TWO CENTS.

SCRANTON, PA., SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 28, 1897.

WHEAT DROPS **FIVE CENTS**

And Ten Cents Under the Top Notch of the Season.

RAPID DECLINE IN PRICES

Bitter Fight of the Bulls for Recognition.

Wheat Furnishes Another Sensation at Chicago .- Corn Is Also Very Turbulent--Liverpool News Causes Further Agitation -- The Situation at Philadelphia.

New York, Aug. 27.-Wheat lost five cents a bushel today and the lowest point was about ten cents under the top notch for the season. There were not enough influential bulls left in the market to make a respectable fight against the declining tendency. They have nearly all become interested in corn which everybody in the trade has been educated to believe is on the eve of a buil movement. Consequently when Liverpool opened away off this morning and followed it up with fur-ther declines on later cables, the local market simply went to pieces. It looked for a time as if the bottom had dropped out, so rapidly did prices slide down hill in response to the rain of selling orders which brokers bombarded the market. There was practically no support other than that afforded by a little buying against puts. The December option settled to 95 cents on first sales, which was a sheer break of four cents a bushel from last night. Then it skirmished around for a time, buffeted up and down by conflicting orders, but soon settled into a steady decline which finally landed it half an hour before the close at 93%. From here it rallied to 94%, where it left off. Selling was general during the day. Local houses and foreign interests threw over liberal quantities. In all 11,500,000 bushels were traded in. At the close No. 1 northern wheat was quoted nominally \$1.06% and No. 2 red \$1.02% both f. o. b. afloat. Corn was not so active as yesterday but showed plainly the

hand of strong bull leadership. Philadelphia, Aug. 27.—The decline of 2%d. in Liverpool cables and lack of export demand together with bearish ker out of spite because he had left the speculation in other grain centres, broke prices here this morning from \$1.04 at the close last evening to \$1.00 bid and \$1.02 asked for cash and August. Prices kept gradually going down A Doctor Causes the Arrest of an Inuntil the close when No. 2 red wheat touched 9914c, bid and \$1.00 asked, making a net decline for the day of 41/2 cents per bushel. There was little or no excitement here, everybody taking it as a matter of course and at the same time expressing confidence in a higher the hair across the street. On reaching market. There was nothing done for export account and no transactions in

IN THE CHICAGO PIT.

Chicago, Aug. 27.-Wheat furnished another sensation today. This time it was the bulls who suffered, September closing 5% cents lower and December at a decline if 3% after a session remarkable for small trading and extremely violent fluctuations. Weak foreign markets and reports of re-selling by foreigners were ostensibly the reasons for the decline, but there were plenty of rumors of a "bear" combination formed to break the market. Corn was also very turbulent and closed at about a cent decline. Oats were weak and declined 1/2c. Provisions closed

All the enthusiasm had apparently leaked out of holders of wheat at the opening. Liverpool furnished a very disagreeable surprise to them, starting 21/2a%d. lower. This was entirely unlooked for after yesterday's 2c. advance here and it fairly took the bulls' breath away. There was practically no demand for December wheat at the opening. The consequence was that it started at 90% to 90, or %a% below yesterday's close and dropped almost instantly to 89%. A perfect flood of wheat was poured on the market for a few minutes, including many stop loss orders. During that time there was an almost total lack of buying orders, but they made their appearance at 89% and five minutes after December had railied September wheat was hardly heard of for the first few minutes in the excitement accompanying the unloading of December. It was fully as weak at the immediate opening, however, starting all the way from 9316 to 92, or a drop of exactly 111/2 cents from the highest point reached yesterday.

The excitement soon subsided, almost altogether, and fluctuations from the extreme narrowness of trading were frequent and violent, one or two moderate trades being sufficient to send the price up or down 1/2c, or more. That some mysterious bear influence was at work on the market before the opening was the general opinion. It was stated later on what was considered reliable authority that a combination including Charles Counselman and John Cudaby had been formed to break the alleged bull pool and that the eccentricity of today's market was due to the manipulations of the new combine.

The King of Siam in Germany.

Potsdam, Avg. 27.-The king of Siam, he arrived here yesterday evening and the was received with every mark of honor by Emperor William, previous to taking up his residence at the palace, placed a wreath of flowers this morning on the tomb of the late Emperor Frederick of Germany.

Morocco Pirates Active, Madrid, Aug. 27.-The Portuguese bark Rosita Fare has been attacked off the coast of Morocco by pirates belonging to the Bocoza Kabyles. The captain and four of the crew of the bark were car-

LOVE AT THE THROTTLE.

Mrs. Chief Justice Fuller Racing Across the Continent.

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 27.-Mrs. Mel-W. Fuller, wife of the chief justice of the Supreme court, is traveling as fast as special trains can carry her through the trans-Mississippi states or her way to the bedside of her daughter, Mrs. Hugh Wallace, who is dangerously ill with appendicitis at Ashford's Farm, near Mount Tacoma, Washington.

Mrs. Fuller was at Bar Harbor, Me., when she received a telegram telling of her daughter's illness. With her youngest daughter Mrs. Fuller at once started on the race against time across the

continent. She passed through Chicago last evening, after making arrangements to get a special train at St. Paul, Minn., this morning to carry her with all possible speed to her destination. The special train will cost about \$2,000, but the anxious mother will save many

precious hours by taking it. By the regular train Mrs. Fuller could not reach Tacoma until 10.30 o'clock Sunday morning. Her special train will arrive there, it is calculated,

late Saturday afternoon. At Tacoma Mrs. Fuller and her daughter will take a stage coach, and, with the aid of numerous relays of horses, will make the trip of 56 miles to Mount Tacoma in less than six hours, so that she will be at her daughter's bedside before the regular train from the east reaches Tacoma.

Mrs. Wallace, who is so ill, is the fourth daughter of Justice and Mrs. Fuller. She was famous as a beauty in Washington society, where she made her debut in the winter of 1889-90.

HELD FOR A PIKE'S PEAK MURDER. A Former Office Boy with a Notable

Record. Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 27.-John B. Edmunds, of Kansas City, was arrested today on suspicion of complicity in the murder on the top of Pike's Peak of Herbert H. Kay, of Wisner, Nob. Edmunds gained a great deal of notoriety during the pendency of the famous insurance case of Dr. G. W. Fraker, the Excelsior Springs physician, who mysteriously disappeared after securing \$50,000 worth of life policies.

Edmunds was Fraker's office boy in Missouri and swore on the stand that he had seen the physician drown. When Fraker was later found hiding in the Minnesota woods, and brought back for trial, Edmunds disappeared. He med up in Colorado Springs recently, again as the office boy of Dr. Fraker, who, after being discharged, had gone to that state to practice.

Edmunds, it appears, disappeared from Colorado Springs a few days befere the Kay murder, after stealing the doctor's revolver. Now Dr. Fraker has given the Colorado officials damaging evidence against the boy who formerly stoutly defended him.

Edmunds insists that he can prove an alibi, saying that a charge of murder was made against him by Dr. Fradoctor's service.

SCORCHED AFTER A CHILD-BEATER.

human Father.

Lambertville, N. J., Aug. 27 .- While making professional calls last evening Dr. F. W. Larison heard a piercing scream on Brunswick avenue, and saw a man dragging a 6-year-old girl by the house the man kicked the child, pushed her roughly into the room and threw a brick at her. The doctor censured the man for his cruelty and then mounted his wheel and went after Chief of Police Morse. When the officer arrived the man had left. Larison jumped on his wheel and overtook

him running down the tow-patch. The man, who gave the name of Joseph Priatico, was locked up and later given a hearing. He was fined and discharged. Today the authorities were informed that the child has been cruel ly beaten and then strung up by the heels and thumbs for an hour or more at a time. An investigation is being made.

A NEW EXPLOSIVE.

Mirex" Successfully Tested in Lake

Michigan at Chicago. Chicago, Aug. 27 .- "Mirex," a new explosive, which its inventors claim will revolutionize modern naval warfare. was tested in Lake Michigan last night, with satisfactory results. A brass cylinder, measuring four by one and onequarter inches, was loaded and thrown into the water. At the depth of five feet it exploded, sending a column of water twenty feet into the air. An other one exploded at the depth of fifteen feet with similar results, the depth at which the explosion would occur being announced in advance by the in ventors. The inventors claim that "mirex" can be thrown from a cannon to any distance and will explode in the water at the depth desired. The ingredients are a secret. John H. Edelman, a wealthy former Philadelphian, is said to be backing the inventors.

Big Steel Contract. Nashville, Tenn., Aug. 27 .- Jere Baxter, president of the Tennessee Central Railway company, and W. J. Totten, representative of the Carnegie Steel company, Pittsburg, closed a contract for \$400,000 worth of steel rails and fittings to be used in the construction of the road. The delivery of the material will begin in about six weeks. Centractors for building

bridges, laying tracks, etc., are now here filing bonds

Universal Peace Union. Mystic, Conn., Aug. 27 .- The Universal Peace union convention elected the tol-lowing officers today: President, Alfred H. Love, Philadelphia; secretary and treasurer, Charles P. Hastings, Philadeltreasurer, Chartes F. Hastings, Finlades-phia; ecrresponding secretaries, Mrs. Belva A. Lockwood, Washington, and Mrs. Christina V. W. Clark, Mystic; bus-iness manager, Mrs. Amanda Dayo, Phil-

Steamship Arrivals.

New York, Aug. 27.-Cleared: La Gas-Havre; Spaarndam, Rotterdam; a, Liverpool. Southampton-Arrived: St. Louis, New York. Hamburg-Arrived: Fuerst Bismarck, New York. Liverpool-Balled: Nomadic, New York. Arrived: Campanis, New York.

An Invasion of Peru.

Lima, Peru, via Galveston, Aug. 27.— Colonel Pando, of Bolivia, with a force of six hundred men, has invaded the Peruvian province of Sandia.

OUR RELATIONS

WITH SPAIN

Havana Journal Pronounces Woodford's Mission a Failure.

THE SPEECH BY GEN. AZCARRAGA

Announces That the Government Has Full Confidence in Gen. Weyler. Says That the War in Cuba Is Near-States to Keep Off.

Madrid, Aug. 27.-General Azcarraga, the Spanish premier, at the cabinet council over which he presided last night, declared the government would follow in the footsteps of the late pre-Weyler's political and military con- and Washington similarly treated. duct of affairs in Cuba. Personally the premier was aware that the in-surrection in Cuba was approaching an end, and if the United States made any demonstration, which he hoped would not be the case, Spain would do her duty. The premier closed his speech by appealing for the good will of the Conservatives.

Havana, Aug. 27 .- "Diaro de la Marina" calls the mission of General Stewart L. Woodford, the new United States minister to Spain, a failure, and says: Germany and France are entirely ostile to American intervention in Cuban matters. England, skilled like and is due to the introduction of the an old diplomat, is always evasive to Woodford's insinuations and has expressed no opinion regarding Cuba. But Great Britain is fortifying Canada and preparing against possible trouble with the United States, owing

to American jingoism." The Diaro de la Marina then makes fun of the American "tourist minister," visiting in Europe and sounding foreign cabinets and meeting with failure so far as the Cuban policy is concerned. The paper adds: "Russia follows the French policy and the Triple Alliance will do the same. Spain, no matter whether she is backed or not by the European powers, will not allow foreign intrusion into her affairs. and the infatuated Yankees will surely not provoke a war which they know will only end with total ruin to both sides. War with the United States would only raise Spain's patriotic enthuslasm, and the people would confront the foreigners as a nation, while in the United States it would prove only a preceding panic to a coming catastrophe. We must, however, be glad that the possibility is past of an evil which we do not fear, though we are not anxious that it should come upon us.'

HAWAII WANTS JAPAN'S ANSWER.

The Mikado Keeping a Watchful Eye San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 27.-The

steamer Mariposa arrived this morning from Sydney, via. Honolulu, with the following Hawaiian advices The Hawaiian government has not

yet received an answer from Japan regarding the offer to refer the immigration trouble to arbitration. There is no change in the situation here. The Hawaiian Star, commenting upon the admission of Japanese that in case of trouble all the Japanese in Honolulu were to meet at a rendezvous, says:

"If we look up the Japanese correspondence and the articles in the Japanese press there is found frequent allusion to an uprising in the islands. It is one of the excuses for the presence of the Naniwa in our waters. Should such a rising take place it would be very easy for the Japanese government to repudiate it, if unsuccessful, and it would be very easy to reap advantages were it successful."

WILL TELEGRAPH FROM HEAVEN. A Penitent Negro Criminal's Las

Words on the Scaffold. Richmond, Va., Aug. 27.-Joseph Fife, convicted of attempted assault on Mrs. Marks, a widow, and who subse-

quently confessed to two other similar crimes, was hanged in the city jail to-He ascended the gallows penitent and with the stolid indifference about leaving this world which he had maintained from the time of his sentence. His last

KILLED BY FALL OF SCAFFOLD.

Heaven on the 14th of Marca.

Brick Layers and Hod Carrier Drop Three Stories.

Rock Island, Ill., Aug. 27.-By the fall of a scaffold this afternoon C. J. W. Schreiner, a contractor; W. H. Willis and John Lowe, bricklayers, and Joe Crudup, a colored hod carrier, were precipitated from the third story of a new building to the stone sidewalk. Willis died within ten minutes Schreiner received a cut about the temple and internal injuries, and Lowe and Crudup were fearfully bruised. It is

believed all will die. WAR SHIPS BEING BUILT.

Summary of a Report Sent to the Navy

Department. Washington, D. C., Aug. 27.-The re port submitted today to the navy department upon the condition of work on ships building show that there are under construction now five battleships, one gunboat, thirteen torpedo vessels, a submarine boat and a navy

Not an unprotected cruiser or moni tor is either in course of building or being remodeled.

Mines Will Be Worked.

Pittsburg, Aug. 27.-It has been defi-nitely decided to start several mines along the Wheeling division of the Balti ore and Ohio railroad. The prelies were all completed tonight and a decistve move may be expected.

Montreal, Aug. 27.-Manager MacGregor, of the Calgary (Northwest Territory) branch of Moison's bank, in Montreal, has been discharged for buying a Klon-dike gold brick for \$10,000.

OIL TO PREVENT DUST.

The Pennsylvania Railroad's Experiments Are Promising.

Philadelphia, Aug. 27.-The Pennsylvania Railroad company intends to sprinkle crude oil on various parts of its system, so as to prevent the rising of dust, which has been a source of complaints to all managers of railroads for a number of years. Early in the season the company began experimenting with the sprinkling of oil on the roadbed and on each side of the track of the West Jersey railroad. From the start the plan has proved a success, and it has been found that on ly Over -- A Hint for the United roadbeds that are composed of gravel it will keep down the dust as well as turn off the water.

The success of the experiment has led the officers of the Pennsylvania Railroad company to try it on other sections of the road. During the last few days the oil tank sprinkling cars have been doing work on the Delaware divismier, Senor Canovas del Castillo. He ion. This line is very dusty, owing to announced that the government had the sandy soil. The company is also full confidence in Captain General having the roadbed between Baltimore

IGNORE THE UNION.

A Wire Nail Company Refuses to Recognize Organized Workmen.

Cincinnati, Aug. 27.-A Commercial Tribune special from Anderson, Ind., says the American Wire Nail company, having expended \$70,000 in improving its plants with machinery, has an- out." nounced the scale for the wire department, which is a slight increase above the average at like plants in the counbut a cut on last year's scale, plate system. The company will treat the workers are desirious of having their organization recognized. Walter Gillett, an official of the National association, is in Anderson and has been active in the effort to have the association recognized, but without avail. A notice was posted yesterday by the company notifying 300 men that they would be given till Friday evening to remove their tools and personal effects from the factory.

AN ENGLISH GIRL'S HARDSHIPS.

Lord Salisbury Interests Himself in a Case in California.

Madera, Cal., Aug. 27.-About four years ago there came to this country from Rock Ferry, England, Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Tubbs, with a little girl, daughter of one of their English neighbors, named Emma Davis. They purchased one of the finest vineyards in the vicinity, and since then Emma Davis has been compelled to work in the vineyard by the side of men hired off the public highways and has received no education.

The British consul has interested himself in the matter at the request of the Marquis of Salisbury, and the sheriff of the county being appealed to, went to the Tubbs place for the girl, but found she had been spirited away. She is supposed to be in Fresno, and the sheriff will try to find her today and send her back to England.

A CALIFORNIA SETTLEMENT.

Colonization Society and the Salvation Army Considering a Site.

San Francisco, Aug. 27.-The Citizens' Colonization society, acting in conjunction with the Salvation Army, has taken into consideration the purchase of five hundred acres of land near Soledad, in Monterey county, belonging to C. T. Rowie. The owner has offered to sell it for \$50 an acre and will give the Salvation Army and the colonists ten years in which to pay it, charging but 3 per cent, interest.

The proposition to buy the Soberanes property, offered by Claus Spreckles has been abandoned, as one of the conditions that it be ploughed duling August could not be fulfilled. The finance committee reports promises of several thousand dollars in subscriptions, including one from Mr. Spreckles.

SEARCH FOR AN ABSCONDER.

May, the Fugitive from Germany,

Supposed to Be in Australia. San Francisco, Aug. 27.-Frederick May, who sailed from Germany with nearly \$1,000,000 entrusted to him by clients, is supposed to be in Australia. The steamer Mariposa, here from Australla, was carefully searched before her departure, the Australian authoritles suspecting that the criminal would words to Deputy Sergeant Ralston were: "I will send you a telegram from attempt to escape to the United States, He is thought to have reached Sydney by the Arcadia or Australia, a man answering his description having boarded the latter vessel at Suez. It is also reported that he was traced to Brisbane, but there the detectives lost track of him. Substantial rewards are offered for his arrest. He is a man of culture and good presence.

WEST POINT EXAMINATION.

Cadets and Candidates for Admission to Be Physically Inspected.

Washington, Aug. 27.-A board medical officers, consisting of Major George H. Torney, Captain Charles Richard and Captain Charles F. Mason, has been detailed to meet at West Point today, to conduct a physical examination of cadets and candidates for cadetships. Instructions have been given to the

board by the surgeon-general, and the reports of the proceedings are to be forwarded to the adjutant-general. Special reports are to be made in the cases of any cadets found physically disqualified, and of any canditates admitted on probation or rejected.

THE FAIR WILL CASE.

Questions to Be Submitted to the Jury Agreed Upon.

San Francisco, Aug. 27 .- Mr. Delmas, attorney for the defense in the Angus-Craven-Fair will case, says the defense will close today. The issues to be submitted to the jury have been settled. They are three-whether Fair wrote the pencil deeds; whether he acknowledged them before J. J. Cooney, the notary, and whether Mrs. Craven, Martin Kelly, Cooney and others entered into a conspiracy. The lawyers have agreed to limit arguments to the jury to two days for each side.

GRAND ARMY

IN RETREAT

Comrades of the Encampment at Buffalo Are Homeward Bound.

STREETS THRONGED WITH VETERANS

They Were Trudging Toward the Stations .- Last Session of the Convention Was Held Yesterday Morn-

Buffalo, N. Y., Aug. 27.-Night finds the Grand Army in retreat from Buffalo. The encampment of 1897 is over and its comrades are leaving town as fast as the cars can carry them. Band after band followed by weary men trudging to the railroad stations passed down the streets at intervals during the evening. "Home Sweet Home" was the usual selection and the crowds which still fill the streets shouted goodbye after the departing comrades. The hast function on the long programme of events was a reception of officers and chairman of the Women's Citizines' committee at Women's headquarters at 8 o'clock. The commander-in-chief's headquarters were closed at 9 o'clock and by 9:30 the adjutant general's office was dark. The bugler of the encampment might well have sounded "lights

Today's session lasted from 9:15 o'clock this morning until 3:45 this afternoon without intermission. Opening under the order of business the encampment took up the election of senfor vice-commander-in-chief. Alfred C. with the men only as individuals, and Lythe, of Connecticut, was chosen junior vice-commander-in-chief; Dr. David Mackaye, of Dallas, Tex., surgeon general, and Rev. Frank C. Bruner, of Chicago, chaplain-in-chief.

Among the reports receiving favorable consideration in the executive session of the encampment was that of the pension committee. It recommended a readjustment of widows' pensions and presented a form of proof and application in pension claims substantially the same as that embodied in the Pickler bill which has passed the national house of representatives, but has not passed the senate. The report of the committee on text books used in the public schools was adopted The report deals severely with some of the histories used in the south, charging that they misstate the facts as to the cause of the rebellion and present them from a southern view point. Resolutions urging the correction of the evil were adopted.

RATCHFORD'S STATEMENT.

The Strikers Do Not Oppose Arbitration.

Columbus, O., Aug. 27 .- President Ratchford, of the United Mine Workers, today issued a statement replying to the operators of the Pittsburg district. The statement, in part, says: Had the operators really intended bring about a satisfactory solution of this trouble they would have first met the miners who are always ready to meet with them. Detectives and gatling guns, if at all found necessary, should only be resorted to when all other guns fall, but in this case they were provided for before other means were attempted or even thought of so far as we are aware. Such action does not savor of a proper spirit for concillation or arbitration. We have not opposed arbitration and do not oppose it, but rather oppose the basis upon which it is offered.

"We are ready to rest our case in the hands of a disinterested third party to adjudiate, but contend that the basis upon which it shall be adjudicated must involve a living rate

of wages. "The charge that our organization has the support of other operators and that some of them have assessed the miners to raise funds to continue the strike or to inaugurate it is wholly unfounded."

PROSPERITY'S MARCH.

Shoe Factories Hard at Work in

Weymouth, Mass. Weymouth, Mass., Aug. 27.-There has been a decided revival in the business of manufacturing boots and shoes here within the past few weeks. At the factory of Marshall C. Dizer & Company they are turning out 200 cases of shoes a day, and the firm, it is said, is looking for another factory, where they can manufacture a finer grade of shoes. At the factories of Edwin Clapp, Strong & Garfield and Michael Sheey, also, business is booming.

John Carroll & Sons have started up their factory after a shut-down of some weeks and the firm of Evans, Slattery & Bates, who were burned out a few weeks ago, having taken a floor in the Carroll factory, are at work filling the large orders they had on hand at the time of the fire.

BOMBS FOR CONSTANTINOPLE.

Number of Persons Reported Going

Thither to Cause Explosions. Constantinople, Aug. 27,-The Turkish ambassador at Vienna, Mahmoud Nedim Bey, telegraphs that a number of persons are proceeding to Constantinople for the purpose of causing bomb explosions.

It is announced that there were eleven Armenians concerned in the recent bomb outrages here. Of this numher one man has committed suicide and eight men have been arrested.

CENTRAL AMERICAN VISITORS.

On Their Way to Washington from

Nicaraugua. Managua, Nicaragua, via Galveston, Aug. 27 .- Lewis Corea, secretary of the Legation of the Greater Republic of Central America, and Rudolf Weiser agent of the Nicaragua Canal company have started for Washington. J. D. Rodriguez, the minister of the Greater Republic of Central America, will follow them to Washington in a few days'

time. Nearly 6000 Ballots for Senator. Winfield, Ia., Aug. 27.-Five thousand seven hundred ballots have been taken in the senatorial contest that has been on here since Monday with no change. Paimer and Kopp each have fifteen votes.

PRISONER ON A GOLD SHIP.

Supposed Murderer Being Brought Back from the Klondike.

Port Townsend, Wash., Aug. 27.-The steamship Portland, due from St. Michael's, has on board a supposed nurderer who was chased by detectives half way around the world. He is in irons and under constant watch of two Pinkerton detectives. The prisoner, William Smith, was pursued over the continent to Juneau, to Dyea, and across Chilcoot Pass, over the Lakes, and down the rivers, to the gold fields of Klondike, where he was taken into

Smith was a storekeeper in a small town near Cedar Rapids, Ia., up to several months ago. One night the store was burned, and in the ruins was found the charred body of a man. Smith's relatives claimed that he was burned to death in the fire. His life was insured for \$35,000, and a demand was made for the money. An investi-gation led to the belief that the body was not that of Smith, but of a watchman. The theory was at once advanced that Smith had committed murder and burned his store in the hope that the body would be roasted beyond recognition, and his relatives obtain the insurance money after he had disappeared. Pinkerton men were put on the trail, and after one of the longest hases on record, arrested Smith at Dawson City on July 12. He was taken to St. Michael's to await the sailing of

FOUND LYING UNCONSCIOUS.

Stableman Kelly Supposed to Have Fallen from the Hay Loft.

James Kelly, 35 years old, was found at 2 o'clock this morning lying in a pool of blood upon the stone floor of King's livery stable, on West Lackawanna averrue.

Kelly is employed in the place and is supposed to have fallen from the hay

The last seen of him last night was when he entered the stable at 10 o'clock. An ambulance was summoned from the Lackawanna hospital. A hurried examination was made by the hospital surgeon, who thought it probable that Kelly's skull was fractured.

GOOD TIMES FOR

Brigham's Predictions.

Four to Five Hundred Million Dollars Richer for Their Wheat--Secretary

THE FARMERS

Washington, Aug. 27.-Assistant Secretary Brigham of the agricultural department today expressed the opinion that the American farmers this year alliance.' would receive in the aggregate from \$400,000,000 to \$500.000,000 in excess of farmers. They have learned in the season of hard times through which they have passed to economize where they could and to be careful in buying. They will use this money they receive for their crops to pay off their debts, cancel mortgags and in making improvements on the farm and the farm buildings. This seems like a vast sum, but statistics sustain the claim." Colonel Brigham also predicted that and Lorraine." the increase in the price of farm products would benefit the laboring element. "The price of labor." he said. "did not decline with the price of farm products, and for some time the farmer was forced to pay as much for the services of those who did this work as ever, while his receipts were cut in two. Inasmuch as wages did not decline. I see no reason why they should be expected to rise to correspond with the advance of farm products, which

are now bringing only fair prices. Still, the laboring man will be benefited by this advance in prices. "The farmer will discharge his indebtedness and make improvements which will require labor. He will purchase more of the products of labor, putting a vast amount of money in circulation, and this will create a demand for labor in all lines, and men who have been without employment

or only partially employed will work full time at fair wages,' MARRIAGE OF A PRINCESS.

Ingeborg Charlotta Frederica Weds

Prince Charles of Norway. Copenhagen, Aug. 27.-The Princess Ingeborg Charlotte Frederica, second daughter of the Crown Prince Christian, of Denmark, was married at 2 o'clock today in the palace chapel here to Prince Charles, Duke of Westergotland, third son of King Oscar II, of Norway and Sweden, in the presence of a brilliant assemblage of members of the Danish and Swedish royal families, the Dowager Empress of Russia and the Princess of Wales. The princess was born in 1878 and the

prince was born in 1861. THE NEWS THIS MORNING.

Weather Indications Today: Fair; Southerly Winds.

Franco-Russian Alliance.

Sporting Gossip.

Hazleton Region.

1 General-Price of Wheat Falls Five Cents a Bushel.

Our Relations with Spain. G. A. R. Ercampment. Sport-Eastern, National and Atlantic League Bree Ball.

Editorial. For Uniformity in State Divorce Laws, Social and Personal.

State-Ten Thousand Miners Idle in

Saucy Bess' Comments. Local-Programme of the State C. E. Meeting. Lackawanna Township School Board

Investigation. Local-Three Counterfeiters Arrested Vetter's Klondike Party Organized. 8 Local-West Side and City Suburban.

9 Lackawanna County News. 10 Story—"A Daughter of the Gods." One Year That Had No Summer. Sunday School Lesson for Tomorrov Gold "Strikes" of Earlier Times.

13 Neighboring County Happenings.

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TWO CENTS

AN ALLIANCE IS PROBABLE

Paris Journals Are Agitated as to the Czar's Meaning.

RESULTS SATISFACTORY

France and Russia Will Probably Unite.

Various Interpretations -- Possible Relation to Alsace-Lorraine -- The "Radical" Regrets It Is Only an Alliance for Peace.

St. Petersburg, Aug. 27 .- It was semiofficially announced today that the conference between the French minister for foreign affairs, M. Hanotaux. and the Russian minister for foreign affairs, occurred first in the presence of the czar and afterwards in the presence of President Faure. It is added that the results are most satisfactory for the interests of France and Russia and for the peace of the

world. Paris, Aug. 27 .- The morning newspapers of this city express delight at the fact that by the mention of the word "alliance" in the toasts of the czar and President Faure on board the French cruiser Pothau, at Cronstadt yesterday, the world has apparently been informed that a distinct understanding really exists between France and Russia, and that this understanding is apparently in the nature of an alliance for the preservation of the peace of Europe, though some of the French papers, the Rappel, for instance, are inclined to believe that the "alliance" means Russia's support of France in the event of the latter attempting to reconquer Alsace and Lorraine from Germany.

The Gaulois says of the use of the word "alliance:" "Such an expression was not inserted in the toast for nothing. It was no mere verbal flourish. There never are flourishes in the czar's toasts, and we can only see in it the very soul and inspiration of the The Soleil remarks: "Something is

changed in the world today. The Franthat received last year for their wheat. | co-Russian alliance makes its appear-"This," he said, "means much to the ance as a great force in the worldes The Radical says: "We dreamed of

an alliance for revenge and we have an alliance or peace. We must bid farewell to our patriotic hopes." The Autorite, however, takes a different view of the question, saying: 'After the czar's reference to 'right and equity' it is no longer forbidden that France should think of Alsace

M'KINLEY AT CLEVELAND.

Came in Quietly and Missed a Grand

Reception That Was Prepared. Cleveland, O., Aug. 27.-President Mc-Kinley arrived here from Buffalo several hours ahead of schedule time this morning and the elaborate preparations made for his reception went for naught. There was sore disappointment when the social, political and military organizations, who had been marching and countermarching hours in readiness to give the distinguished visitor a royal greeting,learned that he had been in town a couple of hours. The arrangements had been made quietly with the intention of giving the president a great surprise

party. As a sort of compensation it has been arranged to hold a public reception tomorrow at 3 o'clock in the afternoon at the Hollenden hotel. The president and Senator Hanna regret that there should have been any disappointment, The president was the guest of the American Bar association at its banquet this evening, though the fact that he was to be there was kept very quiet.

tion of "William McKinley, of Ohio," The president expressed his thanks in a brief speech.

He was accompanied by Secretary Al-

ger and Senator Hanna. The execu-

tive committee reported the election to

honorary membership in the associa-

FREIGHT TRAIN WRECKED. One Person Fatally Injured and Sev-

eral Others Seriously Hurt. Birmingham, Ala., Aug. 27.-A headend collision took place on the Southern Rallway, three miles west of Eden, last night, between two freight trains, one from Atlanta and the other an extra train going east.

Both engines were badly damaged and ten cars were broken up. John Chreaves, of Atlanta, an engineer, was fatally hurt. J. C. Sewine, engineer of the extra, was seriously bruised and three other train men were injured.

A NEW FRENCH LOAN.

Report That One of \$60,000,000 May Be Issued.

London, Aug. 27.-The Financial News says the French cabinet is considering floating a loan of £60,000,000 (\$300,000,000) in 2½ per cent. bonds, partly for the redemption of the floating debt and partly for the reconstruction of the French navy.

The Herald's Weather Forecast.

New York, Aug. 28 .- In the middle states and New England, today, fair, slightly warmer weather will prevail with fresh to light southwesterly to northwesterly winds, followed by slightly lower temper-ature at night. On Sunday, in both of these sections, fair, slightly warmer weather and fresh southerly to south-westerly winds will prevail, followed by threatening weather and local rain or thunder storms in the western and north-ern districts.