

WIRE NEWS FLASHES

(National News Association)
I. O. O. F. CONCLAVE.
NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Aug. 8.—From all parts of Ontario members of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows met here today for a four days' session of the Provincial Grand Lodge. The Rebekahs, the women's auxiliary of the order, also are holding their annual session.

POSTMASTERS MEET.
MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., Aug. 8.—Marshalltown extended a cordial welcome today to the third and fourth class postmasters of Iowa, assembled here for their eighth annual State convention. The officers in charge of the convention are President Charles O. Walker, Vice President A. M. Henderson of Story City and Secretary L. L. Reynolds of Little Sioux.

ON DRINKING CUPS.
TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 8.—The State Board of Public Utilities Commissioners at a special meeting today listened to the suggestions of representatives of the railroads for a solution of the drinking cup problem, arising from the new State law prohibiting the use of common drinking cups on trains or in other public places in New Jersey.

BUSINESS MEN MEET.
FAIRMOUNT, W. Va., Aug. 8.—Leading merchants of cities and towns throughout the State were on hand today at the opening of the annual convention of the Retail Business Men's Association of West Virginia. Insurance, advertising, freight rates, the parcel post and other questions of general interest and importance to the retail trade are scheduled for consideration during the two days' session.

NAGEL A SPEAKER.
Houghton, Mich., Aug. 8.—Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel, as the personal representative of President Taft, was the principal speaker today at the exercises in celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Michigan College of Mines.

THE FIRST TRAIN.
SAN SABA, Texas, Aug. 8.—A big parade and civic celebration were held here today in honor of the arrival of the first train over the new branch line of the Santa Fe. A special train over the new line from Temple brought a large delegation of business men from that place to take part in the celebration.

VINELAND'S BIRTHDAY.
VINELAND, N. J., Aug. 8.—This was the big day of Vineland's semi-centennial celebration, the fiftieth anniversary of the day Charles K. Landis drove the first stake to mark the center of the town. An imposing parade through the gayly decorated streets was the chief feature of the day's program.

APPLE SHIPPERS.
DETROIT, Mich., Aug. 8.—Many visitors from points throughout the United States and Canada arrived in Detroit today to attend the annual convention of the International Apple Shippers' Association. The sessions will begin tomorrow and continue three days.

BURNING THE DEAD.

A Custom That Can Be Traced Back to the Earliest Ages.
Cremation has been practiced by most of the nations of the earth from the earliest ages, and, although in pagan countries it may have taken the form of fire worshiping, there can be no doubt that its adoption by the ancients was for the most part prompted by other than religious reasons. Greeks sacrifice its introduction to Hercules, who, having sworn to transmit the body of Argus to his father, thought this the most convenient way of fulfilling his promise. According to Homer, the burning of the dead was a common practice among the Greeks long before the Trojan war, but the earliest record of it is among the Scythians, who inhabited the vast region known under the name of Tartary. Slender accounts handed down concerning the manners of some of the ancient natives of Hindustan also allude to the custom. The idea of purification by fire was in all ages universal, and with good reason. Some believed that the body was unclean after the departure of the soul, and it was therefore deemed necessary that it should be purified by fire. Ovid expressed the general opinion of his time when he said that the soul was not completely separated from the body until the latter was consumed on the pyre. The Athenians invariably after a battle burned the slain.

WHIPPED BY MACHINERY.

Automatic Floggers Used by Several European Armies.
Automatic flogging machines are in use among the military forces of several European nations. For many years the whipping was always done by soldiers under the command of an officer, and the punishment varied, according to the personal relations subsisting between the soldier and his victim. It was to correct this disadvantage that the flogging machine was invented.

The machine is automatic in action, and as soon as the culprit is fastened in position a spring is tightened or loosened to gauge the exact force of the blow. A pointer is moved over a dial to the requisite number of strokes and the mechanism is started.

With perfect regularity the victim's back is scorched by the thongs, the handle of the whip being moved by a screw device after each stroke so that the lash does not fall on the same spot throughout the punishment.

Each blow is of uniform severity, and as soon as the required number has been given the machine comes to a rest, and the offender is released, with the assurance that the exact punishment ordered has been meted out to him.—Harper's Weekly.

Susie Helps Henie to Fish



Baseball Results

National League			
Won	Lost	Pct.	
Chicago	58	36	.617
Pittsburg	59	38	.608
New York	57	39	.593
Philadelphia	56	39	.589
St. Louis	55	43	.561
Cincinnati	43	53	.448
Brooklyn	37	60	.381
Boston	22	77	.449

(First Game)			
R. H. E.			
Washington		0	2
Washington		1	4
Peltz and Stephen; Groome and Street.			

(Second Game)			
R. H. E.			
St. Louis		13	10
Washington		6	13
George and Krischel; Gray, Cashion and Ainsmith.			

(American Association)			
R. H. E.			
Indianapolis		3	9
Columbus		2	6
Merz and Ritter; Lessard and Walsh.			

New York at Chicago.			
R. H. E.			
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh.			
Brooklyn at St. Louis.			
Boston at Cincinnati.			

(American League.)			
R. H. E.			
Philadelphia	65	35	.650
Detroit	65	36	.650
Boston	53	50	.515
Chicago	50	50	.500
New York	51	50	.505
Cleveland	52	52	.500
Washington	39	63	.382
St. Louis	31	70	.307

(RESULTS YESTERDAY.)			
National League.			
R. H. E.			
Philadelphia	1	8	2
Pittsburg	2	3	2
Chalmers and Horgan; Adams and Gibson.			

(American Association.)			
R. H. E.			
Philadelphia	3	7	2
Boston	4	6	2
Cincinnati	8	10	1
Mattern, Perdu and Kling; Smith and Clark.			

(RESULTS YESTERDAY.)			
National League.			
R. H. E.			
Philadelphia	1	7	1
Pittsburg	2	9	1
Scott and Payne; Bender, Danforth and Thomas. (14 innings)			

(Second Game)			
R. H. E.			
Chicago	2	6	2
Boston	3	11	3
Gregg and Fisher; Wood and Carrigan.			

(First Game)			
R. H. E.			
Chicago	7	12	3
New York	6	10	0
Summers, Works and Stange; Caldwell and Sweeney.			

(American League.)			
R. H. E.			
Detroit	7	12	3
New York	6</		