

CURRENT HAPPENINGS

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

BEATS RACING GAME

HUGHES VICTOR IN LONG STRUGGLE IN NEW YORK.

Bills Prohibiting Gambling at Tracks Go Under Wire in State Senate a Nose in front, Senator Foelker Carried from Sick Bed to Vote.

The first of the New York anti-race track gambling bills passed the senate by a vote of 25 to 25 Thursday.

This was the bill to eliminate the "exclusive penalty" under which gambling at race tracks has been virtually legalized.

The second anti-race bill passed by 26 to 25. It amends the Percy Gray law by abolishing betting anywhere within or without a race track enclosure.

Senator Foelker, of Brooklyn, who is ill, arrived in the chamber at 10:45 and cast his vote with the majority.

The bill will return as a matter of routine to the assembly, where they will go to the governor for approval.

The bills take effect immediately after approved by the governor.

Senator Foelker, who underwent an operation May 10 for appendicitis and whose condition for much of the intervening time was critical, came up from Staatsburg Wednesday evening.

The journey of sixty miles being a severe tax upon his strength.

He was somewhat stronger Thursday morning and was taken to the senate chamber just as the roll call on a dilatory motion was being taken.

He was plainly suffering from weakness, and his response when his name was reached was scarcely audible.

He was encouraged by his fellow senators' sympathy, and on both of the roll calls in a final passage of the bills voted with the majority.

Afterwards his doctor said: "Senator Foelker stood the ordeal as well as could be expected. He is extremely nervous. We have not decided when we shall return to Staatsburg."

CHILDREN DIE IN TRUNK.

Brother and Sister Hide to Escape Day in School.

After a long search the bodies of Joseph and Andre Beaudry, of Fall River, Mass., 8 and 5 years old respectively, were found locked in a trunk in which the children are supposed to have hidden themselves in order to escape going to school.

The order to escape going to school. The trunk has a spring lock. The medical examiner decided that their deaths were due to suffocation. The interior of the trunk and the clothing and bodies of the children gave evidence of the struggles which the little ones had made to escape before death finally overtook them.

Joseph and Andre were the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Beaudry, who worked in the mills at Fall River, and the little ones were left in care of the older brother, Wilfred, who was supposed to get them ready for school.

Wilfred is 11 years old. He says that he thought Joseph and Andre had started for school when he went himself, and he knew nothing about their disappearance until he returned home.

AUTO RACERS IN HARD LUCK.

Make Slow Progress Along the Siberian Railroad.

A dispatch to the Paris Matin from Tshilia, capital of Trans-Alkalla, Siberia, says the German car in the New York to Paris race arrived at Harbin on June 4 in a lamentable condition, having upset three times.

After repairs it departed on June 6 by road, abandoning the Trans-Siberian railroad cuts and passed Tatskhar on June 8.

The American car was reported 75 miles from Harbin on Tuesday last. It had been greatly delayed because the railroad authorities forced it to stop at every station until the tracks were clear.

The Italian car on June 8 was at Proganitchnaya awaiting a telegraph operator to accompany it along the railroad tracks.

During Chicago Robbery. Early Wednesday morning thieves smashed the window in the jewelry store of Hyman, Berg & Co., Chicago and escaped with watches and jewelry valued at \$3,000.

German Paper Suspends. The Cincinnati Volksfreund, a German daily newspaper, after more than a century's existence has suspended publication.

Sioux City Live Stock Market. Thursday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top hogs, \$7.25. Top hogs, 5.45.

London Feels Meat Famine. The English retail trade organizations have given notice of a further general rise in the price of meat, the advance being attributed to the shortage of cattle there and the scarcity in America.

Sedalia to Keep Saloons. After a campaign of extraordinary bitterness the voters of Sedalia, Mo., rolled up a majority of 438 against local option.

SEES BUSINESS GAIN.

Could Talk Hopefully on Leaving for Europe.

Before sailing for Europe on the steamer Kron Princessin Coellie Tuesday, Tuesday, George J. Gould said he felt that in going away he is leaving his property in a comfortable position. He expressed himself as "moderately optimistic" on the general business outlook. In this connection he referred to the earnings of the Western Union Telegraph company, which he said he looks upon as the best criterion of general business, and said they are showing a smaller ratio of decrease by comparison with last year. He said political agitation against the railroads in the southwest had made a difference of between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 in the net earnings of the Missouri Pacific, and added:

"The stockholders may figure out for themselves what this means." Referring to the troubles of the Wheeling and Lake Erie and the Wabash-Pittsburg Terminal, Mr. Gould said:

"The receivership for the Wheeling and Lake Erie was inevitable after the Wabash-Pittsburg terminal had defaulted.

"The Wabash-Pittsburg Terminal company unfortunately was over-capitalized. We probably could have carried it through, but I thought it was time to stop on behalf of the Wabash. The Wabash is a fine property with great earning powers and it will not be permitted to become further involved.

"The \$8,000,000 Wheeling and Lake Erie notes coming due in August and guaranteed by the Wabash will not be permitted to embarrass the Wabash. The Wabash is perfectly able to take care of itself."

GIRL WHIPS NEGRO BURGLAR.

Remarkable Encounter in a Kansas City Home.

Displaying remarkable courage and pluck, and making use of her athletic prowess, Miss Fay Bergen, daughter of Dr. J. P. Bergen, and a well known society girl of Kansas City, Mo., captured a negro burglar, who was making an attempt to enter the home of her father.

Miss Bergen, upon discovering the negro, grappled with him, and striking him repeatedly with her clenched fist, forced him to the floor. Half dazed by the blows, the negro made no attempt to defend himself.

Miss Bergen grasped a chair nearby and rained blow after blow upon the burglar's head.

After beating him into unconsciousness Miss Bergen summoned the police. A surgeon took seventeen stitches in the man's head.

BIG ARMY OF HOMELESS.

Seven Thousand Forced to Leave North Topeka.

About 7,000 persons have been driven from their homes in North Topeka, Kan., by the flood in the Kaw river. The major portion found shelter in Topeka proper, where the Auditorium, school buildings and private homes have been opened to them. No loss of life has been reported. But there has been much property loss.

The crest of the flood reached Topeka Tuesday morning, when the water began to recede and by 3:30 had fallen three inches. The indications are good for a continuation of the fall.

PIANO MAKERS UNITE.

Merger Formed of Three of the Leading Eastern Firms.

A consolidation of the piano manufacturing firms of William Knabe & Co., of Baltimore; Chickering & Sons, of Boston, and the Foster-Armstrong company, of Rochester, N. Y., was effected in New York Tuesday. The articles of incorporation which were signed Tuesday confer upon the consolidated concern the name of the American Piano company. It will be incorporated in New Jersey and will have a capital stock of \$6,000,000 preferred and \$6,000,000 common.

Kentucky Woman Kills Rival.

Mrs. Thomas Murrill shot and killed Miss Mary Terry in Breathitt county, Ky., Tuesday night. It is stated Murrill had deserted his wife and gone to live with the Terry woman. Mrs. Murrill armed herself and searched for them. She found them together and shot Miss Terry three times, killing instantly.

No Objection to Spulers.

President Amador, of Panama, has cabled the Panama legation at Washington through Arlas, his secretary of foreign affairs, to deny for him newspaper reports that Minister Squiers is persona non grata.

Forgot Her Sisters' Names.

In a will which has been filed at Santa Barbara, Cal., Mrs. Mary Ryan left most of her \$50,000 estate to three sisters, whose names and residences she had forgotten.

Elections in Quebec.

The Quebec provincial elections have resulted in the return of the Gould government. The opposition increased the number of seats held in the house of 74 members from 7 to 16.

Storm Hits Port Huron.

One man was killed and one woman and two children were badly injured and damage estimated at \$150,000 was done in Port Huron, Mich., Tuesday, and vicinity by a severe wind and electrical storm.

Twenty Hurt in Week.

Wabash railroad train No. 1 east-bound, was derailed at Stevensville, Ont., early Tuesday. Twenty persons were injured.

GET FORTUNE IN COURT.

More Than \$50,000 in Mail Sack Taken by Hobbers.

Reluctant admissions made by the postoffices of three cities Wednesday confirm to some extent the belief that the disappearance of a registered mail pouch somewhere within the jurisdiction of the Kansas City, Mo., postoffice last Saturday night will prove one of the biggest hauls in the history of the postoffice department.

From private sources Wednesday it was learned that a package of at least \$50,000 in currency was among the contents of the pouch, which carried, in addition, an unusually large number of letters and packages containing money and other valuables to an amount which can only be conjectured, but which may reach \$50,000 more.

The pouch was in transit from Los Angeles city to New York, and the postal inspectors, who have had the case in charge for at least 48 hours, refuse any explanation of the manner in which it was lost sight of, as the regulations of the department providing for protection of registered matter are of the strictest.

The fact that the mail in process of transfer at the Union depot in Kansas City is handled in a temporary substitution since the destruction of the regular branch office by fire several months ago supports the theory that advantage was taken of conditions that are said to be more lax than ordinarily.

SUIT OVER CORPSE DECIDED.

Widow's Rights to Disinter and Re-bury Husband's Body Denied.

Has a widow who has been denied by a court of law the right to disinter the absolute right, afterward, to disinter the body from the place where it was interred in a proper manner by the next kin, for the purpose of reburial in a place more to her liking? This is the rather unusual question that was involved in a suit which originated in Jasper county, Mo., and upon which the Kansas City court of appeals handed down a decision Wednesday. The court says:

"We must hold that the widow, had she been present, would have had the right, enforceable in a court of equity, to control the burial of her husband and to select the place of interment, regardless of the wishes of her parents, at whose house he died. But she was away in a foreign country, was ignorant of his death, and, therefore, was unable to assert her right, or, what more was important, to perform her duty. It is immaterial whether or not her disability was caused by the harsh neglect of her father-in-law. Whatever the cause, she was not there and the right of a dead man to an orderly and decent sepulture would not brook delay. That right was satisfied fully by the father, on whom the duty devolved, and we perceive no good reason for her to remove the body from its resting place.

GALE FANS THE FLAMES.

A Whole Block in New York is Swept by Fire.

A freak windstorm in New York, Wednesday night was responsible for a fire destroying about a city block of buildings in the uptown section at Magazine, Berlin and Milan streets, simultaneously with the outbreak of the fire within a few minutes nearly the fire a high wind struck the city. It blew the fire within a few minutes nearly all over the block of its origin into another block.

Several small stores were destroyed, along with residences, and the loss is estimated at the between \$100,000 and \$150,000. The block bounded by Magazine, Milan, Berlin and Camp streets was nearly all destroyed. Another block bounded by Magazine, Milan, Berlin and Constance streets was about half destroyed.

Stations Are Established in Western Nebraska.

Upon the approval of the chief of the weather bureau and pursuant to the general wish of grain and implement men, Weather Observer Welsh has had established three additional weather observation stations in western Nebraska. These are designed to check the reports further west in Nebraska, particularly in the corn and wheat belts. These new stations are at Broken Bow, Holdrege and Culbertson and cover an additional section of the state in which crops are raised in quantities that place them among the first national bank in the southwestern part of the state and the first bank in Fremont county. He made his home there until moving to Omaha in 1887.

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NEBRASKA STATE NEWS INTERESTING HAPPENINGS From Day to Day Condensed FOR OUR BUSY READERS

BRAVE STRUGGLE IN VAIN.

Boy Makes Heroic Effort to Save Life of His Sister.

Dragged half drowned from Little Pappo creek by her 11-year-old brother, who carried her half a mile in search of aid, which he found not, little Lena Burke died Monday morning at her home ten miles west of Omaha without recovering consciousness. The boy's brave efforts to save her were futile. Lena, aged 9, and her brother, Willie, two years her senior, were in bathing together in their favorite swimming hole, half a mile from where they lived. The creek was swollen from the recent heavy rains, and Lena, who was unable to swim, got beyond her depth and sank. Willie saw her struggle and bravely plunged after her. In the deep water he and his sister were held together to hold her up, but he managed to drag the child to the water's edge and lifted her to the bank. She was unconscious, but still alive. Not knowing what to do, Willie looked around for help. No one was in sight, and realizing every moment was precious, he ran for help. He found a man on the way, and when he arrived found no one at home. Before he could summon assistance the child was dead.

LEGISLATURE HAS POWER.

Position Attacked by Attorney, but Supreme Court Turns Him Down.

The Nebraska supreme court, in a novel case from Minden, holds that the legislature has the right to prohibit or license the sale of liquor in that state. The point at issue is the same as that which Judge Artmann, of Indiana, passed upon recently. Artmann held that the saloon is, per se, a nuisance and the state is without the power to license the sale of liquor or to authorize the issuance of a license to one. The case was presented by C. L. Godfrey, a lawyer of Minden. He insisted that the licensing of a saloon was contrary to the constitution, in that the sale of liquor was vicious and demoralizing and opposed to the laws of God and contrary to the letter and spirit of the fundamental law. The supreme court holds that the right of the people to prohibit the traffic by a constitutional provision is undisputed, but that having failed to act the legislature is the repository of the power to either prohibit or license. Regulation is traced back to the days of Edward VI. of England, and has been followed by every legislature in every state. In Nebraska that power was assumed back in 1855, made a part of the general statutes in 1873 and continued till the Stoumb law was passed. The legislature having acted it does not lie within the power of the courts to declare the act null and void. Godfrey contended that the applicant was not a man of good character, as required by law, because no man of respectable character would apply for a liquor license, and the court declines to take this view of it.

COL. J. N. CORNISH DEAD.

Pioneer Iowan Passes Away at Omaha at Age of 80 Years.

Col. J. N. Cornish died at his home in Omaha Sunday, aged 80 years. He had lived in Omaha for twenty years, during which time he had been identified with several substantial business concerns. His father and grandfather each served in the revolutionary war. He was born in Oneida county, N. Y., in 1828, and moved to Iowa, in 1855. Four years later he moved to Sidney, Ia., where through the courtesy of Samuel Kirkwood, governor of the state, who loaned him his library, the young lawyer began the practice of his profession. During the civil war he was commissioned a colonel by President Lincoln and served throughout that struggle as commissioner of the board of enrollment and draft for the Fifth congressional district of Iowa, with headquarters at Des Moines. The governor also appointed him as his aide de camp and he was made provost marshal and brigade quartermaster by the president.

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STATE CAPITAL LINCOLN NEB.

OVER SCORE OF DEAD IN TRAIL OF STORM

Tornadoes in Nebraska and Kansas Kill Many and Ruin Crops.

OTHERS ARE HURT FATALLY.

Enormous Property Losses from Storms and Floods in the Western States.

The tornado which passed over southern Nebraska and portions of northern Kansas Friday evening was the most destructive and covered the most territory of any similar storm which has visited the State in many years.

At least twenty-three are known to be dead, five fatally injured and a score of others hurt, some of them dangerously. Several persons were killed in the towns of Byron, Neb., and Courtland, Kan.

The storm was general throughout at least four counties, Fillmore, Webster, Franklin and Thayer, on the southern border of the State and reached over into Kansas from where reports come of great destruction. The towns of Carleton, Fairfield, Deshier, Shickley, Geneva, Franklin, Ong and Riverton are among those visited by the storm, and in no one of them did the elements spare life or property.

At Carleton five residences and two churches were destroyed, while a new school building and thirty houses were badly wrecked. The home of Lester Carter was demolished and his wife and baby killed, while Carter himself and another child received possibly fatal injuries. At Geneva the storm wrought great destruction and in the adjacent country claimed five victims, two of whom were killed outright and three fatally injured. The scene at Fairfield is indescribable, more than forty buildings were more or less wrecked and some of them, including three churches, were entirely demolished. The loss there will exceed \$100,000. In the vicinity of Shickley farm houses received the brunt of the storm.

A telephone message from Chester, Kan., reported twelve deaths in the vicinity of Byron, Neb. The storm was evidently most severe in the vicinity of Byron, and nothing could withstand its fury. Following the tornado a hard rain soaked the storm-stricken sufferers, making their lot doubly hard. Many of them were absolutely without shelter, and the storm occurred so late in the evening that it was impossible for them to seek either shelter or relief during the night. A telephone message from Hardy, Neb., said the town of Courtland, Kan., just across the Nebraska line, was struck by the storm and several casualties occurred.

Cyclone Sweeps Iowa Town.

Two persons were killed, three are missing, and 200 homes and barns were destroyed by a cyclone which passed over Charles City, Iowa, Sunday. Much damage was done in the surrounding country. The path of the storm was ten miles long and about twelve rods wide. It started three miles southwest of Charles City, tearing down farm houses, barns and killing many head of stock. It struck the city in the southwest part, plowing a path to a point in the northeast part of town, where it crossed the river. The path of the cyclone included no business buildings, but the residence part of town was made a wreck and household goods were scattered in all directions all over town.

Five Die in Montana Flood.

Never before in the history of Montana has there been such a flood as recently swept down the valley of the Missouri river and its tributaries. Five lives already have been lost in the waters in the vicinity of Great Falls, and the damage to farms, railroads and industrial and commercial institutions will run into the millions. Saturday night the river was at the highest point ever known since the first settlement of Montana. Some in even worse condition than in Great Falls. Choteau was completely surrounded by water, and all bridges were gone. A large part of Belt was partially under water, and the people took to the high ground. Sandcoiler reported severe loss and the coal mines reported flooded. In some instances the river has cut entirely new channels through the bottom, completely ruining farms.

TELEGRAPHIC BREVITIES

For the first time in years the dicing was shipped on the beer gardens and dancing halls in Toledo.

Fire in Ford & Co.'s planing mill and lumber yard at Mansfield, Ohio, caused a loss of about \$50,000.

Brig. Gen. Evan Nile, retired, who served in the Civil, Indian and Spanish wars, died in San Francisco.

The pleshop of the Best Manufacturing Company, Twenty-fourth street and the Allegheny Valley railway, Pittsburgh, was destroyed by fire. Loss \$70,000.