

IS STATE NEWS.

Prizes for Corn. The board of agriculture has given prizes this year for the best of corn per acre grown on...

Inheritance Tax Paid. A tax collected under the inheritance law in Menard county into the county treasury in...

Officers Elected. The Typographical union at annual convention in Peoria elected its officers...

Missionary Killed. The victims of the rage of the revolution over the hut of Agostino, west Africa, were...

Students Favor Temperance. The students placed their record as a temperance institution...

Sold in a Few Lines. Wheat sold for \$1.50 on the Chicago market. This is the highest...

Mayor announces that the new hospital at Watertown will be for the reception of patients...

Board has licensed five. Assumption at \$800 a year. had been dry one year.

Bohrer, a prominent lawyer, Florence Fifer, both of Bloomington were married at the home of the bride, ex-Gov. and Mrs. N. Fifer.

Hampton brothers were killed in Marion of killing Isham Freedom church last July.

Emerson, a pioneer Methodist preacher, died at his home in town of township, at the age of 74.

IS STILL BACKWARD.

Growth of Crops is Hindered by the Cold Weather—Prospects Good, However.

Chicago, May 18.—The report as to the condition of the crops throughout the country, and the general effect of the weather on the growth, cultivation and harvest of the same, were Tuesday made by the directors of the several climate and crop sections. The reports received at Chicago were as follows:

Ohio—Copious rains interrupted plowing and planting, but favored oats, wheat, rye and grasses. Some early corn up and looking well. Wheat looking and some becoming rank. Cultivation of early potatoes begun; gardens backward; tobacco plants good size, plentiful and about ready for setting; some complaint that cool weather is turning plants yellow. Fruit prospect fair, early strawberries ripening.

Michigan—Cool, dry weather unfavorable for best growth of crops and germination of seed. Winter wheat, rye and grass show further improvement, but need rain. Seeding about finished and some above ground. Corn planting becoming general. Ground in fine condition. Late potato planting begun.

Indiana—Warm days and occasional rains were very favorable to all growing crops. Although interrupted by rains corn planting progressed; most is planted and some coming up slowly; cereals are in excellent condition; wheat and rye beginning to head. Tobacco plants are growing fairly well; grasses excellent.

Illinois—Week generally favorable, although surplus rainfall in many central counties. More than half the corn crop planted, with work progressing rapidly and early planted coming up well; wheat, rye, oats and grasses in excellent condition, wheat and rye beginning to head. Chick bugs more numerous and active in southern counties. Broomcorn crop will go in this week. Fruit prospect good and strawberries coming to market in extreme south.

Wisconsin—Week cool with practically no rain except showers along the southern border. Freezing temperature in west-

DAMAGING TORNADO.

Farms and Cattle Ranches in Nebraska Suffer—Buildings Demolished—Loss of Life Feared.

Lincoln, Neb., May 18.—A violent tornado devastated a wide district along Republican river in south central Nebraska early Tuesday evening. A special train from Franklin was: The vicinity of Franklin was visited Tuesday evening by a terrific rain and hailstorm. Shortly afterward the funnel form of a tornado was seen eight miles southeast of town. It swept rapidly northward devastating the farms, groves and cattle ranches that lay in its path. The forest growth along the Republican river lies prostrate and tangled. The tornado lifted the water from the river bed where it crossed, forming a great volume of spray and water that flooded the valley behind it. The telegraph wires and poles along the Burlington road are broken off, splintered and twisted for nearly half a mile. Six farmhouses are torn to pieces, together with outbuildings, but no one was killed near here so far as is known. The tornado veered eastward from this place, passing into the thickly settled country of Thompson's Creek and Buffalo township, where it is feared there is loss of life and a farther loss of property. Bladen reports three farmhouses demolished, but no one killed. The property damages are heavy at River-ton, but no fatalities are known.

Albion, Neb., May 18.—A tornado passed over this section Tuesday, with disastrous results. Wood river seems to have suffered the most damage. Many houses were destroyed and a number of persons were hurt. Mrs. Harry Austin and two children were

CHEERING HIM.

His Hearers Were Duly Appreciative But Were Not Completely Carried Away.

He was unquestionably an orator. But he was not content with that gift. He desired to deliver speeches which would read well in print. As a result, his periods were polished till they lost force. They would have made more of an impression if he had left a few jagged edges on them. His speeches were as famed for their sporadic qualities as they were for their immaculate syntax, but his wife was a confident admirer of his powers as a speaker. Without taking the trouble to inform herself very thoroughly on the topics he discussed, she accepted his observations with implicit faith and unfeigned applause. She had gone to hear him address the legislature. After it was over he remarked:

"That speech wasn't the success we hoped it would be."

"It was a very nice speech, indeed," she answered, encouragingly. "I enjoyed it very much. I have passed a highly instructive afternoon. And, besides, I needed rest."

"There wasn't much enthusiasm."

"I was referring to my fellow-members."

"You couldn't tell whether they liked it or not."

"At all events, they were not carried off their feet."

"Oh, you mustn't be the least bit worried about that. They couldn't be. They took special precautions. I noticed that before you got half through nearly all of them had their feet on their desks."

AN ANCIENT CUSTOM.

From Republican Traveler, Arkansas City, Kan.

Pilgrimages to some shrine of St. Vitus to cure the disease known as St. Vitus' dance are no longer made. The modern way of treating this affliction is within reach of every household, as is shown by the experience of Karl A. Wagner, of 615 9th St., Arkansas City, Kan. The father tells the story as follows:

"Over a year ago," he says, "Karl was taken with St. Vitus' dance and continued to grow worse during five months he was under a physician's care. His tongue became paralyzed and he could not understand a word he said. He became very thin, lost the use of his right leg and seemed doomed to become a hopeless invalid. We had about given up hope when Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People were recommended to me by a physician's daughter had been cured of a similar affliction by the pills, and I bought a box of them at once and soon noticed a change for the better in Karl's condition. I was so well pleased that I bought more of them, and when he had taken five boxes the disease disappeared."

"That was six months ago and there has been no return of the disease. The cure was effectual and permanent, and I feel satisfied that no other medicine could have produced so marvelous a result. We feel rejoiced over the restoration of our son, and cannot help but feel that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are the most remarkable medicine on the market."

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STAKING A NEW CLAIM.



central counties and light frosts elsewhere on 12th and 13th, but no damage. Corn ground generally prepared, but little planting done. Winter wheat and rye improving. Spring grain doing well, stand even, thick and healthy. Fruit prospect good.

Iowa—Weather cool, but generally favorable for planting corn, which is nearing completion in larger part of state. Showers on Saturday were timely and beneficial, except in southeast counties, where work has been delayed by excessive moisture. Grass, wheat, oats and barley are very promising.

Minnesota—A dry and sunny week. Early and middle portions cool with frosty nights, but latter part warm. Favorable for spring wheat, oats and rye which are healthy and standing nicely. Corn and potato planting well advanced in south. Fruits in full bloom and promising well. Winter wheat good; no injury yet by drought.

North Dakota—Still cold with frosty nights, but nothing damaged except a little early flax. Wheat all sown and most of it up and doing well. Early sown now standing. Late sown just coming above ground. Oats, flax, rye and barley being sown and corn and potatoes planted.

South Dakota—Temperature averaged about normal; showers light and scattered. Spring wheat, oats and rye which are made good healthy growth and look very promising. Soil still sufficiently moist except in localities, but general rain would be beneficial, especially to fields injured by wind of April. Corn planting well advanced.

Nebraska—Week favorable to growth of small grains and grasses. Soil in good condition for work, and planting of corn has been rushed in all sections. Small grains reported in excellent shape and growing rapidly. Cool weather has retarded sprouting of corn, but no damage from rotting reported. Small fruits in good condition.

Kansas—Good growing week with fair showers over state, heavy in Ford and eastern counties. Heavy in best condition in all parts except in the west, and is heading in south. Corn planting nearly done in central and western counties, but delayed by rain in east. Corn coming up in all parts with better stand in west than in east.

Missouri—In southern counties corn planting pushed and cultivation of early fields begun, but in central and northern sections little progress was made, owing to frequent rains, and much early corn has rotted. Much low land wheat turning yellow, otherwise crop continues promising.

pinned by falling walls and seriously injured. Sam Morton, of the Union Pacific, was injured in a falling house. An express train ran before the terrific gale for 30 miles without steam, so high was the wind. The damage to other towns in the vicinity seems to have been very severe.

A FATAL DROP.

Elevator in a Building at Boston Falls and Three Men Are Killed and Five Injured.

Boston, May 18.—By the falling of an elevator used for hoisting building material at the uncompleted warehouse of the Boston Wharf company three men were killed and five were injured. The dead:

C. S. Henry, foreman. Daniel Doyle. Leo Cardaman. The injured: Henry Harvey. M. Duncan. Michael Griffin. Petro Pincio. Bruno Sanareo.

The men were riding on the elevator, which was heavily loaded with material for use in the construction of the building. The combined weight was too much for the car, which gave way at the eighth story, and the men and material fell to the bottom of the well.

Henry Harvey, who was injured in the Boston Wharf company's elevator accident, died at the hospital.

"Remember the Maine" Crackers. St. Louis, May 18.—Capt. Duval, of the United States commissary department, has made a contract with local bakeries for 610,000 pounds of army crackers. This is equivalent to 20,000 barrels of flour. On each will be printed the words: "Remember the Maine."

Besides the big contract for hard bread, Capt. Duval has let a contract in this city for 28,000 gallons of vinegar.

A FRIEND'S ADVICE.

And what it led to.

It is not a common occurrence that a friendly word should be the means of giving nearly forty years of happiness and health to the person heeding the advice it carried. This was the case with Mary Lingard. At twenty-five she was dragging out her days in misery. At sixty-one she finds herself so active and strong she can do work that would shame many a younger woman, and looks back on thirty-six happy, healthful years of industry. But let her tell her story:

"Thirty-six years ago I had great trouble with my liver. The doctors allowed that there were tumors growing on it, and they blistered my side in an effort to give me relief. I was at that time earning my living as a saleswoman, but for five years, between the pain in my side and the blisters I was in constant misery, and work was a drag to me, with no prospect of relief; fortunately for me, however, a friend advised me to take Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and finally persuaded me to take a regular course of it. When I first commenced taking the Sarsaparilla my side was so painful that I could not fasten my dress, and for a time I did not get any relief, but my friend advised me to persevere, and relief was sure to come, and come it did. This happened, as I say, thirty-six years ago. My liver has never troubled me since, and during these years I have passed through the most critical period of a woman's life without any particular trouble, and to-day, at sixty-one years of age, I am active and strong, and able to do a day's work that would upset

many a younger woman. Ever since my recovery I have taken a couple of bottles of Dr. Ayer's Sarsaparilla each spring, and am quite satisfied that I owe my good health to this treatment. I give this testimonial purely in the hope that it may meet the eyes of some poor sufferer."

MARY LINGARD, Woodstock, Ont.
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