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CURRENT HAPPENINGS

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

LEWIS GOES TO CHINA

METHODISTS ASSIGN SIOUX CITY MAN TO FOO CHOW.

Bishop John L. Neulson, of Ohio, Assigned to New Episcopal Headquarters Created for the Nebraska Metropolis—Quayle to Oklahoma.

The assignment of bishops to the various Episcopal residences, than which few events of the Methodist general conference are looked forward to with greater interest, was reported by the committee on episcopacy Thursday night by a special committee of nineteen and adopted by the full committee during a meeting that lasted until nearly midnight.

The assignments were as follows: Boston, Mass.—J. W. Hamilton. Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic—Frank M. Bristol.

Buffalo, N. Y.—John W. Berry. Chattanooga, Tenn.—William F. Anderson.

Chicago, Ill.—William F. McDowell. Cincinnati, O.—David H. Moore.

Denver, Colo.—Henry W. Warren. Foo Chow, China—W. S. Lewis.

New Orleans, La.—Thomas K. Keeley. New York—Daniel A. Goodsell.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—William A. Quayle. Omaha, Neb.—John L. Neulson.

Pekin, China—James W. Bashford. Philadelphia, Pa.—Luther B. Wilson.

Portland, Ore.—Charles W. Smith. St. Louis, Mo.—Henry Spellmyer.

St. Paul, Minn.—Robert McIntyre. San Francisco, Cal.—Edwin H. Hughes.

Washington, D. C.—Earl Cranston. Zurich, Switzerland—William Burt.

Rev. George A. Cooke's appeal against the ruling of Bishop Moore in the matter of Cooke's charges against Chancellor J. R. Day, of Syracuse university, has been dismissed by the judicial committee. Cooke preferred charges against Day before the New York conference, alleging Day had spoken disrespectfully of President Roosevelt in his writing. Bishop Moore ruled them out on the ground that they were not in proper form to come before the conference.

It was decided to merge the Methodist Book Concern at New York and the Western Methodist Book Concern at Cincinnati into one corporation, to be called the Methodist Book Concern.

At the afternoon session the present publishing agents of the Methodist Book Concern were re-elected.

GULF STREAM CHANGING. New York Will Be a Tropical City, Says a Liner Captain.

That the fogs which have been hanging over New York and its approaches for several days, greatly interfering with shipping, are the forerunners of a tropical climate for New York is the opinion expressed by Capt. Arthur Mills, commander of the American liner Philadelphia, which was delayed outside Sandy Hook for many hours by the fog.

"It's the Gulf stream," he said, shaking his head. "The stream is getting closer to New York every year, and I expect, if I live long, to see the Gulf stream running right past our door and New York become a tropical city, with an almost continuous fog rolling in from the sea."

CANADIAN DAM BURSTS. Three Lives Lost and Estimated Damage of \$500,000 Reported.

A special from Port Arthur says the civic dam on Current river burst Thursday, causing a disastrous flood. The loss of three lives and a money loss estimated at \$500,000 is reported.

A Canadian Pacific freight train pulled into Port Arthur on submerged tracks, the engine was overturned and Engineer Savage, Fireman McBride and Brakeman Immann, who were on the engine, were pinned under the wreckage and drowned. The Canadian Pacific Railway company will be the heaviest loser, several miles of track having been washed away.

Abrams Proves an Alibi. Charles Abrams, a London clothing merchant, who has been held pending an investigation of the mysterious death of Mrs. Carrie Shaw, a young Hortonville widow, was released Thursday, he having proven a clear alibi.

Siox City Live Stock Market. Thursday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$6.45. Top hogs, \$5.35.

May Be Murder Case. A man named Murphy, of Fort Dodge, Ia., thought to be an umbrella mender, was found dead at Ute, Monona county. The coroner declares he was murdered and had two traps arrested.

Russian Ship on Rocks. The Russian battleship Peter the Great struck the rocks Wednesday night in the Gulf of Finland. It is believed she can be saved.

EIGHT NEW BISHOPS.

Dr. Lewis Fifth Chosen by Methodist Conference.

The election for bishops by the Methodist Episcopal general conference is over, on the eighteenth ballot the Rev. Dr. Frank M. Bristol receiving two-thirds of those voting. When the announcement was made late Tuesday of the selection of the eighth and last bishop very many of the delegates heaved sighs of relief.

The new bishops in the order of their election and the number of votes each received on the electing ballot are as follows:

Rev. Dr. W. F. Anderson, of New York, secretary of the board of education, Freedman's aid and Sunday schools, 548; Rev. J. L. Neulson, professor of New Testament seminary, Berea, O., 540; Rev. Dr. W. A. Quayle, pastor of St. James church, Chicago, 519; Rev. Dr. Charles W. Smith, editor of the Pittsburg Christian Advocate, 511; Rev. Dr. Wilson S. Lewis, president of Morningside college, Sioux City, Ia., 524; Rev. Dr. Edwin H. Hughes, president of DePauw university, Greencastle, Ind., 511; Rev. Dr. Robert McIntyre, pastor of the First church, Los Angeles, Cal., 514; Rev. Dr. Frank M. Bristol, pastor of the Metropolitan church, Washington, D. C., 492.

The last named was the pastor, intimate friend and often, it is said, adviser of the late President McKinley.

HER CREW WILL FACE DEATH

Monitor Florida Will Be the Target For Big Guns.

Everything is in readiness for the gunnery test to which the monitor Florida is to be subjected in lower Chesapeake bay Wednesday, when she becomes a target for heavy firing from the turrets of her sister ship, the torpedo boat Morris. All the vessels that are to participate in the experimental are in Hampton Roads. Commander Quimby and his men have full faith in the ability of their ship to withstand serious damage from the guns of the Arkansas, and they have no doubt of the repelling of by "torpedo net" about the Florida below water line of torpedoes that will be shot at her by the Morris. It will be the testing of the armor plate of the Florida and the ability of that class of vessel to withstand heavy firing from modern guns, as well as the marksmanship of those doing the firing.

Practically all those who will occupy hazardous positions on the Florida are volunteers, who offered their services when a call went out from the navy department.

WYCLIFFE BOYS SURRENDER. Bond is Arranged for the Notorious Oklahoma Outlaws.

After scouting for four years in the rugged hills of the Cherokee nation, near Muskogee, Okla., protected by members of the Nighthawk society and hunted by the entire force of United States marshals in the district, who not only wanted the reward of \$1,000 which had been offered for their capture dead or alive, but who sought to punish them for the alleged murder of their brother, the two remaining members of the Wycliffe band of Indian outlaws, Tom and James, will Tuesday lay down their arms and surrender to the sheriff of Cherokee county at Tahlequah, Okla. Bonds for the men have already been arranged, and an agreement made with the judge of the district court to release them.

The trouble with the Wycliffe, which resulted in their becoming fugitives from justice and the leaders of the so called Wycliffe gang, began in 1893 at the opening of the Cherokee land office at Vinita. Charles Wycliffe, father of the boys, got into a quarrel and was killed.

Auto Makes Little Progress. A special dispatch to the Martin, from Nikolai, Russia, says that the American crew in the New York to Paris automobile race, after covering about fifteen miles of the road from that city under the greatest of difficulties, was confronted by an impassable swamp and forced to return to the nearest village.

Not to Abolish Winter Sports. At a meeting of the Harvard athletic committee it was voted "That in the opinion of the athletic committee it is not advisable to abolish intercollegiate athletic sports from the date of the last football game until the opening of the baseball season."

Three Drowned in Missouri. Mrs. B. B. King, Mrs. Anna Cookley, and the latter's brother, 5 years of age, were drowned while crossing Sugar creek near Brimmon, Mo., in a buggy. Two others in the party held on to the overturned vehicle until rescued.

Gun and Razor Stop Elopement. John Leisinger, of Galesburg, Ill., was shot five times and severely cut with a razor by Judson Barker, with whose wife, it is said, Leisinger had planned to elope. Leisinger's condition is serious.

Testing British Aeroplane. Henry Farman, the British aeronaut, began a series of experiments at Ghent Tuesday with his aeroplane. He accomplished for the first time a number of flights in the teeth of a strong wind which aroused the enthusiasm of the spectators.

Drowns in Creek While Bathing. Chester A. Yelton, aged 33, was drowned in Young's creek on his farm near Franklin, Ind., while bathing.

MINE WORTHLESS.

Stock Boomed for Years—\$650,000 in Ore.

Another mining bubble burst Wednesday when it became known that the Amador Mining and Development company, of Montana, a \$16,000,000 corporation, with headquarters in Chicago, had come to an end. Letters mailed Thursday informed 1,400 stockholders, the majority Chicagoans, that the copper-gold mine in which they have sunk \$650,000 is worthless.

With the crash of the concern, which had done a thriving business in selling stock for six years, interest increases in the whereabouts of the secretary and general manager, D. E. Mackinnon, who appears to be the only interested person who ever profited from the enterprise. Mr. Mackinnon organized the company and boomed the stock sales for five years. A year ago he departed to Boston, where he opened a branch office, and since that time he has spent only one day in Chicago.

Inquiries made by the stockholders' committee since the fiasco became apparent resulted in information that Mr. Mackinnon had left Boston for some place in Maine, the exact location of which all efforts failed to establish.

The stockholders were considering a proposal to purchase Mackinnon's half interest in the mine for \$150,000 when they woke up. They already had paid him for an option on the property.

The president of the company is William Surman, of Carlinville, Ill. George Lill, the Chicago coal dealer, is vice president, Robert M. Maher is treasurer, and T. D. Fuller assistant secretary. Herman Goettch is a director. The investigation of the mine, which resulted in the revelation of its worthlessness, was conducted by a committee headed by Mr. Lill.

In the six years' life of the company a total of only five cars of ore were taken from the mine. The stockholders' money was sunk in extravagant equipment on the surface, in glowing literature, expensive offices, and junkets of prospective investors.

CURRENCY BILL TAKEN UP. House Considers the Compromise Measure.

The conference report on the currency bill was reported to the house Wednesday afternoon and consideration immediately begun.

Thirty minutes for debate was given each side, the bill to go to a vote about 4:15 o'clock.

After two hours' deliberation the republican members of the conference between the houses of congress on the currency question reached an agreement Wednesday.

The point remaining in dispute, namely, that in relation to the time limit on the bill, was fixed at six years, making the bill expire June 30, 1914.

Number of Persons Lose Their Lives in Storm. Peter Rudy, wife and two children were killed in the tornado which passed two miles east of Alva, Okla., Tuesday night. A number of farm houses were destroyed or damaged, and crops suffered much loss.

Three persons were killed and a child is missing at Ingersoll, Okla., as the result of a tornado Tuesday night. Much damage was done to property.

Collins is Cleared. Former Chief of Police John M. Collins and ex-Police Attorney Frank D. Comerford, of Chicago, were Wednesday acquitted of the charge of using members of the police force to further the election of Edward P. Dunne for mayor in the last municipal election.

First Shot Hits Ship. The beveled 11-inch steel armor plate of the monitor Florida bears a big black wound, the first shot from the Arkansas' big gun having struck her turret on the right side of the starboard. The gun knocked out all the metal between the gun and the rim of the turret.

Is Victim of Dynamite. Three dwellings built by James L. Gallacher at Oakland, Cal., former president of the San Francisco board of supervisors, the chief witness for the prosecution in the San Francisco graft case, were wrecked Tuesday night by dynamite.

Fire Destroys Chicago Plant. One man was probably fatally injured, two others probably seriously hurt and many families were driven to the street by a fire which early Wednesday totally destroyed a \$100,000 plant of the Standard Sash and Door company, in Center avenue.

Crownshield Dead. Admiral A. S. Crownshield, U. S. N., retired, died at Philadelphia, Wednesday. The admiral had been in a hospital for a month and an operation was performed on him for an affliction of the nose.

Only Coxe and Seven. Up to noon Wednesday the state popular convention of Illinois, at Danville, was composed of Gen. Coxe and seven delegates. The "convention" so far has done nothing but wait and hope for more delegates.

Death Due to Frigid. Mrs. Gen. Alfred Orendorff died Wednesday from a hemorrhage, caused by frigid during a terrific wind storm.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

INTERESTING HAPPENINGS From Day to Day Condensed FOR OUR BUSY READERS

IRRIGATION IN DUNDY COUNTY.

Gets Endless Supply of Water from Thirty-Foot Well. On the farm of Charles H. Richardson, six miles southwest of Benkelman, men have been working for several days to install an irrigation system supplied with water secured from a well. The well is located on the second bottom of the south fork of the Republican river, and is thirty feet deep, with seventeen feet of water. The doubt of the experiment rested in the capacity of the well to furnish sufficient water to supply a pump throwing 1,000 gallons of water a minute, propelled by an eight-horse power gasoline engine. After repeated efforts, each one of which, however, was nearer success than the former, the pump was started with a capacity of drawing 750 gallons per minute, and it was run for two hours with no cessation in the water supply. The system is intended to irrigate forty acres of land from this one well and its success means that Mr. Richardson will at once install several more pumps on different sites on his farm, put his engine on a movable platform and draw water from all over the country. Several farmers living south of the river and also north, in the sandy loam soil region, are making arrangements for installing like plants.

CUT ON INSURANCE RATES. Merry War at York—Big Reductions.

Since the Decker insurance agency, a fire insurance rating agency for the state of Nebraska, notified the York insurance agents that rates were all off and that no board rates for risks in York and other cities in the state would be furnished, there has been a merry insurance war among the York fire insurance agents. Rates on new dwellings have been reduced from \$1.20 per each \$100 insured to 90 cents. Tornado rates are only 50 cents for five years, which is a reduction of 50 per cent over the former rates maintained by local insurance organizations. York is fortunate in having no fire losses. Its volunteer fire department is one of the best in the United States and even at the low rates insurance is written it is believed that fire insurance companies doing business in York will show a nice credit at the end of each year.

PAST THE CENTURY MARK. Mrs. Bailey, of Hastings, Well Started on Second Century.

Mrs. Clara Dawson Bailey, colored, of Hastings, has celebrated her 103rd birthday anniversary. She was born in slavery at Richmond, Va., during the administration of John Adams. She was given a flag on her 103rd birthday by the Women's Relief Corps, a silver offering of \$8.60 taken up in the Congregational church during the G. A. R. memorial services, and several packages of tobacco. They were presented to her by a specially appointed committee. She smoked in the presence of her visitors and thanked them between puffs. She enjoyed good health despite her advanced age. She doesn't remember a date when she has not smoked. The date of her birth is well authenticated.

GRIEVING FATHER LOSES MIND. Custer County Man, Sorrowing Over Daughter's Death, Goes Insane.

Martin Ellingson, a prominent farmer residing eight miles northwest of Broken Bow, Friday was examined by the board of insanity. Since the death of his daughter six weeks ago Mr. Ellingson's mind has seemed unbalanced at times, during which he threatened bodily injury to members of the family. After an examination the board decided to send him to the asylum, but William Ellingson, a brother residing in another part of the county, offered to take the unfortunate man to his own home, and if he failed to get better in a few weeks, have him placed in some sanitarium or hospital.

More Care in Planting Corn. One of the oldest farmers in York county, who has watched the great improvement made in recent years in the preparation and planting of corn by York county farmers, stated that never before has he seen farmers pay so much attention to the preparation of corn ground and that the seed this year is the best.

Much Rain at Table Rock. The rainfall of Wednesday night at Table Rock, which measured five and a half inches, brought the water out of the Nemaha, which was already nearly bankfull, owing to the heavy rains in the early part of the week, and the lower town, in the vicinity of the depot, was under water.

Long Trip with Broken Leg. Levi Anderson, an old soldier and widower about 60 years of age, arrived in Rulo Friday night after having come from the western line of Nebraska with a broken and badly bruised leg.

Six Inches of Rain at Tecumseh. Tecumseh was visited by one of the heaviest rain storms in its history, beginning about 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon and continuing during the evening and most of the night. The total precipitation was 6.11 inches, and of this four inches fell from 1 to 10 o'clock Wednesday evening.

Winter Wheat Prospects Good. In the vicinity of Rulo winter wheat has headed out nicely, probably due to the large amount of rain that has fallen there the last three weeks.

COURT REJECTS ACCEPTED VIEW OF NEBRASKA SALOON LAW.

Judge Corcoran, in the district court at Hastings Saturday, made a ruling that a brewery may hold a retail liquor license, the recently enacted statute known as the Gibson law to the contrary notwithstanding.

The decision upsets the heretofore accepted view that the Sioux law authorizes the issuance of a license to an individual only. The decision upholds the right of a corporation to secure a license under the same statutory provisions which apply to individuals and the right of municipalities of the first class having a population of between 5,000 and 25,000 to cast a deciding vote in the council in the event of a tie on the issuance of liquor license.

The council at Hastings was evenly divided on the application for license. Mayor Miles voted in favor of the applicant, thus making a tie. The City Federation appealed to the district court. The question as to the mayor's right to vote was treated as one of subordinate importance.

The Sioux law authorizes the issuance of licenses to individuals, but makes no mention of corporations. Subsequent enactments regulating the liquor traffic mention "persons" in referring to licensees and the Gibson law names "corporations" in the same sense.

Although the Sioux law has never been amended Judge Corcoran held that the act of 1905, which defines its scope and given it a legislative interpretation which permits the licensing of corporations.

The case will be appealed.

STORY OF AN IRISH EMIGRANT. Now Prominent Dodge County Man to Return to Ireland.

Forty-three years ago a young Irish lad arrived in New York City from the "old sod." He paid \$25 for steerage passage and arrived in the new world with but \$3 in his pocket as his capital. "I'll never forget it," he said, speaking of the incident. "It was the day President Lincoln was buried and I never saw so many people in a procession and the whole city was in mourning."

The Irish lad is Pat Murphy, well known in Dodge county. He is a fair sample of what our foreign born citizens achieve here.

HUMBOLDT DAMAGED BY FLOOD. Water and Light Plants Put Out of Commission.

The section around Humboldt welcomed the sunshine Friday as a decided relief from the most conditions prevailing during the week, and residents of the Nemaha and Long Branch valleys are taking account of their losses by reason of the flood, and find these quite heavy. The engine room at the mill and electric light plant was flooded. The city pumping station was also under water and the supply in the standpipes is getting low, but it is hoped will last until pumping can be resumed. In the south part of Humboldt a boat had to be called into service in order to rescue some of the people from their homes. Wheat crops in the bottom fields suffered greatly and fear is expressed that they are totally destroyed. The heaviest loss on live stock sustained by reason of the flood was probably in the case of G. W. Butterfield & Co., who had a large shipment in their yards near the depot. Out of these about twenty-five head were lost. Farmers' stock north of Humboldt occupied considerable loss of live stock from lightning, which, however, did no damage in this immediate section.

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WORK OF CONGRESS

The net result of Saturday's session in the Senate was the adoption of the conference agreement on the omnibus public buildings bill and the approval of a partial agreement on the postoffice appropriation bill, the items in the latter measure relating to weighing the mails and ocean mail subsidy being sent back to conference. Various questions were discussed during the day. Senator Teller reviewed court decisions on the limitations of federal power under the constitution. Mr. Bacon discussed the same topic, both referring to the President's remark that he would veto bills that did not reserve water rights. Mr. Owen of Oklahoma spoke on his joint resolution providing that an amendment to the Constitution for the election of Senators by the people be submitted to the States for ratification. Ineffective efforts were made by Mr. Beveridge to pass the omnibus territories bill, and by Mr. Cleveland to secure consideration of his resolution creating an inland waterways commission. For the second time within twenty-four hours, following a discussion of two hours, rejected the mail subsidy provision for ocean steamships and the postoffice bill for the third time was sent back to conference. The conference reports on the omnibus pension claims bill, and on the fortifications appropriation bill were agreed to; the resolution providing for a remission of a part of the Chinese indemnity growing out of the Boxer troubles of 1900 was adopted, as was also a resolution increasing the pay of over a hundred of the House employees and officials; the conference report on the bill enlarging homestead entries in the arid regions from 100 to 320 acres was rejected, thereby finally defeating the bill and the report authorizing an extension of time for the construction of a dam across the Rainey river in Minnesota was passed over the President's veto.

An effort to annihilate time by dilatory tactics without making progress on any legislation except that involving the discipline reports was the chief occupation of the Senate under the leadership of Mr. Aldrich. The attempt was so successful that the net result in the way of accomplishment of the day's session was the adoption of the conference report on the sundry civil appropriation bill. Mr. Beveridge was busy in an effort to get a vote on the bill compensating government employees for injuries while on duty, but Mr. Hale said he had information from the House that no action could be expected there Monday on the conference report on the public buildings bill, and that until that measure should be disposed of the deficiency appropriation bill could not be perfected. Working under heavy pressure, with a single eye to adjournment at the earliest possible moment, the House disposed of a great amount of business. The conference reports on the sundry civil and the pension appropriation bills were agreed to, thus sending those measures to the President for signature, and leaving only the general deficiency and military academy appropriation bills to be considered to complete the disposition of the fourteen supply measures reported on the District of Columbia child labor bill also was agreed to, and the following bills were passed: Amending the navigation laws; removing the discriminations against native officers of the Porto Rico provisional regiment of infantry; granting title to a cemetery in Dubuque, Iowa, to the archbishop of that city; authorizing the sale of unallotted lands of the Spokane Indian reservation; encouraging the development of coal deposits in Alaska, and prescribing penalties against the sale of clothing and government property by soldiers.

The session of the Senate dragged along Tuesday in such an unimportant way that little effort was required on the part of managers of the filibuster to occupy the time by dilatory tactics. The conference on the currency bills met, and the Senate was merely kept in session on the bill providing something might be done toward substantial progress in the work of closing up the opposition. During the day a bill was passed amending the navigation laws in many minor respects and a resolution was considered calling for names of former postmasters who served from 1864 to 1874 and who have been adjudged by the auditor entitled to additional compensation. The two floor leaders of the House again occupied the central of the day, and performed their usual feat of charging each other with responsibility for the conditions at present existing in that body. The conference report on the military academy appropriation bill was agreed to. Bills were passed as follows: Refunding certain stamp taxes on foreign bills of exchange and certain duties on anti-rustic coal, illegally collected; providing for the opening in settlement of portions of the Cheyenne and Standing Rock Indian agencies; promoting the safety of employes on railroads by requiring the equipment of locomotives with ash cans that can be dumped without requiring an employee to go under the locomotive; promoting the safe transportation of explosives. The committee on appropriations suffered defeat in the rejection of a bill to acquire certain lands as an addition to Rock Creek Park in the District of Columbia. After passing resolutions re-declaring the clerks in the government departments at Washington and declaring entitled to their seat Messrs. McGavin (Republican) and Sabath (Democrat) as Representatives from Illinois, the House at 7:43 o'clock, owing to the difficulty of keeping a quorum, took a recess until 11 o'clock Wednesday.

NATIONAL CAPITAL NOTES. The conferees on the bill to enlarge homesteads from 80 acres to 320 acres on non-irrigable lands agreed to an amendment striking from the bill the provision that this change should apply to Idaho and California.

The Senate committee on public buildings and grounds completed consideration of the omnibus public buildings bill, which has passed the House. The committee added about \$5,000,000, bringing the total carried by the measure to over \$30,000,000.

WASHINGTON GOSSIP

The rate at which the dirt is at last flying at Panama is such that nothing but the wet climate prevents the whole canal zone from being marked by a pillar of cloud by day. The number of cubic yards of dirt excavated has been steadily increasing for some months. It is estimated that at this rate excavation would be completed in thirty-two months, or, allowing for emergencies, by January 1, 1911. Both the cost of labor, in wages paid to the men, and the cost of housing and feeding them, are now considerably higher than were provided for in the estimates of the earlier engineers; but it is the opinion of Colonel Goethals, as expressed to committees of Congress, that the cost is amply justified by the better health and greater contentment of the men, and by the larger amount of work they are accomplishing. Low-priced labor is notoriously the most expensive. An important change in the plans of the canal is the location of dams and locks at Miraflores which the engineers had previously placed at La Boca. Miraflores was the original location, but borings showed that what had been taken for bed-rock was only a shallow ledge underlain by soft material and La Boca was substituted. More extensive borings, however, discovered the true bed-rock but a short distance below the ledge, and so the original plan will prevail. This will be greatly to the advantage of the completed canal, because the locks and dams at La Boca could have been shelled by a hostile fleet from a distance of four miles, whereas at Miraflores they will be four miles farther inland, and completely hidden from the coast.

After a while there may be a new avenue of employment for the farmer. When the frost is on the pumpkin and the corn is all in, he may be found down at the little red schoolhouse with the youngsters of his neighborhood lined up before him doing stunts like this: "Willie Green, what is potato blight and how can it be prevented?" "Charlie Brown, what is oats smut, and what is the remedy?" For Uncle Sam has an idea that agriculture should be taught in the public schools. The national government has no authority to compel public schools to adopt agriculture as a part of the study course, but it is doing its best to encourage the states to follow the suggestion. As a substantial encouragement for each state which will take up the plan, the fund to be used for the special preparation of agricultural teachers for the public schools, the general plan contemplates an additional room or annex to public schools where experiments may be made and practical farming demonstrated. It is argued that even if a pupil becomes a business or professional man, never returning to the farm, a practical knowledge of farming will be a valuable asset to him. Special instruction is recommended according to locality. In the corn belt chief attention would be given in corn growing, and in the wheat, cotton, and tobacco belts the courses would favor those products. In addition there would be a general outline of farming of all kinds.

A protest against the raising of cattle and sheep on open plains under conditions that mean wholesale death to the animals from cold, starvation and thirst has been submitted to President Roosevelt by a committee of the American Humane Association, consisting of Sydney Richmond Taber of Chicago, chairman; Mrs. Caroline Earle White of Philadelphia and Mary Howe Totten of Washington. The committee says that according to United States government reports 1,345,000 cattle and 1,250,000 sheep died from exposure in the year ending March 31, 1905.

The Navy Department has begun negotiations with Captain Abna Clark, inventor of a secret device for locating ships in the dark or fog without the aid of a searchlight, to obtain exclusive use of it. Clark is on duty at one of the ports of Boston, and even his brother officers have been kept in ignorance of the invention for fear that some foreign spy may get hold of the secret.

Charles Bottineau, at one time chief of advisers of the Mississippi Chippewas, and later at the head of Turtle Mountain band of Indians of North Dakota, died in Washington at the home of his nephew, Judge J. B. Bottineau. The county of Bottineau, N. D., was named in honor of the elder Bottineau. He was 85 years of age.

A bill making it a misdemeanor for amusement places to discriminate against persons wearing the uniform of the army or navy, the national guard or naval reserves, has been passed in the Senate of Rhode Island. President Roosevelt and many naval officers wrote letters supporting the bill.

It sometimes falls in Italy colored with sand from the African deserts.