Disasters, Accidents and Fatalities. Ten miners were drowned in a coal pit at Dewsberry, Yorkshire, by a sudden rush of water that had collected in an old working. Anna Bernstein, aged 18, who had just ome from Poland, and Ida Harris, aged 5, ere drowned at Worcester, Mass., by the pretting of a boat load of picnickers.

A Whole Family Killed.—A whole fam-ily, consisting of a man and wife and four children, names unknown, were killed at Guthrie, O. T. The family had been in that their claim, on the Old Cheyenne reserva-on, their team ran away and over a preci-ce. Every member of the family and both ores were killed.

A mortar charged with dynamite was ex-ploded on Sunday near St. Alfonso's church in Rome, and 11 persons were killed and 32 injured. The victims include a number of n and children.

L. B. Sale and his two sons were drown in Fox river at Grignon's Point, Wis. The two boys were bathing and got beyond their depth. Calling to their father, he pulled off his coat and hat and jumped in to rescue them, when all were drowned. The bodies have not been recovered

The pleasure steamer Ajax, with 100 excursionists on board, Monday might collided in the narrow channel of Helsingfors with the steamer Runeberg. The Ajax sank and ainety persons are reported missing. Thirty-five bodies have been recovered.

Capital, Labor and Industrial,

BUILDING TRADES STRIKE OVER.—A general strike of the building trades which was begun two weeks ago in sympathy for the union material deliverers who had been locked out by the Building Material Dealers' Association because they refused to deliver supplies to the buildings for which the iron league held contracts is ended. The Walk-ing Delegates have met defeat in a strike in-solving nearly 20,000 laborers.

The New Castle, Pa., Wire Nail Company, employing about 1,000 men in the rod, wire and nail mills, has signed the Amalgamated Association scale and will resume

this week.
Youngstown, O., will lose the steel plant
which will be operated by the Ohio Steel
Company, recently organized. The company
has received good inducements to locate
sither at Girard, Niles or Struthers, and will
probably accept one of the three propositions.

The men in the mines on Trout Run, Cambria county, Pa., have gone out on a strike. They elected a check weighman and demanded that he be installed as these ofdemanded that he be installed as these of-ficials are at other mines. The General Manager refused to allow him to go into the scales, and informed the men that he would do all the weighting necessary. As a result every man has stopped work. The Riverside furnace of Steubenville, O., employing 175 men, blew out Sunday and will not resume for some time. The com-

ny has a big stock on hand.

The Switchmen's Union, of West Superior, Wis. will take a hand in the steel workers' strike. At a meeting of the Trades and La-bor Assembly they promisek to handle no cars containing the product of non-union

workers.
At New Orleans the entire force of government employes repairing the government river steamers and tugs at the August the August the August the August the August the August Au duboin park, La., went out on strike. im that although the eight-hour lav had been passed and signed by the president, but that it has not been promulgated, they are compelled to work under the old 10-hour rule.

The strike of the planing-mill men of St. Louis, which has been on for several weeks, has been declared off and the men are now seeking their old places. The trouble arese over a demand for shorter hours with no

The general strike of nearly all the Trades unions of New York, against the Building Material Dealer's Association is now regarded as ended. It is estimated that not more than 1,500 strikers are out of

By the burning of two large cotton mills The loss is 1,000.000 francs

The Northern Pacific Elevator at Buffalo was struck by lightning and burned with 10,000 bushels of wheat, Losa, \$25,000.

at Baltimore, the furniture factory of John Chatterton & Co., Green & Co.'s Hope Brass Works, Oppenheimers warehouse, Echlegel's Orchestrian Hall and Fleiscl.man and Co.'s building, all on South Frederick street, were destroyed by fire that originated in the furniture factory. Loss, \$200,000; in-surance about \$75,000.

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A.fire at McKinney, Tex., destroyed Coffey Bro.'s livery stable, J. W. Bradley's
barber shop, Harper & Roderick's clothing
home, Barkley, Harrison & Ready, dry
goods; R. A. Rutledge, confectioner; Goost &
Foster, grocers; J. P. Dowell, hardware, and
others. Approximate loss, \$100,000.

The sawmill and dry kiln of the Tavlor
Lumber Company, Suffolk, Va., with 500600 feet of lumber, burned. Loss, \$25,000 on
plant; insured for \$18,000. Four cars on the
Atlantic and Danville Railroad loaded with
lumber were also destroyed.

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The works of the Harris Manufacturing Company, Rutlant, Vt., were destroyed by fine. Loss \$75,000, insurance, \$25,000, The buildings were alongside the Central Vermont Bailroad property, and a storehouse containing bridge timber and a lumber shed were burned. Loss about \$10,000.

Lightning struck a building at Wood-shaven, L. I., containing the plant of the Jamaica Electric Railroad Company. Loss \$25,000, partially covered by insurance.

John Fitzgerald, a New Orleans police cor-oral, was fatally shot by one of a gang of roung hoodlums while making an arrest.

At Camden Arkansas, Bob Jordon, a negro, while en route to jail last night was taken from the officials and shot to death. He was accused of insulting a white

At Hartford, Conn., F. Wilson Rogers branch of the Iron Hall are being examined

branch of the Iron Hall are being examined, a deficiency of \$1,000 having been already discovered, denies that he has misappropristed any money. He demands a trial.

Miscellanceurs.

At Memphis, Governor Buchannan in Nashville, Tenn., commuted the rentence of Colonel H. Clay King, who was to have been hanged next Friday for the murder of David H. Posten, March 15, on a public street in this city. Unusual pressure was brought to bear upon the Governor for the brought to bear upon the Governor for the past few days.

In New York Tuesday one more small-pox death and two new cases were reported to the authorities.

Four cases of yellow fever have developed on board the four-masted American schooner Eva Douglass, which arrived at Jacksonville, Fla., from Havana. The Jacksonville, Fla., from Havana. The schooner was thoroughly funigated and then placed in quarentine for five days. The schooner has been sent to Dry Tortugas with yellow fever nurses. There is little fear the disease will spread to the mainland.

Political.

The State Convention of the Prohibition party was held at Trenton, N. J., with about 500 delegates in attendance. Thomas J. Gennedy, of Hudson county, was nominated for Governor. The platform, adopted re-affirms allegiance to the Cincinnati plat-

The Prohibitionists met in convention a Providence, R. I., Silver Springs, and nominated presidential electors. A resolution was adopted sanctioning the election of lady delegates to conventions.

Crops.

Hot winds continued in Kansas Tuesday to the great injury of the corn crop. Grain men at Kansas City have advices from the men at Kansas city have savices much the State which lead them to the belief that only one-half a crop can be harvested now even under good conditions for the rest of the season. A confinuance of the hot winds for two or three days will still further re-

spectators applanded every incident of brutality

United States Consul Ryder at Copenhagen has confessed that he is guilty of embezzlement and forgery.

Seven soldiers were drowned at Neisse, in Seven soldiers were drowned at Neisse, in Prussian Silesia, while practicing in the military swimming school. The men were ordered to go into the water beyond their depth, the preceptor supposing them to be sufficiently practiced to be able to swim. This proved not to be the case and they sank without making any sign that they were drowning. The fact that they were drowning was not suspected for some moments until they failed to come to the surface. It was then too late to save them.

The correspondent of the Paris Temps has not been allowed to land in Venezuela has not been allowed to land in Venezuela. He says the country is in a state of anarchy and that General Urdaneta has proclaimed himselt dictator of the Western States. The French vice consul at Corupino has been seized by President Villegas, and France has sent a warship to the scene.

Advices from Teheran, the capital of Persia, show that the cholera is increasing in virulence there. The deaths in the city now average sixty daily.

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At Scharnitz, a village and pass in the Tyrol, 10 miles northwest of Innspuck, a landslip caused the death of five persons who were overwhelmed beneath the mass of rock and earth which came thundering

down from a mountain.

THE cabbage crop is about the only thing a farmer can raise to get a head.—Binghamton Republican.

GOT A BAYONET THRUST

A STRIKER WOUNDED BY A

Sentinel at Camp Black. He Insisted on Passing the Guard Line. A Cir-cular Giving the Side of the Men Issaed by the Fed-eration. Sac. Lov.joy's Statement.

Robert Morton, a Homestead (Pa.) striker was thrust through the right thigh with bayonet Sunday morning by S. A. Keller, private of Company D, Fifteenth Regimer payonet Sunary morning by S. A. Keller, a private of Company D, Fifteenth Regiment, who was doing guard duty. Morton attempted to cross the guard lines and assaulted Joseph Logue, the sentinel, who halted him, attempting to take his gun. Morton was the worse for liquor, and had no apparent object in attempting to force his way into the camp other than the gratification of a stubborn spirit. His wound is very painful, and he lost a great deal of blood, but is in no danger. The incident caused no excitement at Homestead.

Acting Chairman Crawford, of the Affair and said he was sorry it had occurred. He thought, if it was as represented, that Morton was to blame, and said the affair would cause no trouble or excitement. Several strikers spoken to about the affair would cause no trouble or excitement. Several strikers spoken to about the matter said they thought Morton was where he had no business to be.

Both General Wiley and Colonel Kreps said the bayoneting had been fully investigated and they did not see that Keller could have done otherwise than as he did.

A CIRCULAR ISSUED.

OR ORGANIZATIONS ISSUE AN APPEAL IN

RELATION TO THE HOMESTEAD TROUBLE.

The Executive Council of the Federation of Labor, on Saurday night, met at the Duquesne Hotel, Plitsburg, and issued a circular in connection with the Homestead trouble, It is as follows:

"Seldom in the history of our country have we witnessed the lines of battle so closely drawn upon the field of labor as it is witnessed at Homestead. The Carageje Steel. Company, one of the most gigantic monopolies of the age, has undertaken to reduce the wayge of their employes from 10 to 40 per cent. In their desperation and avarice they hirded and brought 300 armed mercenaries, Plankerton detectives, to. Homestead to invade the homes of the men who created the millions, that the Caragejes new possess. Under cever of the Pinkertons the company endeavored to introduce a pauperized and degraded set of laborers to supplant our fellow American workmen. The contest with the Pinkertons and its results are well kn.wn.

"It is not true that the men are receiving the high wages generally supposed, nor do a large a number own their homes. We have

even under good conditions for the rest of the season. A continuance of the hot winds for two or three days will still further reduce the yield.

Bail worms are playing have in many fields in Texas, and nothing can be done to stay their ravages.

Morrary.

Funeralseryies over the remains of Mrs.
May Willard, mother of Miss Frances Willard, resident of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union, were held in the First Methodist Episcopal church of Evanston, Ili., on Toesday.

The Very Rev. A Mandine, superintendent of the sisters of charity in the United States, died at Emmettisburg. M.
He was 60 years of age.

Coursessionat Nominations.
The Democratic conference of the Ninetesth (Pa.) district, renominated Hon. F.
E. Beltzhoover, of Cumberland county, or Congress.

**Clinton county, Fa., Republicans in convention nominated A. C. Hopkins for Congress.

The Republicans of the Twentieth Ohio district nominated W. J. White, of Clevel land, for Congress.

Washington News.
The Navy Department has decided to send the new cruleser, Newark, and the new gun boat, Rennington, to Genos, Iraly, to represent the United States in the Columbus celebration there. Both vessels are at Cadiz, and will sail for Genon in time to be there early in September.

Earthquake shocks were felt this morning at Ems. Coblenz, Neider Nasam and Neider Labnstein. At the last named place they were especially severe, and the people were panie stricken. No serious damage was done at any of the points.

BEYOND OUR BORDERS.

A dispatch from Helsingtors, Finland, announces that a terrible marine disasser occurred near there. A pleasure steamer was an income and the people were present. Six horses were disently were the collision are described as distressing in the extreme.

A horrible bull fight is reported at Nismes, in the fars south of France. Twenty thousand people were present. Six horses were disently well and the people were presents. Six horses were disently well and the people were presents. Six horses were disently well and th

and rigidly accounted for. We also advise all workingmen not to come to Homestead or Pittsburg for employment until the pending dispute with the Carnegie Steel Company is settled.

The circular concludes by requesting all contributors to send their money to Fresident Weihe or Acting Chairman Thomas J. Crawford. The document is signed by President Samuel J. Gompers, P. J. McGuire, President of the Carpenters' Brother-hood, John B. Lennon, Secretary of the Tailors' Union; Secretary Chris Evens, as the Executive Committee of the Federation; President Weihe, President-lect Garland and Secretary Madden, for the Amalgamated Association, and Hugh O'Donnell, Burgess McLatekie, Thomas J. Crawford and David Lynch, for the Advisory Committee. LOVELOY ANSWERS GOMPERS.

Secretary Lovejoy, of the Carnegie Steel Company, said on Sunday:

"The statement that the Carnegie Steel Company, bas a monopoly of the making of steel billets is absurd. Not to speak of the many big firms in other parts of the country, such as the Hilmois Steel Company, the Pennslyvania Steel Company and the Cambria fron Company, right here in Pittsburg there are many concerns making billets. For instance there are the Linden Steel Company, Jones & Laughlins, Spane, Chafatt & Co., the Carbon Iron Company, Smith Bros., owners of the LaBelle Works. Dilworth, Forter & Co., Wm. Clark's Son & Co., Howe, Erown & Co., the Moorhead-McCleane Company, Singer, Nimick & Co., Shoenberger & Co., Slinger, Nimick & Co.

Co., Howe, Brown & Co., the Moorhead-McCleane Company, Park Bros. & Co., Shoenberger & Co., Singer, Nimick & Co., the Sterling Steel Company, and many others, who all make billets.

"The Carnegie Company has about 30 per cent, of the total production of steel billets. No man gets lees than \$1.40 a day of 10 hours at Homestead. Mr. Gomper's assertion that some get \$1.14 to the contrary notwithstanding. The men get 14 cents an hour. The criticisms on our bringing Pinkertons to Homestead has no weight in the face of the law, which permits any man to properly protect his property against trepassers, and who in the words of Judge Ewing, may fire first, numerously and effectively against any mob that attacks his property. It is said that we have only 600

men in the mill, of whom only a dozen are said to be skilled. We are ready to meet any assertion of this sort with facts and

woney.

We can prove that at present there are over 1,500 skilled worknien in the Homestead mill. No threat has been made by any member of the company that prosecutions would follow a boycott. We now say, however, that we will simply rely upon the law to protect ourselves against any conspiracies that may be hatched. As for the personatites indulged in by Mr. Gompers and others towards the members of the Colaw to protect ourselves against any con-spiracies that may be hatched. As for the personatties included in by Mr. dompers and others towards the members of the Car-negie Steel Company we have no reply to make. The fight is one of principle. In his speech on Saturday Mr. Gompers's at-tack were confined principally to what I have not said. He takes little occasion to attack any statements that I have made."

GOD'S WORD IN THE MILL GOD'S WORD IN THE MILL.

The Rev. Edmund Belf ur, of the Grant
Street English Evangelical Lutheran Charch,
preached Sunday morning to about 2,000
Boople, workmen, soldlers and Carnerie
Steel Company officials, inside the lig
Homestead (Fa.) Steel Works. An orchestra
furnished instrumental music, and the
hymns were sung from printed slips. The
Rev. Mr. Belfour's discourse was entirely
scriptural in its character, having no direct
bearing on the Homestead situation. The
text was from Daniel, the theme being the
devotion of a Christian to his faith. Before
the benefiction the congregation joined in the benediction the congregation joined in the Lord,s prayer and the hymn "Sweet By and By."

CONGRESSMAN WARWICK DEAD.

An Apparently Slight Atlment Leads to Physical Exhaustion and Death. Congressman Warwick, of Ohio, died at the Briggs House, Washington, D. C., on Sunday. The remains were taken to Mas-Sunday. The remains sillon, O., his late home.



Mr. Warwick was tacked dwarf about a week ago with an attack of dysentery, from which he recovered in a few days. His strength was so thoroughly depleted, however, that constitutional prostration followed, and the patient was too exhausted to rally. He was conscious to the end. His wife and son were continuously at his bed-side since his illness assumed a dangerous

A RAID ON CONVICT MINERS. The Free Miners of Tennessee Destroy the Tracy City Stockade.

NASHVILLE, TENN., Aug. 15—Saturday the free miners burned the convict stockade at free miners burned the convict stockade at Tracy City, then marched to the mines, ordered the convicts brought out and took charge of them and the guards loaded them in box cars, and ordered the train to leave immediately. Being covered by guns the men in charge were obliged to obey.

Governor Buchanan states that the convicts will be kept in the main prison till a new stockade can be built.

ricts will be kept in the main prison the arms stockade can be built.

The free miners are well supplied with arms and ammunition and it will be difficult to dislodge them should Governor Buchanan attempt to send the convicts

Buchanan has had conferences with State Superintendent of prisons Wade and others, connected with the management of prisons and the convicts, but nothing is known as what will be done. The Governor says he will go to the limit of the law in the matter. CHILI WILL SETTLE.

A Commission to Adjust Long Standing
American Claims.

Washington, August 13.—Minister Egan
has definitely agreed with the Chilean Government upon a convention for the settlement of all unadjusted claims of citizens of
the United States against Chill by means of
actains commission to meet in Washinga claims commission to meet in Washington. This action of the Minister chronicles the satisfactory termination of a negotiation which has been pending for a long time. No general claims convention has ever been celebrated with Chile and claims of American citizens date back for more than half a century, though a great portion of them have their orgin in the Chilean-Peruvian war, 12 years ago. Mr. Egan reports that in all negotiations leading up to settlement the Chilean Government has met him in a most friendly spirit. Much satisfaction is expressed at the Department of State at the successful result of our Minister's efforts in this and other matters recently brought to

BIG STORMS IN JAPAN. There Were Many Live Lost and Much Property Was Destroyed

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 14—Advices from Japan brought by the steamer kie Janeiro include reports of damage done by storm and inundations at Okayama, Lokushima, and inuncations at Okayama, Lokushima, Yamanshi, Gunima, Saitama, Childa and Hyogo. Of these Okayama seems to have suffered most. Rain began falling July 20, and was followed by a terrible typhoon July 23. The Ashigawa river rose 24 feet, Causing the embankments to give way.
Over 5,000 houses were submerged and about 100 persons drowned, in addition to which several thousand acres of cultivated land were laid waste. In Tokushima on the 23rd a number of houses were blown down, while the streets were inundated through the effects of a tidal wave. Forty-one persons were crushed to death by falling

nouses.

Reports from Saitama-Ken concerning the storm say the wind in its passage left a track of destroyed and wrecked houses, in the midst of which were found men and cattle crushed to death.

Eight Negroes Drowned

Eight persons, all negroes, were drowned by the swamping of a ferry sloop between Sullivan's Island and the mainland, S. C. They were hucksters on their way to the is land with vegetables.

LATEST NEWS WAIFS.

Twenty adults, ten children and numerous animals were recently bitten by a mad wolf at Lodz, Poland, and all are now rav-ing mad and beyond recovery. Their howl-ngs are terrible in the extreme.

Hotel Stratford, a new six-story building at the corner of Fourteenth and H streets, Washington, D. C., was burned. Loss on furniture and fixtures is estimated at about \$24,000; insurance \$14,000. Loss on building about \$20,000; fully covered by insur-

ance.

A fatal accident occurred in a pit at Besseges, France. While eight miners were ascending the shaft in a cage the cable attached to the eage broke and all were dashed to the bottom and killed.

The Iowa deaf and dumb asylum at Council Bluffs was practically destroyed by fire. The loss is \$25,000. No one was injured.

Heavy storms are sweeping over Spain, and are doing an immense amount of damage. The rain is falling in torrents and is destroying the grape and olive crops. Much damage has been done by the rivers overflowing their banks and in some places the low country adjacent to the rivers resembles huge lakes. In Huesca the Isuela river is out of its banks: The flood has already carried away thirty houses and it is feared that other damage will be done.

Henry R. Lister, the head of the big Lister firm of Buffalo, N. Y., plush manufacturers, of Huddersfield, Eng., is now a resident of this country, and the famous plush made by that firm will hereafter be manufactured in this country, the business having been removed from Huddersfield and brought here in consequence to the McKinley law.

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At Rondout, N. Y., a romantic wedding occurred. The contracting parties were a daughter of Sitting Bull, the great Indian chief, and Peter Markle, formely of the United States army. Markle, it is said, served with Chuster for a long time, and it is reported that his bride once saved his life when attacked by Indians.

Mrs. Mary, Humbied, or Police Hills, the

Mrs. Mary Humbird, of Folks Hills, Ind. was fatally burned by exploding gasoline which she accidentally spilled on the stove as she was filling the reservoir. A daughter of Mrs. Humbird and James George, who were standing near at the time, were also seriously burned.

impromptu race between An crowded excursion steamers at Peoria, Ill., was enlivened by a fight with Winchesters between the pilots of the rival boats. One boat narrowly escaped being cut in two by

the other.

An engine on the Canadian Pacific crashed into a handear containing seven Swedes in a rock cut near Schreiber. Three were instantly killed and all the others danged the seven stantly killed and all the others danged the seven stantly killed and all the others danged the seven ously wounded.

Coroner McDowell completed the inquest in the cases of Martin Reed and Hugh Coyle who lost their lives in the Noblestown, (Pa.) tragedy last Saturday. The jury rendered a verdict that, after murdering Coyle, Reed

The switchmen on the New York, Lake Erie and Western, the Lehigh Valley or Reading and the Buffalo Creek are on strike. Its object is virtually to obtain higher wages, although the question of the 10-hour day is involved.

Loss of Wages in a Strike.—James G. Patterson, of Hartford, Conn., who built Connecticut's great marble Capitol building and now has the granite contract for the \$6,000,000 National library building at Wash \$6,000,000 National inflary building as washington, says that so far the granife cutters in New England have lost, in wages, by their strike, about \$2,800,000. This sum would have purchased half a dozen of the principal plants in New England, with all the cash capital needed for the business.

The puddlers of Hoover's rolling mill, Norristown, Pa., were granted an increase of 25 cents a ton over the rate now paid, making their wages hereafter \$3.75 a ton.

MONTREAL'S NAIL STRIKE OVER .- The mill workers' strike, which began in July, is ended. All the factories have accepted the scale of the Amalgamated Association with a few slight amendments.

By order of the Illinois State Central Committee the Democratic campaign in Illinois will be opened by a monster rally at Bloomington, August 27. Prominent speakers will attend. The local Democracy are mak-Judge Gresham is at Thompson, Conn

He denies the reports that stump for the People's party.

At What Cheer, Ia., the postoffice, Methodist Church and ten other buildings. Loss, \$30,000; partly insured. Nearly every business house in Havana

has closed its doors on account of the new tariff imposed by Spain. The Arch Priest Leonti has prohibited all processions in Moscow, owing to cholera.

At Poughkeepsie, N. Y., Mrs. Margaret Van Fredenburg, of Red Hook, Duchess inty, celebrated the 104th anniversary of

her birthday. Mrs. Lavinia Fillmore, a relative of Presi dent Fillmore, celebrated her 105th birthday at Buffalo on Saturday.

Republicans of the Ninth Michigan dis-rict nominated John W. Moon for Con-The Republicans of the Third Kentucky district nominated Hon. W. G. Hunter for

Congress the First Iowa Congressional district, was renominated by acclamation in the Demo-

cratic Congressional Convention at Fair The League Record.
The following table shows the standing of the various base ball clubs:

Won. Lost. poned. Cent. Philadelphia.
Boston
New York
Brooklyn
Baltimore
Pittsburgh
Cincinnati
Chicago
Washington
Louisville
St. Louis

CONDITION OF THE CROPS

Returns Made to Secretary Rusk Sh an Improvement in Corn. The crop returns made to the Department of Agriculture show a slight improvement in the condition of corn, raising the month ly average from 81.1 in July, to 82.5 in Al gust. In only four years since the initial 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, 1896, it was 80.7, and in

1887 it was 80.5.

A slight improvement is noted in the States north of the Onio river, and a greater advance in the States west of the Mississippli 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 Mississippl, higher in the lower States of the Atlantic Coast, and slightly lower in Alabama and Mississippl. A small decline is seen in the Middle States, except in New York, and also in the Eastern 1887 it was 80.5.

amall decline is seen in the Middle States, except in New York, and also in the Eastern States, though in both of these divisions the average is higher than in the West.

The following averages of principal States are given: New York, 90; Pennsylvania, 49; Virginia, 90; Georgia, 97; Texas, 74; Tennesee, 92; Ohto, 81; Indiana, 74; Illinois, 75; Iowa. 79; Missouri, 83; Kansas, 81; Nebraska, 11).

Most correspondents indicate a presentendency to further improvement. The returns relating to the spring crop were rather lower, declining during the month from agency and the service of the spring crop were rather lower, declining during the month from agency and the service of the spring crop were rather lower, declining during the month from agency and the service of the spring crop were rather lower, declining during the month from agency and the service of the service to 87 in Minnesota, and Dakota. There has been a slight-advance in South Dakota-and Nebraska, with no change in lowa. In-the mountain States the condition is generally high. In Washington a decline is reported from 90 to 78, a result of blighting.

ported from 90 to 78, a result of blighting; heat, and in Oregon from 91 to 78.

The condition of other crop averages as-follows: Spring rye, 89.8 instead of 92.7 ins July; oats, 86.2, a fall of one point; barley, 91.1 instead of 92; buckwheat, acreage 101.8, condition 92.9; potatoes, 86.8, declining from 90; tobacco, 88.8, a fall from 92.7; hay, 93.2-

ANOTHER MILL STARTED UP:

It is Promised the Homestead Steel Works Will Be Running Full and on Double Turn Next Week.

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Homestead. The 40-inch beam mill in the
steel works was started up yesterday morning with a crew of about a dozen men, and
Superintendent Potter said 10 ingots were
rolled during the day. A college graduate
was in charge as roller, and, Mr. Potter says,
understood the principle of the mechanicism so well that, although he had never attempted to operate a train of rolls before,
succeeded tolerably well the first time;
while the last beam was rolled almost arwell as the old men could do it. Superintendent Potter congratulates himself very
much over the class of men who are beingput to work, they being nearly all intelligent and in many instances very well educated.

cated.

Twelve car loads of steel beams were shipped yesterday, it is stated, and they were all of a highly satisfactory quality.

A few figures which, it is stated, prove the efficiency of the new men, were obtained from the company's report. The report showed that 64 tons of 2x2 angles were rolled at the 10-inch mill on Thursday and that only two "cobbles," or imperfect angles were made. On June 25 the old crew at this mill rolled the same tonnage and made 41 cobbles. This proves, it is stated, that the old men were careless while the new men are careful.

The new houses in the mill yard are ap-

is stated, that the old men were carcless while the new men are careful.

The new houses in the mill yard are approaching completion very fast, and it is said so is of them will be occupied to day. They are laid out on regular streets, and, though very rade, will make quite comfortable temporary quarters. They are to be lighted by electricity and high pressure water mains will afford protection from fire. The strikers still insist that they will be the victors. They will not believe Mr. Potter, but think it is impossible for non-unionists to fill the positions they deserted. During the past week many of the men who were conspicuous figures around the strikers' headquarters havenysteriously disappeared. Last evening a reporter asked some of the strikers what had become of their former companions and received this reply: "Oh, those fellows, have gone back to work; they got scared and deserted." This coming from the strikers, themselves, is in contradiction to Vice Chairman Crawford's off-repeated statement that less than half a dozen of the old men have returned to work.

OPIUM SMUGGLERS.

A British Vessel to Be Saized and the Officers Prosecuted.

At Washington Solicitor Hepburn, of thedepartment of justice, instructed the United libel the British steamer Wilmington, and to-prosecute with vigor such of her officers as were concerned in the recent attempt to smuggle opium into the United States. According to reports received at the-treasury department, this vessel has-been engaged for some time in smuggling opium into the United States-from Victoria, B. C., where there is a large-establishment devoted, so it is said, to the-preparation of the drug for the American-market.

market.

The method of smuggling was to pack the opium into barrels with some light materials and to throw the barrels into the Columbiariver at a point about 30 miles below. Fortland, where they were secured by confederates in weiting and taken into the interior-forshipment to the Eastern market. The authorities have been watching this vessels for some time, and captured, live of the barrels thrown overboard on her last trip, and in this way secured good evidence of her operations.

COINCIDENTAL DEATHS.

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Lincoln, Nam. August 10.—At Fairman, yesterday morning, Lizzie and Bertha Schuts, aged 20 and 17 years respectively, were driving from their country home into town, when the team took fright at the cars and when the team took rights at the ears and ran away, throwing the occupants to the ground. They were assisted to a house, and quickly recovering hired a team and started home. Bertha, while putting away the horses, suddenly dropped dead. Lizzle and her mother ran to the barn, when Lizzle fell-prostrate almost on the body of her sister and expired.