 Russian losses in killed, wo
prisoners are said to be 600 .

## The six-year-old daughter

 John Middleatadt, of Lebanon,was burned to death Wednesdayplaying around a brush fire.
Thomas R. Dalney has been selected as chief of police of Seattle, by Mayor-elect Ballihger. The appointment will be made at once.
Mayor-elect Ballinger, of Seattle, has given the gamblers to understand that he will keep the city closed while Mayor, and as a re-
sult the big games have already closed and the gamblers are leav-
A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent of the Northern as a successor to Charles S. Fee, general
road.
Levi Russell, one of the founders of the city of Corvallis, died in that
city Thuraday, aged 88. He came to Oregon in 1850 .
Hindies fovR lines.
rathehnite whinavegreat Pow-- Keeps the boys at home.
 The continual exodus of boys from the farms of southern Illinois to the cities
is beting combated in this section of Es being combated an soctety bearing the name of
Farmers' Reliet association Farmers' Reliet associadon. The asso-
ciation is the outgrowth of an Idea
hatched in southern Illinois, and in the hatched in southern sevilnois, and in the
ganized its effects where the soclitinly seen, says ganized its effects are plainly seen, says
the Chicago Inter Ocean. The rush of young men to St. Louis, Chicago and Cin-
cinnati has been almost completeiy
stayed. The farmers' boys are themstayed. The farmers boys are them-
selves members of the neworganization,
which has in a manner furnished at-
tractions to rural life which largely otttractuons to rural life which largely of
set the allurements of the city. The Farmers' Rellef associatio modeled somewhat upon the lines of the
trades union, and amboties some of the
hest and most reasonable teatures of trades union, and embodies some of the
best and most reasonable features of
former ill-born farmers' soelettes. The central idea of the association is to make
country life attractive. The founder, country life attractive. The founder,
James H. England, contended that if in each school district the familles could
be brought into closer social relations be brought into closer social relations
and the life given some little variety
problem would De solved. Che scenool douldrict was made the unt
in the plan. The school teacher wa raised from more pedaogogue to social
arbiter. He is called the chairman arbiter. He is called the chairman of
the community committoe, and he sees
that there is always "oome sort of doin's," as the people say. The Wagner
school district. a few miles south of Carbondale, is the best organized com
munity. In the Wagner society ever person in the district, transient or resi-
dent, is entitled to membership. To the
docil. dent is entuled to membership. To the
social events of the district the rural
pedagogue invites every man, woman and child. That means that there are
no feuds, no quarrels, no wrangling, in the community, for all the people meet
in social way.
The society has gone further than this, and has installed a school district
teiephone system. An old lady who telt
nothong to do but darn heavy home-
knit socks or sew carpet rams is the
"hello girl." Each family in the district "hello girl." Each familly in the district
pays five dollars annuany for the use of
a telephone and they a telephone, and they use it. The young
men do their courting over the telephone when the weather is bad, and the
only complaint of the telephone service to be made so far was that one raing
ntght Cupid had connected so many of the subscribers th + a very sick man
could not get a messa, through to the could not get a messa, through to the
doctor In Carbondale. 1he man did not
die. however.
As soon as the telephone system was As soon as the telephone system was
in working order the school teacher
organized a string tand. This country
musical organization furnishes the music at the Cances and the church so-
ciables. The band has a repertore that
includes everything from "The Arkansas


