# THE END ON FRIDAY.

Gladstone Notified That He Will Be Summoned by Victoria That. Day.

SALISBURY WILL RESIGN

And the Grand Old Man Will Be Given the Reins of Government.

BLAKE, THE CANADIAN, SPEAKS.

France at Last Jumps Upon Poor Little Dahomey With Loth Feet.

QUITE AN EARTHQAKE IN GERMANY

LONDON, Aug. 10,-Mr. Gladstone to-day received a communication from General Sir Henry F. Ponsonby, Private Secretary to the Queen, announcing that arrangements are being made for his reception on Friday at Osborne House, the Queen's residence on the Isle of Wight, whither Mr. Gladstone will proceed in response to a summons from Her Majesty. The object of the Queen in summoning Mr. Gladstone to Osborne House is to entrust to him the formation of a new Government.

Lord Salisbury is expected at Osborne Honse to-morrow to tender the resignation of the present Government upon the adoption by the House of Commons of the "no confidence" amendment to the address in reply to the Queen's speech.

Hon. Edward Blake, formerly Premier of Ontario, who was elected in the recent campaign to represent South Longford in Parliament, addressed a meeting of the Home Rule Union of London to-night. He spoke in the same general manner as he did during the speech which he delivered at the Eighty Club dinner, given in his honor Thursday.

An Eye to Future Py~ Etections He pointed out the necessity of continued

work in order to capture all possible byeelections for the home rule cause. Viewed in the light of a curious tendency to equality in popular opinion, he said, the Liberal majority is a substantial one. Conservacut the majority into sections, declaring the majority had emenated from Ire-land, and therefore did not count. Would they have said that if the circumstances had been reversed and Ireland had declared against home rule?

The Liberals must be prepared for ex-

aggerated accounts of Irish outrages in the Tory papers. That was part of their game. If the Protestants in the various parts of Ireland were to combine—he hoped they would not-they could get what terms they liked from either side of the divided majority. He recommended to them an altogether different policy, namely, to banish for ever from the arena all religious questions and to join hands with the Catholics and discuss intelligible differences of opinion instead of the character of their creeds or the color of their hair

Democracy Put to the Test, Doubtless there would be blunders and friction is inaugurating the new regime in Ireland—bearings would get heated, pipes burst and steam escape—but that would

He did not idealize democracy. He beequal to the task. The characteristics will be of the English nation are steadiness in resolution and energy in action—to advence slowly and never to retreat. There fore, English reforms are durable and blessed. Let them advance, and soon the dawn now visible would blaze into the perfect sunshine of the blessed day of reconciliation for joyful and regenerated Ireland, no longer the weakness, despair and sham, but the strength, the pride and the glory of the United Kingdom. When Mr. Blake had concluded his ad-

dress he was greeted with long prolonged

#### QUAKING IN GERMANY. Wild Panies Caused by the Shocks in a Number of Large Cities,

BERLIN, Aug. 10 .- At 8:50 o'clock this morning an earthquake was felt at Ems, Coblenz and Nieder Lahnstein. The movement lasted for 10 seconds. At Neider Lahnstein the shock was so severe that a number of chimneys were thrown down and the people were in great fear for their lives The school house at this place was deluged and the scholars were panic stricken. Wild rushes were made for the doors and windows, and some of the smaller children were hurt in the scramble to escape from building, which it was thought would

At Coblenz, when the people realized that an earthquake was prevailing, they precipitately left their dwellings and made their way to the open spaces. Many of the people who are visiting the place for their health were taking their early morning bath at the time of the shock. They hastily threw about themselves scanty coverings and left the bathing houses as quickly as possible. By the time they reached the streets, however, the movement had ceased. So far no report of any serious damage has been received.

### THE DAHOMEY WAR BEGINS.

French Gunboats Bombard Every Coas Town and Land an Expedit Parts, Aug. 10 .- A dispatch from Ko tonou states that the French forces began hostilities against the Dahomeyans vester-

day. Every point on the coast held by the Dahomeyans, including Whydah, was bom-Abomey and Kalavy were also The guns of the fort at Kotonou sided

two dispatch boats to sweep the flat country around Kotonou. The expedition inland will start from Porto Novo. Later advices from Kotonou are that the

French soldiers are burning villages seven miles in the interior. They found the Dahomeyans lying in ambush for them, and in the fight which ensued the French loss was two killed and ten wounded. The Dahomeyans suffered heavily, many of their warriors having been left lying dead on the

### TANGIER IN GREAT DANGER.

TANGIER, Aug. 10.-This evening 2,000

Moorish Troops Twice Defeated and Driven to the Capital by Tribesmen.

of the Sultan's troops made two attacks ported much worse last night. upon the rebellious Angherite tribesmen. and were each time driven back in great disorder. Orders were finally given for the troops to retreat, and the forces, in a badly demoralized condition, made their way to the camp at Tangier.

Considerable excitement prevails in the city, as it is feared the tribesmen, in the first flush of their victory, may attempt an

attack upon the city.

Quarrels Knock Us Out of a Cardinal. LONDON, Aug. 10,-The Pope's desire to make an American Cardinal at the next consistory has been frustrated by the di-vergence of the views of Archbishops Corrigan and Ireland. The Pope bas resolved | PATCH.

90 EXCURSIONISTS DROWN. Further Particulars of the Disaster Off the

Blenk Coast of Finland

ST. PETERSBURG, Aug. 10.-The pleasure steamer that was reported Monday as having been run down outside of Helsingfors was named the Ajax. She was a coaster and left Helsingtors on Sunday with 100 ex-cursionists on board. Her return was delayed and she arrived off Helsingfors after midnight. When the narrowest part of the channel was reached the steamer Runeberg was met going out. The Ajax tried to cross the course of the Runeberg, but the vessels

The excursionists, after the collision, ran hither and thither, wildly shricking for help. All discipline was lost and the crew help. All discipline was lost and the crew made a rush for the boats. But there was no time to east them loose, for in a minute after she struck the Ajax sank and the Runeberg went aground. Those on board the Runeberg threw overboard life buoys, boxes, chairs, in fact, anything that would fact, and help the general the record that would fact the deal of the struck that would be the control of the struck that would be the struck that the struc float and help to support the people strug-gling in the water. At the same time her boats were lowered away and pulled in the dark, guided by the cries of the drowning, and succeeded in saving a number of the passengers and crew of the Ajax. The first report of the accident stated that 45 persons were lost, but later reports show that the number was much greater. Ninety persons are reported to be missing and of this number the bodies of 35 have been re-

#### LIBERATED BY INGENUITY.

A German Prisoner Wins His Freedom by

Inventing an Improved Cannon. BERLIN, Aug. 10.-The inventive genius of an officer named Thomas, of the German artillery, who in 1884 was sentenced at Halle to 11 years' imprisonment for treason, has stood him in good stead in having his sentence commuted, and will probably result in a material improvement in his financial condition. During his leisure moments in prison Thomas devoted himself to the study of artillery devices. He invented a process which is a great improvement on the method now employed in the construction

He informed the prison authorities of his invention, and they in turn notified the Government. Officers belonging to the artillery branch of the service were dispatched to the prison, and to them Thomas revealed the details of the invention. They at once saw that the prisoner had made a most valuable discovery, and communicated the knowledge to the War Department. The department recommended the release of Thomas, and to-day the papers were re-ceived at the prison, giving the prisoner his liberty.

Cholera's Record Yesterday.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 10.-Advices from Teheren, the capital of Persia, show that the cholera is increasing in virulence there. The deaths in the city now average 60 daily. An official report, just issued, shows that on Sunday there were reported from all the cholera infected districts of Russia 4,261 new cases of the disease. On the same day 2,177 persons died of cholera.

#### A PASSPORT QUITE HANDY.

o Thinks on East New York Hotel Propri eter Who Is Detained in Germany.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10-[Special.]-Henry C. Breden, proprietor of the Howard House at East New York, is a native of Germany, and two months ago he decided to visit his old home. A host of friends went down the bay to give him a fitting send-off, the day he sailed. In his letters from Germany Mr. Breden has spoken of the fine time he lieves it is being put to the severest test as to whether it would be able to use its new was having. The one before the last said power with wisdom, self-restraint and distance would write but one more before day, and in it was a request that his natur-alization papers be sent him at once, as he was detained by the German Government, and unless his papers could be produced he would have to remain there under military

surveillance for two years.

The Howard House has been turned up side down and inside out, but the naturali-zation papers cannot be found. The hunt is still going on. Joseph H. Winters, as-sistant clerk of the Court of Sessions in Brooklyn, who issues passports, says that he tried to induce Breden, who is an old friend of his, to take a passport and avoid possible trouble, but the latter declined. Mr. Breden was naturalized in this city in

### THE CANADIAN TOLLS

Canal Rebates to Be Withdrawn, but No Official Announcement Yet.

TORONTO, Aug. 10 .- The Mail, alluding to the conflicting official and semi-official reports on the subject of the intentions of the Government with respect to the canal tolls, says:

It will, no doubt, be found that the posi-tion is really this: The Government has discussed the subject in Council and has practically decided to withdraw the rebate, but has not rendered its decision to the Governor General in official form, and therefore, unable to announce it. Th is a disposition to assail the ministers for is a disposition to assail the ministers for what is termed their approaching back-down. This is not wise. The ministers may be blamed for entering upon a policy in respect of which adverse representations have been made from the other side without first counting the cost and determining upon the possibility of continuing it; but it is a false national pride which insists that they shall pursue a course which in the and they shall pursue a course which in the end may lead to further difficulties. If the Government intends, as it is believed it does, to abolish the rebate, it ought to do so before the American law placing an embargo upon Canadian vessels at the Sault comes into

### The Collis Train Bobbers

REEDLEY, CAL., Aug. 10 .- Two men, about sunset last night, saw a man in a cart a mile east and north of Dinuba. Two mer on horseback joined him. The man in the on horseback joined him. The man in the cart was very lame in the left leg. He said to Ten Eyek that his horse was nearly played out. The three men remained together near the railfoad until after dark. They are thought to be the Collis train robbers, but the direction they took has not been ascertained.

Diamonds in California. California mineralogists believe that

there is excellent chance of California peing a great diamond producing region at some time. Melvin Atwood, one of the discoverers of the Comstock lode and a noted mineralogist, believes that there is great probability of finding in California one or even more of the volcanic pipes con-taining diamonds like that at Kimberley, Bultfontein, and other famous diamond dis-

Postmaster Gilleland's Condition. Postmaster Gilleland, of Allegheny, who has been seriously ill for some time, but who was said to be improving, was re-

The demand for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhea Remedy is steadily growing, from the fact that all who give it a trial are pleased with the results and recommend it to their neighbors. We feel sure that the remedy cannot be recommended too highly.

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WAGLEY & SMEAD, Druggists,
Newton, Ia.

Prople Coming Homa Are now seeking good rooms for the fall. So if you wish your vacuant room occupied advertise it at once in the Rooms to Let centa-word advertising columns of THE Dis-

to appoint the Very Rev. Charles John Vaughn, Bishop of Westminister, to the cardinalate at the earliest opportunity. And Still the Twenty-First District

Republicans Cannot

AGREE ON A SUCCESSOR TO HUFF. The Young Pittsburger Issues a Notice Tell-

Nebraska Republicans Put Up a Candidate Who Is Not a Citizen.

CROUNSE IS NOT YET READY TO LET GO

IFROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT. PUNXSUTAWNEY, Aug. 10.-At 8 o'clock o-night the adjourned conference of the Twenty-first Congressional district convened here. The organization is the same W. D. Patterson, of Armstrong, is Chairman, and J. O. Edelbute, of Jefferson, Secretary. Eight ballots were taken to-night and then an adjournment was ordered till

to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. Colonel Huff and W. C. Bond were the candidates receiving the highest number of votes. The same conferees are here that attended the Kiskiminetas conference The four candidates are making a hard fight for the nomination, but it is now the opin-ion that a selection can be made without appealing to the State Committee.

Since the deadlock at Saltaburg there

have been some changes in the situation which cannot help bring about a satisfactory ending. The conference is likely to last several days, but a break is then looked for, and when it is once made the nomina-tion will follow shortly.

Captain James 8. Nesbit, the Indiana county candidate, has a goodly number of Indiana's representative people with him. They will battle to give the old soldier a

Hard Fights on Every Hand. D. B. Heiner, of Armstrong, comes to Punxsutawney unattended, save for his three conferees. He is going to make a hard fight, and claims that he should have the office, as his county has not had a rep-resentative for 25 years or more. W. C. Bond, the Jefferson man, is in reality at home, and every one in the town is putting in a good word for him.

Colonel George F. Huff, of Westmore

land, the district's present Congressman, came to Punxsutawney with a band of a came to Punxautawney with a band of a dozen or more lieutenants. They are West-moreland county's best men and will cer-tainly make their wishes felt. The Colonel wants the nomination, and his chances are at least as good as any one in the field. The impression is that when the break is made it will be toward Mr. Huff. Indiana and Jefferson counties are in the same Sena-torial district, and the same sena-torial district, and the year they have a State Senator to elect. The candidates are Captain James Mitchell, of Jefferson, and Hon. M. C. Watson, of Indiana. An or so ago the first co ference was held. It

proved a failure, and about two weeks ago another was held, but it was less fruitful than the first. It caused more or less hard feeling in the district. Left to Fight Out the Battle.

The two candidates went to Philadelphia last week, and asked the State Committee last week, and asked the State Committee to act. That body refused and sent them back home to fight it out. At the present time the third and in all probability the last conference is being held in Brookville. The conference are balloting without coming near a result. It is understood that this will be kept up until the Congressional conference shows what it intends to do, as some people think the one depends upon the other.

It is said the State Committee is a trifle the more friendly to Mr. Mitchell, and, even though it refused to take a hand in the matter, is quietly looking out for his interests. If he receives the nomination, a damper will be drawn on Mr. Bond's Congressional prospects. The county cannot expect to get the two offices.

### A SENATORIAL DEADLOCK.

Upon Its Own Candidate. BRADFORD, Aug. 10.-[Special.]-The Senatorial conference held two sessions here to-day, but failed to decide upon a candidate. The three counties comprising the Twenty-fifth Senatorial district have each a candidate for the office. McKean county's choice is A. F. Bannon, of Bradford; Horace B. Packer is Tioga's candidate, and W. J. Jones is the choice for Potter county. The conferees from these counties voted solidly for their own men, and the deadlock is an interesting one.

The conference to-day met at 12 o'clock.

took one ballot and adjourned to meet at 2 P. M. There was no sign of a break in the afternoon, and the conference adjourned to meet at Condorsport, Potter county, next

### A COMPLEX IN LOUISTAWA

Republicans and Farmers' Alliance Fusion in Congressional Districts

NEW ORLEANS, Aug. 10.-The Crusades. the local Republican organ, declares that the Republicans here combine with the People's party or Farmers' Alliance on Congressmen, the understanding being that the Republican party in North Louisians is to give the candidates which the Alliance will put out in the Third and Fourth districts their note in return for the Alliance support for the Republican candidates in the Second and Third districts in South

Louisiana.
The Republicans announce their intention to make the fight in the latter two districts on the sugar bounty issue, and hope to secure two Congressmen. No com-bination is suggested on the electoral ticket.

### A BAD BREAK IN NEBRASKA.

The Republican Nominee for Lientenant

Governor Not a United States Citizen. OMAHA, NEB., Aug. 10 .- It has been discovered that Rev. J. G. Tate, the Republican nominee for Lieutenant Governor, s ineligible. Tate is an Englishman, and he failed to take out his naturalization papers until a year ago. The constitution requires that the Governor and Lieutenant Governor shall have been citizens of the United States two years prior to their election. The State Central Committee will be called upon to fill the vacancy.

Tate's case is similar to Governor Boyd's, the difference being that Tate's father was never naturalized and he was not a resident of Nebraska when it was admitted into the

Crounse Not Ready to Let Go.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.-Assistant Secretary Crounse, Republican nominee for Governor of Nebraska, will visit that State Governor of Nebraska, will visit that State on the 20th instant, for the purpose of opening the campaign. He will make several speeches. He said to-day that he will not formally relinquish his Federal office until he has learned the wishes of the President in that respect. It is expected, however, that he will arrange to have his resignation take effect about the 1st proximo.

Rhode Island Prohibitionists Meet. PROVIDENCE, R. L. Aug. 10.-The Prohibitionists met in convention to-day at Silver Springs. The National Prohibitory platform was adopted. A resolution was adopted, sanctioning the election of lady delegates to conventions. Following the State Convention district conventions were held to nominate candidates for Congress. The First district nominated Isaac S. Tur-

nominated as its candidate for Governor has sent a letter to the State Central Committee of the party declining the honor. His reasons for declining are ill health and the lack of unity among the friends of labor.

BURKE TO HIS COLLEGIANS.

ing What Is Expected. New York, Aug. 10.—James F. Burke, President of the College League of Repub-lican Clubs, to-day issued the tollowing ad-dress in behalf of the league. The American Republican College League has already manifested its value to those

who compose it as the regular Republican party organization. It has served to enlist in the cause of Republicanism and good government the most influential element of government the most influential element of American youth which, in time, must become the advance guard of our nation's political thought and action. The active participation of college men in the affairs of State cannot fall to gratify everyone interested in the purification of politics and the devasion of the standard of citizenship. It is the highest duty of every young American to investigate the principles of the great parties of to-day and ally himself with that party which he believes to be the truest exponent of the principles of free government and whose platform of principles he believes to be in happies harmony with the doctrines which should guide a progressive and prosperous people. The Republican party, through the College League, invites such investigation and affords to the young men of to-day an opportunity of conducting such research freely, intelligently and without bias.

That the organization may become as permanent and as powerful as it should be, we are exerting every effort to advance its growth during the present campaign. President Clarkson has extended to the college Republicans an invitation to participate in the National Convention of the Republican League of the United States, at Buffalo, September I and 2. A session of the convention will be devoted to the interests of college men. Every young Republican now in college or eligible to membership in the College League is earnestly urged to attend this convention. Five thousand collegemen are expected to be present. American youth which, in time, must be-

# A RED-HOT FIGHT IN KANSAS.

Justice Brewer Predicts a Close Conclusion on the National Ticket.

CHICAGO, Aug. 10.—[Special.]—Justice David J. Brewer, of the United States Supreme Court, with his wife and daughter arrived from Kansas, to-day. He says the political situation in his State is complicated. The Democrats will combine with the People's party to defeat the National Republican ticket. "If the combination proves effectual and the party lines are closely drawn," he said "then it will be a hard fight. The Republicans will give special attention to the Legislature, as it is this branch of the State Government they have been will be taken from them. As the rural fear will be taken from them. As the rural counties with small population return nearly as many members as do the counties with large population, the People's party has an advantage over the Republicans.

"As the next Legislature will elect a Senator to succeed Senator Perkins this Senator to succeed Senator Perkins this election is one of special importance. Ex-Senator Ingalls is not a candidate for the place, but Senator Perkins is, and in case the Legislature is Republican his chances for election are excellent."

### A MOB ON MURDER BENT

Wants the Blood of a Returning Board

That Didn't Count Its Way. BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Aug. 10.-[Special.] -Rockford, the county seat of Coosa county, is in a condition of panic. The county went for Kolb at a recent election and the Kolbites claim to have caught the Jones Probate Judge and Sheriff tampering with the boxes after they had been returned to the court house, by which their majority was reduced and probably some local result changed. To-day 100 armed Kolb men marched into the town and declared their purpose to kill the Probate Judge, Sheriff and Circuit Clerk, who constituted the returning board, and declaring vengeance generally on all Jones men.

The Sheriff summoned a posse and a riot was prevented. The mob dispersed, but declared there purpose of returning Monday prepared to execute their will. The inhabitants are in a panic-stricken condition Similar occurences are looked for in more board threw out boxes and changed results.

Georgia Democrats Harmo ATLANTA, GA., Aug. 10 .- The Democrats to-day renominated Governor W. J. Northen for Governor by acclamation, amid great demonstrations of applause. General Philip Cook, Secretary of State, was also renominated by acclamation, as were W. A. Wright, Comptroller General, and R. U. Hardman for State Treasurer. There was a contest for the Attorney Generalship, J. M. Terrell, of Merryweather, defeating W. C. Glenn, of Fulton, by a vote of 255 to 86. R.
T. Nesbitt was renominated for
Commissioner of Agriculture, and electors
on the Cleveland ticket were selected.

Summer Doses of Politics. CAPTAIN W. T. ELLIS, Democrat, was re-

nominated for Congressman from the Second Kentucky district. THE Republican State Convention, of

Washington, met yesterday and effected a temporary organization. L. M. MERRING, of Richmond, Ind., was renominated yesterday by the Democratic Convention of the Sixth Indiana district. THE Republican Congressional Convention the Seventeenth Ohio district has nominated A. H. Walkley, of Wayne county, for

CONSTABLE RODGERS, of the Nineteenth ward, was last night severely beaten by three unknown men. His bruises were dressed at the Nineteenth ward police sta-

ELLES HARPER, of Poplar alley, was committed to jail yesterday by Alderman Richards for assaulting Lucy Hamilton with a clothes prop. She will have a hearing to-

HON. JOHN HANCOCK, of Venango, was nominated for Congress on the Democratic ticket at a convention at Warren, Pa., yesterday, as Hon. C. W. Stone's opponent in the Twenty-seventh district.

POLICEMAN SCHLOTTER, of Allegheny, las vening caused the arrest of William Allopart, Robert Savage and Richard Brannigan, who are accused of disorderly conduct on Nunnery Hill last Saturday evening. THE Eighteenth Pennsylvania Congre

ional District Republican Conference, after

52 ballots, yesterday, adjourned until this morning. Indications point to the nomina-tion of Mahon, of Franklin county. GENERAL JAMES B. WEAVER, People's party andidate for President, has arrived at San Propie's party at Mechanics' Pavilion, and General Weaver was among the speakers. HON, ALBERT DODGE, of Grand Rankds, was

nanimously nominated for Governor, Hon E. L. Brewer, of Owoseo, for Lieutenant Governor, and G. R. Malones, of Lansing, for Secretary of State, by the Prohibitionists of Michigan, yesterday. J. NELSON WINNOR, editor of the Martins-

burg, W. Va., Independent, was yesterday nominated for Cougress by the Republicans of the Second West Virginia district. The district is at present represented by William L. Wilson, Democrat. The People's party State Convention of Iowa meets at Des Moines to-day. The main subject is fusion. The People's party men in favor of fusion generally ask the Den favor of rusion generally ask the Democrats to surrender the whole electoral ticket to them and the Democrats to run a full State ticket. There is not unanimity of sentiment among Democrats on the question, but it is thought they will not be averse to fusion on a basis of the vote cast by the two parties last year. This would give the Democrats 12 electors and the People's party only 1.

### CHEAP POPULAR EXCURSION

To Conneaut Lake, Vin the P. & W. Ry. ner, of Providence, and the Second district, Edwin A. Lewis, of Westview.

A Socialist Candidate Diclines.

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Special train will leave the P. & W. Ry.

Special train will leave the P. & W. depot, Allegheny, at 8 o'clock A. M., city time, sunday, August 14, and run through to Conneut Lake without change of cars or atops for passengers. Arrive 12 o'clock noon. Returning, leave the Lake at 5 p. M., Easiern time. Arrive Allegheny at 9 p. M. Fare for the round trip \$1.20.

THE BUSINESS WORLD. A Bad Showing of the Condition of

the Corn Crop This Month.

ONLY FOUR WORSE YEARS NOTED.

C. P. Huntington and Others Building Failroad Across Honduras.

FIRES, FAILURES AND RAILWAY NEWS

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT, WASH, NGTON, Aug. 10.-The crop returns of the Department of Agriculture show a slight improvement in the condition of corn, raising the monthly average from 81.1 in July to 82.5 in August. In only four years since the initiation of crop reporting has there been a lower August condition. In the year of worst failure, 1881, it was 79, declining to 66 in October. In 1890 it was 73.3, declining to 70.6 in October. In August, 1986, it was 80.7, and in 1887 it was 80.5, declining later only in the latter vears.

In the later years a slight improvemen is indicated in the States north of the Ohio river, and a greater advance in the States west of the Mississippi river, except Kansas and Nebraska. The condition is high in nearly all the Southern States; nearly the same as in July in the breadth west of the Mississippi; higher in the lower States of the Atlantic coast and slightly lower in Alabama and Mississippi. A small de-cline is seen in the Middle States, except New York, and also in the Eastern States, though in both of these divisions the aver-age is higher than in the West

The following averages of principal States are given: New York, 90; Pennsylvania, 86; Virginia, 90; Georgia, 97; Texas, 94; Tennessee, 92; Ohio, 81; Indians, 74; Illinois, 73; Iowa, 79; Missouri, 83; Kansas, 81; New York, 99; Missouri, 83; Kansas, 99; Missouri, 83; Kansas, 99; Missouri, 99; Missouri brasks, 80. Most correspondents indicate present tendency to further improvement. The returns relating to spring wheat are lower, declining during the months from a general average of 90.9 to 87.3. The reduction is from 90 to 86 in Wisconsin, 92 to 87 in Minnesota and 90 to 85 in North Dakots. There has been a slight advance in South Dakota and Nebraska, with no change in Iowa. In the mountain States the condition Iowa. In the mountain States the condition is generally high. In Washington a decline is reported from 90 to 78, as a result of blighting heat, and 11 Oregon from 91 to 76. The condition of other crops averages as follows: Spring rye, 89.8, instead of 92.7 in July; oats, 86.2, a fall of 1 point; barley, 91.1, instead of 92; buckwheat, acreage 101.3, condition 92.9; potatoes, 86.8, declining from 90; tobacco, 88.8, a fall from 92.7; hay, 93.2.

#### ISTHMUS CANALS KNOCKED OUT. P. Huntington and Others Building

Connecting Railroad in Bonduras, NEW YORK, Aug. 10.-Collis P. Huntington is to furnish a part of the capital for the construction of a railroad in Honduras

to complete a line from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Mr. Huntington said vesterday: "It is too early to talk much about the project now. It is true I have gone in with some others to build a road that will be about 200 miles long, and will form the conneeting link between two roads already con-structed. I do not yet know between what points the road will run, or what it will cost, but it will take at least \$2,000,000 or \$3,000,000 to build it. The concession from the Government has already been obtained. It promises to be a profitable enterprise. The grades will be easy and the lands valand there is need of a shorter route across the Isthmus. It looks as if the Nicaraguan canal would not be built, and the Panama canal is simply an illusion."

### RICHMOND TERMINAL AFFAIRS.

A Meeting for Their Consideration Called for September 15 in Virginia.

NEW YORK, Aug. 10 .- A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Richmond Terminal Company was held this afternoon. President W. Y. Oakman presided. A resolution was passed directing that a meeting be called according to statute to be held September 15 at Richmond, Va., to take into consideration the affairs of the com-

pany and for the purpose of electing a new Board of Directors and other business. The officers and counsel of the company The officers and counsel of the company-were requested to preserve so far as possi-ble the existing status until the stockhold-ers' meeting September 15, so that no change should alter present conditions. Directly after the Richmond Terminal meeting adjourned as meeting of the Rich-mond and Danville Railroad was held nend and Danville Railroad was held. A report was made of the general condi-tion of the road and its properties. The report was decidedly encouraging.

# NOW IT'S A JELLY TRUST.

Preserve Combine With a Capital of \$12,-

000,000 Formed in New York. NEW YORK, Aug. 10.-About 15 of the largest preserve jelly manufacturers of the United States and Canada are said to have formed a combination for the regulation of prices and output. All the manufacturers agree to pool their respective businesses into a huge concern, with headquarters in

this city.

It is understood that the capital stock of the new corporation will be \$12,000,000. Shares will be allotted to the various firms and companies covering the amount of money already invested.

## BUSINESS BREVITIES.

A CANDY TRUST is in process of formation Tan weather last week was favorable for the growing crops in Michigan. THE salmon pack on the Columbia river

CROPS in Manitoba and the Northwest have matured rapidly during the past three THE Star Brewing Company has been incorporated in New York with a capital of

for the season just closed amounts to 448,000

Ina F. Powers, furniture dealer at Portland, Ore., has assigned. Assets, \$128,000; Habilities, \$76,000. THE carriage and wagon makers, in na tional convention at Columbus Tuesday provided for organizers in each State.

A RIVAL to the Herring-Hall safe combi Barnes Company, of Pittsburg, is interested The August report of the Government Statistician shows a reduction in the condi-tion of cotton during July from 81.9 to 82.22. This is the lowest average since August,

THE Structural Iron Setters' Protective and Benevolent Union of the United States was incorporated yesterday at Albany to unite all employes in the atructural iron

industry.

Ax application was made in a Boston court holders in the resterday by certificate holders United Reserve Fund Association for a re ceiver and an injunction. The corporation is an endowment order and was formerly the United Endowment Lengue. There is about \$100,000 in the treasury. AT a meeting in Boston on Tuesday even-

ing of ten members of the Committee of Filteen recently appointed to assist the directors of the Fort Payne Coal and Iron Company in carrying out the plan of reor ganization, it was the unanimous opinion ganization, it was the unaminous would that the appointment of a receiver would be damaging to the corporation, and it was decided to fight the proposition.

RAILWAY INTERESTS. THE granite cutters' strike at Branford quarries, in Connecticut, is practically ended, the men being defeated.

THE Southern lines held a meeting in St

Louis yesterday to revise rates for the season on cotton and general freight. No definite action was taken.

CHAIRMAN VINING, of the Transcontinental Association, has called a general meeting of the association for August 24, at New York, in lieu of the previous call for Saratogu, August 29.

THE Ohio River Railroad will soon have an independent entrance into Huntington, W. Vs. Its bridge over the Guyandotte, three miles above, will be completed the latter part of the week.

REPORTED that the Controller of Connecticut will comply with the request of the New York and New England Railroad for the registration of \$2,000,000 of the new issue of 50-year 5 per cent gold bonds, amounting to \$25,000,000. THE meeting of the steckholders of the

Tennessee Coal and Iron Railroad Company. tennessee Coal and Iron Railroad Company, held at Tracy City, Tenn., Tuesday to ratify the purchase of the Cahaba and Excelsior Coal companies, was adjourned until Sep-tember 12 for want of a quorum. CHAIRMAN CALDWELL, of the Western Pas-

senger Association, has been requested by the Atchison Company to authorize an ex-cursion rate not higher than \$5 from Chicago to Kansas City and return, on account of the Knights of Pythias Encampment, beginning Angust 2 August 23. RAILROAD men in this city are greatly exercised over the discharge of four or five tele-graph operators by the Delaware, Lackswanna and Western Railroad, in Elmira. N. Y., and neighboring towns. The men allege that it is on account of belonging to the Brotherhood of Railway Telegraphers, and the prospects point to a serious conflict. The officials are reticent.

THE committees appointed by the several traffic associations to act jointly in prepar-ing a schedule of passenger rates for the World's Fair next year, held their first conference gesterday in Chicago. It resulted in nothing more than an exchange of views of the members present. The roads traversing the more thickly settled portions of the United States were generally inclined to favor a higher excursion rate to Chicago in 1993 than those lines which traverse sparsely settled territory, and in the end it was practically conceded that it would be necessary for each passenger association to act independently. All the leading roads between Chicago and the Atlantic Coava are opposed to making a higher rate than a fare and one-third for the round trip. nothing more than an exchange of views of

#### THE FIRE RECORD.

Lorin, Cal.—Six buildings. Mrs. L. D. Howe burned to death. Depere, Wis.—The Merchant Flour Mill, owned by John P. Dorsman. Loss, \$50,000; insurance, \$15,080.

Lancaster — The Lancaster Chemical Works, together with \$15,000 worth of stock. The building cost \$45,000. Thompsonville, Conn.—Two-thirds of the Westfield Plate Company's factory and contents. Loss about \$65,000.

Two Rivers, Wis.—The Two Rivers Manufacturing Company's clant. Loss at least \$20,000. The building was struck by lightning during a severe storm.

ning during a severe storm.

Suffolk, Va.—Between 2 and 3 o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out at the sawmill and dry kiin plant of the Taylor Lumber Company, destroying all of the buildings, dry kiins and machinery, together with about 500,000 feet of lumber. The plant was valued at \$25,000; insurance, \$18,000. No insurance on the lumber. Four cars on the Atlantic and Danville Railroad, loaded with lumber, were also burned.

### HOW TO GET THE WORMS.

An Ingenious Way Which Helps the Fisherman Whenever in Need.

Noboby need work at digging worms for bait unless he is fond of the exercise, for they can be procured in almost any quantity with very little labor whenever they are needed, says a fisherman in the St. Louis Globe-Democrat The process is simple. Take a strong

stick four or five feet long and sharp at one end, and go to some locality, such as the back of a barn, where the worms are sure to be plentiful. Drive the stick four or five inches into the ground with a hammer or stone, and then begin to twist it with a rotary motion. Every few minutes hit the top a rap to drive the point further into the ground and keep on twisting. In five minutes the worms will begin crawling out of their holes, and all you have to do is to gather them up and put them in your can.
They hear the grinding and think it is a
mole after them, and know that only on the
surface are they sale. So they come out,
those nearest to the sound making their appearance first with every evidence of haste

and trepidation. and trepidation.

Sometimes they come up for a distance of 10 or 15 feet from the twirling stick, and in places where they are plentiful as many as 100 can be literally scared out of the ground in this manner. Some people think a worm has no sense, and they may be right in general, but a worm knows that a mole is its deadliest enemy and will come squirming to the top of the ground any time it hears a mole coming in its direction.

#### HORSES WITH SPECTACLES Their Principal Use Is to Teach the Horse

High Stepping. Pearson's Weekly.] Although it may seem almost ludicrous to think of horses wearing spectacles, it is nevertheless a fact that they do sometimes

firm of opticians in London consists largely in the manufacture of horse spectacles. The object of the spectacles is to promote high stepping. They are made of stiff leather, entirely inclosing the eyes of the horse, and the glasses used are deep concave, and large in size. The ground seems to the horse to be raised, and he steps high, thinking he is going up hill or has to step

wear them. The business of one well-known

over some obstacle. over some obstacle. This system of spectacle wearing is adopted while the horse is young, and its effect on his step and action is said to be remarkable. It has been discovered that the cause of a horse's shying is, as a rule, short sight, and it is now suggested that the sight of all horses should be tested, like that of children. that of children.

It is maintained by those who have made a study of the subject that by a little arti-ficial assistance many valuable horses which have become optically unfit for their work can be restored to usefulness.

# The Sons of Veterans.

HELENA, MONT., Aug. 10 .- At the National Encampment of the Sons of Veterans to-day the only business transacted was the adoption of a resolution retaining the titles for officers used the past year. An effort had been made to change the regulations in this respect to conform with what they were two

# THE ELECTRIC STEED

Soon to Be Harnessed to Freight as Well as Passenger Cars at

CHICAGO RAILROAD TERMINALS.

Some Euch Scheme Necessary to Handle World's Fair Traffic.

A BROAD BELT LINE IS SUGGESTED

NEW YORK, Aug. 10 .- Frank J. Sprague, the electrical engineer, President of the American Institute of Electrical Engineers, has been instrusted by Henry Villard, for the North American Company, with the solution of the terminal freight-yard problem in Chicago. Within a space of one and a half miles long by three-quarters of a mile in width there are crowded from 75 to

100 miles of track. About 1,300 switch engines are employed there, some of them 24 hours per day, puffing their toulness into the air. It is estimated that from 80 to 90 per cent of all freight that enters the Chicago yards ought never to be there, being bound for points further on, and is would not be there it a practical way could be provided for distributing it among the different railroads outside the city limits.

Electric Motors Will Be R-commended. In applying himself to his work, these onditions are fully recognized by Mr. Sprague. He is convinced that the most casible solution will be found in a system for interchanging freight by a six-track belt road, which shall form a common zone of transfer either by itself or in combina-sion with freight warehouses or storage

Electric traction will be recommended by Sprague for the work proposed. He has satisfied himself that the only way in which the current can be properly supplied in any complicated system will be by an overhead complicated system will be by an overhead conductor, practically rigid in character, following very nearly the center line of all tracks and switches, with no movable over-head parts, and with return through the rail. The locomotive would then be mov-ing between the two electric planes, the

lower being the guiding one.

"There are three problems," savs Mr.

Sprague, "requiring a solution in the application of electricity to propulsion on a large scale under conditions existing at the Chicago terminals. They are:

An Electric Locomotive to Be Devised, "First—The development of an electric locomotive of ample power which may be as readily controlled as the steam locomotive, which shall be reliable in operation and shall show a high economy. Such a machine must have all the adjuncts which are necessary for train movement. Second -A system of conductors and methods of supporting the same which can be relied upon for ample supply of current and absolute certainty of continuous contact at all speeds on curves, switches, crossovers, and the multitudinous combinations which exist in yard tracks. Third—A system of automatic block signaling which, while effect-ive for steam traffic, will not be thrown out of operation by the use of tracks as con-ductors of electricity. This implies a change

in existing signal systems.
"While this is a large problem," said Mr. Sprague, "it may be approached hopefully. The success of the General Electric Company in equipping electric motors for the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad furnishes conclusive demonstration of the practicability of efforts in this line. At Chicago locomotives of 700-horse power will be needed. There is no doubt that they can be made and that electricity can do everything done by steam, while removing entirely the nuisance of smoke and cinders that must attend the use of steam as a motor.

# AN ELECTRIC WAGON IN

The Newly-Invented Vehic's Can Eastly Make Ten Miles an Hour.

CHICAGO, Aug. 10 .- A novelty in the form of a wagon, propelled by electricity, was seen on the streets yesterday. Some time ago President J. B. McDonald, of the American Battery Company, purchased several patents from William Morrison, ef Des Moines. Among other things was a park wagon equipped with a small threelorse power motor and a 24-cell storage battery. Yesterday Mr. McDonald fitted the

wagon with new batteries and gave it a trial. With five persons in the wagon, it left the barn on Monroe street and traveled by way of Winchester avenue to Jackson boulevard, to Lasalle street, to the company's office at Monroe and Lasalle. The run was made in 22 minutes, which was considered satisfactory, considering that the wagon was delayed at a bridge and that frequent stops were made on account of the

crowds in the streets downtown. The meuliarly propelled carriage attracted stention all along its route. It is calculated that the wagon can make ten miles an hour easily with the present

A Contract Labor Decision WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.-The Treasury Department has decided that a foreigner who makes a contract in this country to work here and then returns to his own country cannot come back to the United States for the purpose of fulfilling his con-tract without violating the provision of the alien contract labor law.

Little Minnie Haynes. Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Haynes, 4 Autumn street,



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