

THE REPUBLICAN LEAGUE

Call Issued for National Convention in June

RATIO OF REPRESENTATION

Business of the Meeting Will Be for Party Good

Each State and Territory Will Have Ten Delegates—Plans for the Big Convention in '96 to Be Discussed

CHICAGO, March 31.—President Tracy and Secretary Humphrey of the Republican National League today issued the following call for the annual convention of the league:

To the Republican state leagues, league clubs and all Republicans.—In compliance with a provision of the constitution of the Republican National League, establishing an annual convention, and in accordance with the instructions of the last national convention at Denver, the eighth annual convention of the Republican National League of the United States is hereby called to meet in the city of Cleveland, Ohio, Wednesday, June 19, 1895, at 10 o'clock a. m., and continue its session until its business is completed. It is proposed to take these three days for this convention that there may be ample time for a full discussion of the questions of special interest to the party at this time. The ratio of representatives will be six delegates at large from each state and territory, four from each congressional district and one from each college Republican club in the United States, represented in the American College League at Grand Rapids, Mich., April 5, 1895.

The following are ex-officio delegates: The president, secretary and treasurer of the league; one vice-president and one executive member of the national organization from each state and territory, and the president and secretary of each state and territory league, making four ex-officio delegates for each. This gives each state practically ten delegates at large in addition to the four from each congressional district. The total representation will exceed 2000 delegates, with an equal number of alternates. The business of the meeting will include reports from the officers of the league, the election of officers, vice-presidents and members of the executive committee for the ensuing year, the designation of the national headquarters for the next convention, a general discussion of league club work, party politics, the formation of a plan of campaign, with special reference to the presidential year, and consideration of such other questions as the convention may deem proper. The utter failure of the Democratic administration in its management of both foreign and domestic affairs has created a national distrust and paralysis in business and has driven capital from the factories and labor into the streets, reduced the revenues of the government and increased the national indebtedness. The humiliating condition of national misfortune has eliminated party lines somewhat as indicated by the unprecedented landslide of 1894, which brought a large number of protection Democrats and Populists into the Republican ranks. These new allies will find ample room and welcome on the Republican platform. The Republican party can stand on its record. It has kept faith with the people of the United States and has protected all its interests, both foreign and domestic. It has consistently and ably managed the affairs of the government successfully, both in war and in peace. We believe the United States now recognizes its ability to grapple with and settle satisfactorily the affairs of the world on a day and to meet any emergency that may arise. It is the privilege of the league now, as heretofore, to be first in the field to prepare for the next national convention, and its political organization that has kept its forces constantly at work since 1887, and with the coming convention proposes to begin at once a campaign of organization and education throughout the United States on a platform broad enough to attract from all parties the men who believe that the principles, policies and aspirations of the Republican party are best for the people of the United States. All voters in the United States in sympathy with the above are cordially invited to join the Republican League clubs, and through the clubs and leagues to participate in the election of delegates to the national convention at Cleveland. We appeal to the young men of the country, particularly the first voters, to take advantage of the first meeting of organization and form young men's clubs with special reference to the campaign of 1896. Special railroad rates have been secured for the convention and information concerning the same will be supplied by the various state leagues or direct from headquarters.

NEBRASKA SUFFERERS

A Union Meeting of the Evanston Churches to Give Aid Here

CHICAGO, March 31.—A union meeting of the Evanston churches was held this afternoon at the First Methodist church, for the purpose of giving aid to the suffering farmers in Nebraska. The meeting was presided over by Major E. D. Redington. Short addresses were made by C. W. Huntington of Lincoln, Neb.; Rev. C. A. Dale, presiding elder of Holdrege and Rev. Dural of Hays county, and Rev. C. C. Purcell of Perkins county. Rev. Redington, in his appeal, stated that in the western part of Nebraska the people had not been able to raise any crops to speak of since 1889. At present, he said, no sign of vegetation exists and there are 150,000 people in need. They have been provided with clothing, but their greatest need is food. Upon suggestion of Rev. Purcell, a committee of eight was appointed to make a thorough canvass of the city, asking for help for the needy sufferers.

A RAILROAD CONGRESS

Meets in London and Representatives From All Over the World Will Be Present

CHICAGO, March 31.—According to an item which is to appear in the next issue of the Railroad Guide, the American Railway Association has become a member of the International Railway Congress. This congress, which is to meet in London next June, includes railway men from all parts of the world, the six nations being represented in its membership. Many subjects of great interest will be discussed. The Prince of Wales has consented to preside at the opening session, the delegates so far chosen to represent the American Railway Association are R. S. Hynes, president of the association, and W. G. Allen, secretary of the Plant system and manager of the Official Railway Guide.

The association is entitled to eight delegates, and the names of the other delegates will be announced soon.

The following companies are members of the congress and will send delegates on their own account in addition to the delegates: Louisville and Nashville, Pennsylvania, Denver and Rio Grande, New York, New Haven and Hartford, Chesapeake and Ohio, Fitchburg, Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac, Arizona and Southeastern, and the Los Angeles Terminal Company.

REGISTERED TOO OFTEN

How a Theatrical Manager Got Into Trouble in Montana

DENVER, March 31.—Otto C. Floto, the manager of the Old Tennessee company, has been arrested in this city at the request of Detective Scott of Butte, Mont. The charge against Floto is perjury, and the claim is made that he jumped his bond when he left Butte. His trouble in Butte was the result of the warm contest which took place last fall in Montana over the proposed removal of the state capital from Helena to Anaconda. Floto is said to have registered too often. He was arrested and put under \$1500 bonds. His trial was set for March 24th, the officers say, and he was not there to appear.

Floto said he had been in Helena almost a year. Seeing an opportunity to make some money he organized the Old Tennessee company and started upon a tour with the company. He went from Butte to Anaconda, Salt Lake and finally to Denver. He was much surprised, apparently, at being arrested. Floto has been somewhat prominent in sporting circles as a manager of pugilists.

BONDS OF A CITY

An Indiana Town Finds Itself in a Predicament

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., March 31.—The City Council of Jeffersonville finds itself in a predicament. Spitzer & Company, of Toledo, O., who recently contracted for \$60,000 worth of city bonds issued to redeem outstanding indebtedness of that amount, drawing interest at the rate of seven per cent, have refused to take the bonds at five per cent and redeemable in fifteen years. Investigation has revealed the fact that each of the indebtedness proposed to be funded was illegal. This is the second time the same bonds have been refused. The complication has revived the sentiment hitherto existing in Jeffersonville in favor of throwing the city into the hands of a receiver.

MORTALITY IN EPIDEMICS

Sanitary Reports Made to the Surgeon General

Smallpox Occurred in Twenty-One States in the Union—Figures Regarding Cholera in Various Countries

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—The abstract of sanitary reports as made by the surgeon-general, shows the presence of small-pox in twenty-one states of the Union. Of the cities, Milwaukee has suffered most this winter, recording 541 cases and 164 deaths. Philadelphia had 224 cases and 24 deaths; Chicago, 240 cases and 44 deaths; Hot Springs 118 cases and 27 deaths; Washington, 51 cases and 9 deaths; Detroit, 81 cases and 26 deaths; St. Louis, 105 cases and 35 deaths; New York, 55 cases and 10 deaths.

CHOLERA IS EPIDEMIC IN MANY PARTS OF RUSSIA AND 39 DIFFERENT PLACES ARE ENUMERATED IN WHICH CASES APPEARED FROM JANUARY 4TH TO MARCH 26TH.

Cholera is epidemic in many parts of Russia and 39 different places are enumerated in which cases appeared from January 4th to March 26th. In Podolia alone, in that period, there were 20,301 cases and 867 deaths; Galicia in Austria-Hungary, reported 50 cases out of 877 cases; Calcutta, India, 365 deaths and Constantinople, 87 deaths. There is also more or less cholera in Argentina, Brazil, Belgium, France, Germany and Holland. The United States sanitary inspector at Rio de Janeiro reports that cholera in the interior of Brazil is rapidly declining owing to sanitary precautions, and of yellow fever he says: "Though the weather is very sultry, I hardly think there will be an epidemic this year, as the number of cases and deaths up to now are considerably less than usual. Brazil reports a total of 137 deaths from yellow fever, up to February 23, 55 of which occurred at Santos from February 9th to the 23d, out of a total of 75 cases. In Cuba there had been 27 deaths and 74 cases up to March 17th. There were also a few cases at Vera Cruz, Mexico; Guayaquil, Ecuador; Puerto Rio, Salvador, and Tutuaca, West Indies.

THE "YANKEE MYSTERY" IN PARIS

Shooting of Waddell or Reid Resembles the Fiske-Stokes Case

LONDON, March 31.—A special dispatch from Paris says the so-called "Yankee mystery," the shooting of Waddell, or Reid, by Thomas O'Brien, on Wednesday last, at the Northern railway station, is still unexplained. O'Brien laughs at the antecedents saddled on him and says that they are probably his brother's, whom he describes as a bad lot. The question, it is said, is not one arising from differences between the book makers but had its origin in a love affair and resembles the troubles between Jim Fiske and Ed Stokes, which led to the shooting of the former. The present heroine's charms are very great. Both are very reticent. On the visitors' book at the hospital, whether the wounded man was conveyed, the wound has been described as simply a friend.

Attempted Wife Slayer Caught

MADERA, Cal., March 31.—James Lawson, the attempted wife-slayer, who broke jail three months ago, was captured in the mountains in the vicinity of North Fork by two citizens and landed in jail here this evening. He was at supper when apprehended, and made an effort to escape, but hauled at the sight of two Winchester. Since his escape from jail he has traveled about constantly through Fresno and this county, fearing arrest.

A Schooner Ashore

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Hon. M. J. Ball received a dispatch today from Bodies Island, N. C., stating that the schooner Laura Nelson of Norfolk, on a fishing cruise, with a crew of thirteen men, had stranded between that point and Sage Head yesterday afternoon. The crew was saved in surf boats and life-saving men. The vessel is a total loss.

Secretary Smith in Georgia

ATHENS, Ga., March 31.—Secretary Hoke Smith and family reached here last night. Mrs. Smith and children will remain several months.

DEAD ROBBER IDENTIFIED

Is Sam McGuire Who Formerly Lived at Stockton

STORY TOLD BY A TRAMP

Detectives Hot on the Trail of the Other Highwayman

The Bicycles Used by the Ten Were Rented in San Francisco Where Robbers Have Been Living

MARYSVILLE, March 31.—Sheriff Cunningham, ex-Marshall George Gard, Detective Thacker and the other officers who have been hunting up train robber McGuire, the murderer of Sheriff Bogard at the hold-up yesterday morning, left for San Francisco this afternoon, having received information that McGuire had passed through Sacramento.

A special train arrived today with bicycle agents from San Francisco who had rented three bicycles to men answering the description of the robbers. They identified the bicy le found near Reed station. Information has been received that Jack McGuire worked in a livery stable at San Francisco.

The dead robber, Sam McGuire, whose true name is supposed to be O. S. Brown, formerly worked in Holt's harvest work at Stockton. Both men have been living at 305 Grove street, San Francisco. When the robbers worked on ranches in this vicinity they always wore gloves when at work, which accounts for their soft hands.

The dead robber was identified by a man who said he had frequently met Sam McGuire in San Francisco saloons where he had played cards. He had also met the other man claiming a different name. The detectives believe that the McGuires and another man left San Francisco on the train with the bicycles; that they met on the day of the robbery near Reed and worked the bicycles, and then walked three miles to the scene of the robbery; that after the robbery Jack McGuire went through Nicolaus to Sacramento, the other man taking a different route.

A tramp who was riding a brakebeam under the train stated that there were four robbers, two remaining on the outside and two entering the cars. When the robbers entered the train they met the men outside entered the back of the car and shot Sheriff Bogard. The officers have decided that there were only three men and are positive that the robber who shot the men who attempted to rob a train at Ben Ali station last October, at which time the smaller man said, "Come on, Sam."

Jack McGuire worked last summer on a ranch near Reed, where some of his clothes were found by the officers, who are confident that the surviving McGuire will be found in San Francisco or Stockton, where he is believed to be. Detectives have arrived here from Marysville claiming to have learned that the escaped train robber, Jack McGuire, had been traced to within a few miles of the country on his bicycle and that the wheel was tracked in this direction, but that McGuire did not come into the city so far as is known.

THE NEW YORK SUBURBAN

Falling Off in the Entries and Purse This Year

NEW YORK, March 31.—The conditions for the suburban handicap, made public today, show a great reduction in the value of the stake, the added money being only \$6000. In 1892 and 1893 the suburban was worth in the vicinity of \$25,000, and in 1894 it was some thing over \$12,000. Following are the conditions: A handicap sweepstakes of \$100 each and only \$10 added, of which \$1000 is to second and \$600 to third. Weight, to be announced Wednesday, May 1st. Winners after publication of weights of two parts of the total of \$1000, four pounds extra; of three of \$100 or \$2000, or of one of \$5000, twelve pounds extra. In the case of horses handicapped at 122 pounds or over, the extent of one pound over and in the case of those handicapped at 130 pounds or over, they shall not apply at all. Penalties in the case of horses three years old shall not make the weight exceed 115 pounds for one mile and a quarter.

The Coney Island Jockey club, in view of the uncertainty of the future legislation of racing in the state of New York says it reserves the right to declare the stake off in which case the money will be refunded.

THE "KID'S" MIGHTY BLOW

It Put "Cockey" Dougherty to Sleep in the Second Round

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 31.—Five hundred local sports congregated at Stranger Creek, Kan., today, to witness a two-round fight between Oscar Gardner, the "Omaha Kid," and "Cockey" Dougherty.

The fight was a lively one from the beginning. In the second round Dougherty pushed matters. In making a heavy swing at Gardner's jaw and missing, he left an opening for the "Kid," which the latter took advantage of, and landed a heavy blow over Dougherty's heart, knocking him out. He remained unconscious for six minutes. The fight was for \$500 and side receipts. Dougherty weighed 143 and Gardner 120 pounds.

The Meet at Nashville

NASHVILLE, Tenn., March 31.—There are more horsemen in this city than have been at any meeting for years. The number of horses and stables is larger than was expected by the most hopeful and sanguine of the local turfmen. All the stables at Cumberland Park are full to overflowing. The stables are also full and some of the horses have to be stabled in the city. Several more horses came in today.

Reform League and Ball Players

CINCINNATI, March 31.—Rev. Felton and others, representing the Reform League, appeared at the ball park today and insisted upon the Indianapolis and Cincinnati players being placed under guard on the grounds, but the police refused to make the arrest until after a game of nine innings was played. Then they were all arrested. This course will be pursued at all Sunday games during the season.

THE VICTORIA BIGAMY CASE

It Is Suspected That Mrs. Dauphin Was the Lottery Man's Wife

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 31.—The case of John Sewell Bates, arrested here for bigamy, as mentioned in last night's

dispatches, may prove an interesting one. It is stated that Josephine Dauphin, the woman Bates married in Victoria some six years ago, is no less a person than the wife of the late M. J. Dauphin, president of the Louisiana Lottery Company and well known in the Southern States. Bates claims that when he met her she represented that she was a widow, her husband, a merchant, having died in Europe. It is rumored here, however, that Dauphin and his wife separated without being legally divorced. When asked regarding the matter, Bates refused to either deny or confirm the story.

LAI D AT REST

Funeral of Amy Thill, The Actress Who Was Killed by a Madman

MINNEAPOLIS, March 31.—This afternoon at the Church of the Immaculate Conception Rev. Father J. J. Keane conducted the funeral services over the remains of Amy Thill, whose tragic death was caused by the act of a madman last Tuesday. The church was filled with a vast concourse of people. The pall bearers were six young society men. The floral tributes were numerous and beautiful. The remains were removed to the vault at Lakewood cemetery.

IN A ROW BOAT AT SEA

Romantic Marriage of Juvenile Lovers at Santa Cruz

SANTA CRUZ, Cal., March 31.—Harry Eason, aged 20, and Mary Hinkley, aged 17, have been lovers for some time but their parents objected to their marriage. Notwithstanding the opposition these devoted to wed, and to do so Walker went to Miss Hinkley's home today and took her away. They secured the services of a justice of the peace by whom they were married after rowing three miles from shore in a boat.

MILLIONS OF A. A. COHEN

One of the Sons Assigns, Owing Over Three Hundred Thousand

Assets Said to Be Nominal—Family Will Not Be Used to Pay Off the Indebtedness

OAKLAND, March 31.—A sensation has been caused in social and business circles by the petition in insolvency which has been filed by Edgar A. Cohen, whose liabilities aggregate \$350,000 and who declares he has no assets.

Cohen is a son of the late A. A. Cohen, who was attorney for the Southern Pacific company and who, dying a multi-millionaire, left his entire estate to his widow. The property has been kept practically intact, although Mrs. Cohen provided well for all her children and gave each a liberal financial start. Edgar was a member of the commission formed by Walter F. Beck & Co., now in liquidation.

Cohen's statement of his liabilities includes debts ranging from 20 cents to hundreds of thousands of dollars due to creditors in the east, Europe and the orient, besides a long list in California. The largest creditors are Wells, Fargo & Co., to whom is owed \$140,000, and the London and San Francisco bank, with an admitted claim of \$125,000. A younger brother, William G. Cohen, filed a petition in insolvency simultaneously with Edgar, but William owes only about \$10,000. Both young men reside with their mother in the magnificent mansion situated in the city, besides a beautiful park. Mrs. Cohen evidently believes that her sons should shoulder their own debts. It is generally believed that the Cohen millions have increased since the death of the famous railroad lawyer, but the family will not be applied to the liquidation of the sons' indebtedness.

THE STORM IN THE ROCKIES

It Will Retard Sheep Shearing Work for a Week or Two

DENVER, Col., March 31.—A report to the News from Casper, Wyo., says that the heavy snowfall of the last forty hours has resulted with no particular damage to the range interests of this section. Thousands of sheep are here, as shearing was to have commenced tomorrow. Four hundred thousand are registered to be shorn in the pens of this vicinity, and the storm will retard the commencement a week or ten days. Sheep men are, however, jubilant, as the snow assures early and abundant feed. Railroad communication is still shut off.

FIRE FRIGHTENS THE QUEEN

A Blaze in the Hotel at Nice Causes Great Excitement

NICE, March 31.—Considerable excitement was caused at Cimiez today among the household of Queen Victoria, owing to an outbreak of fire in the apartments of one of Her majesty's Indian attendants. For a time the greatest confusion prevailed, but the hotel employees and other quickly extinguished the flames. Lord Salisbury arrived at the Villa Beaulieu tonight.

MADE HOMELESS BY FIRE

A Blaze in Milwaukee Causes Much Destitution

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 31.—Today an entire block in the suburb of Silver City was swept by fire and a dozen families were made homeless. Many of the people barely escaped in their night clothing. The loss is placed at \$15,000.

George Gould Paid the Difference

WASHINGTON, March 31.—One night last October a special train bearing George Gould and party ran into a carriage owned by George Jones, at Roan, killing Jones and his team. Mrs. Jones sued for \$2000, and the Washbans agreed to pay her \$500. She would not accept less than \$2500, and thus the negotiations have held fire. Last night George Gould offered to pay Mrs. Jones the difference of \$1000, which was accepted.

Removed from the Reservation

PENDER, Neb., March 31.—All is quiet on the reservation tonight. There was no trouble today and none is anticipated until the court, in accordance with Judge Sanborn's decision, shall compel the whites to leave the reservation April 22d. Then a few old friends and then make a drive through the city. There will be no reception or public demonstration. The Governor will leave for Columbus tomorrow.

McKinley's Travels

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Governor McKinley and party arrived in this city at 11:30 tonight from Savannah. Tomorrow he and Mrs. McKinley will visit a few old friends and then make a drive through the city. There will be no reception or public demonstration. The Governor will leave for Columbus tomorrow.

The New Paymaster General

WASHINGTON, March 31.—General Stanton, recently appointed paymaster general of the army, arrived here tonight from Omaha. He will probably qualify for his new position tomorrow.

AN OVIATION TO BISMARCK

Celebration of the Chancellor's Birthday

THOUSANDS VISIT HIS HOME

Triumphal Arches Have Been Built at the Railroad Station

Visitors Hope to Get a Glimpse of the Prince. Presents of All Kinds Showered Upon the Old Man

FRIEDRICHSHUHE, March 31.—The Bismarck celebration is in full swing and every day seems to add to the enthusiasm displayed by the German people in the anniversary of the old chancellor, every train arriving at Friedrichshuhe is loaded with presents for the aged statesman and every post brings hundreds of congratulatory letters, not only from people in Germany, but from Germans and others throughout the civilized world.

Thousands upon thousands of special Bismarck post cards have been sold and a great number have been mailed to the United States. Those in Germany who have received them have put them carefully away to be preserved as mementoes of the iron chancellor and the great outpouring of the public heart in his honor.

Nothing preventing, it is believed that tomorrow the actual anniversary of the prince's birthday will witness such a peculiar demonstration as has not been witnessed since the return to Berlin of the conquering armies from France. Every preparation has been made to accommodate the vast crowds.

The decoration of the station has been concluded and the roadway from the station to the Schloss has been transformed into a triumphal archway. A beautiful work of art is the gift of inhabitants of Anhalt, who took up a subscription for the purpose, and erected it in a field overlooking the prince's home. The work, which is in bronze, represents a large stag keeping two dogs at bay. For the first time since the beginning of the celebration in his honor, Prince Bismarck will be seen here and there everywhere were itinerant purveyors of Bismarckian cards, medals, portraits and mementoes of every description. Quite a thriving trade was done. During the afternoon the sky became overcast and then followed a little shower but the rain did not serve to dampen the ardor of the sight-seers and a crowd surrounded Bismarck's residence here and there every where were itinerant purveyors of Bismarckian cards, medals, portraits and mementoes of every description.

Today the prince received his first congratulatory telegram from a crowned head, that of the King of Germany. It was from King Oscar of Sweden and contained a graceful expression of his majesty's interest in the prince and his hearty wishes for the prince's welfare and longevity.

HAMBURG, March 31.—One of the features of the Bismarck celebration here was the holding last night of the "Commerz" organized by the reichstag electors' union, at which 1000 admirers of the prince were present and hundreds had to be turned away from the doors, owing to the lack of room. Several senators, the president of the house of burgesses, and officers of the city of Hamburg society were present. Toasts were proposed to the emperor and Bismarck. His majesty's popularity has been greatly increased here by his graceful attitude towards the prince.

In view of the lack of rain, the reports indicate that in almost every section of Nebraska the soil is moist and in good condition for working and seed. There are a few exceptions to this general rule, but not enough to make the outlook at all dubious. It is true there is not a great lack of moisture, but the reports indicate that the ground is too dry in some sections and that with the rain that came last night and what will follow in April and May, the crops will be in excellent condition.

The advance reported to be an average one in the central portion of the state, and the situation seems to be generally good.

OSCAR AND LORD ALFRED

The "Observer" Apologizes for the Statement

LONDON, March 31.—The Observer today apologizes to Oscar Wilde and Lord Alfred Douglas for the statement published by that paper on March 25th to the effect that after staying a day at a hotel at Monte Carlo, the proprietor, at the request of the other English guests, informed Wilde and Lord Alfred that their rooms had been engaged by others. Both Wilde and Lord Alfred assure the editor of the paper that there was not the slightest foundation for the statement.

The Observer continues: "We take the earliest opportunity of expressing our sincere regret and apologize for the pain and annoyance the statement has caused them."

ANTHONY C. HESING DEAD

The Former Editor and Publisher of the Chicago Star-Zeitung Passes Away

CHICAGO, March 31.—Anthony C. Hesing, former editor and publisher of the Illinois Staats Zeitung, died today at the age of 72. Death was due to a stroke of paralysis. When Mr. Hesing retired from the newspaper, his son, Washington Hesing, postmaster of Chicago, took up the work of the paper.

An Overdose of Chloral

TEHACHEPEI, March 31.—An inquest on the body of Dr. M. Peery, found dead at his mine five miles out of town yesterday, revealed the fact that he died from an overdose of chloral hydrate self-administered for the purpose of alleviating pain. The coroner's jury returned a verdict in accordance with the facts. The Masons will take charge of his remains, burying him Sunday.

Injured in a Riot

LONDON, April 1.—A dispatch to the Times from Brussels says that twenty persons were seriously wounded in the rioting at Renix. At the meeting of the Council of Industry on Sunday the masters conceded all the demands made by the men, but the fear of further disorder continues.

Killed by a Switch Engine

SAN FRANCISCO, March 31.—H. Gutte, a candle maker, was struck by a switch engine and instantly killed this afternoon in the Southern Pacific yards.

that twenty-two members of the Reichsrath sent a joint telegram to Friedrichshuhe congratulating Prince Bismarck on the anniversary of his birth and as being "the founder of the Austro-German alliance."

The semi-official North German Gazette concludes a very sympathetic article which the words: "As in the years before Prince Bismarck's work, so now also a large section of our people stand between hope and fear, asking themselves whether they are in the right path and whether it will lead to a new dawn, or whether it will lead to decline and ruin. We have, however, an invaluable advantage in having learned of our strength. Every hour we can comfort ourselves by looking back on the past which gives us the assurance that so long as our thoughts and actions are German and elevated, nothing can destroy, neither an envious external enemy nor an insidious internal foe. For all the services Prince Bismarck has performed for his king and his country, before the magnitude of which services the tongue is dumb, we thank him today with the sincerest gratitude of our deeply moved hearts. The address of the Bundesrath, after expressing that body's satisfaction at having co-operated with him, proceeds:

The thanks to the policy directed by Your Serene Highness, the alliance of the princes stands firm against the decomposing elements which never weary in the attempt to destroy the work of a glorious time. The Bundesrath knows it is with all patriots in the conviction that it was your far seeing vision that enabled the foundations of this success to be laid. The Federal council will continue to further completion of the imperial edifice of the lines contemplated by Your Serene Highness, thereby repaying one part of the debt due to the statesmanlike achievements of the first chancellor.

THEIR FATE STILL A MYSTERY

Nothing Regarding the Missing San Diego Assessors Learned

SAN DIEGO, Cal., March 31.—Nothing whatever was learned today regarding the fate of L. H. Bailey and J. B. Brackett, who are missing somewhere on the desert, either killed or robbed, or left on foot in the middle of the perilous waste. Searching parties have left Yuma.

A Priest Found Dead in Bed

PEORIA, Ill., March 31.—Rev. Father Nicholas Holt, priest of St. Boniface Church, was found dead in bed at the parochial residence today. The coroner's jury returned a verdict of death from apoplexy. He was born in Cincinnati in 1852. He has been pastor of St. Boniface since 1879.

SOME WELCOME SHOWERS

A Needed Rainfall Visits Drought-Stricken Nebraska

Prospects Are Much Brighter—While the Rain Was Not Absolutely Needed It Will Prove Beneficial

OMAHA, March 31.—Saturday night, Sunday and tonight rain or snow fell in nearly every county in Eastern and Northern Nebraska. A few spots in the central and western part of the state have not reported, but it is known that the moisture was distributed generally and almost evenly throughout the thickly settled portion of the state. More timely rain never came, for the greatest anxiety was felt in reference to the prospects for the coming crop in Nebraska, and the lack of rain had given rise to apprehensions that already the conditions in the state were such that the outlook for an abundant crop was very dubious.

In order that the exact situation might be known the Bee has secured reports of the present condition throughout the state. Reports have been received from nearly every county in the state, which show that as yet there is no cause for alarm that has been felt, that, in fact, the prospects are generally bright.

In view of the lack of rain, the reports indicate that in almost every section of Nebraska the soil is moist and in good condition for working and seed. There are a few exceptions to this general rule, but not enough to make the outlook at all dubious. It is true there is not a great lack of moisture, but the reports indicate that the ground is too dry in some sections and that with the rain that came last night and what will follow in April and May, the crops will be in excellent condition.

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