

AROUND THE EARTH

OCCURRENCES THEREIN FOR A WEEK.

IS A GREAT CALAMITY

SOUTHERN FLOOD APPALLING IN ITS MAGNITUDE.

Damage in the Storm Belt Runs Away into the Millions—Number of Towns Completely Inundated—Railroads Great Sufferers.

New Orleans, La.: New Orleans has ceased to regard the flood situation as a temporary inconvenience. As time has passed and as the full scope of the disaster which visited this section in the excessive rains which began in the early days of last week has been learned the conviction has been irresistibly brought home that calamity of appalling magnitude has been experienced and that instead of the worst being over the evil has just begun. Reports of damage incurred in the storm belt have run the figures up into the millions, and taking into consideration the losses real and resultant the amount totals up an enormous figure. The Illinois Central railroad system has incurred damages which will amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars, figuring the loss of business, and the end is not yet. Not only is that road tied up, but there is no telling when trains will be able to run. The same state of affairs prevails on other southern roads.

Belated news is now beginning to arrive regarding the loss of life. Four people were drowned near Meridian and two near Hattiesburg, Miss. At Enterprise, Miss., the water is five feet deep in the main streets. Three bridges between East and West Enterprise have been swept away. A number of buildings were also demolished. Shubuta and De Soto, Miss., are completely inundated. Every bridge from Pearlizing to Logtown has been swept away. Thousands of dollars worth of timber has floated out to sea. People living on the Louisiana side have been forced to abandon homes and flee to the Mississippi side for safety. Hundreds of head of cattle and hogs have been drowned. All farms and gardens will have to be replanted.

MUST HAVE MEAT.

War Department Forced to Resort to Use of Canned Beef.

Washington: War department officials have been compelled to resort to the use of canned beef for the subsistence of the army in the Philippines. This is due to the fact that it is absolutely essential that the soldiers be served with fresh meat and because of the impossibility of providing refrigerated beef or cattle on hoof under existing conditions. When the bulk of the army was located near the sea shore and at easily accessible points there was no difficulty in providing them with fresh meats, but conditions have changed and the army is scattered among 180 posts in various parts of the archipelago, a great many of them at a considerable distance from the nearest shipping point. There are no cattle available and refrigerated beef, which has heretofore formed the principal basis of subsistence for troops, cannot be preserved in good condition long enough to reach inland posts. Consequently it became necessary to look for some suitable substitute and American canned roast beef was the only thing found to meet the requirements.

OUTLAW SLAIN BY POSSE.

Rustler Shot Down in Utah While Resisting Arrest.

Salt Lake, Utah: A special from Thompson, Utah, says: Mr. Fullerton, manager of the Webster City Cattle Company, discovered two men mutilating brands on his cattle. They threatened to shoot and he retreated. With the assistance of Sheriff Price and posse the thieves were overtaken seventy miles north of Thompson and ordered to surrender. The thieves showed fight and were followed further north, all exchanging shots, one of the outlaws being instantly killed. The dead man answers the description of "Flat Nose George," and investigation proves almost conclusively that he is one of the men that robbed the train on the Union Pacific railroad about a year ago. The body has been brought to Thompson for identification. Men are coming from Cheyenne to identify it.

One Life Lost in Fire.

New York: It has been discovered that the fire which destroyed the bedstead and mattress factory of Charles P. Roberts & Co., in West Eighteenth Street, resulted in the loss of one life. While exploring the building the day following the fire the body of Henry Hughes, a cotton picker, was found under a bale of cotton weighing 700 pounds.

Tannery Burned.

Williamsport, Pa.: The Wallace tannery and Roaring branch, owned and operated by the American Tannery Company, was destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at over \$100,000, including \$50,000 worth of prepared stock.

With a Message to Kruger.

Paris: Le Journal announces the arrival in Paris of James Francis Smith, the American district telegraph boy, who is bearing to President Kruger a message of sympathy from Philadelphia and New York school boys.

Prominent Michigan Man Dead.

Detroit, Mich.: Hon. Sullivan McCutcheon, ex-speaker of the Michigan house of representatives and prominent in local business circles, died at his residence here early Wednesday, aged 67. Mr. McCutcheon was born in New Hampshire.

New Bishops are Named.

Rome: The pope held a secret consistory April 19 and recognized a number of bishops, including Mgr. Donatus Sbarretti for Havana, Mgr. Kieley for Savannah, and Mgr. Bertrand for Vancouver.

CONVICTS GET AWAY.

Five Prisoners at Sioux Falls Penitentiary Escape.

Sioux Falls, S. D.: Shortly before noon on the 19th inst. five prisoners in the Sioux Falls penitentiary made a daring escape. One of the fugitives was captured during the afternoon. The others are believed to be hiding in the brush and timber along the Sioux River, which flows a short distance from the penitentiary. The five men made a dash for liberty while they with others were at work in the yard surrounding the penitentiary loading stone on cars. While the guard was at the west end of the fence the five men broke a board from the bottom of the gate at the north entrance, crawled out and had soon reached the cover of the timber growing along the river. It was about ten minutes before their escape was detected, when an energetic pursuit was immediately commenced.

MOVES OF G. A. R. VETERANS

Ladies Arranging to Entertain Them During the Encampment.

Chicago: The ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic held a meeting at the Sherman House April 19 to arrange for the entertainment of the wives of the veterans who will attend the National Grand Army of the Republic encampment to be held in this city in August. The plan adopted is to house the visiting ladies in the homes of veterans throughout the city, but until it can be estimated the number who will attend it cannot be determined whether sufficient accommodation of this kind can be secured. Some of the large downtown halls will be secured to furnish lunch to the veterans on memorial day, and a committee on headquarters appointed, which will secure headquarters where veterans and their wives will be entertained.

HE HAS TWO WIVES.

Lord Russell Weds a Second Time Without Getting a Divorce.

London: A cable announcement appeared in the marriage columns of the London Times of the wedding of Earl Russell to Mollie Cooke, at Reno, Nev., April 15. This has created a sensation here, as it appears that Earl Russell, according to the English law, is still legally married to the first Countess Russell, who is now performing at the Tivoli Music Hall. The London Star thinks the announcement, which also appeared in the London Standard, may be a hoax, for, it says, by marrying another woman the head of the noble house would render himself liable to imprisonment for bigamy on his return to England.

COL. PETTIT COURT-MARTIALED

Offense Was Handing a Prisoner of War Over to Native Chief.

New York: A dispatch from Manila announces that Col. James Pettit of the Thirty-first Volunteers, in command at Zamboanga, has been court-martialed for handing a prisoner of war over to President Medill of Zamboanga, who killed the prisoner without trial. Pettit is the officer with whom Lieut. Col. Webb C. Hayes, who recently resigned, is said to have quarreled owing to Pettit's degrading with a Moro dano for the right to land troops and compelling his men to submit to indignities from the natives.

DELEGATES USE GUNS.

One Man Badly Wounded in a Riot in a Republican Convention.

Montgomery, Ala.: A row among the delegates at the state Republican convention called to meet April 19 was started before the body was called to order. The cause of the trouble was that contested delegates were refused admission. After a scene of great excitement there was some shooting, during which one man was seriously injured. The governor cleared both factions of the party out of the state house. The different factions thereupon met in separate halls, where two conventions were held.

WILL FIGHT WITH BOERS.

Cannot Prevent Chicago Ambulance Corps from Joining Army.

Washington: Consul Hay, at Pretoria, has cabled the state department a report of the action of the members of the Chicago ambulance corps in taking up arms in the Boer army instead of continuing with the hospital corps. Officials of the department say nothing can be done by the government to prevent such violation of faith. The men did not go out with arms and so did not fulfill the legal description of a filibustering party, which would enable the authorities to prevent the departure.

Miners Accept Company's Offer.

Meyersdale, Pa.: Miners of the Cumberland and Summit Coal Company have voted to accept the company's offer of 75 cents a ton and will return to work. This breaks the strike, as other miners in this region will return to work at the same rate in the next few days.

Thirteen German Students Drown.

Bingen: A boat on board of which were twenty members of the Catholic Students' Association, while crossing the Rhine Wednesday from this place to Rudelsheim, capsized and thirteen were drowned.

Over 3,000 to Return to Work.

Brazil: The miners voted to accept the operators' proposition, with semi-monthly payment of wages. A contract for a year was signed. Over 3,000 miners will return to work.

Philippine Commissioners Sail.

San Francisco: The Philippine commissioners sailed on the transport Hancock. The Hancock will stop at Honolulu, Yokohama and Hong Kong en route to Manila.

Luck of a Newspaper Man.

St. Louis: Harry B. Wendell, city editor of the Globe-Democrat, and his sister, Mrs. Adam Wiest, learned April 19 through a dispatch from Albany, New York, that they were heirs to a fortune estimated at \$10,000,000 to \$20,000,000 left by Rousler Wandell, a hermit of that city.

Safelowers Miss \$10,000.

Chicago: Early Wednesday robbers partly wrecked the safe in the State Bank of West Pullman, but failed to secure the \$10,000 inside.

MONEY FOR MR. DEWEY.

McKinley Recommends that He and Otis Be Paid as Civilians.

Washington: President McKinley has asked congress to provide a means to pay Admiral Dewey and Maj. Gen. Otis as much for their service on the Philippine commission as the civilian members received. The expected recommendation to this end was made in sending to congress, in answer to a resolution of inquiry, an itemized statement of the expenses of the commission.

President McKinley shows that while the law is against such payment he feels that it is fully deserved, and he has at all times been willing to order it. He fully explains that Admiral Dewey and Maj. Gen. Otis have received nothing for their services in excess of their regular salaries. The statement of the expenses of the Philippine commission footed up \$117,485. The proposal regarding the admiral and general is made in the form of a recommendation from Secretary of State Hay.

FORMAL APOLOGY TO SPAIN.

United States Deplores Mistake of Dewey Day Committee.

Madrid: The United States minister, Bellamy Storer, visited Premier Sivela Wednesday and apologized for the action of the mayor of Chicago, Carter H. Harrison, in sending an invitation to the Duke of Arcos, the Spanish minister at Washington, to attend the Dewey day celebration there. Mr. Storer said the United States government regretted the incident, which, he explained, was the result of an error committed by a municipal clerk, and promised it should not be repeated.

DANGER OF A CLASH.

European Powers Are Also Having Trouble with Turkey.

Constantinople: The porte on Wednesday replied to the third of the collective notes of the powers on the subject of the increase of 3 per cent. in duties, saying it was on account of the bad condition of Turkish finances. The ambassadors decided to address another note to the porte, again stating the objections to such an increase without a previous understanding with the powers. The tenacity of the porte threatens serious results.

BORES SEEK AID.

Make Appeal to the Afrikanders in Cape Colony.

Cape Town: The Boer governments are circulating the following manifesto to the Afrikanders throughout Cape Colony: "We feel that our fate and the fate of the whole of Afrikanderdom is at stake and we appeal to you to stand and fight shoulder to shoulder with us. You cannot allow the tyrant to extinguish forever your finest traits of character as a nation. With you on our side the issue cannot be doubtful. We must conquer."

Farmers' Trust in Kansas.

Topeka, Kan.: A farmers' trust, designed to take the place of the extinct Farmers' Alliance, has been organized in Kansas. The organization is known as the Knights of the Soil and will assist farmers of the Mississippi Valley to hold grain and produce for good prices.

Countess Fiestetics Not Drowned.

San Francisco: Advice from New York state that the Countess Fiestetics, formerly Miss Ellen Haggin, who was reported to have been drowned by the sinking of her husband's yacht, is in that city. She was not on the vessel at the time of the disaster.

Big Dividend Payer.

Boston: The Boston and Montana Mining Company has declared a regular quarterly dividend of \$5 and \$5 extra. This is against a regular dividend of \$5 declared at the end of the last quarter with \$3 extra.

To Fill Gen. Wheeler's Seat.

Huntsville, Ala.: Gen. Joe Wheeler of the Eighth congressional district has requested Gov. Johnston to call a special election to fill the vacancy caused by his resignation as a member of congress.

Frost Causes \$500,000 Loss.

Canon City, Colo.: The damage to fruit trees in this vicinity from the heavy frosts and storm is estimated at \$500,000.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Sioux City—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$6.75; hogs, \$5.25 to \$5.32 1/2; sheep, \$4.00 to \$7.00; wheat, 56c; corn, 30c to 32c; oats, 20c to 22c; butter, 18c to 20c, creamery, 22c to 24c.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$6.25; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$6.00; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$6.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 66c to 67c; corn, No. 2, 58c to 60c; oats, No. 2, 23c to 24c; rye, No. 2, 54c to 56c; butter, choice creamery, 17c to 19c; eggs, fresh, 11c to 12c; potatoes, choice, 20c to 25c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$6.00; hogs, choice light, \$3.00 to \$6.00; sheep, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, 71c to 73c; corn, No. 2 white, 41c to 42c; oats, No. 2 white, 29c to 30c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$6.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$6.75; wheat, No. 2, 71c to 73c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 38c to 40c; oats, No. 2, 25c to 27c; rye, No. 2, 56c to 57c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$6.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.75; sheep, \$2.50 to \$6.25; wheat, No. 2, 74c to 76c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 43c to 44c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 27c to 29c; rye, No. 2, 60c to 62c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$6.00; hogs, \$3.00 to \$5.75; sheep, \$3.00 to \$6.00; wheat, No. 2, 72c to 74c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 41c to 42c; oats, No. 2 white, 29c to 31c; rye, 60c to 62c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 72c to 73c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 40c to 42c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 25c to 26c; clover seed, old, \$4.85 to \$4.95.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 northern, 65c to 67c; corn, No. 3, 39c to 41c; oats, No. 2 white, 25c to 26c; rye, No. 2, 58c to 59c; barley, No. 2, 45c to 44c; pork, mess, \$12.75 to \$13.25.

Buffalo—Cattle, choice shipping steers, \$3.00 to \$6.00; hogs, common to choice, \$3.25 to \$6.25; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$5.75; lambs, common to extra, \$4.50 to \$6.00.

New York—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$6.25; hogs, \$3.00 to \$6.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$6.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 78c to 79c; corn, No. 2, 48c to 49c; oats, No. 2 white, 30c to 31c; butter, creamery, 16c to 19c; eggs, western, 12c to 14c.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

It Is Not at all Unlikely that Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews Will Accept the Chancellorship of the State University—Other Items.

Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews of Chicago returned to his home after looking over the university buildings at Lincoln. He said he would decide on the offer of the Nebraska regents in a few days. It is confidently believed he will accept the offer.

Dr. Andrews expressed great surprise and pleasure at the completeness and extent of the university plant, and with the loyal spirit shown by faculty and students. While he would not commit himself as to his own estimate of the chancellorship interest he manifested in the situation that is offered for effective labor along the lines of his life work, along with his bearing and manner, inspired the university authorities with high hopes that he will accept.

Dr. Andrews addressed a large and enthusiastic mass meeting of the students and faculty in the university chapel. He said in part:

"I did not expect to meet any of the students of the great University of Nebraska this morning, but came rather to see things, and to meet men more advanced in years than most of you. The gathering here this morning must mean that you have an extreme interest in the university of which you form a part. I hope that, whatever may come to pass, the interest of the students will continue. And I say that whether I become one of you or not, I do expect in the course of years to become a citizen of Nebraska. This is a purpose I have cherished for a number of years, since I felt toward the state as you do. 'I am glad that you are patriotic; that you believe in the state where I suppose most of you were born and bred. It is a good state to grow up in and a good state to live in. And you have reason to be proud of this university. I hope that you will cherish it in your thoughts, and when you go out of the state you will further the best interests of the university.'"

Dr. Andrews went on to speak of the work of a university, in the training of mind and body, and continued: "But, ladies and gentlemen, more important than athletics, more important than the development of our bodies, more important than the development of lung power, more important even than the training of our minds, is the development of character. I have always had a warm feeling for the University of Nebraska. I have heard that you try in a large way, not in a sectarian way, to develop character."

Professor Andrews Accepts.

A Chicago special of April 17 stated that Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews would accept the proffered chancellorship of the University of Nebraska unless conditions which have not entered into his consideration present themselves. He stated that he was favorable to acceptance to the position, but had not notified the regents of the university of his decision, preferring not to consider it final yet. Aside from questions of taste, Dr. Andrews said his attitude was forced by the state of his health.

Another dispatch from Chicago on the 18th inst. stated that Prof. Andrews had presented his resignation as superintendent of schools, to take effect May 1. After that date he will take two months' vacation, and will go to the university at Lincoln July 1.

Reward Held Up.

The reward of \$200 offered by Governor Holcomb in 1898 for the arrest and conviction of the murderer of Frank Cheesman at Brownville has been claimed by J. H. Dickinson, an ex-sheriff residing at Garner, Iowa. Dickinson claims to have arrested George H. Bay, who was afterwards found guilty of committing the crime and sentenced to ten years in the state penitentiary. The law authorizing the governor of the state to offer rewards for the capture and conviction of fugitives from justice provides that the judge before whom the criminal is convicted must furnish the governor with a certificate showing who made the capture. The absence of this proof prevented the governor from issuing a check to Mr. Dickinson at the time the claim was presented.

Prepare for the Encampment.

Local committees are busy making preparations for the reception of delegates and visitors to the state encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and Women's Relief Corps, which will be held at Beatrice May 9 and 10. The official meetings of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in the Paddock Opera House and the Women's Relief Corps in the Auditorium. Between 1,300 and 1,500 visitors are expected. The public schools have been invited to participate in public demonstrations to be given during the encampment.

Stanton Boys Leave Home.

Andre Chamberlin, aged 17 years, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Chamberlin, and George Murphy, aged 12, son of I. P. Murphy, both of Stanton, left their homes April 16 for parts unknown. Both were without money and clothing except what they wore. They were seen in South Omaha on the 17th. They had good homes and no reason is known for their action. It is supposed the elder boy enticed the younger one away.

Grand Island Considers Light Plant.

The question of establishing an electric light plant for lighting Grand Island, the plant to be operated in connection with the city water works, was considered at the last council meeting. The majority of the council and the mayor are favorable to the project, and the prospect seems good for Grand Island to be lighted by its own electric light plant at no distant day.

Clerk Files His Bonds.

Lee Herdman of Omaha whose commission as clerk of the supreme court takes effect May 1, has filed two bonds for \$10,000 each with the secretary of state to cover his first term of office.

Miss Horlocker in Sanitarium.

Miss Viola Horlocker, who was recently tried and acquitted at Hastings of the charge of attempted murder by poisoning, is now confined in a private sanitarium in the vicinity of New York, where she will be treated for physical and mental ailments.

License Granted in St. Paul.

The license question was decided at St. Paul the other night when the council granted licenses at the same rate as before, \$750. The vote stood three for license and one against.

KILLS FREE HIGH SCHOOL LAW

Supreme Court Holds It Unconstitutional on Point of Taxation.

Before adjournment the supreme court handed down decisions in several very important cases, one of which declares the free high school attendance law to be unconstitutional. The opinion in the case involving the constitutionality of the free high school attendance law, appealed from Lancaster County, holds that sections 1 and 3 of that act contravene sections 1, 4 and 6 of article ix. of the constitution of the state, which declares that the legislature may provide such revenue as may be needed by levying a tax in proportion to the value of his or her property; that the legislature shall have no power to release or commute taxes, and that all taxes for municipal purposes shall be uniform in respect to persons and property within the jurisdiction of the body imposing the same.

It was argued in this case that inasmuch as taxpayers inside the high school district must, under this act, pay the difference between the cost of tuition of nonresident pupils and the 75 cents per week allowed by the law, to be paid out of the general fund of the county, and must also pay his proportionate share of the 75 cents per week with the other taxpayers of the county in addition to bearing the whole of the expense of educating these pupils resident within the limits of the school district, the law was contrary to the provisions of the constitution relating taxation.

This suit was begun by the city of Havelock against Lancaster County to secure the allowance of claim for tuition of pupils residing outside the school district. The demurrer filed by the county was sustained and the case was appealed to the supreme court. The decision of the court will be of interest to educators, as it was largely through their efforts at the recent meeting of the State Teachers' Association that the opinion in the case was written by Judge Norval.

FARM BUILDINGS DESTROYED

Much Damage Done in the Neighborhood of Tecumseh by Storm.

A cyclonic wind storm swept a small territory four miles east of Tecumseh on the 16th inst., doing considerable damage. No lives were lost, but stock killed. Ex-Clerk of the District Court C. B. Hosick was the greatest sufferer. At his place which is tenanted by his father, A. T. Hosick, every building was destroyed except the house, and that was considerably wrecked, and a summer kitchen, demolished. The buildings were blown all over the farm. Mr. Hosick's loss is about \$800, with no insurance. Mose Roberts, Lee Woolf and others had windmills and sheds blown over, but the damage to each was slight. Numerous trees and fences were destroyed for fully three miles in the strip of the storm. A heavy, washing rain followed.

FATAL KEROSENE EXPLOSION

Beatrice Woman Burned While Trying to Light a Fire.

Mrs. Dan Huff, living in the south part of Beatrice, was fatally burned recently while trying to light the kitchen fire with kerosene. A young girl living at the home had started the fire and as it did not seem to burn well Mrs. Huff, clad in a loose wrapper, arose to assist the fire by pouring oil from a large can. The oil caught fire, the can exploded, and Mrs. Huff was instantly enveloped in a blaze of burning oil. Her husband came to her assistance, but before the flames could be put out Mrs. Huff was badly burned from her throat down, her face and hair only escaping the fire. She died shortly afterwards in great agony.

Veteran Indian Fighter Dies.

H. W. Angel, one of the veterans in the Indian war of 1883, and one of the old settlers in and about Nebraska City, is dead. He was among the volunteers from that section who went after the Indians after the massacre at Blue Springs and at Red Cloud. He never tired of telling of the various hairbreadth escapes that he had as a scout while fighting the Indians on the plains in the early days.

Hunter Shoot His Hand Off.

A. E. Root met with a very painful accident at Stanton. A shotgun in his own hands was accidentally discharged, entirely severing the left hand from the arm, just above the wrist. Mr. Root's home is at Stewart, and he was in Stanton working in the interest of the Modern Brotherhood of America and has a lodge ready to institute.

Smallpox Near Tecumseh.

A case of smallpox is reported from Crab Orchard, fifteen miles west of Tecumseh. A stranger from Kansas is stricken with the disease. He has been placed under strict quarantine in a house in the outskirts of town. The schools of the place have been temporarily closed.

Lived 45 Years in Nebraska.

William Harrison Smith, one of the oldest and most highly respected citizens of Cass County, died at his home six miles south of Plattsmouth. He came to Nebraska forty-five years ago.

The village of Monroe, after vainly trying to secure a bridge across the Loup River, has opened a ferry line.

A. E. Lane has just sold his eighty-acre farm north of Table Rock for \$5,050, which means a little over 63¢ per acre.

Mayor J. N. Kilian is being freely mentioned as the Republican nominee for congressman from the Columbus district.

Congressman Mercer is the latest suggestion for vice president, his name being frequently heard in and about the national capital.

While at work in Younger's nursery at Geneva Irving Zink, in climbing into a wagon, had his leg caught in the wheel and both bones broken just above the ankle.

The school bond proposition voted on in the Table Rock school district last week for \$10,000 to build a new brick school house, failed to carry by the required two-thirds majority.

Through the efforts of Postmaster Kramer the postoffice in Columbus has been brought up from a third to a second class office. For the fiscal year ending March 31, 1900, the receipts were \$8,188.

McComb's warehouse at Grand Island was burglarized to the extent of one Spalding chainless bicycle and two bicycle lamps. There is no clue to the burglar.

Rumors are current at McCool Junction that the St. Joseph & Grand Island Railway is going to build through from that place to Lincoln and that prominent Burlington officials are to take stock in the road.

The meeting of the Missouri Valley Turnbuck at Plattsmouth was largely attended, many turners being present from St. Joseph, Kansas City, Council Bluffs, Omaha, Lincoln, Fremont and Nebraska City.



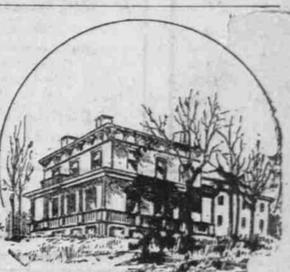
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BEAUVOIR, RECENTLY LEASED BY ADMIRAL DEWEY AS A COUNTRY HOME, AND INTO WHICH HE HAS MOVED ALL THE VALUABLES, IS A MODERNIZED COLONIAL STRUCTURE UPON THE OUTSKIRTS OF WASHINGTON. IT IS A SQUARE BUILDING SURROUNDED BY ABOUT TEN ACRES OF GROUND. IT IS LOCATED AT WOOLLY LAKE,

and for several years has been the summer residence of John R. McLean. A broad hallway divides the interior of the house. On either side of this hall there are two large rooms. Dr. Bussey of Washington originally built Beauvoir, and to the place was attached many historic memories.

According to a report received at the State Department from United States Consul William T. Fee at Bombay, the famine in India is the worst ever known in the history of that country. He says: "The season of acute distress was hardly commenced. The official estimate places the number of persons receiving Government relief at 3,500,000 at a daily expenditure of \$84,000." The consul predicts that before India is able to furnish its own supplies several million people will have died of starvation and disease.



DEWEY'S SUMMER HOUSE.

The officials of the Department of Agriculture are considerably annoyed by the continual reappearance of a fake story about millions of dollars that are being made in skunk farming in different parts of the country. The published article assumes to have been written upon information gathered at the department, and people in every part of the country are writing daily for detailed information. Secretary Wilson and all of his subordinates repudiate the story.

While the national House of Representatives was all a-murmur with general conversation one day last week, Speaker Henderson rapped loudly with his gavel and said sternly: "The chair will please preserve order." The House roared, the Speaker looked sheepish