DOUGLAS COUNTY REUNION

Veterans' Association Goes Into Camp Near Waterloo.

RUSTICATE ON BANKS OF THE ELKHORN

Spot is Named in Honor of Commander-in-Chief of G. A. R. and Many of Old Guard Are Present.

CAMP CLARKSON, WATERLOO, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—The fourth annual reunion of the Douglas County Veterans association is in full blast and promises to eclipse in point of attendance any encampment heretofore held under the auspices of the association. In honor of Commander-in-Chief Clarkson of the Grand Army of the Republic, the camp has been christened "Camp Clarkson." The camp is situated on the eastern border of the town in a cool and shady grove on the banks of the Elkhorn river. The local committees and members of the local Grand Army of the Republic post in preparing the camp grounds spared neither labor nor expense.

The festivities were inaugurated this afternoon and from this time until Friday evening the camp grounds will be the scene of much pleasure. This afternoon the members of the Waterloo Grand Army of the Republic post and the members of the association who arrived early marched to the camp grounds. Mayor Nesbit on behalf of the citizens of the town turned the camp grounds and keys of the city over to the veterans and their guests. In response to the mayor's address President Gilmore, for the association, accepted the proffered hospitality and admonished the citizens to lock their chicken house doors. In conclusion, Comrade Gilmore reviewed briefly the history of the association, its object, etc. Following the president's address Chaplain Corey prayed fervently for the good of the Old Guard and their guests, a quartet of local singers vocalized and then the encampment was in full blast.

Notwithstanding this is the first day of the reunion, the number of members and visitors from abroad is large. Captain Chittenden is here from Fort Crook with company B, Twenty-second infantry, and daily during the reunion, for the edification of the visitors who did not smell powder during the late unpleasantness, he will put his men through the various skirmish drills and as a special feature a sham battle will be fought by the regulars daily.

The various auxiliary branches of the Grand Army of the Republic have headquarters on the grounds, among which are Sheridan circle, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Waterloo; George A. Custer Women's Relief corps, Omaha; Garfield circle, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Omaha, and John M. Thurston camp, Sons of Veterans.

At the business meeting held during the afternoon letters were read from Judges W. W. Lowe, General Manderson, H. C. Russell and Judge Fawcett, stating that on account of important business matters they would be unable to attend the meeting.

The by-laws of the association were amended to read "that the officers of the association will be elected on the forenoon of the second day of the reunions and installed on the afternoon of the last day." Heretofore the officers were elected and installed on the last day of encampment.

Upon motion of Comrade Askwith, Captain Crittenden, Twenty-second United States infantry, was elected an honorary member of the association.

A feature of the afternoon was an address by Hon. W. G. Whitmore of Valley.

After supper President Gilmore turned the affairs over to Comrade Ball, who presided at the campfire. Colonel Culver, past department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, was the first speaker introduced. For the benefit of the younger people present, who were not in the service, he explained how dear to the heart of every old soldier is the privilege of participating in these meetings and being permitted to relate portions of the unwritten history of the war of the rebellion.

A quartet from South Omaha, whom Chairman Ball introduced as the "offspring of the bone of contention of the late war," sang a number of southern melodies, and after they had responded to a number of encores were the recipients of a purse of goodly proportions, contributed by the audience.

Comrade Hull took his cue from and took up the thread of the story where it was chopped off by Comrade Culver, and contributed several pages to the story of the war yet to be written. Comrade Horan, in a number of well written verses, told of the good deeds and shortcomings of a number of the prominent Grand Army of the Republic men present.

Colonel R. L. Livingstone was the last speaker of the evening and to the soldiers of the regular army he paid a glowing tribute.

The usual number of camp followers are on the grounds and are being patronized liberally. The chief attractions, however, seem to be the pavilion, where dancing is indulged in, the carousal and the "old army game."

IMPERIAL, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—The Grand Army post at this place had an interesting meeting here last Saturday. There was a large attendance present, the occasion being the initiation of two new members into the post.

CANDIDATES SHOW THEMSELVES.

Aspirants for Office Bob Up All Over the State.

PIERCE, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Talk about candidates for the county offices is now heard by the leaders of the political parties. County Treasurer Nick Wecker will be renominated without opposition. R. A. Tawney, county clerk, who has held that position for six years, will not be a candidate for renomination on the populist ticket. Some of the populist leaders say Hason Turner, now county superintendent, will be the nominee for county clerk, and friends of Charles E. Staley say he deserves it, as he has been Mr. Tawney's efficient deputy while Tawney held the office. Last week it was announced that R. E. Foreman would be the populist nominee for county judge. Mr. Foreman has been in the general merchandise business at Osmond until recently. W. F. Kirk of Plainview was mentioned last week for the office of sheriff. Another candidate for sheriff is H. G. Hamer of Osmond. He was the populist candidate two years and was the third man in the race. The democrats are still angry with the populists for not fusing with them. They have called their county convention on the same day as the populists—August 28. The democrats will certainly renominate E. C. Hase for sheriff and William H. McDonald for county judge. Harry Fullen of Osmond and Charles F. Rohrke of Hadar will be candidates for county clerk. H. H. Northup, the free silver orator of Pierce county, wants to be nominated for county sheriff. The republicans have not commenced to talk much about county officers. Only one man has announced himself for office, and that is Charles Rohrberg of Osmond, who wants to be candidate for sheriff. There will be plenty of good timber for the party to choose from.

HARRISON, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—The republican county central committee of Sioux county met here today and decided to hold only one county convention this year, and fixed its date for September 16. A straight county ticket will be put up, with fair prospects for its success, as the fusion scheme of the populists, democrats and silver republicans is not going to be as harmonious as desired by its promotors. Several of the leading populists are known to be against fusion.

SPRINGVIEW, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—The populist county central committee has issued a call for a county convention for Saturday, August 21, and the democrats have called a mass county convention on that day. This is apparently an attempt on the part of the democrats to force the populists to fuse with them on local matters. The populists have a good sized majority in the county and do not need the democrats' assistance in order to elect. A lively time is anticipated.

Franklin County Teachers.

BLOOMINGTON, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Franklin County institute commenced here yesterday and will continue one week under the management of Superintendent S. Y. Hiorti. There were 100 teachers enrolled the first day. It has been customary to make the institute a week of reviewing of studies on which the examination was taken. This will not be done this year. The presentation of the work by instructors will be highly satisfactory to the teachers, consisting exclusively of methods of teaching the various branches. The teachers are prepared for this by having attended the summer school. Lectures and entertainments have been arranged for the whole week.

RAIN PICKS OUT THE DRY SPOTS.

Showers Fall Where They Do the Most Good to Corn and Pastures.

SCHUYLER, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Late yesterday afternoon this immediate vicinity received a copious fall of rain, the total fall being 1.06 inches. Schuyler seemed to have been the center of the line of a heavy cloud that traversed the county from northeast to southwest, the northwestern and southeastern portions not getting rain at all. The line of travel of the cloud was well selected as the immediate vicinity of Schuyler, and a strip extending northeast from here have been very much missed by rain clouds of great consequence of late. Corn was the principal vegetation that needed it, but it has proven very beneficial to lawns, pastures and trees.

CHAPPELL, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—This section of the country has been favored with rain every day for the last week. Corn and grass are in excellent condition. Real estate is beginning to move and newcomers are coming to Nebraska, where the people are prosperous.

IMPERIAL, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Chase county was visited last night by another splendid rain. From all over the county reports are coming in that the fall was about two to three inches. The lagoons and low lands are full of water, and the cornfields are thoroughly saturated. A marked difference in the appearance of the corn, millet, cane and grass crops can be observed, and these crops will be much heavier than was estimated ten days ago.

CURTIS, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—A magnificent wheat harvest is just beginning to pass through the thrashing machines, showing a resulting yield of from twenty-five to forty-five bushels per acre. A four-days' rain has just ceased, giving three inches of water in the government gauge, thus finally and forever setting at rest all doubts concerning the immense corn crop, so lavishly scattered broadcast over this prolific section of Nebraska.

WHEAT NEARLY PAYS FOR HIS LAND.

Farmer Goes Into Debt for Eighty Acres and is Now Almost Clear.

MOOOL JUNCTION, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—John Stollar, a farmer living west of here, bought on time an eighty-acre farm, on which he gave mortgages for nearly all of the purchase price, amounting to about $1,500. Last week he finished thrashing winter wheat which he raised on this land and he thrashed out 2,200 bushels of the finest quality of winter wheat, for which he will receive 60 cents per bushel, returning him $1,300. This is only one of many cases in York county. Many and many a field of winter wheat is returning the farmer $10 to $15 per acre off land that is offered at $20 to $25 per acre.

EWING WILL HAVE A FLOUR MILL.

Plant to Be Ready for Business About November First.

EWING, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Ewing is to have a flour mill. Arrangements have been made by Saunders Brothers of Badger, Holt county, to erect and operate a flour mill having a capacity of fifty barrels per day. The mill will be run by water power and work has begun and will be pushed rapidly. It is expected to have the mill in working condition within ninety days. This will be a boom for Ewing.

Crops are looking splendid in this vicinity and business is brightening up.

FARMERS ROBBED BY SHELL GAME.

One Man at Falls City Drops Two Hundred Dollars.

FALLS CITY, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Bummel, Hamilton & Co.'s circus exhibited Monday. About show time it began to rain and the attendance was small, but the circus made a big haul here through the confidence men. Citizens dropped from $10 to $200 on the "sure thing" shell game. One old church member in particular saw the game, came up town, drew $200 from the bank, which he lost in less time than it took him to tell it. By the aid of the authorities he recovered $100.

Arrests His Former Employe.

DAKOTA CITY, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—A reward of $10 has been offered by Sheriff Borowsky for the arrest of Olive Ollir, who is suspected of robbing the residence of Frank Heeney, near Hubbard, on Friday evening, while the family was away from home. Ollir had been in the employ of Heeney on his farm, but was discharged about a week ago, and when he was paid off, located Heeney's possessions. About $20 in cash and a bunch of valuable papers were secured, the latter afterward being found near the premises.

Notes from Pawnee City.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—The funeral of Roy Martin, who died Saturday afternoon of typhoid fever, was held from the Methodist Episcopal church Sunday afternoon.

The Pawnee County fair, September 15, 16 and 17, is being boomed extensively.

The Woman's Christian Temperance union district convention of the First district will be held in the Presbyterian church, August 17, 18 and 19. A good program has been arranged.

Mrs. Jane Kay is Dismissed.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—The case against Mrs. Jane Kay in police court here for running a house of ill-repute was dismissed last evening. The case occupied the attention of Judge Dinsmore for three days and numerous witnesses were examined.

Farewell Party at Ashland.

ASHLAND, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—A farewell party was given at Hotel Selma this evening in honor of Miss Carrie Noyes and Miss Anna Noyes, who will soon leave with their parents for Sheridan, Wyo. About thirty young women were present to spend the evening with them.

Tramp Falls from a Train.

CHAPPELL, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—A tramp fell off a freight train last night and in falling hurt his back. He lay on the ground for several hours until picked up by passers-by. He is being taken care of by the county at present.

New Agent at York.

YORK, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—W. H. Davis, the local agent for the Burlington railroad, has been transferred from the York office to some other not yet made known. J. F. Barnes of Ulysses has assumed charge of this office.

STATE EPWORTH ASSEMBLY

Closing Session of the Campers Devoted to Business and Music.

FORT CROOK BAND SCORES A KNOCKOUT

People Pleased that the Concert Was Given Instead of a Lecture—Officers for Next Year Elected.

LINCOLN, Aug. 10.—(Special.)—The last day of the Epworth assembly was the best day in point of weather at least. Of course there were many who were sorely disappointed at the failure of Sam Jones to put in an appearance, but very few complaints were heard, and in the opinion of a great many the break in the program was more than made up by the music furnished by the Twenty-second Regiment band. While it was certain that some failed to attend because Jones would not speak, others came to hear the band whom Jones would not have attracted. During the afternoon and evening concerts the amphitheater was packed and all the available space around it was filled by people who brought chairs and by people who stood up. They were said to be two of the largest audiences ever assembled in the city. The appearance of the band in the stand was greeted with great applause, and each selection on the program was enthusiastically applauded.

During the afternoon concert the band responded to a number of encores, and at the close its conductor, Prof. E. Reichardt, received an ovation from the leaguers.

The league, at its business meeting today, elected the following officers for the coming year: President, L. O. Jones, Lincoln; vice president, C. E. Sanderson, Lincoln; corresponding secretary, Elmer E. Lesh, York; recording secretary, Charlotte Meade, Sutton; treasurer, Iva M. Howard, Edgar; Junior League superintendent, Mrs. G. W. Isham, Hastings; secretary Christian Citizenship league, R. A. Barnes, Cedar Bluffs; secretary mission work, Hattie Moulton, Weeping Water. The directors elected were: Beatrice district, Rev. C. S. Dudley; Hastings district, Rev. O. W. Fifer; Lincoln district, Rev. C. M. Shepherd; Nebraska City district, Rev. J. R. Woodcock; York district, Rev. W. J. Calfee.

At the meeting the question of location for the next assembly came up, and after a discussion the matter was left to the board and the officers for settlement, it being found advisable to figure somewhat on terms and expenses before the location was definitely selected. The business meeting was enthusiastic and full of good feeling on account of the great success of the assembly, and the officials now have a determination to make the next assembly the largest in the United States.

Resolutions of thanks were adopted and one as follows:

Resolved, That we request the executive committee to arrange in the program next year for a greater number of evangelists and pentecostal services, and that there be provided proper facilities for altar service.

CAPTURE TWO HARNESS THIEVES.

Eugene and Calvin Hiscox in Jail and Much Plunder Recovered.

TEKAMAH, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—About four weeks ago Sheriff Langford of this county captured a wagonload of harness, stolen from the vicinity of Lemars, Ia. Mr. Langford got trace of the outfit and pursued them so closely that they deserted the wagon, leaving one horse. The wagon contained thirteen sets of harness, four saddles, eight sets of fly nets and a kit of carpenter tools, all of which were reclaimed by citizens about Lemars. After leaving the plunder the thieves made north on to the reservation. The sheriff finding where they stopped en route learned that they were Eugene and Calvin Hiscox, the latter being one of those arrested and tried here last fall for the murder of Fred L. Sellers at Oakland. Shadowing them closely, Sheriff Langford succeeded in effecting their arrest at Yankton, S. D., and brought them to Tekamah last night to await the arrival of the Iowa authorities. From evidence developed by the sheriff it is plain that these two men are desperate crooks of considerable importance. He found that near Crawford, Neb., they have secreted seventeen head of horses and a large amount of plunder, consisting largely of harness and saddles. The horses were nearly all, if not all, traded for with stolen harness, and it was the intention of the Hiscoxs to ship the horses south and dispose of them this fall. Citizens of Crawford say that the two boys camped in a tent there several weeks and traded harness all the time. They went heavily armed all the time, as though determined to resist arrest if officers found them. Calvin Hiscox gives evidence of being a desperate criminal, although his gentlemanly demeanor during his long imprisonment in the jail here, while awaiting trial for the Sellers murder, gained him some sympathy. A cousin, Grant Hiscox, who remained behind in Iowa, is connected with the gang. He was also one of the defendants in the Sellers case, as was also Calvin Hiscox's sister, who was mistress of the murdered man.

COMMENCEMENT AT WAYNE NORMAL.

Thirty-Three Graduates Will Go Forth from the College.

WAYNE, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—The sixth annual commencement exercises of the Normal college of this city are now in progress. Thirty-three students will graduate, thirty-one from the teachers department and two from the scientific department.

The exercises began Friday, August 6 with a literary program by the Philomathian society of the college, followed on Saturday evening with another by the Crescent Literary society. The baccalaureate sermon was preached on Sunday by Rev. H. J. Haperman of Dakota City. Monday and today are devoted to the teachers' department, Wednesday to the conservatory department, Thursday to the scientific department and Saturday will be the day of the college alumni banquet.

Pythian Picnic at Ashland.

ASHLAND, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—The Knights of Pythias lodges of this city held their first annual picnic at Dey Street park today. Members of lodges from Havelock, Waverly and Plattsmouth were present. A ball game was played between the home team and the team from Havelock, which resulted, 18 to 6, in favor of the Ashland team. The Havelock band was present and dispersed music throughout the day. The town was thronged with people.

John M. Stahl at the Chautauqua.

SALEM, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—The enthusiasm at the interstate chautauqua is unabated. The crowds still come and Rev. Sam Small, as platform manager, keeps the program moving and the people happy. Hon. John M. Stahl of Chicago lectured to the farmers in the forenoon, and A. W. Hawks of Baltimore, Md., in the afternoon convulsed his audience through his lecture on "Sunshine." A miscellaneous concert, of which the Slayton Jubilee singers were the leading attraction, closed a successful day.

EARLY MORNING FIRE AT LINCOLN.

Fullerton Brothers' Grocery Store on O Street is Burned.

LINCOLN, Aug. 11.—(Special Telegram.)—The frame building at the corner of Thirteenth and O streets, occupied by Fullerton Brothers' grocery store, caught fire this morning shortly after 1 o'clock. The upper story was burned out. The building belonged to the George Tucker estate, and was considered a fire trap. Fullerton Brothers carried about $1,500 stock of groceries, which is badly damaged by fire and water. George N. Thompson, jeweler, and Sadie Puckett, milliner, in an adjoining building, suffer some damage from water. The Coughlin Fruit company has a small loss.

So far as learned at this hour none of the parties except Coughlin carried insurance. Those who first saw the fire say they heard two explosions and then the blaze flared up in the upper story, which was used as a store room. The fire is supposed to have been incendiary.

FIVE THOUSAND ARE EXPECTED.

Modern Woodmen Will Have Monster Picnic at Wayne.

WAYNE, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—The second annual picnic of the Northeastern Nebraska Log Rolling association, Modern Woodmen of America, will be held here Thursday of this week, and the business men and local Woodmen are making arrangements for a big time. Nearly every town in Northeastern Nebraska will have large delegations here, as excursions will be run on all branch lines of the railways. It is expected that 5,000 people will be present and many bands. Lieutenant Governor Northcote of Illinois will deliver the principal address. There will be all kinds of amusements. Decoration of the business houses is already in progress. About forty lodges will take part in the picnic, to which everybody is invited.

Frank Mitchell Secures Bail.

YORK, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Frank Mitchell, recently arrested by the deputy United States marshal for illegally selling liquor at this place, has secured bond for $1,000 and has returned from Lincoln to await the action of the grand jury this fall.

Sioux County Fair Dates.

HARRISON, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—The Sioux County Agricultural society met today and arranged for holding a county fair this fall. The dates are September 14, 15 and 16. Sioux county will also send an exhibit to the State fair.

Leaves the Old Town for a New.

ASHLAND, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—Colonel T. B. Pickett left for Greenwood today, where he will start a new paper. He has been in the newspaper business for a number of years in this city.

New Principal at Fullerton.

FULLERTON, Neb., Aug. 10.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the school board last evening Mr. E. S. Nickerson of Gretna, Neb., was elected principal of the Fullerton schools for the ensuing year.

SHOTS FAIL OF THEIR PURPOSE.

Anton Martinek Misses His Wife and Then Tries to Commit Suicide.

Anton Martinek, a one-legged shoemaker of Gibson, concluded a week's round of dissipation yesterday morning by severely beating his wife. The woman was repeatedly knocked down, her face badly cut, and one eye closed. As soon as she could get away from her drunken husband, she hurried to this city and swore out a warrant for his arrest. Hearing of the issuance of the warrant Martinek swore that he would never be taken alive and going into an old bureau drawer brought forth a rusty gun which has not seen service for years. As his wife appeared in the doorway upon her return, Martinek, who was in waiting, shot at her, but the ball missed its mark. The woman ran screaming from the house and aroused the neighbors. During her absence her husband turned the gun upon himself and fired. The bullet passed through his body about an inch above the left nipple, inflicting a painful but not necessarily mortal wound.

Shortly after the shooting took place Officers Barnes and Baldwin, who were detailed to serve the warrant, arrived upon the scene and found Martinek lying on the floor where he had fallen. As the officers entered, he arose and seating himself in a chair coolly filled his pipe and began to smoke. The loss of blood, however, which he had suffered rendered him weak and he fell in a swoon. He was later removed in the patrol wagon to St. Joseph's hospital. He will probably recover.

FRIENDS CALL ON JOHN JENKINS.

Farewell Visit Upon His Departure for San Salvador.

John Jenkins, the newly appointed consul of the United States for San Salvador, was tendered a very pleasant surprise at his residence on Sherman avenue last evening by a few of his friends, members of Nebraska lodge No. 1, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, prior to his departure for that country.

Mr. Jenkins spoke in a brief manner of the new field in which he is about to enter, giving a very interesting description of the inhabitants and their mode of living, etc., and said that he proposed to do all in his power to merit the confidence reposed in him by the appointment to the position assigned.

John D. Howe made a few remarks, in which he alluded to the fact that Mr. Jenkins would be missed very much by his friends, and after a few hours spent in social conversation, the party bade the consul goodbye.

Mr. Jenkins leaves Omaha Thursday of this week. His family will remain in Omaha for the present.

Ask the Police for Protection.

Mrs. Bertha Graham, living near Tenth and Chicago streets, applied at the police station last night for protection against her husband. She stated that he came home about 9 o'clock and after beating her threatened to shoot her if she did not keep out of the house. The matter will be investigated by the police today.

Police Raid Wine Rooms.

The police made an effort last night to round up the many wine rooms of the city. Five women giving the names of Alice Clark, Bertha Golden, Fay Devere, Emma Duncan and Lizzie Mahon were taken from the wine rooms operated by Billy Huston on lower Farnam street, and from the saloon of Ike Gulll on North Sixteenth street. The police state they will continue the work until the practice of the women visiting the places is stopped.

FOSTER'S COURSE DEFENDED

State Department Answers the Charges Made by Prof. Elliott.

HAS BEEN SAILING UNDER FALSE COLORS

His Report on the Seal Islands So Prejudiced that Secretary Blaine Declined to Present It to Congress.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—The State department has made answer to the charges preferred again John W. Foster by Prof. Henry J. Elliott in his letter to Assistant Secretary Day. The State department says: "Prof. Elliott is not now nor has he been for several years connected with the Smithsonian institution or any other department of the government. In 1890 he made a report on the seal islands as an agent of the Treasury department, but it was so full of inaccurate statements, betraying such a want of scientific knowledge, was so hostile to the interests of the United States and was written in such a prejudiced spirit that Secretary Blaine declined to send it to congress or allow it to be printed. From that date Prof. Elliott ceased to have any connection with the government, and the officials say he has lost no opportunity to attack every step taken by it on the subject and to abuse all persons having any official relation with sealing matters. His report was printed by the British government and was strongly relied upon by the British counsel before the tribunal to overthrow the position of the United States."

SKILLED LABOR SHOWS A GAIN.

Census Statistics Note an Improvement Among Working Classes.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Comparative figures compiled by the Department of Labor in the form of deductions from the last census statistics, relating to workers at gainful occupations, point to the fact that persons at work, especially females, have increased very much faster than the population at large. As a result the statement shows that the proportion of workers relative to the total population and to the whole number of people of the respective ages was considerably greater in 1890 than at the preceding census periods, and that this increased proportion is apparent for each of the great classes of occupations, except agriculture, fisheries and mining. All this the statement sets out, shows the increasing disinclination of our population to follow agricultural pursuits. This demonstrates that the increased portion of workers is found generally in the higher walks of business life and in those occupations which call for skilled labor. The conclusion is accordingly stated to be inevitable that the great body of workers has, as a whole, progressed and risen perceptibly in the social scale of life.

WARNING TO THE GOLD SEEKERS.

Secretary Bliss Sets Out the Conditions in Alaska.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Secretary Bliss has taken cognizance of the rush to see the Klondike gold fields and Alaska, and has issued the following warning to the general public:

In view of information received at this department that 2,000 persons with 2,000 tons of baggage and freight are now waiting at the entrance to White Pass, in Alaska, for an opportunity to cross the mountains to the Yukon river, and that many more are preparing to join them, I deem it proper to call the attention of all who contemplate making that trip to the exposure, privation, suffering and danger incident thereto at this advanced period of the season, even if they should succeed in crossing the mountains. To reach Dawson City, when over the pass, 500 miles of difficult navigation will still be before them, and it is doubtful if the journey can be completed before the river is closed by ice.

I am moved to draw public notice to these conditions by the gravity of the possible consequences to people detained in the mountainous wilderness during five or six months of an arctic winter, where no relief can reach them however great the need.

C. N. BLISS,
Secretary of the Interior.

ARE GETTING DOWN TO BUSINESS.

Armor Plate Commission Looking Over Evidence on Hand.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—The naval armor board was in session again today in the Ordnance Bureau offices, devoting nearly all of the time to a study of the accumulated information in the Navy department bearing on the subject of their investigation. Of this there is a great store, including the great mass of data collected for the benefit of Secretary Herbert when he reported to congress upon the cost of production of armor and also the material collected in pursuance of the investigation into the defective armor supplied some years ago by one of the firms. The board has arranged for a visit to Bethlehem and also to Carnegie's armor works. Bethlehem will be visited Monday morning. Just how long a stay will be made there has not yet been settled, but from there the board will go to Carnegie's plant near Pittsburg. Both of the armor makers have volunteered to admit the members of the board individually to the interior of their establishments and to furnish all proper information called for, which removes an expected obstacle to the investigation.

GOOD OUTLOOK FOR COTTON CROP.

Southern States Report an Increase in Average Condition.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—The returns for cotton to the Department of Agriculture indicate an average condition of 85.9 on August 1, as compared with 86.0 on July 1, an increase of nine-tenths of 1 point. The average condition August 1, 1896, was 89.1 and the average condition on August 1 for the last ten years is 86.1. There has been a decided improvement in Georgia, North Carolina and South Carolina, where the conditions have advanced 10, 7 and 6 points respectively. In the lower Mississippi valley the improvement is much less marked and in Texas there is a decline of 10 points. The averages of the states are as follows: Virginia, 99; Louisiana, 90; North Carolina, 97; South Carolina, 92; Georgia, 95; Florida, 88; Alabama, 88; Mississippi, 85; Texas, 78; Arkansas, 90; Tennessee, 84; Missouri, 85; Indian Territory, 94; Oklahoma, 86.

Public Baths of Europe.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Some facts as to the conduct of public baths in Europe are given in the current monthly bulletin of the Department of Labor. It shows that the movement to provide baths and wash house facilities, which originated in England in 1842, has spread widely in Great Britain and on the continent. It notes that the establishment of public wash houses in connection with bath houses of the combined swimming and cleanliness type is not so common as in the early years of the movement. The success of the movement in Germany in establishing workingmen's baths of the shower bath type is cited as evidence that the simpler and less expensive forms can be most profitably introduced by American cities in their first attempts to provide working classes with adequate baths for cleansing and refreshment.

FINDS PLENTY OF PROSPERITY.

Captain Wilson Talks in Washington of Crops Out West.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Acting Commissioner of Internal Revenue Wilson has recently returned from an extensive trip through the west, and brings a personal report confirmatory of increasing business. He said that throughout Nebraska, Iowa and Kansas signs of prosperity among the people are becoming daily more visible. At Omaha, one of the largest distilling firms in the west reported an increase of 30 per cent in its business last month. Captain Wilson visited the great packing houses and found them all busy. One firm reported that its shipments averaged forty-five carloads a day and on the day Captain Wilson was there seventy carloads went out. Wheat, corn and oats crops in the western states are the largest they have had for years and prices are steadily rising.

The comptroller of the currency today made public an abstract of the reports from the four national banks at Des Moines, Ia., of their condition July 23. It shows total resources of $4,685,292; loans and discounts aggregation of $2,355,288; and reserve on hand and deposited with reserve agents, $1,325,928, of which $302,102 was gold. Deposits amount to $1,441,932, and the average reserve held was 27.70 per cent.

W. H. Crary of Omaha is in the city. In an interview in a local paper he is credited with nominating W. J. Bryan for congress and is classed among the leading democrats of the state.

C. C. Woodworth of Omaha is in town.

It is expected at the State department that Judge Osborne, the newly appointed consul general to Apia, will qualify some time next week.

APPLIES TO ALL HOMESTEADERS.

Law Intended They Should Have a Quarter Section of Land.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Assistant Attorney General Vandeveer of the Interior department has prepared and Acting Secretary Ryan today approved of a decision which will be of considerable interest to the public land states.

Section 6 of the act of March 2, 1889, authorized those who had partially exercised their homestead privilege to make an additional entry of public land so as to make a full quota of 160 acres. Heretofore this section has been construed as applying only to those who had partially exercised their homestead privilege before the passage of the act. The decision says that it was the evident intention of congress to provide a means whereby every homesteader might acquire title to 160 acres of land, notwithstanding a prior partial exercise of the homestead right.

News for the Army.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Lieutenant Colonel Francis E. Lacey, Third infantry, has been placed on the retired list.

Captain Millard F. Waltz, Twelfth infantry, has been relieved from duty at the Memphis (Tenn.) institute.

Leaves of absence: Captain Augustus F. Blockson, Sixth cavalry, forty-five days; Lieutenant Arthur Thayer, Third cavalry, four months; Lieutenant Frank Tompkins, Seventh cavalry, forty days, with permission to apply for thirty days' extension; Lieutenant Willis Uline, Eleventh infantry, extended twenty-four days.

Private Harry L. Trowbridge, company G., Twenty-second infantry, Fort Crook, has been transferred to the hospital corps as a private.

Involves a Nice Question.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—The State department has not yet received the application from the British government for permission to run a telegraph line through the United States territory connecting the gold fields of the Klondike with the outer world. It is said that the application will raise a new question only comparable to that which was involved in the establishment of the mixed mail route in Alaska, which gave rise so much talk.

Not Destined for Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—The government will order the release of the schooner Blanche Morgan, now detained at Bridgeport, Conn., as a suspected filibuster. Captain Verry, representing the government at the Bridgeport ammunition works, was at the department today and stated that the ammunition found on the Morgan belonged to the government and was being shipped to New York.

July Imports of Sugar.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—The treasury statement of imports of sugar shows that the July importations at the six principal ports, Baltimore, Boston, New Orleans, New York, Philadelphia and San Francisco, aggregated 178,094,060 pounds, valued at $4,152,245. Of this amount 43,009,113 pounds, valued at $1,242,863, came in free under the reciprocity treaty with Hawaii.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $228,976,987; gold reserve $140,796,434.

Harbors a Vicious Dog.

Robert Houghton, a teamster living at 3629 Burdette street, has been arrested for maintaining a vicious dog. The complaint was sworn out by a neighbor, who alleges that the canine in question extracted a large section of his trousers while he wasn't looking. He is of the opinion that the dog ought to be shot.

Forfeiting His Parole.

Howard Hammond, alias Charles Cadwood, was picked up by the police in the lower section of the town last night and locked up as a suspicious character. Cadwood is a paroled convict and has failed to report at Lincoln at proper intervals. He was arrested on request of the state authorities.

THE REALTY MARKET.

INSTRUMENTS placed on record Tuesday, August 10, 1897:

WARRANTY DEEDS.

Maxwell & F. Co. to B. A. and J. H. Kritenbrink, lot 14, block 1, Maxwell & F's add	$ 450
M. S. Lawrence to John Fox, lot 6, block 64, South Omaha	1,000
Peter Hansen to J. P. Jacobson, lot 35, block 1, Himebaugh & F's sub	165
W. J. Mount and wife to M. J. Truland, e 50 feet lot 6, block 2, Reed's 1st	100
Druid Hill Building Association to Christina Bedell et al, lot 15, block 3, Druid Hill	1,700
DEEDS.	
Sheriff to E. R. Mathis, w 35 feet of n½ lot 2, Buell's sub	1,601
Same to Christ Selker, n½ lot 1 and e 15 feet of n½ lot 2, same	1,601
Total amount of transfers	$ 6,017

REFORM IN CIVIL SERVICE

Dr. Hale Delivers an Address on the Subject Before Scientists.

SENTIMENT GROWING IN THIS COUNTRY

Governor Black of New York is Bitterly Denounced—Signs of the Times Point to Municipal Ownership.

DETROIT, Aug. 10.—Members of the American Association for the Advancement of Science were still arriving when the day's session began. The general council, after a short morning session, adjourned until tonight, when it is expected that candidates for office and the next place of meeting will be discussed.

Today's general session was brief and was occupied mainly in announcements. The botanical branch met this morning and elected officers to fill the vacancies, J. J. Davis of Racine, Wis., being named as president and F. F. Woods of Washington, secretary. Permanent officers were elected members.

Members of the American Chemical society are visiting the Detroit laboratories and manufactories today. The programs of scientific addresses and discussions before the several sections of the association this afternoon were extensive and for the most part largely attended. Most of the papers read were by specialists distinguished in their respective lines.

REFORM IN CIVIL SERVICE.

Proceedings were enlivened by a criticism of Governor Black of New York by William H. Hale, Ph.D., of Brooklyn, before the section of social and economic science. Dr. Hale's subject was "Civil Service Reform." He said in part:

Last year at Buffalo I presented to the association a discussion of the currency question, and later I had the satisfaction that the people of the United States, by an emphatic vote, adopted the view for which I then contended. At that time a great political party, holding what I regard as sound views on this question, was convened to nominate a candidate for the office of governor of the state of New York, and selected for that office a young man. This man, Frank S. Black, an alien to the state by birth, was declined to fill the chief executive office and to become the most bitter and formidable opponent that the merit system ever met.

For several decades there has been gradually growing up in England and America a system of testing by competitive examinations the fitness of persons to be appointed to public offices. Results have been in the main satisfactory to taxpayers and distasteful only to professional politicians, who look on public offices as spoils and upon taxpayers as fit subjects to plunder. The system was adopted to a limited extent by the state of New York in 1883, long before the advent of Black within our borders, and steadily increased in efficiency and in favor with the people. Governor Black signalized his accession to office by embodying in his annual message to the legislature a recommendation that legislation be had which would authorize the appointment of employes in the civil service at the foot of the list first, which is evidently forbidden by the constitution. The legislature had not the temerity to carry out this audacious suggestion, but near the close of the session it passed a bill, which the governor prepared, providing that examination for merit should be held by the Civil Service commission and should count only 50 per cent, and that examinations for fitness should be held by persons holding the power to make appointments and should also count 50 per cent and the total percentage of persons examined should be ascertained by adding the results of both examinations. The rules, which finally adopted, had been so modified at Governor Black's suggestion as to assist spoilsmen to the full extent permitted by the constitution, if not more.

Referring to the relationship of civil service reform to the question of state and municipal ownership of quasi-public works, Dr. Hale said:

There are many obvious advantages in having a responsible government control and operate all franchises which use public highways and supply public necessities. It is well that the comfort and convenience of the people who are supplied by these monopolies be made the paramount consideration. Strikes and boycotts, the bane of street railway systems, would thus be averted or minimized. I believe this country is on the eve of a vast extension of municipal ownership and control of systems to supply light, heat, transportation, etc. Perhaps there is danger of too sudden and extensive a movement in this direction. Work of this kind requires skill, industry and experience and the careful selection of men. The system of reformed civil service which aims to secure and to a large extent succeeds in securing the best men for the performance of public duties affords the only economical, and, therefore, the only practical solution of the problem of governmental administration of these natural monopolies for the public good.

More Trouble Brewing in Chinatown.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 10.—Warning notices, evidently directed against the Chinese Society for English Education, have been posted on the dead walls of Chinatown. Without being named, the society is pointed at as having levied blackmail on women of ill-repute imported from China. The poster says: "Lives have been lost before for such little things and they may be lost again." It is signed "Mook Ching Society." It has caused considerable consternation. The police, who have torn down the notices, treat the matter seriously and think there will soon be more murders in the Chinese quarter.

Inflated His Baby Brother.

PITTSBURG, Aug. 10.—Mrs. George Ruthman of Beaver Falls heard a peculiar noise on the back porch of her residence. She found that her son, aged 7, had inserted the tube of a bicycle pump in the mouth of her 1-year-old boy and was filling him full of wind as fast as he could work the pump handle. The infant was unconscious and its little stomach was inflated like a balloon. The mother pulled the tube from the child's mouth and the air followed with a sharp sound like the exhaust of an air-brake on a railway train. The baby recovered consciousness.

Honors the Requisition.

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