J. Howard Larcombe, the one-time essociate of the railroad king, Tom Scott, and of Andrew Carnegia, the naster, is a clerk in the pension office at Washington.

American ladies in London have or ganized a club called the "American Women's Club." They have furnished a club-house, which is conducted exactly like a man's club.

Beneath the floor of a Roman dwel ling which a peasant has discovered at Mende, Lozere, in the south of France, was found a casket containing coins dated in the third century.

At Grahamtown, South Africa, a pair of ostriches were sold recently for \$5,000, which is a record price. The plucking from the chicks of the pair realized from \$50 to \$62.50 a bird.

A man with lots of time on his hands has figured that \$25,000,000 is spent on cabs in London each year. He further figures that over \$7,000,000 of this amount is for tips and overcharges.

Bradley Pratt, a prominent citizen of Rutland, Vt., has just died in that city at the age of 94. His father lived to be 101 years of age, and four surviving brothers' and sisters' ages aggregate 333 years.

Australia is considering the introduction of the metric system and a troduced at the next session of the necting link of the main line of the is to make the system permissive for a with its terminal at Vladivostok and certain time, reserving the right to Harborovsk. make it compulsory at a given period.

of Oklahoma, last year raised 5,000 bushels of sweet potatoes and this year he will plant 50 acres to that crop. Mustang township is the greatest sweet potato raising region of Oklahoma, and the acreage will be much larger this season than in any previous year.

Although the circus is an institution peculiarly and typically American, over 90 per cent. of the circus performers and specialists are foreigners. In Europe the struggles for existence is so sharp that people will attempt things in which failure means death, and which no American would think of undertaking, in order to fit themselves for the trapeze or the ring of some American circus, where they are certain of a good salary.

President Castro, of Venezuela, has been credited of late with feelings of the hotel that several powers, includbitterness toward Americans, but ap ing the Washington government, are all. For at least one citizen of this to forego "the cost of the war" and offending republic he has quite recent content herself with such other comly displayed a discriminating regard. pensation as she can secure out of the The American honored with his favor railroad, the Russian property in Port is no other than Gen. Sherman Bell, Arthur and Dalny, and the cost of the ex-adjutant-general of Colorado, who maintenance of Russian prisoners in states that Castro has proffered him Japan, this only on the theory that the position of commander of the Russia will eventually agree to cede Venezuelan army,

A Massachusetts judge has officially edly the line of ultimate compromise. decided that an umbrella is property and fined a man \$10 for appropriating to his own use one belonging to another person. Unless this opinion be reversed by a higher court its effect may be salutary in checking an abuse which has grown chronic of late years and causes much inconvenience, in addition to a certain pecuniary loss. The appropriation of other people's umbrellas has become so common that it ment will quote several international has ceased to be a joke.

A resolution whose author is State Senator Edward C. Curtis has passed the Illinois legislature memorializing congress to erect in Washington a "monument to Abraham Lincoln that shall rank among the great monuments of the world, standing as long as this government shall endure, as a memorial in honor of the man who gave his life that government of the people, by the people, and for the people might not perish from the earth." The intention is to have the monument completed by 1909, the centenary of Lincoln's birthday.

The rain cure is now being tried by a number of persons in Austin, Tex., whenever opportunity is offered for taking the treatment. Some of those who have taken it say that it is a panacea for all chronic diseases as well as many of the lesser ills of the body. There is nothing complicated about the rain cure. All that is required of the patient is that he shall stand in the open, with his body bare of all clothing, and let the falling rain pour on him. The sensation is said to be very agreeable and very strengthening to the nerves.

Frank W. Pettygrove, of Seattle, has the penny that named the city of Portland. Ore. On the toss of this coin depended the question whether the Williamette metropolis should be known as Portland or Boston. Twice the coin turned "tails," and the town was named after Portland, Me., the former home of Mr. Pettygrove's father. A. L. Lovejoy, of Massachusetts, a member of the party that laid out Portland, desired to name it Boston, after the most important city in his state. Pettygrove wanted to name it Portland for the same reason.

Aluminium paper is now manufactured in Germany and recommended as a substitute for the foll. According to a consular report it is not the so-called leaf aluminium, but real paper coated with powdered aluminium, and is said to possess very favorable qualities for preserving articles of food, for which it is used as a cover-Chemical analysis has proved that aluminium paper contains but few foreign substances; occasionally it ay contain up to 2 per cent. of iron, at never any arsenic or other poison

# stown Courier. ENVOYS OF PEACE MAKE PROGRESS PATAL ACCIDENT OCCURS AT A

Question of Cession of Sakhalin a Stumbling Block-Russia Surrenders Ambitions in Manchuria-Crisis Is Expected Soon,

er. The plenipotentiaries are laboring with a seriousness and earnestness which leave not the slightest doubt that to the end the life and death strugboth are anxious to conclude a treaty. gle Though the main points remain to be each side speak as though the conference would go to pieces, unless the other side gave way, the spirit of compromise is in the air. When he returned to the hotel Wednesday night, M. Witte, who was tired out with his hard day's work, said: "I am doing all I can for peace. Of the eight articles we have already considered I have yielded seven. No other statesman in Russia would have dared to do so much, and I have done what I have done upon my own responsibility."

More Articles Disposed of. At the meeting of the Russian and Japanese envoys on Wednesday articles seven and eight were disposed of, the former "in principle," the latter "unanimously," according to the official bulletins. Article seven provides for the cession to China of the branch of the Chinese Eastern railroad running south from Harbin to Port Arthur and Dalny, and with a branch line connecting at Newchwang with the Shanhaikwan-Tientsin road.

Article eight provides for the retention by Russia of the line through northbill providing for its use will be in- ern Manchuria, which forms the concommonwealth parliament. The idea Trans-Siberian and the Usurri railroad

From both sides it is learned that the acceptance "in principle" of article sev-H. F. Wilson, the sweet potato king en only means that certain points remain to be elaborated, not that a dispute still exists. But this may possibly be only a convenient method of postponing until the final struggle the acceptance of an article which could be used in the ultimate compromise.

Russia Abandons Manchuria. Russia, by the acceptance of these two articles in connection with articles two, three, four, five and six, surrenders every vestige of her ambition in Manchuria. She closes the door to the warm water, ice-free port of Dalny, upon which she lavished her millions, and retains only as a commercial road the link of the railroad connecting her European possessions with the maritime provinces upon the Pacific. The right to police it with Russian troops or railroad guards is given up and its protection will become the duty of China.

Pressure from the Powers. There are persistent rumors about Sakhalin, which is

if compromise there is to be. Wants Interned Ships. Japan will make a stiff fight for the possession of the interned Russian warships Mr. Denison, the American legal adviser of the Japanese mission, spent most of the day in his affice looking up the precedents on the subject. Japan is exceedingly anxious to obtain these ships, and in her arguprecedents in support of her demand. One reason why the Japanese are so insistent upon this article is because of their intention not so apply the indemnity, in case one shall be obtained. to the increase of the navy. The indemnity will be used first in paying off financial obligations incurred during the war, the granting of pensions and the development of the Japanese educational system. To replace the losses to the fleet, incurred in the war, and to maintain the fleet up to a standard of strength and efficiency sufficient to defend her interests Japan needs additional battleships and cruisers. If she obtains all of the Russian ships now interned in neutral harbors and succeeds in raising a number of those sunk in battle, she will be saved the necessity, for the present at least, of a large naval budget for new construction. The London government is strongly in favor of insistence upon this article, and Japan seems to have

set her heart upon the surrender of the ships by Russia. Action Delayed. Article 5, the consideration of which was postponed until later, provides for the cession of the island of Sakhalin. Discussion appearing useless at this stage on account of the firm negative

Death Was Accidental.

Washington, Aug. 15.-The navy department has received the report of the board of inquiry which investigated the death of Raphael Cohen, a sailor on the cruiser Yankee, who according to a report to the department July 10 by Rear Admiral Bradford, commanding the squadron to which the Yankee is attached, died as the result of a blow received in a boxing contest. The board found the cause to be accidental, and recommended that no further action be

A Sad Condition. Madrid, Aug. 15.-The newspapers declare that 100,000 laborers in Andalusia are without the necessities of life. Several districts are at the mercy of

the rioters and many landlords are

seeking safety in flight.

River Claims Two More Victims. La Crosse, Wis., Aug. 15.-William H. Klawitter, aged 50, and Albert Bergaus, aged 50, have been drowned in the Mississippi river while bathing. Six drownings have occurred here in the past few days.

Portsmouth, N. H., Aug. 17.-The given in the Russian reply, it was deprospects of peace are distinctly bright- cided, upon the motion of the Japanese, to defer its discussion, thus revealing the Japanese intention of postponing

This is the usual procedure followed contested, and the plenipotentiaries of in diplomatic negotiations, enabling the negotiators to come to an accord upon all possible points before tackling the crucial issues, and the fact that the Russians acquiesced in the proposition shows that they, too, are as careful and anxious as are the Japanese that the world should not accuse them of being responsible for precipitating the break, if break there is to be, and wrecking the conference. This in itself is a hoepful sign. Besides, by postponing the burning questions to the end the pschylogical moment for hargain and compromise arrives

Probable Solution. To the closest observers the final solution begins to crystalize quite Subjects for Discussion at Big Connaturallythe Russians yielding the cession of Sakhalin, Japan foregoing "the cost of the war," but taking compensation in the money to be refunded to Japan by China on account of the transfed to her of the Chinese Eastern railroad, the Russian government property in Port Arthur and Dalny and remuneration for the maintenance of the 100,000 Russian prisoners in Japan. According to the Russian view Japan has already secured all and more than she dreamed of claiming before the

Questions Settled. All questions relating to Korea and Manchuria, except the cession of the Chinese Eastern railroad and the main Siberian line running through northern Manchuria from the station Manchuria, on the Amur via Harbin to Vladivostok, are settled in the five articles already adopted. Some confusion has arisen about these articles and the following resume can be accepted as absolutely accurate: 1. Recognition of Japan's "prepon

derating influence in Korea. 2. Mutual obligation to evacuate Manchuria, Russia to retrocede to

China all special privileges. 3. Japanese obligation to restore the sovereignty and administration of China in Manchuria.

4. Mutual obligations to respect the territorial and administrative integrity of China and the principle of the 'open door."

6. The surrender of the Russian leases to the Liaotung peninsula, including Port Arthur, Dalny and the Blonde and Elliott islands.

VICTIMS OF HIGH WATER. parently he has not yet blacklisted us bringing pressure to bear upon Japan Three Children Are Drowned During a Flood in West Virginia.

> Huntington, W. Va., Aug. 17.-Three small branch of Guyan river, near now potentially The children, with other members of conquered territory. This is undoubt- the family, were sleeping in their home in the valley when the waters crept up about it. The members of the family QUARANTINE HURTS TRADE. were aroused, and to escape the rush of water the three children were placed upon one horse, while Mr. and Mrs. Adkins mounted another, and started through the darkness to the home of Adkins' brother, half a mile away. At the ford, just below the home, the horse bearing the children stumbled, and was carried down the stream. The three children, the eldest 11 years old and the youngest seven, were carried with the horse, and were swallowed up in the waters and darkness. Many nar row escapes, but no other loss of life

have been reported. Negro Lynched. Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 17.-A Commercial Appeal special from Lake Cormorant, Miss., says that Henry Young, the negro who shot and killed Edward E. Perry on the Bass plantation, near Lake Cormorant, last Sunday, was taken from Sheriff Withers and a deputy Wednesday night, and at the scene of his crime hanged by an armed mob. The negro confessed his guilt, but pleaded that he did not intend to kill Perry, a pistol for the possession of which they were contending, he said, having exploded. The mob numbered about 100

Fixes the Blame.

Cleveland, O., Aug. 17.-Coroner Siegelstein, of this county, has rendered a verdict in connection with the wrecking of the Twentieth Century Limited on the Lake Shore road at Mentor, O., on the night of June 23, in which 19 lives were lost. The coroner holds that Walter F. Minor, the telegraph operator at Mentor, opened the switch which caused the accident.

Man Kills Two Negroes..

Cordele, Ga., Aug. 15.-Parties arriving on the Albany & Northern train, bring reports of a shooting affray which occurred near Oakfield, 18 miles southwest of Cordele, in which two negroes were killed outright and three fatally wounded by a man named Malfis. Malfis is a woodsman for the Oakfield Naval Stores company. Seven negroes who had previously had trouble with the woods rider way aid him, and Malfis opened fire, with the result noted.

Wealthy Farmer Hangs Himself. Ottumwa, Ia., Aug. 15 .- J. B. Ritchie, 75 years old, a wealthy retired farmer of Davis county, committed suicide at his home near Boomfield Sunday by hanging. Despondency because of illhealth is supposed to have been the

Buried with Military Honors. Washington, Aug. 15.—The late Rear Admiral A. E. K. Benham, United States navy, retired, who died at Lake Mahopac, N. Y., last Friday, was buried here Monday with full military

# MANY DIE IN ROCK SLIDE

PENNSYLVANIA QUARRY.

Iwenty-Seven Men Buried Under the Mass-Twelve Killed and Bix Injured.

Allentown, Pa., Aug. 17 .- A mass of

limestone, weighing thousands of tons, slid from a side of the quarry of mill A of the Lehigh Portland Cement company at Ormrod at noon Wednesday. just five minutes before time to quit work. Twenty-seven men were at work in the quarry, which is 1,000 feet long, 150 feet across and 100 feet deep. The heavy rains of the last two days had softened the earth and caused the slide of rock. Only nine of the men got away safe, four of whom escaped by running up on a mass of rock at the opposite side of the quarry. The remaining 18 were huddled in a space ten feet square, 12 of whom were killed and six injured. Two of the latter may die. All of the men are Slavonians, who lived in shanties close to the quarry. Two men who saw the side of the quarry quiver shouted a warning to the men. The men misinterpreted the calls and failed to move out of the zone of danger until it was too late. With a thunderous roar the mountain of rock fell, pinning the men fast.

#### TRADE AND TARIFF.

ference Which Opens in Chicago.

Chicago, Aug. 17.-Advocates of tariff revision, farmers, stockraisers, merchants and manufacturers, who met Wednesday at the Illinois theater to determine the best method of overcoming the antagonism of the United States senate to reciprocal trade relations with foreign nations, will probably bring their deliberations to a focus by the creation of a national tariff revision commission. This body will demand a hearing in congress and bid for the ear of the voting public which controls the destiny of both congressmen and senators. After listening to addresses of in-

troduction and welcome from Alvin H. Sanders, chairman of the reciprocity convention arrangements committee, Gov. Deneen, Mayor Dunne and to exhaustive discussions of the decline of American commerce because of foreign retaliation to abuses of the protective tariff by United States Senator Cullom, Eugene Foss of Boston, Gov. Mickey of Nebraska, former Gov. Packard of Louisiana, now of Iowa, permanent chairman of the conference, and a score of others, the convention appointed a committee on resolutions, which met Wednesday night at the Auditorium Annex.

What form the movement, agitated originally in this case by livestock men of the west, and taken up by all advocates of tariff revision throughout the country, is to assume, depends largely upon the recommendation of the resolutions committee, which was understood to favor the appointment of a large commission, which will have permanency until tariff revision is se-

This commission will seek the ear of President Roosévelt and congress during the coming winter will protest children of Enos Adkins, living on a against existing tariff conditions, and demand in the name of millions whom Ranger, were drowned in the flood they represent the adoption of a maxithe United States senate.

#### Business in New Orleans Seriously Affected - Progress of Yellow Fever.

New Orleans, Aug. 17.-The yellow fever record up to six p. m. Wednesday was as follows: New cases, 66; total cases to date, 1,146; deaths on Wednesday, 4; total deaths, 176; number of cases under treatment, 414. The increase in the number of new cases was offset by the decrease in the death list as compared with the same hours Tuesday. It shows the effectiveness of the treatment of cases and conveys an air of encouragement.

The rigid quarantines, which have been maintained now for five weeks, are beginning to tell on business generally. The oyster industry will probably feel the full effects of the restrictions as the open season begins September 1. Retail merchants have not suffered severely, but wholesalers whose receipts are measured by the business they do with the surrounding country are still seriously affected. As the regular business season opens here on September 1, strong appeals are being made through circulars and otherwise for aid from the health authorities in cities, towns and counties in restoring freight traffic.

Collision Kills Six. San Bernardino, Cal., Aug. 17.-Six

Mexican track laborers were killed and six or seven fatally injured as a result of a rear end collision between a Santa Fe work train and an extra southbound freight at Horseshoe bend, 12 miles south of Corona, at six o'clock Wednesday evening.

A Fatal Quarrel.

Milwaukee, Aug. 17.-As the result of a quarrel between two insane men over whether the world was coming to an end in the near future. Henry C. Bryant, an aged patient at the Riverside sanitarium, was assaulted by Frank Larscheid, another patient, and died Wednesday night. Larscheid is said by the hospital authorities to have struck his victim a stunning blow back of the right ear, the old man falling against a tree and concussion of the brain resulted, which terminated fa-

Norway Republic Likely. Berlin, Aug. 17.-The plan, supportd by Great Britain, for Prince Charles of Denmark to ascend the Norwegian throne, has failed, according to information received here from Copenhagen. The expectation is that Norway will establish a republic.

Fatal Collision. Cincinnati, Aug. 17.—One man was killed, two fatally injured and eight others seriously injured in a collision of a Baltimore & Ohio Southeastern passenger train and a street car at Winton place, a suburb of this city.

## "DAVE" MARTIN OF PHILADELPHIA



Gov. Pennypacker's appointment of former State Senator "Dave" Martin to be state superin-tendent of insurance of Pennsylvania to succeed "Boss" Israel W. Durham, who has ruled the Philadelphia machine for several years, has caused a good many wry faces among the reformers, who have recently been having their inning in the Quaker town. The respectable press has been shak-ing its fist at Martin for about as many years as it has at Durham and the general verdict is that the two men, although they have at times been at outs over matters like the leadership of the republican organization, are really a very good team. Durham was asked to resign ostensibly because he absented himself for something over 90 per cent. of the working days. This was what might be called in present day language a "good graft," for the po-sition pays from \$10,000 to \$20,000 a year in salary and fees. No better job could be desired by a boss of the Philadelphia

ring.

The question naturally arises whether the position will give Martin the right of succession to the full political powers of Durham. Mayor Weaver says no. He says that Philadelphia is going to get along without any boss at all and that the people are going to have the rare privilege of ruling. Mr. Martin refuses to predict anything for the future, but intimates that Mayor Weaver any himself he the best if he wants to

Weaver can himself be the boss if he wants to. Mr. Martin is a man about 50 years of age and for years has been a factor in Philadelphia politics. He declares that he is a republican and never went outside of the organization except once, in 1901, when he joined the fortunes of the union party. His appointment by President Harrison as internal revenue collector at Philadelphia in 1892, on the suggestion of Senator Quay and his colleagues, aroused general protest. Although at this time a lieutenant of Senator Quay's, Martin later joined with "Cris" Mageee and others in a fight to depose Quay from power, and was denounced in bitter terms by Quay on the floor of the senate. Thereafter Martin is reported to have spent fortune in fighting the bosses and this is regarded as one fact in his favor.

### THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF NEW YORK

Since the time it became apparent, by reason of development in the case of the Equitable Life Assurance association, that the state of New York would bring civil proceedings against the former officers of the Equitable, there has been some curiosity as to the real mettle of the official upon whose shoulders would fall the duty of compelling the restitution of any money which might be found to have been wrongfully taken from the insurance society by its directors, officers or others. This official is Julius M. Mayer, the attorney general of the state. It is his function to bring civil suits, whereas any criminal prosecutions to punish, by fine or imprisonment, any who may be found guilty of criminal wrongdoing, will be left to District Attorney Jerome of New York county. For the pur-

pose of the civil suit, which was filed on July 31 in the supreme court of New York county against James H. Hyde and 48 other former officers of the Equitable, charging that \$10,000,000 has been illegally withheld from the policyholders, the attorney general has had since the middle of June a transcript of the testimony taken during the investigation conducted by Superintendent Hendricks, of the New

Mr. Mayer is 40 years of age, having been born in New York city just at the close of the civil war in 1865. He will bring to the prosecution of the \$10,000,000 case against the Equiable, a judicial experience, for, prior to his election to his present position, which occurred last fall, he was judge of the court of special sessions in New York. Since his graduation from the law department of Columbia university and his admission to the bar in 1886 he

has served the city of New York professionally, once as legal adviser for the building department and once as council for the excise commission. Mr. Mayer is senior partner in the law firm of Mayer & Gilbert.

### WOULD HOLD LEASH OF TAMMANY TIGER



There will be a bit of dash and color to the struggle for the leadership of Tammany now that William Astor Chanler aspires to defeat "Joe" Prendergast for that honor. Mr. Chanler has been a success in politics, in war and in society, not to nention in literature; and he has money enough to do credit to his branch of the John Jacob Astor tree. (He is a cousin of Col. John Jacob Astor, grandson of the founder of the Astor fortunes.) Mr. Chanler was born in New York 38 years ago He completed his education with comprehensive travels abroad, which furnished him the material for two books: "Through Jungle and Desert" and "Travels in Eastern Africa." Upon his return he was attracted to politics and finance as the field of serious endeavor and to society, club life and yachting as avocations. He rode the Tammany tiger triumphantly into the New York legislature in 1897 from the Fifth assembly district and in 1899 captured a two-year term as con-

gressman from the Fourteenth New York district. Mr. Chanler was one of New York's "silk stocking" soldier boys in the Spanish war and he acquitted himself with such credit in the battle and siege of Santiago that he received especial commendation from Gen. Shafter. It has been a number of years since the society editors were doing full justice to the event which made Mr. Chanler a benedict, but it is not beyond their which swept this section Tuesday night.

The children, with other members of ciprocity treaties cannot be ratified by horses in which he takes great interest. He owns a town house on Madison avenue, New York, and a country home at Great Neck, L. I.

## THE FIRST ASSISTANT-POSTMASTER GENERAL

A man of athletic build and training, with work is the new first assistant under George B. Cortelyou. "Too many men" as Secretary Wilson, of the department of agriculture, is quoted as saying, "start out with part of the egg shell sticking to them; they are not fully hatched," but not so with the new assistant postmaster general. "Mr. Hitchcock," said Secretary Wilson, "had the energy to see a good education. been one of "the men behind the guns." He has been associated with Mr. Cortelyou in the work which brought the latter into public esteem, and his methods and abilities are not unlike those of his chief. Mr. Hitchcock is not quite 38 years of age and he has risen to a governmental position of



importance without any "pull" whatever; his mo-mentum has been all "push" in the direction of overcoming difficulties and improving departmental methods. Preferment has taken care of itself. The faculty of choosing men and of getting the best work out of them is one in which Mr. Hitchcock excels. He demonstrated his ability in this direction on the baseball diamond when attending the public schools about Boston. He was captain of his team and handled his men so masterfully that they won the championship. To his early athletic training Mr. Hitchcock ascribes much of his success and his ability to do without injury the frequent midnight work that his duties have entailed. While studying law at Columbia he was appointed an assistant in the biological division of the department of agriculture. At the commencement exercises, at which he received his LL. B., he first attracted the attention of Mr. Cortelyou and when Mr. Cortelyou became head of the department of commerce and labor he made Mr. Hitchcock chief clerk. Again when he assumed the chairmanship of the republican national committee he found that he must have the temper of Mr. Hitchcock's ability and good judgment in picking men. In this position Mr. Hitchcock attracted wide attention and it was a surprise to no one when Mr. Cortelyou, as postmaster general, suggested to the president his appointment as assistant postmaster general.

## THE NEW SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT



The Right Honorable James William Lowther, who was recently elected to succeed the Right Honorable William C. Gully, retiring speaker of the house of commons, is 20 years younger than the late speaker, who is in his seventieth year. The new speaker is a man of marked ability. The parliamentary forms and manners of the house will not be new to him, for the reason that for some years he has held the office of chairman of committees and deputy speaker of the house. In this important position he has been called upon to preside over the meetings of the house whenever the house has been in committee. Mr. Gully, the retiring speaker, completes a well-rounded career and will accept a pension and a peerage from the crown, in accordance with the usual custom. He has been a member of the house of commons for nearly 20

years. As a speaker he has exemplified all the dignity and stateliness with which this wigged and gowned personage has been by reputation invested. The younger speaker will doubtless suffer in this regard by comparison with his venerable predecessor, but he has native qualities combining grace, knowledge and forcefulness, which will earn him the respect of the august body over which he presides. The new speaker is a respect of the august body over which he presides. The new speaker is a conservative, but it is the general expectation of his fellow members in the house who have by their votes given the seal of approval to his past actions. that he will preside with absolute impartiality and perhaps prove himself more tactful than Mr. Gully has been on one or two occasions, as, for example, when he called in the aid of the police to remove Irish national members from the floor.

Lofty Lineage.

Prince Gustavus Adolphus of Sweden now the duke of Connaught's son-in-law, is a great-grandson of the German Emperor William I,. and his ancestors include Gustavus III. of Sweden, King George II. of England, grand dukes of Baden and highnesses of Bavaria and Wurtemberg.

Not Reason, But Love. Joe-But, my dear fellow, is your ncome enough to justify you marry-

Fred-I'm afraid not. "Then what reason have you for taking so serious a step?" "I have no reason. I'm in

### NORTH DAKOTA NEWS

Cheap Fuel.

Fargo.—After years of high furl rates, North Dakota promises to be able to furnish power more cheaply than any other western state. The problem will be solved by the lignite coal beds. It will not, however, be in the direct use of the coal for steam plants, but in the use of heating gas generated from the coal. This gas promises to do away with steam power plants in this state. The tests by the government have developed the fact that no other coal excels that of the North Dakota lignite in heating gas production, when cheapness of the fuel is considered. This opens up immense possibilities for this state in the way of manufacturing. Fuel has been so high that it prohibited manufacturing industries. This may be changed and the state can convert its wheat directly into flour. The use of gas from lignite coal is also likely to be recognized in the irrigation projects, and gas engines are likely to be put in instead of steam engines.

#### State Fair.

Grand Forks -North Dakota State Fair. This is the next big event in Grand Forks and the perfect arrangements that are being made by the officers of the association indicate that it will be the best fair by far ever held in this state. Assurances are being received daily of exhibits, and the live stock exhibit now promises to be the largest that has ever been held west of Minnesota. Prominent cattle men of the state have interested themselves in making the fair a success and to that end will send the pick of their herds to compete for the liberal premiums offered. In all other departments the same story may be told, and the exhibits in each one will be varied and extensive. Thefair opens on Tuesday Aug. 29, and closes Saturday Sept. 2.

A 2.000-Mile Excursion.

On Wednesday, Aug. 23, 1905, the Great Northern Railway will run a special train from St. Paul to Washington, the Evergreen state. This train will be accompanied by experienced immigration agents, who will explain the country and points of interest enrouta. Stop-overs will be made in North Dakota, Montana, Idaho and Washington for the purpose of investigating the different sections. This is a grand opportunity to visit this wonderful region under the most favorable conditions. The excursion will stop at Spokane, Everett, Bellingham, Seattle, Vancouver, Victoria and the Lewis and Clark Exposition at Portland, Oregon. For full partieulars and other information apply to any agent of the Great Northern Railway.

#### Apples.

Towner.-To those who may be skeptical as to whether apple trees will grow and bear fruit in the Mouse River valley, we will say that they may very quickly have their skepticism removed by taking a look into Henry Erickson's door yard, where may be seen a number of apple trees with branches bending with a large growth of apples about the size of peaches at the present time. In lookng at those apples our mind ran back to the time when the writer was a boy anxiously waiting an opportunity when the moon was low and Mr. Farmer's dog safely chained. In the way hey have gathered several bushels of gooseberries, raspberries and currents this season from their bushes.

## Killed By Lightning.

Towner. - During a severe electrical storm, Barbara, the thirteen-year-old daughter of John Becker, was instantly kitled by a stroke of lightning. She was hurrying to her home when struck. She had been a short distance away from home with her father who was doing some carpenter work and on her way to the house she was carrying a square and some other tools. The father saw his daughter fall.

News Notes.

Dickinson-Wolves are still causing osses to stockmen on the ranges. Jamestown.-Water hemlock is killing off a few cattle over the state. Starkweather.-Steel in being laid on the extension of the farmers' road at the rate of two miles a day.

Minn., Charles F. Craig and A. M. Oversen, Leeds, N. D., have organized the Rolette State bank. Kathryn.-Telephone linemen have

Rolette.-H. Thorson, Elbow Lake,

eached here and the people are now talking all they wish.

Knox .- A resident returned home n time to discover his residence on fire. He saved the building. Minot.-The people of this place have discovered a fine swimming pool in the murmuring Mouse.

Jamestown.-Easterners, who invested in North Dakota farming lands, are well pleased with their

Fargo.-Assistant Dairy Commissioner Flint is inspecting the creameries over the state and giving the

officials valuable pointers. Fargo.-A lot of towns are compelling the merchants to remove hitching posts from the main to the side streets open for business and gives the town a better appearance. Towner.-In Norwich township, 18,000 gopher tails were brought to the clerk of the township, as a result of a bounty offered by the su-

pervisors. Rolla.-The first shipment of radium to North Dakota has been received by Dr. R. D. Verret, who expects to use the radium in the treatment of several cases of cancer in his charge.

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Fargo.-The telegraphers' strike nas increased the drouth in North Dakota. Most of the intoxicants that are consumed in the state are sent by express, and since the strike this business has been practically discontinued.

Washburn.-Some one opened the gates of the stock yards and let out nevr 200 head of cattle, six of which have not been located.

Grand Forks.-Nicholas Zalvas, employed as a car cleaner in the Great Northern yards, fell from the top of passenger coach and broke both of his wrists.