

LIGETS THE ANSWER

BREVITY AND FIRMNESS CHARACTERIZE THE DOCUMENT.

Negotiations Impossible With a Power That Cannot Prevent Hostilities Against the Forces of the Powers—Message From Conger Says Conditions in Peking Are Chaotic—No Representatives of the Chinese Government in Sight—Important Dispatch Received From Chaffee, but Not Made Public.

Washington, Aug. 24.—After a long conference at the White House yesterday the reply of the United States to the application of Li Hung Chang for the appointment of peace commissioners was completed and a copy of the reply sent to the Chinese minister, Mr. Wu, to be forwarded to Earl Li. The state department made definite announcement that the reply had been conveyed to Mr. Wu, but added to its official utterance that the correspondence would not be made public until today. A copy of the reply was sent to the other governments. The American reply is chiefly characterized by its firm tone.

and its brevity. Its keynote is the president's attitude as laid down in the American note of July 3, and there is the strictest adherence to the points enunciated at that time. While the document is open to the construction of being a rejection of Li Hung Chang's proposition for immediate negotiations, yet it is stated by those who have read the answer with care, and have had a part in its preparation, that rejection is probably too strong a term to apply to it. The United States places itself in the position of being ready at the proper time to take up peace negotiations, but in the present unsettled condition of affairs in the empire, the

Lack of Knowledge as to who are the responsible rulers, and what constitutes the actual Chinese government, it is made clear that the time has not arrived for pursuing the negotiation proposed. The government of the United States takes the position that negotiations are impossible with a government which cannot prevent hostilities against the forces of the powers which were sent to the Chinese capital to save their envoys. As long as attacks are made on the troops of this and other governments such as have followed the occupation of Peking and the attacks in the vicinity of Tien-tsin, it is deemed that the Chinese government is either unwilling or unable to prevent these hostilities.

and for this reason negotiations must be deferred. It is stated, however, that the reply is a step in the direction of opening negotiations. The most important development of the day as to the actual conditions in Peking came late in the afternoon when the state department made public a dispatch from Minister Conger, dated at Peking only three days ago, as was as follows:

"The entire city, with the exception of the imperial palace, is occupied by Japanese, Russians, British, Americans and French. It is being apportioned into districts for police supervision. The Chinese army fled, the imperial family and the court have gone westward, probably to Si-An-Fu, in the province of Shensi. No representatives of the Chinese government are in sight in Peking and the conditions are chaotic.

The palace is expected to be taken immediately. Many missionaries have started for home, while others remain in charge of the Christian refugees, numbering about 1,000.—Conger."

Mr. Conger's message was particularly welcome to officials in showing how completely the entire city is dominated by the allies. He states that it is occupied throughout, and that it is being restricted for police supervision. This last measure shows the thoroughness with which the allies are applying civil methods to the Chinese capital. Mr. Conger's statement that "the conditions are chaotic" was taken as another

Strong Justification for the firm reply given to China. He emphasizes the facts that the Chinese army has fled, the imperial family and court having gone, and no representative of the Chinese government is to be seen in Peking. The military situation was of quite as much interest in yesterday's developments as was the diplomatic. Admiral Remey reported in the morning, bringing the story of the Peking operations up to the 16th in Peking, and confirming the press report already printed of the death of the gallant Capt. Rellly in the final assault on the outer walls. Almost as important as

The Peking News in this dispatch was the statement that the Boxers are again concentrating around Tien-tsin, and last Sunday morning the Sixth cavalry, with about 400 English and Japanese troops, had a lively brush with the Boxers eight miles outside of Tien-tsin, where about 100 of the Chinese were killed and five Americans wounded. It was evident from Admiral Remey's account of this affair that while the Chinese are in force enough around Tien-tsin to make considerable show, they are evidently not in the humor today to contest an engagement. The casualty list in this fight seems to indicate a sudden and total rout. The most important dispatch of the day was

Not Made Public by the war department, but was the subject of an extended conference at the White House. It was from Gen. Chaffee and arrived about the same time as the casualty list of the Peking fight. It was dated the 18th and, therefore, was not a reply to the message of inquiry sent to Gen. Chaffee by the war department on Monday night. Still it answered a number of the inquiries contained in that message. It dealt entirely with military operations and conditions. While it cannot be said to have contained any bad news and recorded the brilliant successes of the American troops who have borne themselves so gallantly in

the assault on Peking, it contained enough as to the unsettled conditions in China and the prospect of long and arduous work in restoring peace to form the subject for a consultation of some hours between the president and his advisers.

ATTACK BY AMERICANS.

They Capture Four Courts of the Imperial Palace.
London, Aug. 24.—"To-day 1,500 Americans attacked the imperial palace," says a dispatch to the Morning Post from Peking, dated Aug. 15, "and captured four of the courts. The American flag is flying over the imperial granary and the imperial bank has been looted."

Describing events prior to the relief, the Post's correspondent cables: "On Aug. 12 the tsung li yamun requested a conference with a view to peace. No armistice was granted, however, and that night we endured the longest fusillade of the whole siege. It lasted twelve hours. Aug. 13 the tsung li yamun begged to be excused from any conference, saying the members were too busy. Later they wrote that they had forbidden firing on us and would court martial any who disobeyed. During the evening many shells fell in the legation compound."

Field Marshal Count von Waldersee, according to the Daily Mail correspondent, expresses the opinion that his labors in China will be of long duration, "as pacification will be a difficult undertaking." Three hundred and seventy-five thousand Russian troops are already in the far East or on their way there by land or sea or under orders to embark. This statement is made by the Moscow correspondent of the Daily Graphic, who adds that mobilization is in progress all over European Russia, and that there are now at Odessa fourteen steamers chartered to take troops. According to a St. Petersburg special a telegram has been received at the Russian capital from Shanghai announcing the departure of Li Hung Chang for Peking.

THE MARKETS.

Latest Quotations From Grain and Live Stock Markets.
St. Paul, Aug. 24.—Wheat—No. 1 Northern, 73¢73-1-2c; No. 2 Northern, 71¢71-1-2c. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 29¢29-40c; No. 3, 29¢29-1-2c. Oats—No. 3 white, 24¢2-4 @ 25c; No. 3, 24¢1-4 @ 24-1-2c.

Minneapolis, Aug. 24.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 76¢1-8c; No. 1 Northern, 74¢1-8c; No. 2 Northern, 72¢5-8c. Corn—No. 3 yellow, 38¢1-2@39-1-2c; No. 3, 37¢1-2@38-1-2c. Oats—No. 3 white, 22¢1-2 @ 24-1-2c; No. 3, 21¢22c. Rye—No. 1, 47¢1-2@48-1-2c; No. 3, 45¢1-2 @ 47-1-2c. Barley—Malt grades, 34¢36c; feed grades, 35¢37-1-2c.

Duluth, Aug. 24.—Wheat—No. 1 hard, 75¢5-8c; No. 1 Northern, 71¢1-8c; No. 2 Northern, 73¢5-8c; No. 3 spring, 70¢7-8c; to arrive, No. 1 hard, 75¢5-8c; No. 1 Northern, 71¢1-8c; new No. 1 hard, 78¢1-2c; No. 1 Northern, 76¢; September, No. 1 Northern, 75¢7-8c; oats, 23¢1-2@23-3-4c; rye, 49¢; barley, 37¢40c; flax, \$1.38; September, \$1.37; October, \$1.34; November, \$1.32; May, \$1.58; corn, 39¢7-8c.

Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 24.—Flour is steady. Wheat lower; No. 1 Northern, 75¢75-1-2c; No. 2 Northern, 73¢73-1-2c. Rye steady; No. 1, 51c. Barley steady; No. 2, 49¢50c; sample, 27¢48c. Oats steady; No. 2 white, 25¢1-4@25-3-4c.
Chicago, Aug. 24.—Cash Wheat—No. 2 red, 74¢47-5c; No. 3 red, 70¢3-4@71-3-4c; No. 2 hard winter, 68¢1-4@70-3-4c; No. 3 hard winter, 67¢3-4@69c; No. 1 Northern spring, 72¢3-4@73-4c; No. 2 Northern spring, 72¢7-4c; No. 3 spring, 67¢1-2@75c. Corn—No. 2, 41c; No. 3, 31c. Oats—No. 2, 22¢1-4@22-1-2c; No. 3, 22c.

Sioux City, Iowa, Aug. 24.—Cattle—Beef, \$5 @ 5.45; cows, bulls and mixed, \$2 @ 4; stockers and feeders, \$3.25@4.25; calves and yearlings, \$3.25@4.25. Hogs, \$4.90@5.05; bulk, \$4.90 @ 4.95.

Chicago, Aug. 24.—Cattle—Good to prime steers, \$5.45@6; poor to medium, \$4.60@5.40; stockers and feeders steady @ \$3.20@4.75; cows, \$2.90@4.50; heifers, \$3.04@4.90; Texas-fed steers, \$4.25@5. Hogs—Mixed and butchers, \$4.95@5.40; rough to good heavy, \$5.05@5.40; rough heavy, \$4.90@5; light, \$5.10@5.50; bulk of sales, \$5.15@5.35. Sheep, \$2.90@4.25; lambs, \$4.75@5.

South St. Paul, Aug. 24.—Cattle—Choice butcher cows and heifers, \$3.75 @ 4.25; fair to good, \$2.85@3.60; thin cows and canners, \$2 @ 2.75; choice butcher steers, \$4.75@5.25; fair to good \$4.25@4.60; fat bulls, \$3.25@3.50; boignia bulls, \$2.75@3.10; veal calves, \$3.50@5; good to choice stock cows and heifers, \$2.75@3; fair to good, \$2.50@2.75; common and tallings, \$1.75@2.25; heifer calves, \$2.50@3; good to choice stockers and feeders, \$3.40@4.10; fair to good, \$3@3.25; common and tallings, \$2.50 @ 2.90; steer calves, \$3.25 @ 3.80; stock and feeding bulls, \$2.75@3; feed cows, \$2.50@2.75; stags and oxen, \$3.24; milkers and springers, \$2.50@4. Hogs—Mixed and butchers, \$5 @ 5.20; good to prime heavy, \$5 @ 5.15; rough heavy, \$4.50@4.65; stags and boars, \$2.94@3; pigs and skips, \$1.25 @ 4.50. Sheep—Butcher, thin killers, \$2 @ 2.50; fair to good fat, \$3@3.25; good to choice fat, \$3.50@3.90; stock sheep and feeding lambs, common to good, \$3 @ 3.25; good to choice, \$3.25@4; butcher lambs, common to medium, \$4@4.25; good to choice, \$4.25@4.85; bucks, \$2 @ 2.75.

REGULAR SLAUGHTER.

ASTOUNDING GROWTH OF DUELING IN ITALY.
London, Aug. 24.—The Rome correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "During the last few weeks duels have caused a perfect slaughter in Italy. As many as four duelists were killed in different towns last Saturday. During the year 2,400 duels have been fought in Italy and 480 deaths have resulted. Most of these combats were between army officers and based on the most trivial pretences."

LOSS OF TEN MILLION.
Damage Caused by Forest Fires in Colorado and Wyoming.
Denver, Aug. 24.—A report to the Union Pacific by its land agent says that the damage, present and prospective, by the forest fires that have been raging in Colorado and Wyoming the past two weeks will be \$10,000,000.

News of the Northwest

EX-JUSTICE MITCHELL DEAD.

Well Known Jurist Suddenly Passes Away at Alexandria, Minn.

Alexandria, Minn., Aug. 23.—Former Associate Justice William Mitchell, one of the best known jurists in the United States, died at a club house on Lake Miltoona at 3:50 o'clock yesterday morning. On the previous afternoon he suffered a stroke of paralysis and did not again regain consciousness. Judge Mitchell came here a few days ago from his home at the Aberdeen hotel in St. Paul, and was one of a large party who were enjoying the fishing on Lake Miltoona, one of the beautiful chain of lakes in the park region. A few members of his family were with the judge at the time of his death. It is understood final burial will be at his former home in Winona.

SWOLLEN STREAMS.

South Dakota Creeks, Ponds and Dams Filled.

Pierre, S. D., Aug. 23.—A heavy rain, hail and wind storm swept over the country north of this city. Along the county line twelve miles north of here barns, small buildings and windmills were wrecked on the ranches of William Shoemaker, W. L. Shunk, W. B. Wadleigh, Sam Strayer and E. J. Perry. A heavy fall of hail badly battered things north of that point in Sully county, and the rain extended north as far as the Potter county line. Okoboj creek was running too full to cross, the first time there has been enough moisture in that section to send the stream running since June of last year. While the rain is too late to be of any crop benefit, it fills all the creeks, ponds and dams in Western Sully county and relieves a water famine which was becoming serious.

OUTRAGE AND MURDER.

Horrible Crime Perpetrated in Pine County.

Pine City, Minn., Aug. 23.—The coroner's inquest over the remains of Rose France, the fifteen-year-old daughter of Joseph France of this city, whose body was found in a mutilated condition in the river one mile west of here Saturday, found that the girl came to her death at the hands of Antonio Pachar. Miss France was assaulted, and while in an unconscious condition, was thrown into the river by Pachar. After committing the deed the latter ended his own life by drowning. Pachar had proposed to the girl, but the latter's parents objected. Pachar's body was also recovered. The funeral of the victim was held yesterday afternoon.

ROBBED ON THE HIGHWAY.

Renville County Farmer Held Up by Three Men.

Redwood Falls, Minn., Aug. 23.—John P. Dolezal, a farmer residing in Henryville, Renville county, was held up and robbed on the road between this city and North Redwood. Dolezal stated that one man held his team while two others jumped into his buggy and, after thumping him into unconsciousness, robbed him of all his money, about \$25.

RAFTING STEAMER WRECKED.

Winona, Minn., Aug. 23.—The steamer Eclipse, one of the best raft boats on the upper Mississippi, has sunk at a point some distance down the river. It broke from its moorings during a storm and floated upon some rocks. It now lays in about four feet of water. Work of raising it has already been commenced.

SPEED Purses Offered.

Yankton, S. D., Aug. 23.—The speed programme of the state fair provides over \$2,000 for races, and this, in connection that over \$10,000 is offered by the South Dakota grand speed circuit, of which Yankton is a member, for a month of almost continual racing will bring out an exceptionally speedy string of horses.

KICKED TO DEATH.

Clear Lake, Iowa, Aug. 23.—Miss Blanch Sleeper was kicked and fatally injured by a horse while in a buggy taking a drive. The horse's hoof struck her squarely in the face, breaking her nose and fracturing her skull. Miss Sleeper is a resident of Mason City, and was here for a short stay at the lake.

LOCKED UP IN DEFAULT OF BAIL.

Mount Pleasant, Iowa, Aug. 23.—J. W. Stone, superintendent of the industrial department of the state hospital for the insane here, who was arrested on the charge of stealing state supplies and selling them for his own benefit, waived examination and was locked up in default of \$1,500 bail.

BURGLARS AT LA CROSSE.

La Crosse, Wis., Aug. 23.—Burglars entered Riek's grocery and secured considerable booty besides looting the cash drawer. Pay day on the Burlington had just passed and they evidently hoped to find much money. The detectives have a clew to the identity of the robbers.

Kerst Gets It.

St. Paul, Aug. 23.—Peter M. Kerst, formerly cashier of the German American Bank of St. Paul, was yesterday appointed assistant bank examiner. He takes the place made vacant by the resignation of James Compton, who was elected commandant at the soldiers' home.

Jury Says Suicide.

Fairmont, Minn., Aug. 23.—The coroner's jury, after being out all day, returned a verdict that Maude Cuttng came to her death by her own hand at the Bullard house Sunday night. The autopsy developed no ground for the rash act.

INFLUENZA AMONG HORSES.

La Crosse, Wis., Aug. 23.—Influenza has broken out here among horses used by local wholesale men. In many cases dray horses have to be secured to do the delivering. Hot weather and other atmospheric conditions caused it.

BADGER DEMOCRATS.

Nominate L. G. Bohmerich For Governor.

Milwaukee, Aug. 24.—The Democratic state convention was called to order by State Chairman George W. Peck. Clark L. Hood was introduced as the temporary chairman. Mr. Hood sounded the keynote of the campaign, his speech being confined mainly to a criticism of the Republican party. When Mr. Hood had concluded the committees were appointed and a recess taken until 2:30 in the afternoon. It was nearly 4 o'clock before the convention was ready for business on reassembling. P. H. Martin of Green Bay was made permanent chairman and made a speech eulogizing Mr. Bryan. The report of the committee on resolutions was adopted. The resolutions were in part as follows:

"We affirm the principles as set forth in the platform adopted by the Democratic in convention assembled at Kansas City, and hereby pledge ourselves to give our utmost support by voice and vote to the furtherance of the candidates of our matchless leaders, William Jennings Bryan and Adlai E. Stevenson.

"The Constitution of our country provides for a government based upon the broad and humane principle of the government by consent of the governed.

"That under this Constitution and under these principles we have founded and maintained the most enlightened, the most humane, the best government the world has ever seen.

"We denounce, therefore, the abandonment of this principle by the McKinley administration and the substitution in its stead of the monarchical system of a government by force.

"We expressly declare our opposition to the McKinley policy of establishing colonial dependencies as adjuncts to our republic. We denounce the policy as revolutionary, destructive of the fundamental principles of free government and the abandonment of that splendid system upon which was founded our free institutions. We will fight to the last ditch every attempt to establish a military system which necessarily leads to compulsory military service as an obligation of citizenship, and will strenuously oppose the maintenance of a large standing army unnecessarily, with all its attendant burdens of oppressive taxation.

"We denounce the attitude which the McKinley administration has assumed toward the gigantic aggregations of capital, commonly known as trusts.

"Other resolutions favor legislation equalizing the tax laws of the state upon the basis of constitutional uniformity and a revision of the laws relating to transportation rates and license fees of quasi-public corporations. Opposition is expressed to a joint resolution amending the constitution vesting the control of public schools in the hands of the state superintendent; also to a joint resolution for a general banking law.

The following ticket was then placed in nomination:

Governor, Louis G. Bohmerich, Kenosha; lieutenant governor, Thomas Patterson, Waushara; secretary of state, Joseph H. Woodnorth, Milwaukee; treasurer, August Bartz, Fall River; attorney general, George C. Cooper, Superior; state superintendent, Homer B. Hubbell, Beaver Dam; insurance commissioner, Robert A. Thompson, La Crosse; railroad commissioner, George W. Hill, Antigo; chairman of the state central committee, A. F. Worden, Waukesha; presidential electors, First district, G. W. Stevenson, Lafayette county; Second, B. F. Sherman, Dane; Third, W. N. Cofflan, Vernon; Fourth, H. J. Millman, Milwaukee; Fifth, P. H. O'Mera, Washington; Sixth, John Bever, Calumet; Seventh, Stephen Richmond, Trempealeau; Eighth, A. K. Voshard, Keweenaw; Ninth, Amos Holgate, Marinette; Tenth, George D. Cline, St. Croix; at large, P. W. Cotzhausen, Milwaukee, and John Rosch, Winnebago.

The last business of the convention was the election of a chairman of the state central committee, over which great excitement and considerable friction ensued. The contest was between A. F. Worden of Waukesha and J. F. Murphy of Milwaukee. Several strong speeches were made by friends of each candidate, and not until midnight was it known for a certainty who would land the prize. Worden finally won out with a few votes to spare.

WISCONSIN PROHIBITS.

Meet in State Convention at Madison.

Madison, Wis., Aug. 24.—The state prohibition convention met here yesterday with 200 delegates present. W. H. Clark of Ripon was made temporary and permanent chairman and L. H. Larson of Green Bay, secretary. Clark vigorously denounced McKinley's canteen policy. Presidential electors were named as follows: Willis J. Tubbs, Elkhorn; Robert Fargo, Lake Mills; Benjamin F. Thomas, Baraboo; Benjamin F. Parker, Milwaukee; W. A. McKillop, Waukesha; James S. Thompson, Newcasttle; William Ager, Eau Claire; John W. Evans, Waupaca; Chris Solum, Merrill; Geo. I. Constance, Cumberland.

The convention concludes to-day with the adoption of a platform, the nomination of a state ticket and the election of state chairman.

Arrested on Serious Charge.

Alexandria, Minn., Aug. 24.—Deputy Sheriff Carroll arrested Frank Butler at Villard on a charge of assaulting the thirteen-year-old daughter of Joseph Ernst on the street in this village last Sunday night. Butler will have his examination before Justice W. B. Mitson to-day.

Howard Recaptured.

Stevens Point, Wis., Aug. 24.—The negro, Melvin Howard, who escaped from Plover, was captured at Antigo Tuesday night and will be returned here.

THE POPULIST CONVENTION.

Decides Not to Nominate a State Ticket.

Milwaukee, Aug. 24.—The Populist state convention, comprising about fifty delegates, opened late yesterday afternoon. Cyrus M. Butt of Vilroqua was chosen temporary chairman and made a short speech. After a short recess A. A. Worsley of Racine was made permanent chairman.

The platform adopted denounces trusts and commends the nomination of Bryan, pledging him undivided support. The Sioux Falls platform is endorsed and the following demands made: Abolition of monopoly in money, transportation and land; direct legislation, known as initiative and referendum; public control of utilities, national, state and local. The issue of all money by government directly to the people through government banks is advocated. A primary election law is demanded, also the abolition of the arbitrary power assumed by judges in granting injunctions. A legal eight-hour work-day, municipal home rule, abolition of prison contracts and child labor are also demanded.

A committee was appointed to convey word to the Democratic state convention that the Populists would vote for the Democratic presidential electors.

On reconvening last night the Populists decided to abandon the idea of nominating a state ticket, and instead, ratified the list of presidential electors selected by the Democrats. Robert Schilling was elected chairman of the state committee.

SMOTHERED IN WELLS.

Two Men Reported Killed in Same Locality.

Kimball, S. D., Aug. 24.—A farmer named Olsen was instantly killed by the caving in of a well on his farm in Union township. He had descended into the well, which was a deep one, after a lost pail, and a great mass of rocks and dirt crushed down onto him. He was buried under a mass of debris four feet thick.

Sioux Falls, S. D., Aug. 24.—Peter Egglund, a farmer living north of Pukwana, was killed in a well. While digging in the well, which had about a foot of water in it, the sides suddenly caved, catching him and smothering him to death before aid could reach him.

MURDER ATTEMPTED.

Canton, S. D. Woman Gives Poison to Her Husband.

Canton, S. D., Aug. 24.—Much excitement was caused when the report came out that Mrs. Price, wife of E. Price, had attempted murder by administering poison to her husband. The report was not generally believed at first, but Mr. Price tells the story himself, and says he suffered untold agonies. The dose given was not sufficient to cause the desired effect. Trouble has been brewing in the Price family for some time, and husband and wife have separated, dividing the property. Both are well along in years but have been married less than a year. No action has been taken toward prosecuting Mrs. Price.

DOLLIVER IS SENATOR.

Appointed to Succeed the Late Senator Gear.

Des Moines, Iowa, Aug. 24.—Gov. Shaw last evening announced the appointment of Congressman J. P. Dolliver of Fort Dodge to be United States senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator John H. Gear. The appointment runs to March 4, 1901. The legislature does not meet in regular session until 1902 and Dolliver's appointment is likely to be renewed to run until his successor is elected. There will be numerous candidates before the next legislature for the position, including Senator Dolliver, A. B. Cummins, Gov. Shaw, Congressman Lacey and probably others.

SHOT TO DEATH.

Loads From Two Barrels Enter a Boy's Body.

Jamestown, N. D., Aug. 24.—Floyd Hosmer, son of J. H. Hosmer, a farmer residing near Pingree, was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of a double-barreled shotgun. The boy, who was sixteen years of age, was going to the hills west of his father's farm to cut hay. He was seated on the mower and held the loaded shotgun in his hands. The jolting of the mower caused both barrels to be discharged at the same time and the charges passed through the boy's body.

Heavy Rain Damages Wheat.

Sauk Center, Minn., Aug. 24.—A very heavy rain and thunder storm swept over this portion of the country, doing further damage to the almost ruined wheat crop, much of which is still in the shock.

Thieving Hoboes Apprehended.

Aberdeen, S. D., Aug. 21.—Three hoboes robbed the store at Plana of twenty-seven pairs of shoes and a number of shirts and were tracked to this city with their plunder and apprehended.

Forest Fires in Black Hills.

Lead, S. D., Aug. 24.—One hundred and fifty men are out fighting a forest fire near Homestead Camp No. 3. Fire has been raging for the past ten days and the damage is estimated at \$20,000.

Boy Drowned.

Iowa City, Iowa, Aug. 24.—The nineteen-year-old son of Rev. Mr. Emerson was drowned at Riverside. He rode his horse into the river and it is supposed that the animal got into a hole and the young man fell off.

Colored Boy Preached.

Hastings, Minn., Aug. 24.—A colored campmeeting is being held in this city in charge of Rev. Mrs. L. A. Ragan of Minneapolis. Harry Killbren, the boy preacher, is in attendance. The meetings are attracting large audiences.

In Minnesota.

State News of the Week Briefly Told.

Heavy rains at Kasson.

Smallpox in Traverse county.

Plowing is started at Blue Earth.

Peter Thorum is dead at Faribault.

Comfrey reports fine grade of wheat.

Heavy rains satisfy St. Croix loggers.

Harvesting is nearly over at Hancock.

Wheat at Blue Earth is of the finest quality.

A man was found cut to pieces near Faribault.

Snake river is now high enough to start logs.

David Pierce of Clear Lake was killed by lightning.

A county seat election contest is on at Lakefield.

A hailstorm ruined the grain near Fergus Falls.

Four circus rioters were dismissed at Cass Lake.

There are five candidates for sheriff at Stillwater.

Lightning stunned the Lindgren family at Monticello.

The Swedish male choir Asoph gave a concert at Hastings.

The funeral of Mrs. Theodore Furber occurred at Hastings.

Swedish Lutheran college at Fergus Falls will cost \$12,000.

The William Edenborn breaks cargo record on great lakes.

A heavy hailstorm did a great deal of damage at Faribault.

Storm does considerable damage at Red Wing and Melrose.

Capt. E. M. Conrad of Company K, N. G. S. M., has resigned.

Wheat at Blue Earth averages fifteen to twenty bushels per acre.

Nick Stael is charged with passing counterfeit money at St. Paul.

Twenty-four rural schools will receive state aid in Redwood county.

The Duluth Light and Water company offers its plant to Duluth.

A four-year business course is offered at Central high school, St. Paul.

Rain causes stacking and threshing at Cottage Grove to be suspended.

Thomas H. Warren and Mrs. Sybilla Lough were married at Stillwater.

Six smallpox cases are reported in two families in Windsor township.

Louis Hamm, a retired farmer, died at Osseo of lockjaw. He stepped on a nail.

Half a million will be spent in improving Duluth-Superior street railway.

The safe of the Northern Pacific station at Fergus Falls was broken into recently.

Many boats were entered for races at White Bear, but lack of wind prevents contests.

Boy Blue, owned by F. H. Finker of Duluth won the seventy-five-mile pigeon race.

J. D. Sullivan of St. Cloud announces that he will be a candidate for county attorney.

Policemen arbitrarily removed by the commission will begin legal proceedings in St. Paul.

Reformatory authorities, St. Cloud, are seeking George Willard, a St. Paul man, for forgery.

The Northwestern Manufacturers' association secures an option on a site for an exposition hall.

Twin City sportsmen discuss means of stopping the wholesale slaughter of game out of season.

Organizations are already busily trying to influence possible members of the next legislature.

Mrs. John Lindgren and Miss Swanson were shocked by lightning at Monticello, but will recover.

House boat of state university passes through Winona. Zoological specimens are being secured.

The Ramsey county commissioners have received plans and specifications for a new county jail building.