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WILL BE DEFICIENT

NATIONAL TREASURY WILL BE $25,000,000 SHORT.

An Indiana Lunatic Murders Five and Takes His Own Life—Only Eighteen of a Force of Eighty-five Escape in a Mexican Mine Disaster.

Will Be $25,000,000 Behind.

WASHINGTON: The Treasury deficit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1896, will be, approximately, $25,000,000. In his annual estimates sent to Congress at the beginning of the present session the Secretary of the Treasury estimated the receipts from customs during the fiscal year at $172,000,000. So far, with nearly ten months of the year gone, the customs receipts have reached about $137,000,000, with a fair prospect of increasing to $165,000,000 by the close of the year. The estimate of the receipts from internal revenue sources was $158,000,000. Up to this time they have reached $120,000,000, and it is expected that the figures for the completed year will be about $146,000,000.

The receipts from miscellaneous sources are expected to slightly exceed the estimates of $15,000,000, making the total receipts for the year about $327,000,000. The Secretary's estimate of the year's expenditures was $326,000,000, which, according to the figures, would leave a deficiency of $17,000,000. The actual expenditures, however, it is now thought, will aggregate about $352,000,000, or $10,000,000 less than Mr. Carlisle's estimate in December last, so that the deficit at the close of the year, it is believed, will not show any very material change from the figures, $25,162,423. This makes the deficit for the three fiscal years ending June 30, 1896, $136,861,812.

Murdered Five People.

ROCKVILLE, Ind: Peter Egbert, a carpenter, 22 years old, unmarried, without apparent provocation, shot and instantly killed Mrs. Hirman Haske and her two children, who lived next door. He then reloaded his gun, and going up town saw Sheriff W. M. Mull and Deputy Wm. Sweem in the National Bank stairway. Egbert leveled his weapon and shot the sheriff in the back of the head, killing him instantly. Sweem was also shot with a charge of buckshot in the neck expiring instantly.

Egbert then made his escape to the fair grounds just outside of town. A posse was immediately organized and started in pursuit. Fifty men, armed with shot guns and pistols, surrounded the grounds, Egbert refused to surrender and was fired on. He did not return the fire but ran into a stall and sent a load of buckshot into his breast, dying instantly. He received one slight bullet wound in the fusilade from the posse.

Egbert was once confined in a lunatic asylum, but was discharged as cured. No reason can be assigned for the tragedy except insanity. No trouble of any kind as far as known had occurred with the Haskes.

Egbert's sister, at the same hour he killed himself, died at the family home of typhoid fever.

Mexican Mine Disaster.

CHIHUAHUA, Mex.: The most terrible disaster that has ever occurred in Northern Mexico happened last Thursday afternoon at the Vieja Mine, about twelve miles from the city, in the Santa Eulalia district. The mine is a very rich silver mine and has been worked for the last hundred years. The roof of the mine has been supported by great pillars of ore, and a few weeks ago P. R. Prieto, the owner, began taking out these supports. Prieto urged the miners, who are Mexicans, to continue at work in spite of protests, it is said, and the terrible accident resulted. Eighty-five men were at work when the cavein occurred. Of these eighteen escaped, sixty-seven were buried and of these thirty-seven have been taken out, seven of whom are dead and thirty seriously crushed and many will not live. There is very little chance of recovering alive the thirty men yet under the earth.

Grant Statue Unveiled.

NEW YORK: A colossal equestrian statue of Gen. Grant was unveiled in front of the Union League Club, of Brooklyn, last Saturday in the presence of 25,000 people. The dedication was made the occasion of a splendid military pageant. All the military organizations of Brooklyn, the National troops at Government's Island and Fort Hamilton and the marines at the Navy Yard took part in the ceremonies. During the march a President's salute of twenty-one guns was fired by a battery stationed on a hill near the penitentiary.

Gov. Morton reviewed the procession. Ulysses S. Grant, a grandson of the general, unveiled the statue.

Going to Jerusalem.

SMITH CENTER, Kan.: As curious a movement as has ever been inaugurated in this state of surprises is that of a party of western Kansas religious enthusiasts who have started for Jerusalem to make their home. They have gathered all their assets together and will take a steerage passage from New York. They expect to be ensconced in their new home by May 20, ready to await the coming of the angel Gabriel. About fifty persons are in the party and they are all of American birth.

Falls Heir to Millions.

WOODCLIFF, N. J.: Mme. Eglantine Gaudin of this city, after years of hard work, has suddenly found herself sole heiress to the enormous fortune of $17,000,000.

During the past winter the old lady suffered intensely, both from privation and exposure and the infirmities of age. She is taking life easy enough now, and will probably continue to reside in Woodcliff.

Will Release the Diaz's.

HAVANA: Capt. Gen. Weyler has decided to release the Rev. Albert Diaz, the American Baptist missionary, and his brother Alfred from custody on condition that they will immediately leave Cuba. A dispatch from Mantanzas says that two American newspaper correspondents, Messrs. O'Leary and Daly, are detained by the authorities there.

French Senate Backs Down.

PARIS: The Senate unanimously adopted the credits asked for Madagascar. The proposal for the revision of the constitution was rejected—214 to 33.

Big Job of Skin Grafting.

ELIZABETH, N. J.: Two sisters were placed upon tables in the operating rooms of the City Hospital here, and parts of the skin from the body of one girl were removed and grafted over the raw flesh of the other. This process of skin grafting was continued for an hour or more, and in that time about thirty square inches of skin were transplanted from one girl to the other.

The girl who gained this addition of cuticle is Margaret Cotter, 22 years old, and her younger sister, Annie Cotter, made the sacrifice. Before the skin grafting operation is completed a similar sacrifice will be made by each member of the Cotter family, except the mother. There are four sisters and a brother besides the girls who figured in the first operation. Margaret Cotter was terribly burned in a Brooklyn fire some time ago. For months her body was swathed in soft bandages, but some of the wounds refused to heal and her life was despaired of until a specialist ordered the grafting of skin from the bodies of her relatives.

The operation was successful as far as it went. Dr. Vernon peeled small strips of skin from the thigh of Annie Cotter and then quickly laid them over the bare flesh of a wound on Margaret's body. An antiseptic bandage was then quickly applied, and the operation was repeated twenty-one times before the physician completed his task. The next operation will take place a month hence, provided the first shall prove completely successful.

Bradstreet's Review.

NEW YORK: Bradstreet's says: The feeling is more hopeful at many trade centers, owing to continued improvement of demand in retail lines, better weather, generally favorable crop prospects and the activity which naturally follows renewed building operations, distribution of implements and farm supplies and attendant activity. More favorable reports from commercial travelers are from those representing Pittsburg, St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha and Milwaukee houses.

Exports of wheat (flour included as wheat) from both coasts of the United States this week, are the smallest since the third week in July, 1895, and with that exception the smallest in any week during the past six years, amounting to only 1,286,000 bushels, compared with 2,017,000 bushels last week and 2,431,000 bushels in the week one year ago.

There are 240 business failures reported throughout the United States this week, compared with 344 last week, 223 in the corresponding week one year ago, 201 two years ago, and as contrasted with 186 in the like week of 1893.

Heiress Marries a Clerk.

ST. PAUL: Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Carruthers are spending their honeymoon at their new home, 235 West Fifth street. Their marriage took place at Prescott, Wis. Mr. Carruthers is the secretary of the Publishers' Collection Agency. His wife is not only very beautiful, but is an heiress. She was Miss Beatrice Woodhead, and was a typewriter when she met young Carruthers and worked in the same office with him. Miss Woodhead received a snug little fortune and there were those who thought she could do better than mary a youthful clerk. She thought differently, however, and finally the young couple took a quiet trip to Wisconsin and returned man and wife. Parental benediction has been secured.

Million for Arms.

OTTAWA: The six session of the Seventh Parliament of the Dominion was prorogued late last Thursday night with the usual ceremonies. Lord Aberdeen, accompanied from Rideau Hall by the customary mounted escort, was received at the Parliament buildings by a guard of honor, while cannon boomed from Nepean point. A motion was made against the method of purchasing firearms and ammunition by the liberals; but it was defeated, and $1,000,000 for this purpose passed. Supplementary estimates were passed as embodied in the supply bill, after which the Commons was summoned to the Senate and was dismissed by Lord Aberdeen.

Will Use the X Rays.

ANDERSON, Ind.: Dr. Henrotin of Chicago is coming here with his x rays apparatus to perform a delicate surgical operation. Six weeks ago Otto Lever was shot in the head. The bullet entered above the eyes and passed through the brain, lodging in the base. Doctors gave him up, but he did not die, and after lying unconscious for three weeks began to recover. He is in full possession of his senses and muscles now and the physicians have decided to remove the bullet, expecting a complete and unprecedented recovery.

Sparrow Insanity Case.

LANSING, Mich.: The Sparrow insanity case which has attracted such wide attention in this state, has found its way to the supreme court, and the right of a person adjudged insane by the probate court to appeal from the order to a higher court will be passed upon. The case involves an issue of law never passed upon before. On this account, as well as on account of the high standing of the young lady who has been declared insane, the outcome of the case will be awaited with considerable interest.

Indians Sell the Springs.

LANDER, Wyo.: Maj. McLaughlin, Indian agent inspector, has successfully negotiated the Hot Springs treaty with the Indians. The Indians agree to sell ten miles square, embracing the springs, for $60,000, five annual installments, the first installment to be cash and cattle, and the balance to be paid in subsistence. The treaty was signed by 273 Indians and McLaughlin. The springs are already widely known for their medicinal properties.

Father and Son Killed.

ERIE, Pa.: A terrible double tragedy took place at Union City, this county. Simon Haselbach, aged nearly 70, and his son William, aged 35, engaged in a quarrel. Both were drunk. The young man seized an ax and attempted to kill his father. The old man drew a revolver and shot his son. Seeing what he had done, the father turned the weapon upon himself and sent a bullet through his temple. Both are dead.

Electric Line to Mt. Vernon.

WASHINGTON: Before a fortnight shall have passed the city of Washington will be directly connected by an electric street railway with historic old Mt. Vernon, where lies the remains of the father of his country, George Washington. The fare to Mt. Vernon will be 10 cents. By water the distance from Washington is sixteen miles, but by rail but thirteen miles of ground is covered.

A Triple Tragedy.

HUNTINGTON, Va.: John Love, living thirty miles north of here, shot and killed his wife, and fatally wounded his father-in-law, Mazee, and himself.

Says She Will Send Brown to Prison

SAN FRANCISCO: The troubles in the First Congregational Church over the actions of its pastor, Dr. Brown, does not seem to be ended with the ministers suspension by the Bay conference of Congregational churches.

Dr. Brown has announced that he is in the hands of the officers of his church, and he believes the majority of the deacons and trustees of the church are favorable to him. He also said he will probably continue to preach in the First Congregational Church. His friends say the verdict of the council was a complete surprise to him as he had confidently expected that the loyal friends who rallied around him would be able to carry a favorable vote.

Mrs. Mary Davidson, whose arrest by Dr. Brown for blackmail precipitated all the trouble in the church, does not attempt to conceal her gratification at the defeat of the pastor. She says she will place him behind the prison bars for slander and perjury, and threatens other accusers with similar punishment. She is preparing a lecture attacking Dr. Brown.

Handle the Convention by Telephone

ST. LOUIS: When the National Republican Convention meets in this city to nominate a president and vice president the delegates will witness an innovation in the matter of handling a big convention. It is a scheme proposed by the Bell Telephone Company. The proposition is something entirely new and original, and it is said, the sub-committee having in charge the convention arrangements, will adopt it. The scheme is to connect the various state delegations with the speaker's desk by telephone, so the chairman may know the name of every man who is recognized, and thus be able to announce his name to the convention. The telephone scheme, it is claimed, will do away with the annoyance and loss of time that has so long been a source of worry to managers of national conventions. There will be a central office back of the speaker's stand, and from there the operator will connect the various delegations with the chairman or with each other, as the case may be.

Congressmen Fight.

WASHINGTON: Congressman Money, Democrat, Senator-elect from Mississippi and Congressman Hall, Democrat, of Missouri, had a personal encounter in the room of the Committee on Naval Affairs Thursday. The committee was not in session. From a messenger of the committee it is learned they were heard disputing angrily. Suddenly Hall said:

"I allow no man to call me a liar," and planted his fist in Mr. Money's face, dazing him. Then he grabbed a large glass ink well and hurled it at Mr. Money, striking him behind the ear and cutting an ugly gash, from which blood flowed freely.

At this point the messenger stepped between and prevented Mr. Hall from doing Mr. Money further damage.

Mr. Money was taken away by friends faint from the loss of blood.

Mr. Hall declined to state the cause of the trouble, adding that it was merely a personal matter.

Platform of Alabama Demorats.

MONTGOMERY, Ala.: The Democratic state convention convened last Wednesday and nominated the following state ticket:

For Governor—Capt. Joseph F. Johnston.

For Secretary of State—Hon. J. Kirk Jackson, renominated.

State Treasurer—Mr. Ellis of Dallas County.

State Auditor—W. S. White of Colbert County.

Attorney General—Mr. Fitts, renominated.

The resolutions adopted favor free coinage of silver at 61 to 1; instruct the twenty-two delegates from the state to vote as a unit on all questions in the Chicago convention; advocates the repeal of the 10 per cent. state bank tax; favors honest elections and the legalizing of primary elections.

Double Chicago Tragedy.

CHICAGO: James Culbertson, an excity employe, shot and killed his wife and then sent a bullet into his own breast. He is in the hospital and will probably die. The couple have lived unhappily, and Mrs. Culbertson left her husband some time ago. He had repeatedly threatened to kill her because, as he said, she "made so much trouble." Culbertson came from Chambersburg, Pa., and his wife, who was an extremely pretty woman, was, before her marriage, Lilian McCormick, of Junction City, Kan.

No Beer on Sunday.

KANSAS CITY: The newly installed mayor, Jones, set a precedent and caused consternation among the saloon element when he issued the following:

"Notice is hereby given that from and after this date beer must not be delivered Sundays to any saloon within the corporate limits of the city."

"The saloon men have to close up their front doors Sunday," said the mayor in explanation, "and they can just as well lay in a supply of beer Saturday for Sunday and Monday."

Western League Season.

CINCINNATI, Ohio: The Western League championship season opened on the afternoon of the 22d at Kansas City, Milwaukee, Indianapolis and Columbus are the lucky towns in which ball cranks have the chance to witness the first games.

Greater New York Bill.

ALBANY, N. Y.: The Assembly passed the greater New York bill over the vetoes of the mayors of New York and Brooklyn. The Senate had previously passed the bill over the vetoes, and it now goes before the Governor.

THE MARKETS.

Sioux City—Cattle: Stockers and feeders, $3.00 to $3.65. Hogs: Prices ranging from $3.20 to $3.40. Grain: Wheat, 50c to 52c; corn, 15c to 20c; oats, 15c to 16c; rye, 20 to 25c; hay, $4.50 to $6.00; butter, 14c to 15c; eggs, 7½c.

Chicago—Cattle: Beef steers, $3.40 to $4.00; stockers and feeders, $2.90 to $3.75. Hogs: Prices ranging from $3.20 to $3.72½. Grain: Wheat, No. 2 spring, 63½c; No. 3 spring, 62c to 62½c; No. 2 red, 66½c to 67½c; corn, No. 2, 28½c to 29⅝c; No. 2 yellow, 29½c to 30⅛c; oats, No. 2, 19½c; No. 2 white, 19¾c to 20¼c; No. 3 white, 17½c to 21½c; rye, No. 2, 37c; flax seed, No. 1, 92c; timothy seed, $3.30.

Kansas City—Cattle: Beef steers, $3.00 to $3.80; stockers and feeders, $2.75 to $3.75. Hogs: Prices ranging from $3.10 to $3.45. Sheep, $3.25 to $3.80.

South Omaha—Cattle: Beef steers, $3.00 to $3.80; stockers and feeders, $2.75 to $3.75. Hogs: Prices ranging from $3.15 to $3.40.

Minneapolis Grain—Wheat: April, 62⅜c; May, 59⅝c; July, 61⅜c; No. 1 hard, on track 62⅜c; No. 1 Northern, 61⅜.

OF A GREAT STATE

NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF NEBRASKA.

Investigation of Dr. Mackay of the Norfolk Asylum in Progress—Gov. Holcomb Conducts the Examination of the Principal Witnesses.

Investigating Dr. Mackay.

The investigation at the Norfolk asylum of Dr. Mackay was commenced Friday. Gov. Holcomb conducted the examination of the principal witnesses. Some of the testimony is to the effect that Dr. Mackay's attention to Miss Grable, Miss Chester and Mrs. Dunning had been of such a pronounced nature as led to the worst inferences. One witness stated that Dr. Mackay was in Miss Grable's ward a large share of the time, and that when the superintendent was wanted everybody inquired for him there, and that he knew of the doctor being in Miss Grable's private apartments two or three hours at a time with the doors closed.

Pete Bussey testified to seeing Dr. Mackay sitting in Miss Anna Chester's lap. Other witnesses testified to Dr. Mackay beating a patient, Mrs. Grims, with the buckle end of a strap.

Charged with Discrimination.

The State Board of Transportation was called to order Friday afternoon at Lincoln for the purpose of hearing the reply of the Union Pacific and Elkhorn railroads to the charges of the discrimination of freight rates against Lincoln, preferred by the Commercial Club of that city.

The Union Pacific rested its case on its answer denying the jurisdiction of the board.

The Elkhorn contested the right of the board to interfere but was turned down. An order was issued suspending the tariff sought to be put into effect until May 8, when a rehearing will be had.

Removes the Bank's Receiver.

Judge Ramsey of the district court at Plattsmouth has entered an order removing John A. Donelan as receiver of the Commercial Bank at Weeping Water and appointing in his stead Thomas Murtey. The latter's bond is fixed at $25,000. In handing down his decision the judge said that he regarded Donelan as a young man of integrity and good business qualifications, but felt sure that the best interests of all parties concerned required his removal.

Fire at Newcastle.

Friday night at 10 o'clock the frame livery of Robert Ross at Newcastle, together with its contents, three horses, and a warehouse near by, were entirely consumed by fire. There was about $1,000 worth of nursery stock in the barn. The fire originated in the office where a gasoline stove was used. The proprietor went into the office and struck a match, when an explosion took place, and within thirty minutes the property was consumed.

Booming the Irrigation Fair.

The county commissioners have agreed to appropriate $1,000 for the benefit of the Nebraska Irrigation Fair to be held in North Platte this fall on October 12, 13 and 14. One thousand dollars in private subscriptions is already secured, and it is thought that another thousand can be raised. The district reunion of the Grand Army will be held there at the same time, and Colonel Cody's wild west show will close the season at that place October 12.

Bank Sued for Damages.

Suit was filed in the district court of Clay Center by Thomas Powers against the Sutton National Bank, J. B. Dinsmore and F. C. Mattison, praying damages in the sum of $5,000 for milicious prosecution and false imprisonment. This is the outgrowth of an action brought in the name of the state against Powers in the county court charging Powers with larceny, which suit was dismissed by the prosecution.

Will Not Close.

Rumors have been set afloat that the Palmer House at Grand Island was to be closed. These are unfounded. The receiver of the Bank of Commerce, under whose control the hotel is, has appointed A. H. Baker, a former resident of Omaha and an old hotel man, to take charge of the institution. Mr. Baker will keep the hotel open to the public as usual.

Rustler Sentenced at Valentine.

District court was in session at Valentine four days last week. The only case of importance was that of the state against John Sedlejek for cattle stealing, in which the defendant was convicted and sentenced by Judge Kinkaid to two and one-half years in the penitentiary.

Splendid Prospects for Fruit.

There has not been a time for many years when the fruit prospects in the vicinity of Juniata were as promising as now. The trees are overloaded with bloom and are in a healthy condition, and with good weather and proper attention will give a large yield.

Child Fatally Burned.

The little daughter of Ed. Stoltz of Beaver City, was fearfully burned recently. With a small brother the child had gone to the field where the father was burning stalks. Her dress caught fire from the blaze and before her father could reach her she was fatally burned.

Seeding Progressing Rapidly.

Farmers near Trenton are busily engaged in putting in all kinds of crops. Many have begun planting corn, and a large acreage will be put out this season. All seem confident of a bountiful harvest.

Working on a Big Canal.

The surveyors of the Great Eastern Canal Company are at work in the vicinity of Oconee. The company has eight large graders and many scrapers at work on the line west of there.

Opened Another's Mail.

Len Rudd of Aurora was arrested by United States authorities for opening letters personally addressed to his partner's wife and gave bail to appear for trial.

Farmer's Wife Disappears.

The mysterious disappearance of Mrs. C. A. Benedict, the wife of a farmer of Boxbutte County, caused much excitement, as the parties are all quite prominent. The presumption is that a prominent young stockman is at the bottom of the affair. Mrs. Benedict took the east bound train. Her destination is no known.

Kicked by a Mule.

August Hinshaw, aged 15, of Wilsonville, was kicked just behind the ear by a mule. The boy is still unconscious and the doctors have no hopes of his recovery.

Did Not Recommend Payment.

In a Washington dispatch to a Lincoln paper in is stated that an appropriation of $2,800 had been incorporated in the deficiency bill for the aid of the Dawson family, alleged to have been assaulted a year ago by the Vic McCarthy gang in Sarpy County, and that when Representative Hopkins of Illinois had opposed it, Congressman Hainer had stated that "the appropriation was recommended by the Governor and Attorney General of Nebraska." Tuesday both of these officials denied emphatically that any such recommendation had emanated from their respective offices. On request of Gov. Holcomb, County Attorney Leffley of Sarpy County went to Lincoln and was in consultation with the Governor. Deputy Attorney General Day was also present and the question of prosecution of the alleged assailants of the Dawsons was gone into thoroughly. The crime was pretty effectually put to Vic himself, and this individual, being charged with other misdemeanors, and an outlaw at large, the prospect of immediate prosecution for the assault on the Dawsons did not appear to be very promising.

Trouble for Pine Ridge People.

Deputy United States Marshal Robinson and two pine Ridge agency policemen, Frank Goings and Blunt Horn, passed through Chadron having in charge Wm. Randall, Frank Randall and Julian Whistler, halfbreeds, accused of cattle stealing on the Pine Ridge reservation. Accompanying the party were Interpreter Frank Young and Tom Fast Wolf and Iron Heart as witnesses, as well as the well known squaw man, Todo Randall, father of two of the accused. The arrests are the aftermath of the arrest of Henry Rye of Gordon on the charge of buying Indian cattle. Rye has been bound over to the United States court of the district of Nebraska. It is alleged that the prisoners, who sold the cattle to Rye, stole them from other parties holding tribal rights on the reservation. The practice of certain parties buying Indian cattle for about one-half their value has long been in operation in that section.

Attempted Suicide.

Charles Tiepel, a German, aged about 50 years, made a probably successful attempt to commit suicide at Plattsmouth by shooting himself through the windpipe. The weapon used was a 32-caliber revolver. Tiepel was formerly employed in the B. & M. shops there, but he had a disagreement with the foreman and was discharged. Since that he has been unsuccessful in his efforts to obtain work. He has a large family dependent upon him for support. He has recently shown signs of mental derangement. The physicians have so far been unable to locate the bullet and cannot say as yet as to whether the wound will prove fatal.

Small Damages for Fatal Injuries.

The jury in the case of Catherine Miles, administratrix of the estate of Geo. Miles against Samuel D. Hibler, which has been occupying the attention of the district court at Fremont, brought in a verdict for $175. The Miles boy worked for Hibler on his farm and was kicked by one of Hibler's horses and died from the effects of the injuries received. The plaintiff claimed that the horse was known to be vicious and brought suit for $5,000. The defendant alleged that the horse was of good disposition and denied all responsibility. There has been considerable interest taken in the case.

Raising Vegetables for Seed.

A number of parties at North Loup last season made some experiments in the way of raising vegetables for seed under contract with seed firms who entered into an agreement to take the entire product in the fall at a stipulated price. While these attempts were not, owing to inexperience, attended with uniform success, the experience thus gained has led to a continuance of the same policy the present season, it being agreed that, with the opportunity to use irrigation when needed, that locality offers unusual facilities for engaging in this line of agriculture.

Floater Seen in the Elkhorn.

While the Elkhorn city school scholars and their instructors were picnicking at the Elkhorn River they observed what resembled the dead body of a man floating down the stream. The body was attired in black clothes. Only a portion, from the shoulders to the hips, was in sight. The picnickers made no effort to catch the floater, and as it was late when they returned to town and told of their discovery, the citizens thought it impossible to find the body.

Beatrice School Board Reduction.

At a meeting of the Beatrice school board it was determined to reduce the corps of teachers somewhat for the coming year. Instruction in music and drawing will be dispensed with and there will be five or six teachers in the primrry and intermediate departments dropped. It was decided to raise the superintendent's salary $300 per annum and require him to teach one-half the time.

Was Anxious to Die.

Joe Werner, a teamster, who is addicted to drink, was arrested at Grand Island for being drunk and disorderly, and while in jail during the night, he tried to hang himself with a small rope. He was already hanging from a post when another inmate of the jail discovered the situation and cut the rope. Later on he attempted to eat matches, but in this he was also prevented.

Waco Postoffice Robbed.

The postoffice at Waco was robbed a few nights ago. The burglars forced an entrance in the general merchandise store which is run in connection with the postoffice. The safe was blown open and about $15 in change and $100 in stamps taken.

Methodist Women Organize.

A number of leading Methodist women of the state met at University Place and organized the Nebraska Wesleyan Ladies' Guild. The object is to enlist all the Methodist women of Nebraska in the Wesleyan, especially for its financial support.

Would Wind Up a Defunct Bank.

The failure of the Chadron Banking Company has brought numerous candidates for the receivership, but the district judge has as yet made no appointment.

Mixed City Municipal Matters.

At the Nebraska City council meeting Tuesday night that body refused to confirm any of the new mayor's appointees. There is, therefore, quite a jangle in the affairs of that city.

Prefer loss before unjust gain, for that brings grief but once, this forever.

He who puts a bad construction upon a good act, reveals his own wickedness at heart.

Woe unto those who find a pearl in the stream of life, and fling it heedlessly away.

CROP PROSPECTS EXCELLENT.

Timely Rains and Warm Weather Encourage the Farmers.

The Government reports as to the condition of the crops throughout the country, and the general effect of the weather upon the cultivation, growth and harvest of the same, show that the unusually warm weather throughout the central, eastern and southern portions of the country has rapidly advanced the season, which has been unusually backward, and has been very favorable for farming operations and growth of vegetation, which has been remarkably rapid. Winter wheat has shown marked improvement generally and is reported as doing well in Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas and in portions of Missouri, and, while an improvement has been noted in Kentucky and West Virginia, the condition of the crop in these States is poor, some having been plowed up. In sections of Missouri and Texas, winter wheat seeding is well advanced in Southern Minnesota and is about finished in portions of Eastern South Dakota, where some of the early sown is up. In North Dakota no seeding has yet been done. Preparations for corn planting have been pushed rapidly during the week, and in the more southerly sections planting has continued with much activity. Some corn has been planted in Illinois and Nebraska, and planting will be begun in Iowa this week. Cotton planting has continued under favorable conditions, and in the central and southern portions of the cotton region is coming up generally to a good stand. Germination, however, has been slow, owing to the drought in some sections of the western portion of the cotton region. General rainfall would prove of much benefit from the Ohio Valley southward, and also in Texas, where rain is needed to insure a stand of cotton. The report by States follows:

Illinois—A hot week, with showers at the beginning and ending, has caused a remarkable advance in all vegetation. Winter wheat, rye and grasses are greatly improved and are doing finely; grasses afford pasturage. Oats are coming up; gardens and potatoes are planted; also some corn, but preparation of corn land is general. Fruits are laden with blossoms.

Wisconsin—Warm weather and abundant rainfall has been very favorable for the rapid advancement of all crops. Wheat is greatly improved, especially in localities where it was thought to have been entirely winter-killed. Oats are all sown, and work well advanced in southern section. Little plowing has been done in the central and northern sections.

South Dakota—Seeding is about finished in southeastern counties, with some wheat above ground; elsewhere seeding has been retarded by heavy precipitation and cool weather. No winter wheat sown. In the central and northern portions the soil is too wet, and warmer and bright weather is needed.

Nebraska—A good growing week, but rain and wet ground have retarded farm work. The seeding of small grain is about completed, except in the northwest section. Plowing for corn is progressing; very little planted, and this only in southern counties. Fruit trees are blooming profusely, and generally uninjured by frost of Saturday.

Kansas—A warm, rainy week, which greatly improved all crop conditions. Wheat much improved and growing rapidly. Corn coming up in central and southern counties, and is a good stand. Fruit promised a full crop, but was injured some by frost of Saturday. Grass is supporting stock in south counties.

Missouri—The unusually warm weather forced vegetation forward very rapidly. Wheat is suffering for rain in some central and southwestern counties, but elsewhere is generally doing well. Corn planting is progressing favorably and cotton has begun. Pasturage good. Fruit prospects are excellent.

Iowa—High temperature and abundant moisture have pushed vegetation rapidly, and the season is now as early as usual. Grass and small grains are making a fine stand; winter wheat generally promising. Plowing for corn well advanced and planting will soon begin.

Indiana—Warm weather has rapidly improved all growing crops. But few showers fell and rain is much needed. Wheat, barley, rye, clover and grass have advanced rapidly. Oats nearly all sown. Tobacco plants coming on well in Switzerland County. Fruit is in bloom. Plowing for corn continues.

Ohio—Excessively warm, sunshiny, windy and dry week, except in northern portion, where rainfall was about normal. Conditions were very favorable for plowing and planting. All vegetation is improved. Apples, apricots, cherries, pears, peaches and plums are blooming.

Michigan—Abnormally high temperature and plentiful showers have rapidly advanced all vegetation and farm work. Winter wheat, rye and grass are doing finely. Plowing and oat and grass seeding in progress. Early potato planting has just begun.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS MARTIN.

Prominent St. Louis Lawyer Who Will Police the Chicago Convention.

Col. John I. Martin, who will fill the important function of sergeant-at-arms of the Democratic national convention, is a St. Louis lawyer who is widely known to Missouri. He was born in St. Louis in 1848, and early in life was of material assistance to his parents, who were in straitened circumstances. He was a driver of a levee dray when he went into politics,

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and was elected to the Missouri Legislature. At that time he was the youngest man ever elected to the Missouri Assembly. Col. Martin then read law in the office of Col. Robert S. McDonald, one of the leading lawyers in St. Louis, and for many years has been well known for his ability in criminal cases. Col. Martin has been prominent in fraternal and benevolent orders. He is a whole-souled, generous, genial man, very popular in St. Louis and throughout his State.

A month ago P. Scott, a prominent merchant of Toronto, committed suicide by jumping off the Rosedale bridge. A week later J. Long, the head waiter of the Albany Club, imitated him with fatal results, and now John Strachan, one of the locked-out tailors, has made the same terrible leap. Although fatally injured, he is still living.

Coal miners in convention at Philadelphia, Pa., representing the central and northern fields, decided to accept the advance of 5 cents a ton offered by operators.