Many Are Killed in a Great Cyclone in Southern Minnesota.

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Democratic Leaders Are Moving on Chicago in Droves.

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DOZENS CRUSHED

A Storm of Extreme Violence Passes Over Southern Minnesota.

The Loss of Human Life Very Large in the Neighborhood of Wells.

Several Also Reported to Have Been Killed in Freeborn County.

The Greatest Downpour of Rain Known in Twenty Years.

At Least $50,000 Damage Done to Property in Spring Valley.

The Town Deluged and Many People Unable to Reach Their Homes.

Citizens of Austin Run for Life in the Middle of the Night.

Traffic on Three Railways in a State of Absolute Paralysis.

Ruin Wrought to Crops, Farm Buildings and Miles of Railway Track.

Special to the Globe.

WELLS, Minn., June 16.—A most disastrous hurricane swept ober this township last night, destroying everything in its path. Its course was from north to south. Following is a partial list of the killed and injured: John Brown, German farmer, killed. His wife was fatally injured. Herman Brenner, killed; Mrs. John Matusaick, killed; Maland Steen, wife and child, badly hurt, one son killed; John Pietros' son killed; Mrs. John Della, killed; Albert Klingbert, two children badly hurt; Charles Medicherb's daughter's arm was broken and his son's leg broken, and another daughter injured internally; Herman Hiller's son was severely injured; Mrs. Henry Medehert was seriously hurt; Mr. and Mrs. Lightenberger and six children were injured; one child is dead; Mr. Iverson's wife and three children are said to have lost their lives. Houses, barns and machinery in the track of the storm were totally wrecked, and large numbers of stock killed.

Last evening at 6:30 huge black clouds passed over this city, enveloping it in darkness. It was the forerunner of one which burst one hour later, emptying thousand of gallons of water upon the city. There was no wind, but darkness, terrible lightning and incessant thundering. People grouped their way to their homes in the down-pour drenched to the skin, to be called out again by the steam whistles, which asked for aid to the people on the river bottom, who were in great peril. Promptness is a characteristic of our people, who responded so quickly that the houses were all emptied but one before the relentless water swept them from their foundations down stream. Mrs. McDougan was not rescued till her house struck the iron bridge below. Mrs. George Taylor's South side fancy goods store was swept away and left near the Milwaukee depot bridge. After the bridge went out building after building followed and lodged on the flats below, where thousands of dollars' worth of property was carried away and is now half buried in the sand. At 10 o'clock the rain ceased. At midnight the river was from five to six feet higher than ever before and covered a large tract of the city. The heaviest individual loss fell on Thay & Cumming, lumber; King & Hale, machinery; Sheldon & Hande, hardware; J. W. Hughes, meat and stock, and the Milwaukee road, which loses its road bed in several places, and its rails are sadly out of place. All trains will be abandoned between La Crosse and Austin for several days. Your correspondent was unable to get to a telegraph office, as the city was divided by water, and many business men were not able to reach their homes till morning. Fifty thousand dollars will not more than cover the damage inside of the corporation. Boats are running in the streets. No such a calamity ever visited us before, and fears are felt for those living on the bottom lands below us. Commercial wires are down. Reliable information is difficult to get. Thousands are flocking to view the wrecked district, and hundreds of laborers are at work on the bridges and streets repairing damages.

THE RAGING CEDAR.

It Gets Too High for Comfort at Austin.

Special to the Globe.

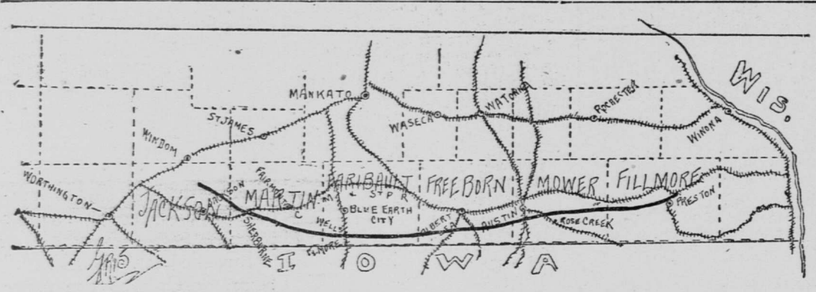
AUSTIN, Minn., June 16.—This place was visited by a terrific storm last night. The Cedar river rose twelve feet in two hours, overflowing the lower part of the city. The people were awakened about 3 o'clock in the morning by the blowing of whistles, and when they went to their doors to see what was the matter, found themselves in a sea. The water was then about twelve inches deep all over the flats, and the inhabitants were paralyzed with fear. It took them but a few moments, however, to decide what to do, and, leaving everything, fled to houses on the high lands. No one was drowned, but damage to houses and furniture is considerable. Stock in pastures on the river bottom were swept away. The damage to growing crops is very great. The dam at the East side roller mill was washed out, and it is reported that the dams of the Red Cedar and McAfee mills are both gone.

SPRING VALLEY INUNDATED.

The Damage Will Reach at Least $50,000.

Special to the Globe.

SPRING VALLEY, Minn., June 16.—



THE DARK LINE BEGINNING NEAR JACKSON AND ENDING NEAR PRESTON SHOWS THE TRACK OF THE STORM.

MILES OF TRACK OUT.

Tremendous Loss to Railways in Fillmore County.

Special to the Globe.

PRESTON, Minn., June 16.—From 7:30 last night to 3:30 this morning six solid inches of rain fell in this vicinity, destroying crops, carrying away bridges and sidewalks, and drowning many cattle and hogs. The loss in the village will not amount to more than $1,000, but the damage to crops outside of town cannot now be estimated. All trains are abandoned, and many miles of railroad tracks are washed away. Between Wells and Da Crosse ten miles of track is gone, and no trains are expected for at least a week. Reports from Northern Iowa indicate the storm was very severe there, and the Volga, Waukon and Preston branches of the Milwaukee are badly washed out, nearly six miles of track on the latter line being torn up. The storm was the worst ever experienced in this region.

SCHOOL HOUSE SPLINTERED.

And Several of Those Within Seriously Injured.

Special to the Globe.

SHERBURN, Minn., June 16.—The Silverthorn school house, five miles northwest of this place, was torn into fragments by a cyclone yesterday at 3 o'clock p. m. Miss O'Hare, the teacher, and about sixteen scholars were in the house at the time and all were seriously injured. No deaths have resulted as yet, but it is feared that several may die. Nothing remains of the school house, but splinters. How any one escaped alive is a mystery. Medical aid was summoned, and at midnight the wounds of the injured were all dressed.

AT LONG RANGE.

A Mankato Yarn Which Probably Won't Hold Water.

Special to the Globe.

MANKATO, Minn., June 16.—The big cyclone swept Southern Minnesota from Jackson to Minnesota Lake. At Sherburne a school house is said to have been demolished and a teacher and sixteen pupils out of eighteen instantly killed. Easton and Lindon, both small towns, suffered loss of life and property. The storm passed south of Wells, turned northward and circled around to Minnesota lake, sweeping all farm property before it. John Brown, a wealthy farmer, was killed; also his wife, daughter and hired man. Not a building remains standing. One of the train hands says that he saw a family of Bohemians, father, mother and six children, hud-

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REGULARS WILL WIN.

Very Few Contests to Delay Democratic Progress at Chicago.

Syracuse "Antis" Have No Show for Seats in the Wigwam.

Senator Brice Discusses the Preliminary Work to Be Transacted,

And Winds Up by the Modest Assertion That He Is Not a Dark Horse.

CHICAGO, June 16.—The Democratic national convention, it is expected, will be able to get down to actual work in shorter time than was the case at Minneapolis. Unless delay should be occasioned by numerous ballots before any candidate secures the necessary vote, an early adjournment sine die seems probable. There are very few contests reported, and an organization ought to be quickly perfected.

Intelligence this afternoon was to the effect that the threatened Louisiana contest had been amicably arranged, and that Louisiana would come here harmonious. Over the New York delegation a dood deal of fuss is expected, but talk with Democrats on the ground show that they believe in upholding the regular convention called according to party forms, and that while the May convention people will secure a respectful hearing they will be unable to get seats as delegates. Only two other contests are known, and as each involves simply two delegates, the credentials committee is likely to have an easy time of it.

CAL BRICE NOT IN IT.

Ohio's Democratic Senator Is Willing to Wait.

CHICAGO, June 16.—Senator Calvin Brice, chairman of the national committee, arrived in the city this afternoon, and immediately went into consultation with Secretary Sherin, Sergeant-at-Arms Bright and other members of the national committee who are on the ground.

"Who will be the temporary chairman of the convention?" Chairman Brice was asked at the close of this conference.

"It is impossible to say at this time who the temporary chairman will be. At the last meeting of the national committee a sub-committee consisting of Senator Ransom, of North Carolina, as chairman, and four other gentlemen was appointed as a committee on temporary organization. This committee will doubtless consider various gentlemen and finally report their choice to the full committee for its ratification. They will also decide upon the various other officers of the temporary organization. So I cannot even conjecture who the temporary chairman will be, as I do not know whether the sub-committee has even given the matter consideration yet."

"In view of the contests that are to come before the convention, how will the temporary roll be made up?"

"The national committee will take that up at its first formal meeting probably. Wherever intricate cases are encountered, if there is any great volume of testimony to be considered, the committee will refer such case to the subcommittee with instructions to investigate fully and report back to the full committee."

"Is the wigwam progressing to your satisfaction, and do you think it will be ready in time for the convention?"

"My advices up to date are that the building will be completed by Sunday and be ready by the time the convention is to open."

"What do you think of the Onio state convontion?" some one inquired.

"The convention was a very large one. They were substantially unanimous in their opion that no nomination for president should be made by that convention, but that a delegation should be selected with instructions to come to Chicago, look over the situation, consult together and then act together."

"How about Senator Brice as the coming dark horse?"

"Oh, I am not in it this year. I am not in a hurry."

THE UTAH FIGHT.

Contest at Minneapolis to Be Duplicated.

CHICAGO, June 16.—The Utah contest, which is the first one to be heard from in the present convention, is almost an exact duplicate of the fight from the same territory at the Minneapolis convention, and proceeds from exactly the same cause, the late break upon Liberal or Gentile party, following the surrender of the People's or Mormon party. There seems to be no serious difference among any of the contestants on any question, but entry into the convention and recognition by the party. Neither of them is instructed, and the preference of each is Cleveland, according to the statements made by their friends. Utah will favor a silver plank similar to that passed by the Wisconsin state convention, strongly indorsing bi-metalism and the establishment of a fixed ratio of value between the precious metals. It will also request admission into the Union, and ask for the same privilege for New Mexico.

TEMPORARY OFFICERS.

Important Consultation to Be Held Today.

CHICAGO, June 16.—The subcommittee of the national Democratic committee will hold an important meeting at the Palmer house tomorrow. The meeting will practically decide who will be temporary chairman of the convention, although no selection will be made until Monday. The members of the subcommittee are Henry Watterson, chairman; Senator Brice, of Ohio; Gorman, of Maryland, and Ransom, of North Carolina. The late Senator Barbour, of West Virginia, was a member of this subcommittee, and the vacancy will be filled by the West Virginia delegation, which will elect one of its members to the place.

Every member of this committee is opposed to the nomination of Mr. Cleveland, and it is doubtful if any candidate with pronounced pro-Cleveland views will be accorded the honor of temporarily presiding at the convention. Gov. James E. Campbell, of Ohio, it is believed, is slated for the permanent chairmanship. Gov. Campbell will have the support of Senator Brice, that gentleman having declared peace with his old enemy.

THE GLOBE BULLETIN.

Weather--Fair, slightly warmer.
Cyclone devastates Southern Minnesota.
Lightning kills several in Chicago.
Washouts paralyze railway traffic.
Damage by the storm in St. Paul.
Reid and the typographical union.
The Alliance call issued.
Democrats moving on Chicago.
Porter to be Republican chairman.
Boies' boomers are making hay.
"Doc" Fish choked at Wyoming.
Alliance to nominate full ticket.
Talk of fusion in North Dakota.
Railroad blockade in Montana.
Minnesota firemen elect officers.
Alliance turns Harries down.
Michigan People's party won't fuss.

Movements of Steamships.

NEW YORK, June 16.—Arrived: Traave, Bremen; Noordland, Antwerp.
BOSTON—Arrived: Ottoman, Liverpool; Gothia, Hamburg.
BREMERHAVEN — Arrived: Lahn, New York.
HAMBURG—Arrived: Dania, New York.
SOUTHAMPTON — Arrived: Augusta, Victoria.

KANSANS ARE SLOW.

Two Days Used Up in Making a Ticket.

WICHITA, Kas., June 16.—After nominating L. D. Lewelling, of Wichita, for governor, at an early hour this morning, the People's party convention selected W. C. Vincent for lieutenant governor by acclamation, but he declined to run. The resolutions submitted by the committee indorse the St. Louis platform, and somewhat amplify its demands. As soon as the convention met this morning Levi Dumbauld, chairman of the People's central committee, made a plea for money to conduct the comiug campaign. He said the central committee was in debt, and badly in need of money. "I am for free silver," shouted a delegate from the Seventh district and threw on the platform a silver dollar. This action was contagious. Money began to be thrown to the stage from all over the lower floor, and the spectators in the galleries followed the example. Subscriptions by counties were called for, and $3,040 was raised in ten minutes.

Mrs. M. E. Lease forged to the front with a substitue resolution. It read:

Resolved, That we favor the submission to a vote of the people of Kansas of an amendment to the state constitution, providing for equal suffrage of all American citizens without regard to sex.

The resolution was agreed to as a compromise. Mrs. Pease said she had every confidence in the people of Kansas, and knew that if the proposition could once be submitted it would be adopted. The People's party leaders contended that this does not commit the party to woman suffrage and the suffragists were satisfied.

In the first fight which came up, for lieutenant governor, Percy Daniels, of Crawford county, an ex-Union soldier, was nominated. The object was to make way for the nomination of Col. Harris, of Leavenworth, an ex-confederate whom the Democrats will indorse and make the fight on the union of the blue and gray.

Delegates to the national convention were announced and the following ticket was then nominated: Secretary of state, R. S. Osborne, Rooks county; attorney general, John T. Little, of Crawford county; auditor, Van B. Prather, Cherokee county; treasurer, W. H. Biddle, Butter county; president Farmer's Alliance; Superintendent public schools, H. N. Gaines, Salina; associate justice of the supreme court, Judge Stephen H. Allen. The latter nomination was a knock-out blow for the fusionists, who presented Judge John Martin, a straight Democrat. He was defeated by a big majority.

At 12:30 the convention was preparing to nominate a congressman at large.

West Virginia People's Party.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., June 16.—The People's party, composed of delegates from the Farmers' Alliances, labor leagues, Farmers' Beneficial associations and United Miners of this state, held a state convention in this city today. The convention endorsed the St. Louis platform and recommended a Western man for president.

A full state ticket was nominated.

Declared for Weaver.

TACOMA, Wash., June 16.—The People's party state convention last evening elected delegates to the Omaha convention. The platform declares in favor of Gen. Weaver for president.

SHE GETS $14,000.

End of the Celebrated Case of Miss Lent.

BLUE EARTH CITY, June 16.—A case which has attracted much attention, not only in this locality, but throughout the entire Northwest, was concluded today in the Faribault county district court, when the jury rendered a verdict of $14,000 in favor of Miss Lent, the school teacher who was so brutally maltreated and malmed for life by the parents of one of her pupils named Crusen. The case was one of the greatest legal battles ever fought in the district courts of Southern Minnesota. The defendants set up a plea of justification, and battled against the array of evidence against them with dogged persistance. The young lady is a mental and physical wreck, and a criminal action will at once be brought against the Crusen's. There was intense excitement during the trial here.

Died From Leprosy.

NORTHFIELD, Minn., June 16.—Ed Alfson, a Norwegian hardware merchant of this city for twenty years, died with old-fashioned leprosy this morning. The corpse was a most horrible sight, the flesh dropping off his body. The Alfsons have all died in the month of June.

IN THE BOOM FIELD!

The Tender, Hopeful Plants Being Lovingly Tended By Trained Patriots.

Some Thrive Like Sunflowers, While Others Peep Out Modestly.

Iowa's Conquering, Corn-Fed Entry Setting a Pace For Possibles.

The Rest in a Bunch at His Heels, With Grover Running Easy.

CHICAGO, June 16.—Up in the temporary headquarters today the Boies workers were hammering away. They are active, eager workers, and it will be due to no inactivity or failure to make the most of each shining hour that their candidate does not loom up brightly. A literary bureau has been started in behalf of the "Old Man From Iowa," and today the talk of these persons was the subject of a statement in which it was said Boies was not here for second place honors, and that the Iowa people wanted first place or nothing.

In many of the tables which have been prepared up to date, twenty-six votes from Iowa are all that are given to the corn state's Democratic governor. L. M. Martin, one of the Iowa delegates at large, speaking of this, said that somebody would be surprised, for he had never heard of any of the Boies men put their strength below sixty, and it might go to eighty. South Dakota is expected to poll a good number of votes for Boies, and his friends think the state is practically instructed for him. Throughout the West votes are looked for, and away off in the South Atlantic states they are figuring on a little support, the claim being made that South Carolina has at least one Boies man in it. Most of the Boies following, however, will come from west of the Mississippi river.

Why Boies Is Strong.

Mr. Shaver, of Des Moines, was asked today about the reported strength of Boies in the silver states, and said: "Gov. Boies is strong in the West. He will get the silver states. He is a strong favorite wherever known, and wherever knowledge of the victories that he has won obtains.

"Among the recruits to the Iowa headquarters this morning were W. Wilmer, of Des Moines; a close personal friend of the governor; Fred W. Lehman, of Des Moines, who was with Henry Watterson in his fight on the tariff question before the last Democratic convention, and as a member of the resolutions committee, did effective work; State Senator J. H. Shields, the chairman of the delegation, H. M. Hamm and F. L. Carroll.

"It does not take money to get up a big Boies' demonstration," said Mr. Martin. "The enthusiasm for him is so great that they will come here in great numbers, and there will be in the neighborhood of 100 Boies clubs on the ground."

JUST A POSSIBILITY.

Indiana's Favorite Son is So Regarded.

CHICAGO, June 16.—The Indiana delegation is booked to arrive Saturday, but some of the politicians of that state are already scattered around at the other hotels. Ben. Willetts, of Warrick county, said today: "The Indiana delegation will cast its votes for Cleveland without a doubt, although there are some of them who are said to have a vague hope of working Gov. Gray into a position which might be improved into something very good indeed. Of course, every consideration would make us want Gray if we could get him, but we don't want to lose him and lose Cleveland too. There will be something of a fight made against Gray in the delegation, anyhow, by some of Gil Shanklin's friends, who hold Gray responsible for Shanklin's defeat for the governorship. This will not amount to much, however, and if there is to be a scramble of favorite sons, as now seems possible, Indiana will do all it can for Gray. As the case now stands he is a possibility and nothing more. I believe Cleveland will win on the first ballot.

MISSOURI'S FAVORITE.

Col. Prather Says Cleveland, but Boies Is Liked.

CHICAGO, June 16.—Col. J. G. Prather, the national committeeman, is the only Missourian of prominence in the city today. "My sympathies are with Cleveland," he said, "and I entertain no doubt that he will be nominated. Certainly, he will get the solid vote of Missouri, but I have always felt that it was improper for national committeemen to take sides in questions of nomination. That is for the delegates. One thing is certain, that Missouri is safe to give a great big rousing majority for the nominee, let him be who he may, and the party throughout the Southwest was never in a more healthy condition."

The story is told here that both Boies' and Morrison's friends have been working hard upon the Missouri delegation, and at the Iowa headquarters this afternoon it was predicted that quite half the Missourians would come to Boies if Mr. Cleveland did not get the nomination on the first three ballots. There is also a very close contest in the state for the seat in the national committee. Col. Jones, editor of the St. Louis Republic, is being urged for the place, and he and Col. Prather now have about an equal number of votes.

NEW MEXICO'S DESIRE

For Early Admission and Grover Cleveland.

CHICAGO, June 16.—Hon. J. G. Albright, proprietor of the Albuquerque Democrat, and one of the Democratic leaders of New Mexico, arrived in the city today and at once joined the Cleveland following.

"The one thing just now in which we are more interested than any other is the admission of the territory of New Mexico into the Union as a state. We will ask that the convention adopt a plank favoring the early admission of New Mexico. In my judgment, Cleveland will be nominated on the first ballot."

A Confident Hawkeye.

DUBUQUE, Io., June 16.—"It will be Cleveland or Boies," said Senator Shields, chairman of the Iowa delegation, before leaving for Chicago. "Unless New York supports Cleveland Boies will win. Under no circumstances will Boies accept second place. We honestly believe him the strongest man the Democrats can name for president."

THE STORM FIEND NO RESPECTER OF PERSONS.

GRAY WILL BE NAMED.

Hoosiers So Decide, and Voorhees Will be Sponsor.

CHICAGO, June 16.—Thomas Taggart, chairman of the Indiana state committee, says that while the question of the man for whom the state delegation vote will be cast has not yet been settled, it has been decided that the name of Gray will be presented to the convention as a presidential candidate, and that the duty of presentation will be carried out by Senator Voorhees.

INDIANAPOLIS, June 16.—The anti-Cleveland delegates began arriving here last night, and today added to the number. It is thought they will hold a meeting here tomorrow. Last night Charles Jewett and Hugh Dougherty, delegates at large, held a conference with ex-Gov. Gray at the Denison. The strength of the Gray forces was discussed, and some plans mapped out for the friends of the ex-governor to follow. Senator Voorhees spent an hour yesterday in consultation with Gray, and the friends of the ex-governor say that it was definitely arranged that Voorhees shall present the name of Gray when Indiana is reached in the call of states, without any regard to what other states may conclude to do.

AT LEAST A SEXTETTE.

Of Names Will be Presented at Chicago.

CHICAGO, June 16. — The Illinois delegation has an informal meeting scheduled for Saturday, and on the result of this and perhaps of an adjourned meeting will largely depend how many candidates names are presented. The Illinois folks will have to determine whether or not Palmer's name shall be presented. Gossip is rife as to the chances of this and of all sorts of opinions advanced, but no positive information is obtainable on the subject. Boies' name will, of course, be presented, and, together with Cleveland, Hill, Gray, and possibly Carlisle, at least a sextette will be entered in the race. Gorman's name has also been mentioned. A part of the gossip of today was to the effect that Mr. Gorman would not liave his name presented provided Mr. Cleveland was presented, and it was added that the bulk of the Maryland delegation would go to Cleveland with Mr. Gorman.

The Cleveland men do not mean that there shall be any place in town where some of his followers may not be found, and they will have headquarters in at least three and perhaps more of the hotels. Wherever there is a prospect of a large number of delegates stopping, there the Cleveland men will have a place from which to advocate their leader's selection.

Lieut. Gov. Sheehan, Richard Croker and Richard Murphy, of New York, registered at the Auditorium this morning and opened up headquarters for Hill. They were not talking much, but said they were in the fight until Hill was either nominated or defeated. The three big New Yorkers seemed to have many friends in the city, as their rooms were crowded all morning. The regular Hill headquarters will be opened tomorrow and Senator Hill's boom will be launched in earnest. The Tammany men who will be here in force tomorrow will take charge of the job.

THE GORMAN BOOM.

Friends of the Senator Begin to Electioneer.

CHICAGO, June 16.—Eugene Higgins, of Baltimore, who, it is said, is a sort of advance guard for the Gorman boom, is at the Palmer house. He will pass the time between now and the opening of the convention in sounding the various delegates and politicians and saying a good word for the senator from Maryland. Mr. Higgins says that neither Cleveland nor Hill can be nominated because of the enmity existing between the two. As a compromise candidate Mr. Higgins suggests the name of Arthur P. Gorman. John S. Ransom is at the Great Northern in advance of the Cleveland Democracy of Buffalo. Speaking of the outlook, Mr. Ransom says it is encouraging.

"I do not believe the New York Democracy will allow a few ambitious men in control of the machinery to dictate for the whole state," he said.

"Cleveland is the spontaneous choice of the country. We are here to assert that he can carry New York. We are not bolters and will vote for the nominee, but we want Cleveland. We have not considered the matter of a second choice."

Will the Syracuse delegation contest for the New York seats?"

"Sure. I am not one of them, but those delegates are not coming here to beg anything. They will claim that they represent the Democracy of New York, and they will demand recognition."

"How is Boies regarded in New York?"

"Favorably, but we have not yet thought of him for president. We know he is a magnetic man from his successes, but we believe that the tariff doctrines of Mr. Cleveland had as much to do with his elections as the whisky questions."

A Texas Democrat Beaten.

CORSICANA, Tex., June 16.—Returns from the outlying country precincts have swelled the majority of I. N. Barber, the third party candidate to congress from this district for Col. Mills' vacant seat, to over 400. This will probably elect him, instead of Judge B. L. Anthony, the Democratic nominee, but the Democrats will not give up until the last crossroads precincts comes in and the official count demonstrates the outcome.

Gorman and Boies.

CHICAGO, June 16.—There is increased talk tonight of Gorman as a good man, and the fact that the New York men are evidently very much torn up between Cleveland and Hill causes a good many persons to look towards Gorman and Boies as a good darkhorse ticket.

Tammany Men en Route.

NEW YORK, June 16.—The main body of Tammany delegates left this city for Chicago this afternoon. The balance of the delegates will start tomorrow.

DAMAGING VISITATION.

Several Fatalities Rumored in Scranton.

SCRANTON, Pa., June 16.—A terrific thunder storm visited this city tonight, causing much damage. Several fatalities have been reported, but no particulars can be obtained owing to the fact that communication throughout the city is almost entirely cut off. Five fires, none disastrous, resulted from the lightning. The abuttments of the Erie & Wyoming Valley bridge at Washington avenue have been washed away, and it is reported that washouts have occurred on the Delaware & Hudson at Pine Brook, and one on the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western at Bellevue.

A Bridge Butted Down.

ST. LOUIS, June 16.—About 1 o'clock this morning a disastrous collision occurred in the Twelfth street yards, between a Merchants' Terminal and Missouri Pacific freight train, by which two iron pillars supporting the Twelfth street bridge were broken down, and nearly 100 feet of the bridge roadway leveled to the ground. The damage will, it is estimated, exceed $50,000, and traffic over the bridge will be suspended for nearly a month.

French Sofa Pillow.

This will require twenty inches square of wine-colored silk plush. Have a conventional design stamped upon it, and work in three shades of green rope silk. Take for bottom of plush the same as for top, and join together with a puffing of surah silk three inches wide, to match the lightest shade of rope silk; underneath this put a piece of firm lining two inches wide, so as to remove all pressure from the puffing. Another way to finish is to work eyelet holes an inch and a half apart in the plush, and lace together over the puffing with wine-colored cord. Either of these makes a handsome sofa pillow.

Rice Is a Luxery in China.

Washington Star.

The Chinese are a wonderful people. It is popularly supposed that rice, on account of its cheapness, is the chief diet of the poorer classes. In realty it is a luxury with them. Millet, a very nutritious grain, unknown to the Western world, is one of their most important foods.

Big, Broad and Mighty.

The Missouri from the head of navigation to its entrance into the Mississippi is 2,908 miles, and the Mississippi from the most northerly navigable point to the Gulf of Mexico is 2,616 miles.

Profitable Business.

The profits of a certain barroom in Philadelphia are over $50,000 a year.

THREE STRUCK DEAD.

Lightning Instantly Kills Storm-Bound People in Grant's Monument.

The Figure of the Warrior Hero Slightly Damaged by the Bolt.

Twenty-Two Dead and Four Missing as a Result of the Broken Bridge.

Three of the Dead Bodies Still Pinioned in the Wreck.

CHICAGO, June 16.—Three persons were killed, two seriously injured and the Grant monument slightly damaged in a short fierce thunder storm which visited this city tonight. The killed are:

LEWIS MEYER.
MRS. SHELBY, Chicago.
AN UNKNOWN MAN.

The injured are Harry Phillips and Mrs. Mattie Olsen, both of Chicago.

The catastrophe was the result of a bolt of lightning which struck the monument, in the corridors of which nearly fifty persons had sought shelter. At the first signs of the approaching storm Lincoln park, in which the monument stands, was covered with people who had prepared to enjoy the cool of the evening. The storm began with a slight shower which rapidly developed into a small hurricane, accompanied by a downpour of rain, vivid flashes of lightning and terrific peals of thunder.

When the fury of the storm was at its highest a blinding flash struck the statue, taking its course directly through the little crowd, who had sought safety in its enclosures. Everybody, with the exception of three men, was thrown to the ground, but all were uninjured except those named. The bolt did not strike the bronze figure of Grant, and the damage to the monument will be covered by a few dollars.

TWENTY-TWO DEAD.

Latest Estimate of the Lives Lost in the Licking.

CINCINNATI, June 16.—The Licking bridge disaster of yesterday attracted vast numbers of of visitors, who watched the workmen engaged in trying to recover the dead bodies. Up to noon no more bodies had been found, but three had been located, so fastened by irons and timbers that they cannot be taken out until the masses of weight are removed. A foolish rumor was circulated today that another section of the bridge had fallen. There was nothing left to fall after the accident yesterday. The property loss is estimated at from $10,000 to $20,000. The latest research made today puts the dead at twenty-two, the missing at four and the injured at twelve.

MANY DEAD IN QUEBEC.

Latest Reports Swell the List of Casualties.

STE. ROSE, Que., June 16.—Further intelligence of Tuesday's cyclone shows that the destruction and loss of life was not confined to this place, but spread to many places in this vicinity. Advices from Ste. Preim state that that district was devastated by a horrible storm which left destruction and death in its passage.

At 3 p. m. Tuesday a sudden noise was heard in the distance, and at almost the same moment a tremendous storm, accompanied with hail, broke over the country. The work of destruction was completed almost immediately so terribly sudden was the blow. Houses and barns were overthrown over a considerable distance. In St. Nazaire parish the inhabitants have suffered most. A poor man named Anzimhoule has lost everything, and in place of his dwelling there remains only a heap of rubbish.

Taking refuge in his house at the time the storm broke his wife and children, four in number, were buried in the ruins. The babe, three months old, was killed in its mother's arms, and the woman herself was crushed under a beam which broke her thigh. She was also badly injured in the head and there are but slight hopes of her recovery. Another child had its leg broken. Two other children were also badly injured. Some minutes before the accident two children of Alphonse Miquette entered the house. These four children suffered the fate of the inhabitants of the house.

The oldest, aged eleven, was found dead under stones and mortar. A younger brother got off with some slight bruises on the head and body. This unfortunate family lost their all. Considerable damage was done in the neighboring parishes. Houses and barns have been swept away. At St. Nazaire Mr. Default was lifted up as he went to shut a window and borne into his garden where he was found almost dead. One of his shoulders had been broken and his chest cut. His life is dispaired of. Madame Plante had her legs fractured. At Ste Helene fifty-two buildings were wrecked and fifteen persons wounded, some seriously. Alphonse Laline has lost his house, barns, horses and all his possessions. The fine house of Mason and Lessage, of St. Helene, have been razed to the ground. Miss Masson and Miss Lessage have been seriously injured. Charitable people have taken charge of the most afflicted, and committees have been formed to succor the sufferers. Great damage is also reported at Actonville, Vareness and other places in the vicinity.

THE ZUMBRO A TORRENT.

Very High Water in the Region of Rochester.

ROCHESTER, Minn., June 16.—A terrific hail, rain and electric storm broke here at 5 o'clock last night and continued six hours. Rain fell in torrents, driven in blinding sheets along the streets. The surrounding country is inundated. The Zumbro river is a raging torrent full of debris. Night trains on the Winona & St. Peter are suspended, the track is washed out, and water is four feet deep over it at numerous points. The trestle bridge, half a mile west, was washed out. Traffic is at a standstill from this point. Serious damage was doubtless done, but no authentic information can be had yet.

FARIBAULT, June 16.—Heavy rain storms have been continuous for the last few days. The river is rising almost one foot hourly. A flood is anticipated.