Newburg, N. Y., last summer, is a son of the late Rev. James Scott, at one time pastor of the Baptist church at that place. Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will make it win.

Chas. H. Reed, Guiteau's counsel, has made application to Judge Lindley for a writ of habeas corpus and says he expects to get it. The application is based on the grounds of jurisdiction of the criminal court in which he was tried. Reed says he does not think his client will be hung.

Guteau has gone to writing poetry, and that, added to his former atrocity, seals his fate beyond any conjecture, for the whole people will now rise as one man and demand his execution. They might have tolerated his existence in prison before, but his poetry is too much. It is the last straw that broke the camel's back.

It requires from three to twenty-four hours to get mail from St. Paul to Minneapolis, a distance of ten miles, and the citizens who have tired of going about from one place to the other on business too urgent to await the mails have crusaded Mr. Washburn until he has promised to improve the mail facilities between those two places.

Senator Windom elevated himself on his high horse the other day and made a terrific speech against the whisky bill, which virtually knocked the bottom out of it. The senators and lobby that have been working long and hard for the bill are compensating Windom with a sulphurous wave of indignation. A continuation of his expressions would not be proper in a Sunday morning paper.

The Brookfield, Mo., bank robber pleaded guilty and was sent to the penitentiary for a term of twenty-five years each. They played James brothers with the James left out. If they had killed a half dozen of their pursuers and then demanded a surrender of the state like Frank James, each would have been given his freedom and a chrono. Missouri has no mercy on her small fry criminals.

Harrison, the boy preacher, has converted 500 St. Paulites. St. Paul has demonstrated its susceptible qualities and will now enter upon a demonstration of its staying qualities. They harvested their first rate and now we will see how well they "thresh out." The boy preacher will not tackle Fargo. It's too big an undertaking. He judges of the obduracy of the people of that place by reading the Fargo papers.

Congressman Humphreys of Wisconsin has been instructed by the house judiciary committee to report a bankruptcy bill for consideration early in December. One of the provisions of the projected bill is worthy of especial commendation. It requires a creditor to give bond before forcing a debtor into liquidation. This will prevent precipitating a crisis in a firm's affairs on mere suspicion and be something of a support to the general tone of business in a community.

The prohibitionists over in Minnesota held a convention at Minneapolis Tuesday of this week, and resolved to require a pledge to vote for the submission of a prohibition constitutional amendment to the people of the candidate or candidates of either political party before they will give their support or votes and that they would vote for and support the candidate who would give such a pledge satisfactorily regardless of his party predilections, and in case neither would do this they would run a candidate of their own in their own district. This action, if adhered to, will put some of the candidates on the "ragged edge."

As an illustration of how "blood will tell," it is now asserted that the mother of young Tibbetts, the Perham murderer, was an accomplice in the plot, and that she and her worthy progeny had arranged to wreck a North Pacific train. The old angel is now in jail and the Minnesotans are discussing the advisability of dispensing with her further services on earth by sending her to join her son who has gone before. It is to be hoped the Minnesotans will not do such a thing. They now have a notoriety for disposing of villains almost en masse, but to thus summarily dispose of a woman would be a blot on the fair name of that state which a century would not erase.

The preachers have commenced the usual here-fest with Guiteau, and as the day of his dissolution or suspension draws nigh, the ladies will no doubt inundate him with flowers and words of comfort as usual, while at the same time there are no doubt hundreds of persons in the city and shadow of death from disease, but who have never committed murder or any other crime to give them notoriety,

whom those devout ministers and sympathizing ladies never think of visiting. What is more ridiculous, inconsistent and incomprehensible than a human being? After all, as Pope says, man is the "glory, jest and riddle of the world," and that peculiarity extends to the whole race regardless of sex, age, condition or vocation.

Delegated Pettigrew has introduced a bill in the house providing for an agreement with the Sioux Indians residing upon the Sioux and Crow Creek reservations in this territory for the cession of a part of their reservation to the government and for setting apart a separate reservation for them. This bill is the same as the one introduced in the senate by McMillan, except that it includes the Crow Creek reservation as well as the grand Sioux. Both bills provide that no cash annuities shall be paid to the Indians, but the sum stipulated to be paid for the cession of the lands shall be expended for the benefit of the Indians under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior. The bill appropriates the sum of \$25,000 to carry out its provisions.

The House has at last passed the army retirement bill with the Senate amendment. This fixes the age at which compulsory retirement shall take place at 64 years, which will give Gen. Sherman two more years and time to cast about for something else with which to occupy the time. The failure of officers to die off fast enough for those who want their political shoes has necessitated a new departure in the way of providing a vacancy for the aspiring ambition of office seekers. There was a time—the Napoleonic march to the sea by Gen. Sherman, which has gone into history as "Sherman's March to the Sea"—when very few aspirants to his official position by leaving the dangers of war. A number of brave soldiers in time of peace envy the old battle-scarred veteran his position of profit and ease. Not that Gen. Sheridan is in the least of that character, but some of the congressmen warriers.

The Valley City Times in yesterday's issue gave D. V. Smalley a "benefit" to the extent of nearly a column because forsooth, Mr. Smalley wrote a letter to the New York Tribune from Jamestown, and the Alert made extracts from it, in which he (Mr. Smalley) gave his opinion as to the possibility and probability of Jamestown becoming the capital of North Dakota. Mr. Smalley was engaged reading the Alert when the train passed through Valley City and he did not see the Sheyenne lamlet else he would no doubt have made mention of it in a P. S. if not otherwise. The Alert apologizes in the behalf of Mr. Smalley for this omission and the next time he makes a trip over the North Pacific we would suggest that the Times put up a placard as follows in large letters "This is 'Town.'" The novelty of the thing would excite his curiosity so much that he would naturally make inquiries that would lead to the discovery of Valley City on the Sheyenne.

When one reads of the tornados and floods down in the western states it is reminded that it is not such a bad thing after all to live away up in the north-west where such calamities never come. Friday night a tornado passed over Kansas city destroying and damaging property to the amount of \$200,000, killing and wounding several persons. At St. Louis the rain, lightning and wind were terrific. The court house and innumerable buildings suffered damage. Three spans of the iron bridge between the city and Armourdale were carried away. The damage aggregates over \$200,000. The steamer Blue Lodge, owned by McDonald Brothers, of LaCrosse, Wis., was blown ashore on the Illinois side and sunk, a total loss. Another boat was also sunk and four others seriously damaged, with others damaged more or less. The wind attained the tremendous velocity of 66 miles an hour.

The papers of various personal hues all over the territory are making Delegates to Congress for the next session. These paper congressmen may feel flattered by the compliments paid them, and it may be in many cases paid for by them, but the Alert would caution them against too much elation over their newspaper booms for the higher they soar now the harder they will fall when the people take the matter in hand and settle the question. The blood relations of some of these newspaper boomed candidates would not know them, as seen in print. The Delegate question is one of too much importance to be at the beck and call of any and every aspiring statesman in the territory. Of our 211,000 inhabitants, at least 50,000 of them feel competent to fill the position of Delegate with ability and credit, and their ambition is a laudable one. When the proper time comes Jamestown will present her claims and her man, and the Alert desires to suggest that the people do not commit themselves to any candidate until a later date. The best man is always brought out late.

Secretary Teller and Representative Washburn are at larger-heads over the bill to consolidate the Chippewas on the White Earth reservation. The difference in opinion will in all probability result in the defeat of the bill.—Grand Forks Herald.

Whether the Herald means what it says in the above paragraph or not is an open but immaterial question. But often an otherwise obscure and harmless point is made sharper than a serpent's tooth and hotter than the sting of an adder by a ridiculous typographical error, but for irresistible poignancy this heads the list. The word "larger-heads" was no doubt innocently and accidentally coined by the printer in setting the paragraph up in type, but though he did it unconsciously he is as effectually immortalized himself as if he had developed it from a life time of study. It supplies a long felt want in the newspaper vocabulary and gives us a word that goes right to the spot. "Larger-heads?" Shades of Noah Webster! Why did not some accident discover the word before? We have seen the time we would have given our neck for millions for that very expressive compound. We have written columns trying to express what that one word

expresses. "Larger-head" and larger beer! What eternal fitness of things crop out in paragraphical notices of our high officials. The editor that wrote the above paragraph very likely had no thought of larger beer, and it is equally probable that the printer who set it up had no thought of anything else. This is an instance of how extremes meet and evolve a combination of harmony that instantaneously enraptures the beholder. Public officers are always at "larger-heads," and it is absolutely charming to observe how agreeable to them such contention is.

GOOD WHISKEY AND BAD INDIANS.
A party of explorers went out into the Mouse River country on an exploring expedition, and as a precautionary measure took along a demijohn of whisky which incites. That would all have been well enough if they had kept it in the demijohn, or used it themselves with proper discretion. But on reaching the Mouse river valley they met a half breed who as naturally take to fire-water as a duck does to the pool of water. The explorers were clever, of course, and when asked for a little "suttlin" to take," responded, not knowing the effect it would have upon their new dusky acquaintances. This only made them want more and the rest of the story is told through the Grand Forks Herald by Mr. Zimmerman, who had a close shave for his life:
They accompanied their demands for fire water with blood-curdling whoops, firing of their muskets and revolvers in dangerous proximity to the men and the wagon and making it generally unpleasant for a man whose nervous system is disordered. The men started to harness their horses, when the bucks rushed on them with a yell. Zimmerman was hit with a club or a gun. He didn't know or care which. It stunned him and he took no further hand in the game. The reds got the demijohn of whisky and commenced quarreling over it among themselves. While they were thus engaged the three men mounted the horses leaving Zimmerman, galloped off together in the darkness. When Zimmerman had recovered consciousness the Indians had all dead drunk. He got the remaining three horses attached to the two teams and pulled out, which he was enabled to do expeditiously, as it was just getting light. His three companions, who, as they supposed, left him for dead, reported him as such to the settlers they met—and thus the report arose that the Mouse river or perhaps the Turtle Mountain Indian were on the war path.

THE MINNESOTA SNAKE.
Over in Minnesota there is a lake called Minnetonka. There being nothing else to boom on, the fertile ingenuity of the people who have stock in that locality have hit upon a novel plan to make their stock pan out a dividend. They have discovered a snake, a large reptile, a sea serpent, which they estimate could rain-bow its back and make an archway for the passage of a very large sailing vessel. There is a certain peculiarity about this Minnetonka snake which the Alert wishes to call attention to. It never shows itself except to "prominent" persons whose notoriety will give the mention of the fact an advertising boom. The citizens there have that snake well trained in "tricks that are vain." When over an excursion is being talked and the objective point undecided that snake always shows up to some "prominent" individual or party of such. Another strange feature about this monster of the water is that its appearance is uniformly in the afternoon, and late in the afternoon, and then presents himself before the appalled vision of the "prominent" individual just as he draws in his line for the last and reaches for the final pull at an almost empty demijohn. Then it is that the "prominent" individual gets sight of the sea serpent of Minnetonka Lake, and the wonder is that the said prominent individual can confine his imagination to a single snake. That is not the way it affects the "prominent" individual down in Illinois. There, under such conditions, he would see half a dozen sea serpents. If the Minnetonka Laker want a snake boom for their place that will get into the associated press dispatches let them send an invitation down to some democratic "district" in Illinois to come up there and hold a convention. The moment the invitation is accepted Minnetonka snake stock will go up 500 per cent.

Dakota Crop Report.
The following is the crop report taken from various points in the territory, June 16.
Dawson—Splendid weather and very favorable to the growing crops.
Sterling—The condition of the crops is more promising than for many years. A heavy yield is expected.
Mapleton—Weather somewhat cloudy but pleasant, and grain of all kinds in a splendid condition.
Spiritwood—Crops are in a splendid condition and the weather favorable. The prospects for a good crop were never better.
Tower City—Crops look fine. A few young grasshoppers put in an appearance, but no damage is expected. Light rains.
Crystal Springs—Cloudy weather with occasional rains. Crops are in good condition.
Steele—The weather is favorable and the crops are in good condition. Light rains.
Eldridge—Crops look well and weather very desirable. A few grasshoppers have made their appearance, but no damage apprehended.
Ismarack—Finer growing weather. Tillers of crops of all kinds. Crops look well and prospects point to a big harvest.
Fargo—Weather showery and warm. Everything indicates an abundant yield.
Jamestown—Warm rains during the past week are favorable for the growing crops. Tillers of the soil are much encouraged at the brilliant prospects for a large yield.
Grand Rapids—Everybody is jubilant over the flattering prospect for a large wheat crop. Growing crops of all kinds are in splendid condition in La Moure county.
Casellton—Crops in healthy condition. Weather suitable in every respect, and an abundant harvest is anticipated by almost every one.
Mayville—Crops looking well; weather fine.

Valley City—Weather clear and warm; light fall of rain yesterday. Prospects for good crops never looked better.

DOINGS OF A DAY.

Another Witness Testimony to the Benefits and Advantages of Jamestown and James River Valley.

New School Districts and School Houses—Coal Discoveries at Newport—Suggestion of a Reading Room.

The Daily Harvest of News in and About Town as Breakfast Dessert for the Alert Readers To Digest.

Another Heard From.

Some weeks ago the editor of the Hastings (Minn.) New Era was out in this country, and on his return wrote up his travels, from which, with permission of the Valley City Times, the Alert will publish a few extracts. The writer did not ignore Valley City, as did Mr. Smalley, and to show the Times that the Alert is magnanimous and fair, we also include in our remarks all that he said of Valley City. The comparative extent of these two notices is a very fair representation of the relative importance of the two towns.

West from Casselton the country is more undulating until you reach Valley City, on the Sheyenne, where there are hills and bluffs of considerable proportions, but almost barren of timber. In Barnes and Sutherland counties the soil is a black mold with occasionally a mixture of black sand containing all the ingredients necessary to the production of all species of grain and root crops in the greatest perfection and abundance. The subsoil in clay, good water is obtained here at a depth of from twenty to forty feet.

is a place of about fifteen hundred inhabitants, and one of the richest and most promising towns westward. It is situated in the James River Valley about midway between Fargo and Bismarck. The town-site is much better than that of Fargo. The streets are as level and smooth as those of Hastings. The business houses are numerous and substantial. We were reliably informed that one general store, the largest in the place, sold over \$100,000 worth of goods last year. There are large banks, all doing a good business, with a combined cash capital of \$150,000. There are two good newspapers, the Alert and the Capital, the former a seven column daily morning paper, and the latter a full advertisement associated press dispatches and local news. There is about as much difference in the size and appearance of a Dakota daily newspaper and those of the same size towns in Michigan as there is between a circus bill and a postage stamp. Education and religious training seem to be keeping pace with the rapid development of this country, and beautiful houses and churches of the latest and most approved style of architecture, are not least among the many attractions these new towns afford the visitor. The Methodists, Baptists and Presbyterians have flourishing organizations in Jamestown.

We will not attempt to describe the boom in Jamestown—it is just the same as in all other "boomers." Town lots are selling at prices ranging from \$20 to \$40, according to location. All is bust and excitement. Every man seems to be afraid his neighbor is doing more talking and making more money than he, and the streets are full of noisy bragging. Every full of strangers seeking openings. Every train unloads scores of new settlers, and so it is no wonder there is excitement.

A Bridge Needed.
ED. ALERT—I do not wish to complain, nor to appear to be a "kicker," but the interests of those interested in immigration seem to be suffering considerably from the want of the bridge near the immigration buildings, which bridge, it was understood, was to be ready for travel a week ago. People who would like to use the accommodations afforded by these buildings have had to leave them, and others have been debarred from going there on account of the inconvenience of getting to them. Cannot the contractor be induced to hurry the work up, so that the good it would do? I think the interest enough in the matter to try his best and if he needs any facilities I think the county commissioners will gladly do their part. It might get along nicely for a while with temporary bridges. Mr. Klaus offered to do to build such an one, using the material now on the ground for twenty-five dollars. He said he could do it in six hours, and yet have it perfectly safe and suitable for travel. Such an arrangement would not only be cheaply obtained but would be a great convenience and highly appreciated.

If any of the members who can conveniently will stop the effort to-morrow, I will deliver to them their immigration society certificates of membership, and will be glad to confer with them on any matters of interest to the organization. Respectfully,
W. H. DENISE,
Secretary.

Coal at Newport.
It is reported that coal was discovered at Newport, the new town on the Mouse River branch a few days ago. In digging a well on the premises of Mr. Keepers, the workmen threw out several large pieces of fine looking lignite coal from down about twenty feet. The Alert is informed that Mr. Keepers will soon prospect for a vein of coal with a view to sinking a shaft and working it. There are many discoveries and circumstances which indicate that coal exists in great abundance all through this territory, and no more profitable enterprise could be engaged in than that of working it. The demand will constantly increase and such fuel will become as staple as No. 1 hard and fully as profitable. Eastern coal companies, with the expense of shafts from 200 to 600 feet deep make money out of them at \$2 per ton, making a capital of from \$50,000 to \$200,000 invested in the opening of the mine, and with the probable success of obtaining such fuel just near the surface there certainly would be no risk in such an enterprise. Why not some enterprising company of capitalists in Jamestown take hold of the enterprise here.

Reading Room.
Many other towns of less population and importance than Jamestown have made or are making the necessary arrangements for a fine reading room, the wisdom and importance of which cannot be disputed. There are a great many people here who are away from their homes and would find much pleasure and profit in a reading room. But first of all considerations it would provide a good resort for our young men whose homes are in town to spend at

least a part of their leisure time. The Alert throws out the suggestion for the consideration of our citizens. While it might not be best to undertake the enterprise just now when every one is so busy and the nights are so short, but it is well enough to think over the matter and be prepared when the time for action shall come.

School Items.
County Superintendent Nierling informs the Alert that he has called a meeting the 20th of June at the house of Mr. John I. Purchase, for the organization of school district No. 10 to consist of sections 1 to 18, inclusive, in township 140, range 63. Also a meeting on the 26th of June at the house of Mr. Geo. W. Kurtz, for the organization of district No. 11, to consist of all of townships 122, range 64. The also informs us that a summer term of school will be taught by Miss Florence James, district No. 7, in the new town of Montpelier, which was commenced on the 14th inst. It is very gratifying to note the evidences of early attention to providing for the education of the young. The young Dakotians who are in body as robust as the antelopes that skip over prairies, are correspondingly bright in mind and agile in mental activity. Dakota will make a record in educational facilities and enterprises that will be a model for some of the states near or a century old. The country is set up with a class of people who know the value of schools and are applying that knowledge to the benefit of the rising Dakota generation.

A Bold, Bad Man.
From the Daily, Sunday
Yesterday morning, about the hour of six, Mr. Foley called upon Sheriff McKelvie and informed him that his hotel, the Grand Central, had been broken into by some one who had not the fear of the law before his eyes, and entered the room occupied by several of the waiter girls, and assaulted Miss Annie Scholtz. It seems the young lady was suddenly awakened by the presence of a man by the side of her bed, and she immediately seized him with the strength which frenzy of fright gives, and began calling for help. If she had only had a hoe, that formidable and destructive weapon of woman, the Grand Central would have had a man for breakfast. Her cries for help aroused the other girls in the room, and the night prowler found himself in a hornet's nest, and began to make a desperate struggle to free himself from the iron grasp of his fair captor. He at last succeeded in slipping out of his coat and made his exit in the darkness of the night before the other girls got their clutches upon him, leaving his coat in the vice-like grasp of Miss Scholtz. He dashed down stairs, through the hall and out at the kitchen window into the street. No one had seen him and he seemed safe, but on jumping out of the window he left "footprints in the sands of time," and his coat, like that of Joseph in the hands of Mrs. Potiphar in the police court of ancient Egypt, on file as evidence against him, only the circumstances of the retention of the outer garment were reversed. The porter, Mr. Mason, was awakened by the rumpus, and on reporting to the sheriff, was shown the coat, which he once identified as one worn by Thomas Case, a railroad hand employed by Mr. Bill. With this clue Sheriff McKelvie struck the trail and soon spotted his game in Barber Poole's kitchen, scraping up in Tony Long's. When Mack got his eagle eye once upon him he had sure meat of him, but let him finish his toilet, and saw him afterwards put on an overcoat and go on his way. All this time the fellow was unconscious of the presence of a minion of the law. Upon taking in the situation Sheriff McKelvie concluded the harvest was ripe, and gath'ered the fellow in, and in this attitude he was soon after introduced to Justice Allen, and District Attorney Dodge filed a recommendation in the charge of assault and battery. The prisoner had no counsel, nor did he call any witnesses, though every opportunity was given for him to do so. The witnesses for the prosecution were Fred Langdon, Fred Annis, Mike Smith, Jeremiah Mason, Joe Mason, Sheriff McKelvie, W. E. Dodge, Mr. Scamlin, Miss Bertie Shady room man, and Tony Long. Miss Scholtz, who so bravely grappled the scoundrel, was completely prostrated by the nervous excitement, and was unable to attend as a witness. The evidence was all circumstantial, but conclusive. The coat was fully identified as was also a pipe in one of the pockets; and the prisoner's boot fitted the track under the hotel window to a capital T. The prisoner's charge was wholly and solemnly waived the evidence and found that it would take \$40 and costs on the side of the defense to make the scale balance, and so wrote it down in the judicial records of Jamestown, D. T. Not having the collaterals with which to liquidate the imbricance on his liberty, Sheriff McKelvie registered the prisoner at the Hotel de Limbo where he may meditate upon the necessity of doubtful enterprises; and when he regains his liberty the Alert would advise him to put as many range lines of Dakota real estate between himself and Jamestown as possible, and write as much celebrity as the facilities for transportation will afford.

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A Large Land Corporation.
The Carrington & Casey Land Company, of which much has been said by the newspapers of the Northwest, has purchased upwards of seventy thousand acres in the James River Valley, of which forty thousand acres are in Foster county, northwest of Jamestown, and thirty-three thousand acres are in La Moure county, west of Grand Rapids. The company is also negotiating for another large tract north of Jamestown. Messrs. Carrington & Casey, who carry on an extensive grain business at Toledo, Ohio, have been well known here to all as large holders of Dakota wheat lands. The corporation which bears their name has a capital of half a million dollars. Its officers, elected at the Minneapolis office last week, are T. B. Casey, President and Treasurer; Miles D. Carrington, Vice-President; R. L. Casey, Secretary. Among its stockholders we notice the well known names of R. S. Munger, of Duluth; H. M. Hanna and C. Payne, Cleveland; D. B. Dows, W. C. Whitney and C. H. Hixox, New York.

The intention of the company is to improve the land as rapidly as possible. Their Dakota office will be at Jamestown and Mr. R. L. Casey, Secretary, is now here looking after their interests.

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ANGRY ELEMENTS

Race in Rampant Fury, Destroying \$200,000 Worth of Property.

A St. Paul Policeman Shot by Burglars—A Small Blaze in Fargo.

Springer's Bill Finally Passes the House—Guiteau's Last Hope.

Policeman Shot.
St. Paul, June 17.—Early this morning as Policeman Daniel O'Connell was pursuing burglars who had gone through the residence of A. O. Bailey, on Dayton avenue, he was shot dead. The body was found at 7 o'clock this morning lying on its face with a bullet hole in the left temple, the ball having penetrated the brain. His revolver lay by his side, not one of the chambers having been discharged. It is believed that the burglars were concealed in the bushes and took the officer unawares. O'Connell was off duty and on his way home when apprised of the burglary. He was a brave man and a good officer. He had only been a month on the regular force, but had formerly seen considerable service as special policeman. He was 31 years old and leaves a wife and three children. Mayor Levee has issued a proclamation offering \$500 for the capture of the burglars. They were dressed in dark gray clothes, which were much worn. One was about 23 years old, five feet five or six inches high. The other was about 26 years old and five feet eleven inches high, slim built. Both had on black slouch hats. Half a dozen arrests have been made, but it is believed that the murderers have not yet been caught.

Topeka, Kas., June 17.—A heavy storm of wind and rain visited this place about 12 o'clock last night, doing considerable damage to houses both in the city and country and breaking down trees. No loss of life or stock is reported.

Kansas City, June 17.—The severest and most destructive wind and rain storm that has visited this city in years occurred between one and two this a.m. This morning the wind howled a terrific and destructive storm. Not a single street lamp escaped the fury of the storm. The streets in every direction were strewn with signs, awnings, limbs of trees, roots and all descriptions. Scarcely an exposed building in the city remains whole, chimneys being blown down, roofs being taken off, and in many cases serious damage done. Among the more serious losses is the bridge between the city and Armourdale, three spans of which were carried away.

Coats' opera house lost its roof, all the hotels were more or less damaged, and business generally was falling in even parts of the city suffered. The loss will probably reach \$200,000. Information from the surrounding country shows that the storm was pretty general. Great damage has been done to crops and nearly all kinds of property.

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E. C. Ingersoll, counsel for the plaintiff in the Christian divorce suit, has been pronounced insane and taken to the asylum to-day.

The U. S. district attorney has been instructed to bring suit on the bonds of J. C. Bingham, ex-U. S. Indian agent at Green Bay, Wis., in the sum of \$25,000.

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