# TALK OVER OLDEN, GOLDEN DAYS

Pioneers Enjoy Annual Reunion at Chautaugua Park.

some Feeble in Body, but Alert in Memory.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)
The annual picnic of the old settlers of Black Hawk County, held today at the possession of Mrs. A. L. Kellogg. Chautauqua park, brought forth goodly attendance of the pioneers of the county, their children, grandchildren and further generations.

James Virden of Wright county, who is now 85 years of age and a settler in Black Hawk in 1846, divided honors with C. W. Mullan, who came to Waterloo in 1846 with his parents, as being the oldest residents on the grounds. Miss Mary Hanna, who resides on a farm between Waterloo and Cedar Falls, enjoys the distinction of being the oldest settler in the county, about 1873, died Aug. 11, 1907, aged 66 having located here in 1845, but at years. the noon hour the aged lady was not present.

"You won't find many women here today as old as I am," remarked Mrs. B. J. Gould of Raymond. "I will soon be 90 years of age and have been a resident of Black Hawk county for 43 years. All this time I have conducted the hotel in Raymond."

Mrs. Harriet G. Washburn is 84 years of age and since 1855 she has been a resident of Waterloo. She now resides at 209 Bluff street: "Young county in 1856, died Oct. 4, 1907, aged man, I am getting old in years, but I do not feel old. This morning I took care of the house before leaving and I am here to enjoy myself. I expect to live to be a hundred." It was one occasion where the reporter asked with impunity, "How old are you?" Cobb was another

Mrs. H. A. Cobb was another died at New Hartf sprightly aged lady there to enjoy the 1907, aged 70 years. Mrs. Cobb located in Black panion, Mrs. D. W. Foote, came to this section of the state in 1863.

The Oldest Citizen. Henry Caesar, residing at 1014 Jefferson street, claimed title to being the oldest citizen on the grounds. Mr. Caesar is fast approaching the age of 92 years and he has been a resident of | 74 years. the county since 1868. Other of the old timers present were as follows: J. L. Wolf of Cedar Falls, 76 years of age has resided in the county since

Byron Sergeant is 78 years of age and has resided in the county since 1853. M. Gilly has been a resident of the county since 1856 and is 64 years Mr. Sergeant lives on his original farm home near Hudson and Mr. Gilley lives in Waterloo.

J. M. Bailey of LaPorte numbers his years by three score, ten and six. He has resided in Black Hawk county since '54.

J. B. Edwards claims a residence in the county of 57 years and he is a resident of the vicinity of Raymond. F. Hood, a resident of Waterloo, is 79 years of age and came to the county in 1865.

J. L. Riehl lays claims to 81 years, but he has been identified with Waterloo only since 1889. Riehl street in |85 years. north end was named in honor of this

J. W. Leeper of Waterloo was born in Ohio in 1831 and came to Black

Hawk in 1853. S. M. Miller, identified with Orange township for the past 50 years boast-

ed that he was 75 years of age. J. A. Murray, who now lives Rockford, never fails to attend the Dec. 26, 1907, aged 80 years.

annual picnic. He came to Black Hawk county in 1864 and resided here for about 18 years. He then went to Tennessee and still later to the northern country before locating in Rockford to enjoy the closing years of his life.

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. McDowell, who have resided in Black Hawk since 1854 and 1863 respectively, were present in all their youthfulness. D. G. Ellis, 1225 Lafavette street

has been a resident of the county since May of '50 and he was one of the spryest and youngest on the ground. All Enjoy the Dinner.

Dinner was served in the big dining hall at the entrance to the park and the many tables were lined with those who were here to enjoy the day. The baby in arms received more attention than the gray-whiskered patriarch or the capped great-grandmother. The old people had turned the clock backward for the day and the hours were theirs, enlivened with reminiscences. Officers Elected.

The new officers chosen at the meeting of the association this afternoon

were: President-S. B. Humbert. Cedar

Falls. Vice presidents-William Waterfield, Raymond; John Jacob, Mt. Vernon township, and J. C. Hartman, Water-

Secretary-A. J. Edwards, East Wa-

terloo. Treasurer-Roger Leavitt,

Executive committee-H. W. Grout, Waterloo; D. C. Henry, Mt. Vernon township; S. A. Bishop, Cedar Falls.

C. W. Mullan, the outgoing president, called the assemblage to order in the auditorium at 1 o'clock. Wil- | died Feb. 25, 1908, at Salida, Colorado, liam Waterfield of Raymond gave the aged 70 years. invocation. Mr. Mullan thanked the society for the honor of choosing him in 1869, died March 26, 1908, aged 87 as their presiding officer, and referred years. in fitting phrases to the old settlers. eulogizing the lives of those who had passed away during the year.

A. J. Edwards followed, reading the list of those who have passed away in the past twelve months.

There were six old settlers on the platform this afternoon and their badges indicated that they came to Black Hawk county in the following years:

James Virden and C. W. Mullan, in 1846.

D. G. Ellis, in 1850. S. A. Bishop, in 1852.

Wm. Waterfield, in 1856. A. J. Edwards, in 1857. Mr. Edwards read a poem contribut-

d by a lady at Webster City on "The Old Grind Stone," which created considerable merriment. The old grind April 18, 1908, aged 70 years. stone was a terror to the youthful Mrs. Martha Hurin came to the heart of the ploneer, as it was not county in 1866, died April 22, 1908, O., in 1815, came to Cedar Falls in the collapse of a brick wall which the balance of the summer. easy or agreeable work, particularly aged 95 years.



Coach and team of the old Western Stage Co. that made daily trips between Dubuque and Iowa Falls during the '50's and was discontinued when the Illinois Central was completed into Waterioo in 1860. From a print in

Miss Margaret McGarvey, born in

J. J. Knapp came to the county first

in 1853, then left in 1861 and return-

ed again in 1883, died April 25, 1908,

in 1889, died April 26, 1908, aged 59.

871, died April 29, 1908, aged 78.

1854, died April 27, 1908, aged

son, May 3, 1908, aged 90 years.

in 1877, died May 7, 1908, aged

Adam W. Seiler came to Waterloo

Gregory Gray came to the county in

1854, died June 2, 1908, aged 79 years.

county in 1860, died June 6, 1908, aged

Hon. G. W. Hayzlett came to the

C. D. Wangler came to Waterloo in

Mrs. Georgiana Deal came to Wa-

1866, died June 7, 1908, aged 57 years.

terloo in 1873, died June 12, 1908, aged

Mrs. Edwin Mesick came to Water-

loo in 1873, died June 18, 1908, aged

Mrs. Margaret Doxey, an old resi-

dent of this county, died in Mountain

View, Cal., June 26, 1908, aged 82

John Greeley came to the county in

Henry Owen came to the county in

1852, died July 5, 1908, aged 77 years.

Cyrus Lichty came to Waterloo in

1864, died July 7, 1908, aged 66 years.

Henry Brisbin came to the county

in 1855, died July 16, 1908, aged 67

Mrs. Timothy Elwell, a pioneer of Waterloo, died at Toledo, Iowa, July

terloo in 1878, died July 29, 1908, aged

Schuyler Mitchell came to Waterloo

Solomon Knapp came to the county

John Philpot was born in Oliver, O.,

Wm. Secor was born in Cedar Falls

in 1870, lived here all his life, died

John Peterson was born in Den-

Mrs. L. H. Severin was born in Con-

necticut, June 29, 1857, came to Cedar

Falls in 1861, died Nov. 1, 1907, aged

S. C. Moore was born in New York

J. A. Fabrick was born in New

York state in 1823, camè to lowa in

1860, to Cedar Falls in 1866, died Feb.

Conrad Paul was born in this coun-

1854, died Feb. 16, 1908, aged 72 1-2.

Joseph Murray was born in Canada

Mrs. Barbery Pfiffer was born in

Germany in 1834, came to Cedar Falls

J. L. Santee was born in New York

state Oct. S, 1827, came to Iowa in

Mrs. John Merner was born in Wis-

consin. Dec. 20, 1857, came to Cedar

Falls in 1865, died April 1, 1908, aged

Mrs. H. L. Corning was born in

New York state, July 17, 1834, came to

Cedar Falls in 1863, died April 8, 1908,

Mrs. Thos. Jorden was born in New

York state July 19, 1828, came to Iowa

in 1857, died April 27, 1908, aged 80.

1855, died March 27, 1908, aged 81.

in 1858, died Feb. 22, 1908, aged 74.

in 1828, came to Cedar Falls in 1855.

died Feb. 19, 1908, aged 80.

1866, died Nov. 21, 1907, aged 84.

state in 1826, came to lowa in 1856,

mark in 1858, came to Cedar Falls in

Jan. 21, 1839, came to Cedar Falls in

1849, died Sept. 20, 1907, aged 68.

1859, died Nov. 5, 1907, aged 49.

died Nov. 22, 1907, aged 81.

died Dec. 6, 1907, aged 51.

died Dec. 27, 1907, aged 88.

1908, aged 91.

aged 74.

Sept. 30, 1907, aged 37.

in 1863, died Aug. 17, 1908, aged 79

in 1870, died Aug. 14, 1908, aged 54

1868, died July 1, 1908, aged 81 years.

1855, died April 21, 1908, aged 52.

aged 63 years.

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71 1-2 years.

18, 1908, aged 85.

when the man who held the scythe, sickle or other edged-instrument bore down with all his weight. It was a back-breaking, arm-benumbing job. The following is a list of those who

died the past year: Henry McCartney came to county in 1871, died Aug. 26, 1907, aged 71 years. Fred Grant came to Waterloo in 1870, died Aug. 6, 1907, aged 46 years. Mrs. Amos Wood came to Waterloo

Horatio Hubbard came to Waterloo in 1879, died Aug. 29, 1907, aged 80 vears. aged 79 years.

Mrs. J. W. Leeper came to the county in 1853, died Sept. 14, 1907, aged 73 years.

Wm. Brennan came to county in 1865, died Sept. 19, 1907, aged 75 years. Mrs. Charlotte S. Berry came to county in 1876 ,died Sept. 22, 1907, aged 75 years.

Mrs. Charles Harding came to the 79 years.

Mrs. J. A. Lichty came to county in 1861, died Oct. 4, 1907, aged 83 years. Mrs. Ellen V. Perry came to Waterloo in 1870, died Oct. 8, 1907, aged 74 years.

Mrs. B. Kelroy, an old resident, died at New Hartford, Ia., Oct. 11, Mrs. Hannah Clinger came to coun-

Hawk county in 1856, and her com- ty in 1867, died Oct. 19, 1907, aged 88 Cyrus Corson came to county in

1856, died Oct. 23, 1907, aged 67 years. C. F. Kuehnle died Oct. 25, 1907, aged 77 years. Mrs. Anna Maria Repp came to Wa-

terloo in 1869, died Nov. 4, 1907, aged Charles E. Roe, an old resident, died Nov. 2, 1907, aged 70 years.

Mrs. Marion Ames came to Waterloo in 1869, died Nov. 6, 1907, aged 72

Mrs. Mary M. Hungerford came to Waterloo in 1856, died Nov. 12, 1907. aged 78 years. Nicholas Thomas came to the coun-

ty in 1867, died Nov. 22, 1907, aged 70. Rev. Dr. Ephriam Adams came to Waterloo in 1872, died Nov. 30, 1907, aged 89 years. Mrs. Mary Rickert came to Water-

loo in 1861, died Dec. 2, 1907, aged 69 vears. E. S. Phelps, an old resident, died at Seattle, Wash., Dec. 8, 1907, aged

78 years. Mrs. Maria J. Tobin came to Waterloo in 1862, died Dec. 24, 1907, aged 77

vears. Mrs. J. F. Goodrich came to Waterloo in 1868, died Dec. 26, 1907, aged

Mrs. Wm. Stead came to Waterloo in 1862, died Dec. 25, 1907. aged 64. Mrs. Orvis H. Call came to Waterloc in 1875, died Dec. 26, 1908, aged

S years Mrs. Elizabeth Shaffer, an old resident, died at Pasadena, Cat., Dec. 22,

1907, aged 84 years. Mrs. Margaret Cunningham

Wm. Miller came to county in 1860, died Jan. 10, 1908, aged 81 years. Mrs. Stephen Carrigg came to the

county in 1856, died Jan. 11, 1908, aged 78 years. James Presba came to the county in 1860, died Jan. 11, 1908, aged 55.

John Dignan came to Waterloo in 1861, died Jan. 10, 1908, aged 64 years. Henry Walters died at Cedar Fails, Jan. 17. 1908, aged 78. Mrs. E. Chapman died Jan. 16, 1908,

aged 62 years. Mrs. Nancy A. Hafer came to the county in 1867, died Jan. 21, 1908, aged 53 years.

Mrs. Martha M. Bown came to the county in the early fifties, died Jan. 27, 1908, aged 79 years.

in 1877, died Feb. 4, 1908, aged 83 vears. John H. Mason, born in Waterloo, Jan. 6, 1865, died Feb. 4, 1908, aged 43 years.

James W. Stout came to Waterloo in 1868, died Feb. 13, 1908, aged 60

Isaac E. Bertch came to county in 1873, died July 10, 1908, aged 60 years. Mrs. Henry Mitchell came to the ounty in 1862, died Feb. 19, 1908, aged

'0 years. Joseph Watkins came to Waterloo about 1865, died Feb. 22, 1908, aged 81 vears.

Israel Scroggy came to the county in 1865, died Feb. 23, 1908, aged 87 years.

Reuben Stevens came to Waterloo in the early '70's, living most of the time here except a few years spent at Littleton and Fayette, died Feb. 24,

1908, aged 64 years. Mrs. Mary High, an early resident,

Abel H. Joyner came to the county

Mrs. Catherine Linn came to Waterloo in 1855, died March 27, 1908,

aged 81 years. Mrs. Esther Banton Kingsbury, an old resident, died at Eureka Springs, Ark., March 28, 1908, aged 82 years. Mrs. Henry Caesar came to the county in 1869, died April 2, 1908, aged

80 years. Gottfried Hartman came to, Waterloo in 1868, died April 5, 1908, aged 72 vears.

Wm. Bauler, came to the county in 1866, died Apríl 4, 1908, aged 73 years. Mrs. S. A. Lichty came to the Wisconsin, Dec. 14, 1860, came to end it. county in 1861, died April 16, 1908, Iowa in 1870, died April 27, 1908, aged aged 71 years.

H. C. Raymond, pioneer merchant 1860, came to Cedar Falls in 1865, died of Waterloo, died at Rochester, Minn.,

May 23, 1908, aged 48. Charlott Philpot was born in Olive, 1850, died July 17, 1908, aged 94.

came to Cedar Falls in 1868, died Aug. 15, 1908, aged 87.

Fitzroy Sessions was born in 1830 and came to Cedar Falls in 1860, went into the army in 1861, died Aug. 13. W. L. Illingworth came to Waterloo in 1868, dled Feb. 16, 1908, aged 68

THIRTY MINERS BURIED ALIVE

All Threatened With Death In Oklahoma Disaster.

Rescuers Are Now Being Driven Away by Flames.

Mrs. J. M. Groat came to Waterloo McAlister, Okla., Aug. 26.-One o the worst mine disasters in the his-Mrs. A. H. Brown came to the countory of the southwest occurred at ty in 1854, died April 27, 1908, aged Haileyville today when between 25 Enos Stark came to the county in and 30 miners were entombed Hailey, Oklahoma, Coal Mine No. 1. Mrs. Julia Burnham came to the As a result of the flerce fire which, it county in 1868, died April 28, 1908, is believed has shut off all means of escape and it is impossible for the rescuers to enter the mine on account Chase P. Hunt came to Waterloo in of the fire that the entombed miners will be burned to death. Mrs. Harriett Clark died at the

All the miners are foreigners. number of miners working near the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. Johnopening managed to escape.

The fire is said to have started from a barrel of oil catching fire and exploding. Burning oil was thrown in all directions. The fire spread with such rapidity that the miners in the lower tiers were unable to escape. The mine is owned by the biggest

property owners in the state. Soon after the fate of the entombed men became generally known, crowds of wildly excited women and children of the unfortunate miners stood at the mouth of the shuft in pitiable grief.

Later Report. Four firemen were nurt. The loss is a hundred thousand dollars.

## PINNEY EARLE TO JAIL

Goshen, N. Y., Aug. 26.—Ferdinand Pinney Earle, artist and sonnet writer, beat his wife, struck her in the face, and choked her a week ago, while birth of their child twelve days be-

Yesterday Ferdinand Pinney Earle was arrested at his home in Semmer-Mrs. Mary A. Shaffner came to Watheir baby, and put in the Orange county jail as a common wife beater. He complained querulously that the John Peek came to the county in law had no business to interfere in his 1863, died July 29, 1908, aged 75 years. Mrs. M. Able came to Waterloo in humor he made light epigrams along 1870, died July 31, 1908, aged 69 years. the way.

Immediately after Earle had been Mrs. Inez Barry, who lodged the com-plaint against the artist, took Mrs. Earle from the house to Central Valley. They were afraid, they said, weather was excellent for walking. of Walworth county is investigating. Joseph Chase was born in Massa-Earle would attempt to harm her Falls in 1855, died Sept. 15, 1908, aged further.

Hothouse Theories.

It is not likely any one has forgotten the series of extraordinary incidents last September when Ferdinand Pinney Earle put away his first wife, child in order to marry his soulmate, has been a man ever ready to sound impressed with his theories as to prenatal marriages and heaven-welded next habitation was the cabin eternal unions he has achieved publicity without a shudder.

#### SIBERIAN CANNIBAL

Jesse Clausen was born in Denmark in 1856, came to Cedar Falls in 1875, St. Petersburg, Aug. 26.—Details Miss Nellie Knapp was born in Illirevolting case of cannibalism nois, March 4, 1849, came to Cedar among a normadic tribe of Lamuts, Jacob P. Lichty came to the county Falls in 1853, died Dec. 11, 1907, aged living on the River Korkodic in the extreme northwestern part of Siberia. One of the nomads, driven desperate Hans Peterson was born in Denby hunger, devoured the bodies of his turn to the hospitable cabin of his mark in 1819, came to Iowa in 1866, party of hunters came upon a desert-R. P. Spear was born in Pennsyled encampment and found the revania, Feb. 25, 1828, came to Cedar

> Mrs. Mary Worcester was born in There was no vestige of food on the premises. The brother's body was New York state in 1822, came to this county in 1856, died Feb. 4, 1908, aged | not found and it is not known whether he was eaten or wandered away F. B. Olmstead was born in New and perished in the snow. York state in 1816, came to Iowa in

#### LEAVE SPRINGFIELD

y in 1872 and died Feb. 3, 1908, aged Springfield, Ill., Aug. 26.-The seventh infantry, the last regiment on Thomas Dobson was born in New riot duty, left for Chicago this morn-York state in 1835, came to Iowa in

MISSOURI WRECK.

Springfield, Mo., Aug. 26.-The northbound St. Louis and San Francisco passenger train known as the 'Southeastern Limited" was partially derailed today near Brandsville, Mo. Fireman O'Neill was killed, the engineer fatally scalded, the mail clerk probably mortally hurt and several passengers more or less severely injured. The accident resulted from a defective track.

CANADIAN R. R. TIRED.

Winnings, Aug. 26.-Rumor from Canadian officials are getting tired of Mrs. Anna E. Helm was born in tlations will be started tomorrow to

WALL KILLS SEVEN.

Geo. Beppler was born in Iowa in was being erected

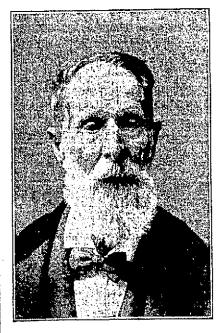
# Mrs. Harriett Law was born in 1821, ame to Cedar Falis in 1868, died Aug. WAS ONE OF THE 5, 1908, aged 87, FIRST SETTLERS

James Virden, Who Came Here in 1846. Attends Reunion.

is An Interesting Figure at Old Seltiers' Meeting,

(From Wednesday's Daily.) James Virden, one of the very first settlers in Waterloo, was an interesting figure at the old settlers' meeting at Chautauqua park today.

The first settlement on the site of the present progressive Waterloo was made in 1846. One of the first white men to visit the locality was Mr. Virden, who passed through here early in that year. He went on to Cedar Falls, where a number of white men



JAMES VIRDEN.

were then located. Mr. Virden, who was then a young man, helped a man named Sturgis to build a dam across

Illinois and Wisconsin. At Fairplay, his brother-in-law, Charles Mullan, ed. and family had decided to emigrate from Wayne county to Iowa, at a place on the Red Cedar river one hundred ing, near Monroe, while Mrs. Julia miles west of Dubuque. He decided Kultner Earle was upstairs nursing to precede them and started for the new country, alone and on foot. At Dubuque he became acquainted with another adventurous man named Flemuel Saunders, and the two, enaffairs, although with recovered cumbered only by their packs and guns, started towards the future site of Waterloo along the stage road by way of Anamosa and Marlon. arrested Mrs. Earle's brothers, Alfred crossed the river at Cedar Rapids. and Charles Kuttuer, and her aunt, and made the rest of the journey up the west bank of the stream. journey was completed the last week authorities of the two towns against in May, and Mr. Virden said he suspected horse thieves. The sheriff

When the two men reached the present site of Vinton all they found his affinity, Julia Kuttner. The artist journey without visiting the cabin, Akaska. and stopped for the night at a cabin hothouse theories on life and love and four miles north. The occupant of art, and often since his marriage to this cabin was a settler named Prott. the German-American girl whom he who afterwards became Judge Jonathan R. Platt of this county. The George W. Hanna, near Cedar Fails,

a distance of thirty miles from the Pratt home. Mr. Pratt accompanied the two men a short distance from the cabin and asked them where they expected to locate. Mr. Virden, while in the

cabin, had noted that Mr. Pratt was the possessor of a couple of daughare given in Yakutsk newspapers of ters, young ladies of vivacity and good looks, and in reply to the question he said he intended to locate at Sturgis Falls, which is now Cedar Falls, and that when he had built himself a cabin he expected to rebrother's wife and four children. A host and claim the hand of one of his winsome daughters in marriage. The remark was made half in jest, Falls in 1853, died Feb. 2, 1908, aged mains of the bodies and reported the but it turned out that the young frontier man was speaking the truth, for a few years afterwards he was married to Miss Charlotte Pratt at Cedar City, the exact date being Feb. 27. 1851.

On the afternoon of the day the travelers left the Pratt cabin, which was on June 1, 1846, they reached the point on the Cedar where Waterloo now stands. They found no signs of habitation here then except a wellworn Indian trail which led to and crossed the river somewhere near the present Fourth street bridge. Passing over the site of Waterloo they found at the Black Hawk creek an emigrant by the name of Taylor, who was traveling across the country in a covered wagon, and several yokes of oxen, but who had been stopped by the high water in the creek. They accepted Mr. Taylor's hospitality for the night, and the next morning, being anxious to finish their journey, swam the creek. Soon they came to the cabins built by George W. Hanna and William Virden. The next day they took a canoe from the William Virden cable and helped to get Mr. Taylor and his outfit across the

creek. After a short visit with his brothwent on to Cedar Falls, where he an authoritative source says that the found two settlers located. They were Erastus Adams and William the shopmen's strike and that nego- Sturgis. Adams had erected a cabin on the banks of what has since been known as Dry Run creek, and Sturgls had built himself a habitation near the river. Virden hired out to Sturgis, who was then building a dam Chelsea, Mass., Aug. 25.-Seven across the Cedar. This was the first workmen were killed and fifteen dam across this river in this part of versity at Mason City, Iowa, were more or less injured today by the state. Virden worked for Sturgis where descendants of the Grand

in 1848 Mr. Virden pre-empted be educated

three fractional pieces of government land, one part of which includes the greater part of the Third ward of Waterloo. On this land he erected a cabin near the river. Mr. Virden neld the opinion, with other early ettlers, that no one would ever reside on the prairie back from the river and considered the prairie land as practically valueless.

Shortly after making this settle-

ment Mr. Virden came into posses-

sion of two Indian canoes and used

them to ferry travelers across the river. The canoes had been made by the native Indians and the larger one. T. Jenkins Hains Has Tragic Story which had been hewn from a walnut tree, had quite a history. In the winter of 1847-8 a large party of Winnebago Indians camped between—the present Mullan residence and the Rew York, Aug. 26.—The lawyers flack Hawk creek—on the lowlands for Capt. Hains, jr., and his brother, where the "Mullan oak" spread its who are awaiting the action of the friendly branches for the shelter and protection of the wayfarers. Two very large walnut trees then stood on the bank of the round pond in what was later known as Cobb's pasture. One day when Mr. Mullan made a trip from his cabin to the creek, he discovered that the Indians had cut down both trees and were engaged in shaping the trunk of the larger into a cance. He ordered the Indians to cease their work, explaining that the trees belonged to him. They informed Mr. Mullan that they would need man against the army and the wives the canne very badly when the spring hunting season arrived, and promised that after the season had closed they would bring them back and present them to him. In the spring the Indians started out on their hunt, and nections are of the highest. He sat several days after their departure in a room of an uptown hotel last Mr. Virden, who was exploring along night and with few interruptions on the river near Cedar Falls, found one the part of his interviewers gave a of the canoes turned over on the straight story of his meetings with hank of the river. He saw no signs of the Red Men and, believing they had abandoned the boat, appropriated it to his own use. He says it was splendidly built, strong, safe and

swlft. The nearest postoffice then was Marion, sixty miles away. The nearest grist mill was at Quasqueton.

#### DAKOTA NIGHTRIDERS

Aberdeen, S. D., Aug. 26.-Repected horse thieves is believed to gantic negro, Bahama Bill, again figbe the cause of a raid on the towns ures, and which closes with a "killof Lowry and Akaska by nightriders ling: at an early hour Monday. Both towns narrowly escaped being wiped out by fire set by the raiders.

Lowry was the first town raided. Mr. Virden left his home in Wayne Herman's general store was fired and county, Ohio, early in the spring of the flames spread rapidly to adjoin-1846, going to St. Louis. He made ing huildings. Seven masked men the journey on foot. Later he visited were seen riding away, but no attempt was made to follow, for the she still was weak and ill from the in the latter state, he learned that town was in danger of being destroy-

> the fire a telephone message was received from Akaska asking for aid, form daily as he would at Fort Hanand stating that the town had also cock. He dons his service uniform been fired by raiders. Similar mes- in the morning, the fatigue uniform sages were received at Hoven and after luncheon, and about dress paother nearby towns.

be estimated at this time. It will reach about \$100,000, fully covered by insurance. The raid is believed to have been inspired by the recent activity of the

Clue Found. A clue to the identity there was a black stretch of prairie, peradoes who started the fires in the with a cross stuck in the ground at a towns of Lowry and Akaska early certain point, on which was scrawled, Monday has been found, and it is in good sized letters, the name of the reported here that the authorities extown. The only house there at that pect to make an arrest before many Emily Fishbacher Earle, and their time was a log cabin located on the hours. The person under suspicion is well known that Mr. Roosevelt is bank of a creck. They continued their is said to be a former resident of taking deep interest in the campaign,

### **FULL OF SNAKES**

is the headquarters of the Wisconsin easy matter and less commented on Anti-Saloon league, but in the face of than if such conferences were held at this there is being visited upon the Oyster Bay. city a nightmare usually associated with the "after effects," for wriggling twisting and tawny snakes by the hundreds are encroaching on the corporate limits of the city and threaten his message this year, but while some to overrun the municipality unless

steps are taken to repel the invasion. vising residents to "change their of matters on which he will urge acbrand," the authorities are seriously tion. contemplating taking steps against the pest. The cause of the invasion is lished an order directing Second Lieuthe worst drouth which this county tenant Phillip Gordon of the Second has experienced in seven years, and cavalry to discontinue the Des Moines which is driving the snakes to the recruiting district as soon as practiccities and towns where they can get able, under terms of the leases or water.

All of the swamps, streams and creeks in the county have gone dry, and it is said the snakes are driven by their suffering into the settled dis-

Three large pine snakes crawled into the hallways of the St. Elizabeth hospital, a Catholic institution on the southern limits of the city, yesterday, and created a panic among the nurses and patients. On Second avenue, to the west of the city, hundreds of the chief master of hunt snakes have infested the watering Heintze of Weissenrode. troughs and pools about the artesian

Children are being kept out of the woods and women travel only by daylight.

## DEMOCRATS OPEN UP.

New York, Aug. 26.-Eastern headquarters for the democratic national committee will be opened at the Hoffman House tomorrow on the arrival of Chairman Mack.

#### CARNEGIE GENEROUS.

Wiman, England, Aug. 26.-Andrew Carnegie this afternoon donated seven er and the Hannas, James Virden thousand dollars for the relief of the families of the seventy miners who lost their lives in the explosion of the dust or 400 pounds of gold. Maypole coal mine, August 18.

G. A. R. MEMORIAL PLANS.

Niagara Falls, Aug. 20.-The National Society of sons of veterans, in session here today, appointed a committee to complete plans for broadening the scope of the Memorial Uni-Army of the Republic veterans will

# ANNIS ACCUSED BY BIG LAWYER

Publisher's Experiences Declared to Justilly Capt. Hains.

in Magazine,

grand jury for the murder of William E. Annia, last night made it possible for an interview with one of the chief witnesses at the forthcoming

The story told by the witness is one of debauchery and moral depravity on the part of the dead man; of boasts alleged to have been made by him of his relations with the wife of Capt. Hains, and of serious and scandalous charges made by the dead of army officers. The relator is a member of the

United States supreme court bar, a member of several New York clubs, and a man whose professional con-William E. Annis.

This story, Lawyer Joseph A. Shay announced, would be repeated on the witness stand and some statements which the witness is prepared to make in addition to what he said last night would be reserved until the Hains in Uniform.

New York, Aug. 26.-In the September number of the Popular Magazine, just issued, is a new story by T. Jenkins Halns, accused, with Captain Peter Hains, jr., with the murder of William E. Annis Aug. 15, venge for the arrest of several sus- in which his favorite hero, the gi-

The story closes: castaway all right, and the flame showed a tiny red spot just beneath the breastbone, where the shirt had been opened. Captain Hains is keeping up the

order of life in the army as much as nossible in the Queens county jail. according to a statement made yesterday by one of his counsel. The attorney said that the captain had While the citizens were fighting three of his army uniforms in his cell and makes his changes of unirade time changes to his dress uni-The hotel at Akaska is one of the form and walks up and down the burned buildings. No robberies have corridor in front of his cell. He rebeen reported, and the loss can only tires at "taps."

### PRESIDENT TO PLAY

Washington, D. C., Aug. 26.--President Roosevelt will return to Washington September 20, according to employes at the White House. This is earlier than it has been generally expected he would get back from Oyste.

Bay. His return will be the signal for the arrival here of scores of members of congress and politicians, all anxious to consult him on political matters. It and no minor part in it, and it is likely that from the time he gets back more than ever it will appear that the republican campaign is really under his direction. At Oyster Bay Mr. Appleton, Wis., Aug. 26.—Appleton with politicians. When here, it is an

It is denied that there is any im portant official business to call Mr. Roosevelt back so early. differ as to what will be the tone of predict a subdued one, it seems more likely he will lay before congress in While cities in the vicinity are ad- an emphatic manner a large number

The war department yesterday pub-

#### agreements for rental. FUNERAL TRAIN.

Heidelberg, Ger., Aug. 26.-A funeral train bearing the body of the late Baron von Sternberg, who died here Sunday night, left this morning for Leipsic, where it is due this ev-Emperor William will be ening. represented at the funeral by a distinguished member of his household, the chief master of hunt, Baron von

Scales In the Mint. Passing through the mint, attention was directed to a large pair of scales which were said to be as fine as anything in the country. They recalled the grand balance scale used in the Bank of England, and on inquiry the mint scales proved to be a worthy specimen of the same class. The Old Lady of Threadneedle Street uses a piece of mechanism that stands about seven feet high and weighs in the neighborhood of two tons. This scale is set every day, just as the one at the mint is, and is so delicately adjusted that it will correctly weigh a grain of

A postage stamp would affect the index six inches. If any weight beyond its capacity is placed on the machine it makes its protest by ringing an electric bell and keeping it up until its load is lightened.--Philadelphia Record.

Waiter-We have clams in every style, sir. Diner-Then bring the a dozen in sheath gowns and Charlette Corday hats.—Boston Transcrive