

THE NATIONAL GAME.

In the Contest Between the Leading Base Ball Clubs the Chicago Nine Wins.

The Dakota Farmers' Alliance Promulgate a Series of Pledges for Candidates.

Great Britain Evidences Considerable Uneasiness over Russia's Late Actions.

The Forest Fires in Wisconsin—Editors After Senator Payne—Miscellaneous.

CHICAGO, July 8.—The Chicago defeated the Detroit in a brilliant manner to-day. Great preparations had been made for the game. The park was decorated and an arch with the words, "Welcome Detroit," was erected near the center of the east end. At 3 o'clock a procession arrived at the park, as follows: Platoon of police, First regiment band, Chicago nine and Detroit nine in carriages, three hundred Detroiters in carriages adorned with rosettes. They marched under the arch and 12,000 people cheered to the echo. The game was called at 3:45. Connelly was umpire. Every play was criticized and was carefully made. It was truly a national game. The Chicago played with a vim and carefulness that they have never shown before. Clarkson pitched in his old-time glory and struck out nine men. Errors were not unfrequent for Chicago, but were quite so for the Detroit. Score: Chicago.....2 0 0 1 4 0 1-9 Detroit.....0 1 2 0 0 0 1-0

Earned runs, Chicago 3, Detroit 1; three base hits, Anson, Pfeffer; two base hits, Flynn, Williamson, Pfeffer; base stolen, Pfeffer; base on balls, Chicago 3, Detroit 1; first base on errors, Chicago 4, Detroit 3; left on bases, Chicago 5, Detroit 3; struck out, Chicago 3, Detroit 9; double play, Williamson, Pfeffer and Anson; base hit, Chicago 11, Detroit 7; errors, Chicago 6, Detroit 6.

GAMES ELSEWHERE. At Pittsburg—Pittsburg, 8; Brooklyn, 1. At Cincinnati—Cincinnati, 5; Metropolitan, 3. At St. Louis—Browns 10; Baltimore, 0. At Louisville—Louisville, 14; Athletic, 6. At Kansas City—St. Louis, 4; Kansas City, 2.

Another Anarchist Caught. PITTSBURG, July 8.—Joseph Fricke, the leader of all the socialists and anarchists of this section was arrested to-night at the instance of the postal authorities on a charge of sending written matter enclosed in newspapers through the mails as lower class mail on printed matter. Fricke was the agent of Herr Motes' paper, Der Freiheit, and written matter was inclosed in that paper. It is the intention of the postoffice authorities to push the case, and United States District Attorney Stone said it was probable that Fricke would be indicted for each offense, which would insure a heavy fine and long imprisonment.

Tornado Swept. BALTIMORE, July 8.—Capt. Ackerly, of the British steamship Kentlworth, which arrived here to-day from Port Antonio, Jamaica, reports that on June 27th the island was swept by a tornado which created havoc with the property of the natives and caused a loss estimated at \$800,000.

Cholera Records. ROME, July 8.—Cholera returns for to-day are: Brindisi, 13 new cases, 19 deaths; Fontana, 49 new cases, 19 deaths; Latiano, 45 cases, 21 deaths; Sanvite, 27 cases, 4 deaths; Venice, 1 new case, 2 deaths; Codigore, 7 new cases, 1 death, and several cases in the provinces of Bologna, Padua and Vicenza.

The Road Will Be Built. HELENA, Mont., July 8.—The authorities of the Manitoba & Montana railroad say the work will not be delayed by the president's veto as this season will be consumed in getting to the reservation in the east and by the west. The Indians will be removed.

After Senator Payne's Seap. COLUMBUS, O., July 8.—This afternoon the convention of republican editors of Ohio adopted a long address giving a review of the Payne election case and also resolutions and an address to the United States Senate protesting against Payne being allowed his seat.

The Newmarket Races. LONDON, July 8.—At the Newmarket July meeting to-day's race for the Chesterfield stakes for 2-year-olds, five furlongs, was won by A. Benholm's brown colt Freshwater; R. H. Combes' brown colt Maxim, second; Duke of Westminster's chestnut filly Freedom, third.

An Old-Timer Gone. ST. PAUL, July 8.—Huron (Dak.) special to the Pioneer Press: John Henry Cole, of the surveyor general's office, died here Wednesday and was buried by the Grand Army of the Republic to-day. He came to Dakota in 1856, and lost both feet in a blizzard that winter.

The Elections. LONDON, July 8.—Returns up to 6 o'clock this evening show a total conservative and unionist vote of 942,437 and a Gladstonian vote of 887,728. Of sixty-two London seats, only eleven have been secured by Gladstonians.

Cut on Freight Rates. ST. PAUL, July 8.—The Milwaukee & St. Paul road to-day made a 5 cent rate on flour from Minneapolis and St. Paul to Chicago, on business intended for the seaboard. This is a cut of 2 1/2 cents.

Shot in the Leg. VALLEY CITY, Dak., July 5.—Patrick Patten, of Mandan, was shot twice in the leg by Chas. Kinsley, a farmer living near here, result of an old feud. Patten will recover. Kinsley disappeared.

An Express Messenger Killed. MINNEAPOLIS, July 5.—Billy Welch, an express messenger, aged 26, was shot and killed in the Sidle block to-day by J. J. Marion, who claims the shooting was accidental.

A Crooked Philadelphian. PHILADELPHIA, July 8.—The work of the accountants at the office of the Chesapeake & Delaware canal company is still going on. Bonds have been steadily pouring in, and up to a late hour this afternoon the total number of certificates returned

was \$2,170,642. This necessarily includes \$176,892 of the fraudulent issue and leaves \$2,000,000 yet to be returned. The difference between the genuine and the fraudulent has not yet been discovered. A dispatch was received to-day from Rutland, Vt., which stated that a Pinkerton detective had traced J. A. Wilson, the absconding treasurer of the canal company, to Bellows Falls.

THE FARMERS' ALLIANCE.

What They Will Demand of Candidates for the Next Legislature. ST. PAUL, July 8.—Aberdeen (Dak.) special to the Pioneer Press: The Farmers' Territorial Alliance adjourned to-night after holding a two days' session. Resolutions were passed demanding pledges from candidates for the legislature to favor the following: Railway commissions to be elected by the people, with power to fix maximum rates of fare and freights; taxation of corporate property the same as farms; taxing all mortgages recorded; revising the insurance laws to protect farmers; prohibiting attorneys' fees on notes and mortgages; fixing maximum interest at 10 per cent, with 2 per cent for negotiations.

AGAINST RUSSIA.

The Powers to Combine in Bringing Russia to Terms for Breach of Faith. LONDON, July 8.—Lord Rosebery, secretary of foreign affairs, is preparing a note to Russia. In an interview with Baron Destail, Russian ambassador to-day, Lord Rosebery expressed surprise at Russia's action in closing the port of Batoum. In diplomatic circles it is said that the powers will act together in the matter, Great Britain taking the initiative. Two regiments of the Imperial Russian guard have arrived at Kichinev, the capital of Bessarabia. There is considerable uneasiness among officials here over the situation in the east.

GOING INTO TRAINING.

A Montana Man Preparing to Fight Prof. Hadley in St. Paul. ST. PAUL, July 8.—Jerry Flower, from Montana, is in the city preparing to fight Prof. Hadley with gloves as small as the law will allow, in the St. Paul exhibition building, July 22, 8 rounds. The winner will take the entire receipts. Flower goes into training to-morrow at Bass Lake under Billy Wilson. Wilson announces himself ready to fight Patsey Cardiff with or without gloves for \$500 to a finish.

EX-PRESIDENT ARTHUR.

Elected President of a New York Underground Street Railway. NEW YORK, July 8.—Ex-President Arthur was to-day elected president of the board of directors of the Arcade railway company. Vice President Smith stated to the meeting that he had just received a telegram from Mr. Arthur which stated that the sender was very much improved in health and that he expected to take an energetic part in the affairs of the company. The company is to build an underground railroad in Broadway.

WISCONSIN FIRES.

Woods Along the Line of the Wisconsin Central Fiercely Burning. STEVENS POINT, Wis., July 8.—The woods along the line of the Wisconsin Central road are on fire for miles. The damage to timber is very great. Immediate rain is all that will save many settlers from ruin. The cranberry marshes west of Stevens Point are on fire, and a large force of men are battling with the destroyer.

GREAT EXCITEMENT.

Fifty People in a Wisconsin Village Stricken with Typhoid Fever. MILWAUKEE, July 8.—The village of Waterford, in Racine county, is terribly stricken with typhoid fever. Fifty people are down with the disease. Four deaths have occurred thus far. One family of eleven persons and another of nine are all in their beds. Great excitement prevails.

Mrs. Cleveland's Cordial Greeting.

Cleveland Leader: An old stager, who has shaken hands with many a lady of the white house, tells me he likes the way Mrs. Cleveland shakes hands better than any president's lady of the past. Said he: "Mrs. Cleveland shakes hands as though she meant it. She looks you in the eye and tries to catch your good will before she puts out her hand. She grasps it firmly and gives it a perceptible shake. She uses the whole arm and does not shake only from the wrist or the elbow. Mrs. McElroy was too stiff and stick like. Miss Cleveland turned her face away from you when she shook hands with you, and she did not appear to be at home. Mrs. Cleveland feels that she is doing the honors of the white house and that she has a right to. She acts as a lady would act who was presiding over her own home, and she is apparently as cordial in her gestures."

A Murder in Minnesota.

ST. PAUL, July 6.—Howard Hak special to the Pioneer Press: A man named Bowers to-day fatally shot the foreman of a railroad crew. The murderer was arrested.

Riot Anticipated.

ST. PAUL, July 6.—Bozeman special to the Pioneer Press: The Timber Line coal company has discharged all its labor union men and there is great excitement in camp, with riotous demonstrations anticipated.

Prohibition Convention.

ST. PAUL, July 7.—The state prohibition convention met in market hall this morning with over 200 delegates in attendance. J. E. Childs, of Waseca, was nominated for governor by acclamation.

A Glove Contest.

CINCINNATI, July 5.—The contest between Pete Nolan and Jack Burke took place this evening at Chester Park and was decided in favor of Nolan. Burke being severely punished.

SHE FORGOT HER NAME.

A Lady Bewildered by Mrs. Cleveland's Marvellous Beauty.

WASHINGTON, July 7.—Mrs. Cleveland's receptions Tuesdays and Thursdays, from noon to 1 o'clock in the afternoon, are the only society events at the capital. The mistress of the white house is increasing her circle of acquaintances daily. Rather a good story is told of a caller yesterday forenoon, who, after giving her card to the usher, stood perfectly fascinated in the doorway leading to the red parlor at the vision of girlish loveliness presented by the mistress of the white house. There are numerous acquaintances who desire to pay their respects, but the lady stood as if unable to move or articulate. She was perfectly oblivious of her surroundings, and seemed only to see the fair bride in the corner of the room. An usher touched her on the shoulder, and being granted her name, "Mrs. Cleveland," quickly responded the caller, as if awaking from a dream. "That is not the name on your card, madam," said the usher. "It is Mrs. Clark." "I beg pardon; that is my name, but I declare for a few minutes I have been in dreamland looking at the president's lovely wife."

DIVORCED FROM A DEAD MAN.

A Very Singular Matrimonial Case in New York. NEW YORK, July 7.—An interesting divorce case now being tried in this city is that of Kitty V. Derriekson, who sues to have set aside a decree of divorce against her in 1855. The facts disclosed are that the couple were married in 1873 and lived together for ten years, when the husband accused the wife of unfaithfulness. Soon he induced her to sign a separation agreement by which he was given the children, with the condition that if he ever learned that the charges he made against her were false, the children were to be returned to her. Subsequently he sued for divorce, and made out by the aid of a detective a case upon which the court granted the decree on Feb. 3, 1885, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon. At 10 o'clock on the morning of that day Mrs. Derriekson alleges the husband died, and she now demands that the divorce be set aside and she be granted a dead man. Considerable property and the custody of the children is understood to hinge upon the decision in the case.

TERRIBLE SUFFERING.

A Drouth of Fourteen Months Ruining the Farmers of Texas. FORT WORTH, TEXAS, July 7.—The suffering from the long drouth in western Texas is unprecedented, rain, to any extent, not having fallen in some localities for fourteen months. Cattle are starving, in many localities settlers are selling their farms for mere trifles and leaving for the east in abject poverty.

NEWS SUMMARY.

Paul H. Hains, poet, of Georgia, is dead. The Territorial Farmers' Alliance is in session at Aberdeen. Wheat cutting has begun in the southeastern part of Iowa. The great log jam at Taylor's Falls, Minn., has been broken. Governor Martin was renominated at Topeka, Kan., yesterday. A new railroad will be built from Kansas City to Beatrice, Neb. In the elections in Victoria, B. C., the government gained a victory. The editors of Minnesota will hold their annual convention in St. Paul, July 14. The republican convention at Mankato, Minn., nominated C. L. Lind for congress. Grand Forks was visited by a heavy rain yesterday which extended all over the valley. The liberals are alarmed lest the conservatives obtain an independent working majority. Extensive forest fires are raging in Wisconsin and \$130,000 damage has already been done. The president appointed Jeremiah J. Hinnessy, to be postmaster at White Sulphur Springs, Mont. Mrs. Fannie W. Renshaw, the wife of a minister in Minneapolis, has disappeared and a suicide is feared. Miners at Wilkesbarre tried to drown John Daly, the reformed Catholic, who was trying to preach to them. Four brothers got into a fight at Dayton, Ga., and three of them were fatally wounded. A Cincinnati reporter has found a tramp who claims to be a brother of J. Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln. Cholera returns at Rome yesterday were as follows: Venice, 2 new cases, 1 death; Brindisi, 189 new cases, 71 deaths. The hottest weather for years is now prevailing in Montana. No rain for three weeks and crops are being scorched. Henry Young, of New Richmond, Minn., fatally shot his sweetheart, Mary Discher, and himself because she wouldn't marry him. D. B. Henderson has presented in the house a petition from soldiers and sailors of Dakota, asking for the admission of Dakota as a state and the passage of the general pension bill.

DRAMATIC DOINGS.

Joe Polk opens the coming season at Pittsburg in September. Louis James' company, on the road next season, will number twenty-three persons. Jas. S. Barrows will be the leading comedian with Myra Goodwin's company next season. And now it is announced that Osmond Tearie's new play is to be called "Kenneth Gordon." Little Daisy Murdoch, who played the part of Cupid with such great success in New York, is dying. Miss Alice Lorimer will be leading lady in Frank Mayo's company next season, playing "Warda" in "Nordeck." "The Lights of London," under the management of Litt & Lee, will be played in leading theatres only next season. Roland Reed's company, on the road next season, will include among others Miss Alice Hastings, Ferd Haight, Augustus Cook, Fritz Williams and Joseph Gobay. Carl Gutherz, the artist who painted the famous picture "Farm Life in Dakota," is at work on designs for costumes and scenery for De Mill's new drama, "The Main Line." "The Maid of Belleville," comic opera by Millocker, has made such a distinct success at the Star theatre, New York, that it will be made the chief card of the Alta Norman English Opera company on the road next season. Six children will be carried by the Ben Maginley "May Blossom" company next season. Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. C. H. Thompson have been engaged to travel with the company solely for the purpose of looking after the little ones.

VISITING THE MOQUIS.

A CALL FROM STRANGERS WHICH THEY DID NOT AT ALL RELISH.

Pueblo Indians Resenting the Presence of Whites—Col. Stevenson and His Wife Return from Arizona with Curious and a Readable Story of Adventure.

Col. James Stevenson, of the bureau of ethnology, has returned to Washington after a sojourn of about six months among the Indians of Arizona, bringing a car-load of rare and valuable curios, illustrative of the social habits, worship, and industries of various tribes, of which little is known. He was accompanied in his travels by Mrs. Stevenson, and the pair had an adventure among the Pueblo Indians quite unusual in its character. Having explored some newly discovered cave villages in the vicinity of Flagstaff, A. T., they gathered a small party, struck across the desert to the northeast for the Moqui towns, several days' journey distant. They arrived safely, and encamped at the foot of a high mesa, at the top of which stand Oreto, the largest, westernmost, and least known of all the "Pueblo" towns. Its population is about 8,000 souls, and the village is a compact mass of rubble structures, standing one upon another, like a pile of empty boxes and with as little regard to any plan of architecture. The people, like all village Indians, are comparatively harmless, but, unlike the majority, have a strong aversion to contact with the whites.

Some of the leading men of the town came down to the camp, and, after considerable plaver, gave consent that their village might be visited, but stipulated that no effort should be made to convert the people to Christianity. The next day Mrs. and Mr. Stevenson, accompanied by their four friendly Moquis from other villages and as many Navajoes, rode to the top of the mesa, dismounted, walked into the village plaza, and thence climbed a ladder to the top of the coque's, or high priest's, house.

When the presence of the strangers became known there were signs of excitement throughout the village. The neighboring housepots and the plaza were thronged by excited barbarians, who chattered in loud voices and made threatening gestures. One burly savage, upon a roof just above the coque's, dangled a lariat suggestively noosed at the end, and loudly demanded that the whites be taken to the es'uta, or underground chapel of the village, and there summarily dealt with. One or two demonstrative individuals volunteered to be the first to apply the knife. The friendly Moquis stood their ground only a few minutes and then disappeared, but the Navajoes, who are made of firmer material, remained.

Col. Stevenson says that while the situation was highly interesting it was probably less alarming than it would have been to people unacquainted with the natural timidity of the Pueblos. Mrs. Stevenson, who has sojourned with her husband among many wild tribes and knows the Indian character well, created an opportune diversion by shaking her fist in the face of a hunch-backed savage, whose vindictive eloquence seemed to exert a most malicious influence over his fellows, addressing to him at the same time several brief but vigorous remarks in English and Spanish which he was, of course, quite unable to understand. Before the man had recovered his self-possession the strangers had backed down the ladder and then slowly made their way, with the whole howling pack, men and women, children and dogs, at their heels, to their ponies, mounted and rode down to camp. They found the cook, who was the only other white person in the party, considerably alarmed. He said the camp was surrounded, and that their departure by many friendly Indians, but when the Moqui deserters reached them and told the story of the proceedings on the mesa all mounted their ponies and made haste to get away. The cook feared his companions had been made prisoners—perhaps murdered.

A PARTY TO THE RESCUE. The party remained in the neighborhood several days visiting the other Moqui villages, to all of which they were welcomed, and many times they were visited surreptitiously at night by people from Oreto, who brought curios for sale, which they dared not offer openly. In this way a fair collection was made. Meanwhile the story of the episode in Oreto was carried to Keam's canyon, twenty-five miles distant, the proprietor of which, an English ranchman, has lived in the vicinity many years, and by fair dealing, pluck, and firmness has gained an extraordinary influence with both Navajoes and Moquis. Mr. Keam at once organized a party of three or four white men, the only ones living within sixty miles, and a dozen or twenty Navajoes for a rescue. The Oretoes received information of his approach, and the head men of the tribe intemperately felt. Keam sent his Navajoes after them, and the two, including the hunch-backed chief, were brought in. Keam tied their elbows and took them to the ranch for discipline, the Stevensons accompanying him. The prisoners were defiant at first, but after two or three days' confinement under the guardianship of Navajo jailors, who beat drums, danced, and indulged in other terrifying performances, they began to relent and confessed that they had acted badly.

"Now you are beginning to talk reason," said Keam, "and we will see about letting you go now." "But," snarled the hunchback, "we must go now." "Hold on, my friend, you are too fast. You will not be so abrupt, perhaps, to-morrow." After another night's confinement the prisoners being their liberty, and were joined in their prayers by a deputation from the village. They promised good behavior in the future and extended an apparently cordial invitation to the Stevensons to return. "Now," said Keam, "you are talking like men. We will keep you another night." The next day they were set at liberty and went away crestfallen and repentant—Washington Cor. Chicago Herald.

Felt Generous Towards Uncle Sam.

Andrew Harmon was a well-known Maine soldier, who fought well as he could and came out of the service broken down, and is now a pensioner. He came into the post-office one day with an ordinary letter covered with six or eight postage stamps. "Why, Andrew!" exclaimed the postmaster, "you don't need all those stamps. One is enough." "You mind your business," said Andrew. "The government has used me well and I'm going to use the government well"—Louis-town Journal.—Graham (N. H.) Mountaineer.

The Prussians Are Great Hunters.

Judging from the number of "hunting permits" issued in Prussia last year, it would seem that the Prussians are great hunters. There were issued no less than 68,205, or 3,382 more than in 1884.

An old adage says the hardest operation of a war is to stop. This is also true of a dog fight.—Chicago Ledger.

WOMEN IN THE RANKS.

Girls Who Went Soldiering—Experiences of Some Who Tried It.

"There were a good many cases of that kind," said an old physician, "I knew a girl who at the beginning of the war was so filled with patriotism, and so weighed down by a sense of duty, so carried away by an adventurous impulse that she followed the squad of boys who had enlisted in her neighborhood, and, dressing as a boy, enlisted in the company that was forming in the county town. Her friends discovering the long hair she had cut from her head, and her clothing she had thrown off in her father's barn, gave immediate pursuit. As they were driving into the city they saw walking along the sidewalk smoking a cigar a young fellow who had the same sort of a face as the girl they were in pursuit of. "They stopped and accosted the young fellow, and were treated to such a shower of epithets, and such an exhibition of bravado that they admitted their mistake and apologized for it. An hour later one of the party found the same young fellow dead, lying sick from smoking the cigar, and called him by the girl's name, and found that after all the young fellow who had done such hard swearing was the girl they were looking for. She was taken home, and afterward entered the service as hospital nurse. In the last year of the war I found her again in men's clothing, crying as only a heart-broken woman can cry, over a light-haired man shot dead in the charge at Resaca. She cared nothing then for exposure, and went home in a widow's dress.

"Another girl, I remember, had a pleasant experience. I was the examining surgeon at one of the recruiting camps early in the war, and on one occasion as I passed down the lines of a company formed in open order for muster and inspection I noticed as the hands were held out one set that, to my practiced eye, belonged to a woman. I said nothing at the time, but after consultation with the colonel had the recruits with the feminine hands brought to headquarters. The bright-looking soldier in the new blue suit admitted in two minutes that she was a woman and in two days she was at home.

"A year after that I was at a ball in Washington. As I stood a little aside from the main party, wishing that I was in front with the army, a young lady came toward me, bowed with exaggerated stiffness and as she straightened up went through the motions of obeying the order, 'Eyes right.' She offered me her hand and thanked me for something that she supposed that I had done and walked away. She was not enough to be the belle of the occasion, and I saw that she took considerable delight in my confusion of mind, all of which I understood later when I learned that she was my recruit with the lady-like hands. She afterward told me that she owed me a debt of gratitude for stepping in at the right time to break down her romantic notions.—Inter Ocean "Carbstone Crayons."

Getting Down to Proper Weight.

College students enter into their athletic contests with an enthusiasm that is refreshing, and "featherweight," tells an interesting story about the preparation of the technology students. At their games the juniors won the tug-of-war, and a thereby jumbo's tale. When the four men who were to represent the class of '87 began to pull together it was found that they were weighed twenty-four pounds over the limit—60 pounds. This, too, was when they were all supposed to be in the pink of condition; but they must take off those twenty-four pounds of extra weight, and every expedient known by the athlete to reduce weight was resorted to. In fact, they went through a course of training that would put to the blush a prize-fighter preparing for a battle in the ring. Finally on the night before the eventual day, they were again weighed, and, to their consternation, they were still too heavy by one and a half pounds. They were not going to give it up then, so they decided to refrain from any more food until they had been accepted by the officials on the following day.

The time for the official weighing found some of the juniors hungry, but when they stepped on the scales and found that they weighed but 59 7/8 to 100 pounds, and were eligible to pull, they thought no more of eating, but went to work on the cleats just a quarter of a pound under weight. When they had won their first heat they suddenly disappeared, but showed up in time for the last pull. The "sops" were to be their opponents, and they demanded that the juniors be weighed over again, but the referees said no. The eighty-seven men had been weighed and accepted once, and as they had had just one heat they were eligible to pull again. Now, the juniors had precisely this view of the matter, and as they were decidedly hungry after winning once, they slipped out and broke their fasting. The sopomores discovered the clever trick of their elders, but the only satisfaction they could get out of it was that perhaps they could be as smart another year.—Boston Globe.

A Compassion for Spinsterhood.

A decision just promulgated by the supreme court of Germany evidences a compassion for spinsterhood which will doubtless be warmly appreciated in the circles chiefly concerned. It is decided that if a bride has falsified her baptismal certificate with the simple intention of deceiving the bridegroom, on his requiring it for the banns, as to her age, in order to insure marriage or happier nuptial intercourse, she shall not be punished as for falsifying deeds, but only for breach of the law concerning falsification for the purpose of advancement.

Causes an Intolerable Itching.

Some of the best corn lands in Indiana are the bottoms of ponds which have been drained, but in certain of these the working of the soil on warm days causes an intolerable itching, followed by burning pain in the skin for some days. The cause of this is found to be the minute spores of sponges which once grow in the pond and remain in enormous abundance in the dust.—Chicago Herald.

Happiness and a Good Moral.

I begin to think now, since I have written several novels, that they should all have a good ending. There is enough sorrow and distress in the real world, without picturing it in fiction. Yes, hereafter I have fully resolved that whatever vicissitudes and trials I carry my characters through, in the course of a story, in the end I shall bring happiness and a good moral.—George W. Cable.

Treatment of Thieves on the Congo.

Dr. Sims, a missionary on the Congo, says that the natives are very severe in their treatment of thieves, often trying them to treat and allowing them to perish from hunger and exposure. In the west, horse thieves are often tied to trees, but they do not suffer for more than a few minutes.

Take a Pride in the Fast.

The German society, of New York, founded over a century ago, and which aids German immigrants, takes a justifiable pride in the fact that out of 111 Germans who landed at Castle Garden last year, only eighty-nine were turned back as paupers.—Boston Budget.

NORTHWEST NOTES.

Mitchell, Dak., had a \$10,000 fire Monday. The Devils Lake stock show held last week was a success. The Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley road has reached Rapid City. A few buildings were partially wrecked at Ellendale by the recent storm. Aberdeen has a \$10,000 school building, and another is soon to be built. Yankton is to have the electric light in time for the September convention. George Chibbers suicided at Walkerville, Mont., by cutting an artery in his arm. The agency for the Tongue River Indians has been removed to Lame Deer creek. The burned buildings of the Miles City packing company will be rebuilt at once. The Wells-Fargo company is said to be securing all the overland express routes in Montana. Charles Rudd, while visiting a young lady at Yankton, was shot by a disappointed rival.

J. W. Greenwood's store at Park City, Mont., burned with its contents. Loss, \$3,500; no insurance. Ed E. L. Hatch, a Sioux City gambler, was murdered during a dispute by George Trout, one of his cappers. A young son of Mr. S. C. Hurd, of Woonsocket, was thrown from a horse so violently last week as to receive fatal injuries. Work has begun on the street mains for the new water works at Kimball. The work is to be completed before harvest time. The Helena city council recently passed an ordinance providing for the closing up of all houses of ill-fame within the city limits. A party is being organized in Butte to go to the new gold field in Australia. John Stahlman, the veteran prospector, will be the leader.

Chicago Drovers Journal: Beef cattle are selling about 75c to \$1.00 per cwt. lower than one year ago. Feed well and keep a stiff upper lip is about the best advice to give now. When prices are discouragingly low it is more necessary to feed and handle well than when prices are high and margins wide.

Well Said. T. Dwight Merwin was the orator of the day at Mandan on the Fourth and wound up his oration in the following emphatic manner: Old England learns wisdom from her daughter and today her greatest commoner pleads with English voters the cause of oppressed Ireland; hope and victory are in the air and float on the breezes and, whether the end comes this year or next, Ireland's days of servitude are numbered, and America stands waiting to send her greeting across the wave. In all these national triumphs and achievements, we here share, though when the colonies were struggling for independence, this was a distant, unknown, alien soil, and Dakota has no star shining on the azure field of the country's flag. This fair young empire of the northwest knocks vainly for admission to the union of states. Wherefore? 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