

News in Brief

Herbert Simmons, a negro, was lynched at Neal, Ga., for the killing of J. A. Park, a white man. The Japanese government has agreed to negotiate an arbitration treaty with the United States. The Chicago Subway company prepares to expend \$15,000,000 in local improvements in the near future. The retirement of Rear Admiral Sir Terry resulted in the promotion of Captain Joseph E. Craig to be rear admiral. Announcement was made at the White house of the names for batteries on the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific coasts. If the duty is acceptable to him Rear Admiral Lambert will probably be appointed president of the lighthouse board. Santiago Simonet of Utuado, Porto Rico, a deputy collector of internal revenue for the district of Arecibo, is missing. East Boston has celebrated the official opening of the new tunnel under Boston harbor uniting the city proper and East Boston. Two men and two horses were drowned and frozen at a deep pool at the old crossing of Piney Fork creek near Dillonvale, O. Advice received at Esquimaut from the British admiralty state that the proposed abandonment of Esquimaut by the navy will be reconsidered. The Neue Freie Presse says Premier von Koberger at an audience of Emperor Francis Joseph tendered his resignation on the ground of ill health. At Mobile James Robinson was sent to jail for thirty days for an assault. The offense for which he was convicted was kissing a young lady against her will. The Echo de Paris learns that Admiral Kaznakoff received a cipher dispatch from Grand Duke Alexis informing him that the emperor wishes to confer with him concerning the North sea affair. Attorney General Moody filed a petition in St. Paul, Minn., alleging illegal combination of twenty-five concerns, with the venerable Paper company as sales agent, and asks for an injunction. Joseph S. Freelinghuysen, who has been selected as personal aide to Governor-elect Stokes of New Jersey, is an insurance broker and a cousin of the late Secretary of State and Senator Freelinghuysen. In Chicago Judge Walker decided that the city is not liable for damages growing out of the loss in connection with the loss of life in the Troquois theatre fire. At a conference in London of British, continental and Atlantic steamship line managers a satisfactory agreement was reached with regard to Scandinavian traffic. The Connecticut Tobacco Growers' association has sent to each senator and representative from Connecticut in congress a circular letter protesting against the removal of the tariff from Philippine tobacco. Secretary Wilson has promulgated a circular giving the results of tests made in accordance with an act of the last congress, directing him to obtain in the open market samples of seeds of grass, clover or alfalfa. Representatives of the banking house of Mandelsohn & Co. at Berlin have gone to St. Petersburg to take part in negotiating the new Russian loan. It is now assured here that the loan will amount to \$240,000,000. Seven more indictments in the land fraud cases were returned by the grand jury in Portland, Ore. Two of the bills were returned under fictitious names, which fact is the basis of reports that men of prominence are among the accused. Russian officials have demanded of the Chinese foreign office the restitution of the ammunition apparently destined for Port Arthur seized by the Chinese authorities at Fengtai, near here, four days ago. W. R. Jones, manager of the Chicago office of the Washburn-Crosby company of Minneapolis, Minn., died in Chicago from injuries sustained in a fall over a banister in his home. His skull and neck were broken by the fall. The State bank of Dedham, Ia., was placed in the hands of a receiver on the order of State Auditor Carroll and an effort will be made to liquidate its affairs which are badly involved through an alleged \$15,000 shortage of Cashier J. A. Olson. It is announced that the war office placed orders with the Vickers Sons & Maxim company, Armstrong, Whitworth & Co., and other large ordnance manufacturers for a number of twelve-pound field guns to recruit the whole British army. Justice Olmsted of New York handed down an opinion, holding that the law against the selling or giving away of street railway transfers is constitutional. A charter was granted to the Western Railroad company of Elk City, Okl., capital \$1,375,000, to build from Elk City through Day, Woodward and Beaver counties in Oklahoma. Laden with the largest cargo ever shipped out of San Francisco on a vessel, the steamer Mongolia departed for Chinese and Japanese ports. Her freight amounts to 18,000 tons.

Suspicious. President of the Vegetarian Association (to candidate for membership)—"Before you are admitted as a member to our society, I must ask you one serious question—What is the cause of that large grease spot on your neck tie?"

Twenty-Four-Hour Man. Antonio Cuez, of Padrella, Portugal, has not slept for three months. No doctors can cure him, and the most powerful opiates have no effect. He drives mules in the daytime and acts as a watchman at night.

Egyptians Used Fine Tools. When the pyramids were built the laborers did not work under such disadvantages as have long been attributed to them. Researches show that they had solid and tubular drills and lathe tools. The drills were set with jewels and cut into the rocks with keenness and accuracy.

Discovered It for Himself. "I meant to have told you of that hole," said the kindly host to his friend, who had suddenly disappeared in the course of a stroll through the grounds into a pit full of water. The friend climbed out and shook himself. "It doesn't matter," he said, cheerily, "I found it."

Indenture in Ancient Egypt. Recent excavations in Egypt have revealed a bond—dated A. D. 100—apprenticing a slave for two years to the "semlograph," to be taught to read and write shorthand, or "the signs that your son Bionysios knows," the teacher receiving in all 120 drachmas—about \$23.

To Plant Forest. The University of California, at Berkeley, faces a magnificent view of bay, island and shore, but the high hills behind it are bare. They are to be covered with redwoods, fire, manzanitas, tan and white oaks and madrones.

Not until we know all that God knows can we estimate to the full the power and the sacredness of some one life which may seem the humblest in the world.—John Ruskin.

Discharging a sixteen-inch gun.—If there is such a thing—doesn't make nearly so great a racket as discharging a cook.

Common sense is the knack of seeing things as they are, and doing things as they ought to be done.—C. S. Stowe.

The chaste mind, like a polished plane, may admit foul thoughts without receiving their tincture.—Sterne.

The people who wear second-hand clothes have some difficulty in believing in the eternal fitness of things.

I have no patience with a man who would rather have a lot of ancestors than make a name for himself.

A friend of mine who has the grip informs me that a freeze on the wall is worth two colds in the head.

The longest way round may be the shortest way home, because there are no saloons on the longest way.

The devil never worries over the man who saves all his smiles for the stranger.—Ram's Horn.

The man who insists that business is only business is apt to prove that religion is only humbug.

The homes of a nation are the bulwarks of personal and national safety and thrift.—J. G. Holland.

The most agreeable people in the world are those who never have any opinions of their own.

The lowly place of service may be the mountain top of communion.

The rich man cannot have a better bank than the poor man's cellar.

There is no Thanksgiving without gratitude and giving.

HABIT'S CHAIN

Certain Habits Unconsciously Formed and Hard to Break.

An ingenious philosopher estimates that the amount of will power necessary to break a life-long habit would, if it could be transformed, lift a weight of many tons.

It sometimes requires a higher degree of heroism to break the chains of a pernicious habit than to lead a forlorn hope in a bloody battle. A lady writes from an Indiana town: "From my earliest childhood I was a lover of coffee. Before I was out of my teens I was a miserable dyspeptic, suffering terribly at times with my stomach.

"I was convinced that it was coffee that was causing the trouble and yet I could not deny myself a cup for breakfast. At the age of 35 I was in very poor health, indeed. My sister told me I was in danger of becoming a coffee drunkard.

"But I never could give up drinking coffee for breakfast although it kept me constantly ill, until I tried Postum. I learned to make it properly according to directions, and now I can hardly do without Postum for breakfast, and care nothing at all for coffee."

"I am no longer troubled with dyspepsia, and I have spells of suffering with my stomach that used to trouble me so when I drank coffee."—Jane Olson of Paducah Co., Katie Creek, Ky.

Write to each day for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

NEBRASKA SCHOOL MATTERS. County Superintendents Addressed by Mr. Fowler. At the state teachers' meeting in Omaha State Superintendent Fowler spoke to county superintendents in part, as follows: Nebraska occupies an unrivaled position in having the lowest per cent of illiteracy of all the states in the union. Nowhere has the value of a common school education been more generally and universally acknowledged than here, nor has the free secondary and higher education in the state been altogether neglected. The constitution of Nebraska, adopted in 1875, declared that all moneys arising from the sale or leasing of sections No. 16 to 36 in each township in this state should be perpetual funds for common school purposes, of which the annual interest or income only can be appropriated; and the interest on these school lands sold and leased, together with that or warrants, county bonds and school district bonds, certain fees and licenses, and the state school tax of 1 1/2 mills or less upon the dollar of assessed valuation of all taxable property in the state, provides a sum in excess of \$700,000 apportioned annually to all the common school districts of the state. This amount will increase from year to year rather than diminish. Local school districts may tax themselves not to exceed 25 mills on the dollar of assessed valuation. All fines, penalties and license moneys are appropriated exclusively to the use and support of the common schools in the respective subdivisions where they may accrue. The constitution also states that the legislature shall provide for the free instruction in the common schools of all persons between the ages of 5 and 21 years. Free education, including free textbooks and supplies, is furnished in all school districts in the state. School government, organization and management in Nebraska is almost purely local, each one of the 6,667 districts being responsible for its own school. Each district provides a full course of instruction in all of the eight grades or years of work below the ordinary high school, and many of them furnish graduate certificates upon the completion of this work. The course includes reading, writing, spelling, arithmetic, grammar, geography, history, physiology, etc. In some of the larger cities of the state kindergartens have been established. When a school district has a population of 150 or more children of school age, it may organize as a high school district and furnish free high school privileges to all its pupils who complete the eighth grades of work below the high school. We have in Nebraska eighty-five villages maintaining a high school course of one year, or a total of nine grades of work; there are 175 villages with high school courses of two years; 101 villages or cities with high school courses three years in length, and eighty-four cities in the state maintaining a full four years' high school course sometimes differentiated into classical, scientific, English and commercial courses, above the eighth grades of common school work. Above these we have as a superstructure the magnificent University of Nebraska, with its faculty of 200 and an attendance of more than 2,500. The university has a heavy endowment from lands donated to the state by the United States, and is supported by the proceeds of investment of a permanent fund, by other incomes and by a tax of 1 mill upon the dollar of assessed valuation of the state. During the last school year (1903-1904) there were enrolled in the schools of Nebraska 280,000 children; the state had 6,767 school houses, of which thirty-five were stone, 339 brick, 105 log, 273 sod, and the rest wood or frame buildings. The number of school houses in the state in 1890 was nearly 800, but it has steadily decreased since that time, while the number of brick buildings rapidly increases. The value of school district property in the state is estimated at \$11,000,000; the total indebtedness of all districts at \$2,285,000, and the total annual expenditures at \$4,900,000. Nebraska employs annually 9,700 teachers, including 3,250 in graded schools.

Krens Gives Bond. LINCOLN—William Krens of Custer county gave bond for \$1,500, and was released pending the final decision upon his case. In the Custer county district court he was sentenced to two years in the state penitentiary for burning a stack of grain.

ANSLEY—More prairie chickens were killed in October and November this year in the neighborhood of Ansley than ever before, but the pot hunter who kills birds in the summer has been stopped, and the result is that the birds are both plentiful and tame.

Depositors Get 39 Per Cent. LINCOLN—Receiver William C. May has filed with Secretary Roysce of the state banking board his final report of the affairs of the defunct People's State bank of Gothenburg, which failed in 1901. The depositors have received a payment of 39 per cent and the receiver has been discharged.

The Institute for the Feeble Minded at Beatrice fittingly observed Christmas.

NEBRASKA BRIEFS. Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Peterson of Polk county last week celebrated their golden wedding. At a regular meeting of the Fremont Turnverein it was voted to send a team to compete at the national turn fest, which meets next year at Indianapolis. The home of P. B. Neff, an implement dealer in Broomfield, was entered by burglars a few nights ago and robbed of \$20, several rings and other pieces of jewelry. While oiling an engine at the electric power house at Beatrice Engineer Peter Drouland got his hand too near the machine and the index finger of his left hand was torn off. Invitations have been issued at Plattsmouth announcing the forthcoming marriage of F. C. Kingsbury of Arizona and Miss Para Love of Fremont, which will occur January 4. Roscoe Pound will resign his position as dean of the law school at the State University to enter practice, having formed a law partnership with Frank M. Hall and Frank H. Woods. The body of Howard Penn who killed himself at York in a fit of despondency arrived in Broken Bow from that place and was taken to the residence in Former Sheriff Armstrong. About 11 o'clock in the forenoon one of the inmates in the open ward at the asylum at Hastings escaped, coming toward Hastings. He is described as being about 28 years old, weight 150, dark mustache. The city council of Grand Island has passed on its first reading an ordinance regulating the running of automobiles, limiting the speed to five miles an hour in the business district of the city and twelve miles an hour in all other districts. The other night young George Coil of Dawes county walked from the penitentiary to the trolley car station at Lancaster a free man, beneficiary of one of Governor Mickey's Christmas commutations. Coil was convicted five years ago of murdering a sheepman named Ryan, with whom he and his father, a cattleman, had had trouble over the range. Governor Mickey has assured Superintendent Greene of the Lincoln Hospital for the insane that there is absolutely no need for any investigation into the affairs of that institution. The official called at the executive department for a conference and was assured that the governor had perfect confidence in him and the integrity of his management. Phoenix, (Ariz.) dispatch: Sheriff Hall of Holt county, Neb., arrived with a requisition for Bernard W. McGreevy, absconding president of the Elkhorn Valley bank of O'Neill, Neb. The sheriff said he would not leave before Monday and perhaps not then. He is impressed with the story that Cashier Patrick Hagerty is in hiding here and hopes to capture him. The committee that has begged the Burlington Railroad company for a new depot at York in the place of the barn-like structure now used by the company there hope that York will have a New Year's present in the way of a notice from the company that they will build a much needed depot at York that will be in keeping with the rapid growth and the size of the place. Each prisoner in the penitentiary was given a Christmas present. The gift was of modest proportions, consisting of a large bag of candy, made in the prison kitchen, but each man was remembered. Many of them received little trinkets from friends and relatives at home. Little mementoes of home life and jars of jam and jelly, with other delicacies, were received by many of the men. The annual meeting of the Gage county poultry and pet stock show will be held in the opera house at Blue Springs January 3 and 4. December will be a good month from the standpoint of the state penitentiary in that the census will be increased there by twenty-nine. A circular letter will be sent out to county treasurers by State Treasurer Mortensen asking them to begin the year properly by promptly remitting state taxes to the treasury on Monday or Tuesday. Many county treasurers are taking advantage of the renewed offer of the Burlington and the Union Pacific to pay a part of their taxes, pending the decision on the application for injunction. After having been mourned as a dead man for the past seventeen years John Marquardt has turned up at Harrisburg, Ore., alive and a busy man. Almost a score of years ago he left Norfolk and two years later his mother and brothers gave him up as dead. Even the date of his death had been fixed, services held and each anniversary help apart because of the funeral tone it bore. A letter received last week came as a joyful greeting. In the case of the Missouri Pacific Railway company against Cass county Judge Jensen found for the plaintiff, fixing the amount of damage in the sum of 1 cent. The company sued for \$1,000 damage. Gust Jones, a stranger in Cuming county, was committed to jail on a charge of stealing a team of horses the property of James Tighe, living near Hancock. The prisoner was caught with the team in his possession and was brought before Justice McDermott and was bound over to the district court in default of bail.

Live Stock Trades

SOUTH OMAHA. CATTLE—Packers were of the opinion that receipts would be considerably heavier than on the previous days of this week, but it was found that supplies were much smaller than generally expected. As a result buyers were all out in good season and the prices paid were fully as good as those in force yesterday. The demand for anything at all desirable in the way of corn-fed steers was brisk and fully steady prices were paid. In some cases the market looked a little stronger. Buyers all seemed to be anxious for fresh supplies, and owing to the small receipts there was not enough to go around. The cow market was also active, with prices steady to strong, the better bunches showing the most strength. The same as with steers, there were not enough to go around, so that salesmen experienced little trouble in disposing of everything they had on hand. Bulls, veal calves and stags sold at just about the same prices as the day before. There was a much better demand for stockers and feeders than has been noticed before. Several country buyers were in the yards, and, as a result, speculators were willing to take on fresh supplies and the prices paid were a little stronger, or fully as good as those in force at the close of last week. HOGS—The demand was in good shape, as both local packers and shippers were anxious for supplies. The small number on sale, though, made it impossible for them to fill more than their most urgent requirements. The market could be quoted just about 2 1/2c higher than yesterday's average. The long string went at \$4.75, with a few loads at \$4.55, and a few at \$4.50, with a top of \$4.65. The quality of the hogs was unusually good, coarse heavy loads being unusually scarce. There was very little change in the market. SHEEP—Quotations for fed stock: Good to choice yearlings, \$3.25 to \$3.50; fair to good yearlings, \$3.00 to \$3.25; good to choice wethers, \$4.00 to \$4.25; fair to good wethers, \$3.75 to \$4.00; fair to good ewes, \$3.50 to \$3.75; common to fair ewes, \$3.25 to \$3.50; good to choice lambs, \$5.00 to \$5.50; fair to good lambs, \$4.50 to \$5.00; feeder yearlings, \$4.00 to \$4.25; feeder ewes, \$3.50 to \$3.75; feeder lambs, \$5.00 to \$5.50. KANSAS CITY. CATTLE—Market for steers slow, others steady; native steers, \$3.75 to \$3.85; southern steers, \$3.00 to \$3.50; southern cows, \$3.75 to \$3.85; native cows and heifers, \$1.50 to \$2.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$3.00; bulls, \$2.50 to \$3.00; calves, \$3.00 to \$3.50; western fed steers, \$3.50 to \$3.60; western fed cows, \$3.50 to \$3.60. HOGS—Market 5c higher; bulk of sales, \$4.45 to \$4.75; heavy, \$4.50 to \$4.75; packers, \$4.55 to \$4.75; pigs and hams, \$3.50 to \$3.75. SHEEP AND LAMBS—Market strong; muttons, \$4.00 to \$4.25; lambs, \$5.00 to \$5.25; range wethers, \$4.50 to \$4.75; ewes, \$3.75 to \$4.00. PLATT WINS THE BIG FIGHT. Odell Announces That There Will Be No Opposition to Re-Election of Depew. NEW YORK—Chauncey Mitchell Depew of New York will succeed himself for a term of six years as United States senator from the state of New York, continuing as the colleague of Senator Thomas C. Platt, who has four years to serve. The formal announcement of this conclusion was made late at the Fifth Avenue hotel by Governor Odell as chairman of the republican state committee and came as the culmination of a series of conferences by prominent republicans extending over several weeks, and practically continuing during the past three days. The purport of the announcement is that the candidacy of former Governor Frank S. Black of Troy, which has been warmly pressed by his friends during the past fortnight or more is to be withdrawn and that the name of Senator Depew will be the only one presented to the caucus of republican legislators, which will select the party's candidate for senator. OUTPUT OF PACKING HOUSES. Over Half Million Hogs Slaughtered Since November. CINCINNATI, O.—Price Current says: For the holiday week the marketing of hogs has been comparatively liberal, although falling short of recent weekly records. Total western packing, 565,000 head, compared with 720,000 head the preceding week and 330,000 head last year. Since November 1 the total is 5,005,000 head, against 4,225,000 head a year ago. Prominent places compare as follows: 1904. 1903. Chicago 1,350,000 1,250,000 Kansas City 600,000 550,000 Omaha 300,000 270,000 St. Louis 300,000 280,000 St. Joseph 345,000 245,000 Indianapolis 300,000 250,000 Milwaukee 201,000 212,000 Cincinnati 144,000 128,000 Detroit 150,000 111,000 Cedar Rapids 110,000 100,000 Sioux City 135,000 88,000 St. Paul 190,000 172,000 Inventor Smith Dead. SALINA, Kas.—Captain Hamilton Ezra Smith, inventor of laundry machinery in general use and of the first round bale cotton binding appliance, and who was a member of the citizens' committee of New York that overthrew the Tweed Ring, died here, aged 85 years. Interment will be in Philadelphia. France Prepares for Trouble. TOULON, France—Owing to the crises in Morocco the navy yard here shows the greatest activity. Preparations are going on to have a naval division consisting of the battleships Charlemagne and Lena and two cruisers in readiness to proceed to Morocco if the crisis accentuates. Want His Horses Well Fed. ITHACA, Neb.—For a Christmas present Rural Carrier Charles L. Scheffel received a sack of corn or oats from every patron along his route. England's New Battleships. LONDON—According to the Daily Mail, the admiralty is preparing designs for new battleships of 17,000 to 18,000 tons and carrying ten 12-inch guns. It has not been decided whether the keels will be laid down in 1905. Crude Oil Goes Down. PITTSBURG—The Standard Oil company made a reduction of five cents in all grades of crude oil except raglan, which cut was two cents. Western oil declined three cents today.

To Preserve Cider. Where cider is used from the cask, to prevent spoiling in the partly empty cask, pour upon the cider a quart of some tasteless oil, such as olive or peanut oil. The oil will form a thin film on the surface of the cider and prevent access of the acetic and putrefactive ferments always present in the air.—Southern Farm Magazine.

Shocking. Daughter—Don't invite my rural uncle in the reception room any more. Mother—Did he make any bad breaks before the company, dear? Daughter—I should say so. When I showed him a Louis XIV chair he asked if Louis was a good chairmaker.

A New Longest Word. What is believed to be the longest word in the English language has just been discovered by an enterprising druggist. It is "ortho-ortho-ortho-amino-benzoyl-amido-quinolin," and is the correct scientific name for a well known proprietary medicine.

Steel Fishing Rods. Steel fishing rods have been brought to such a state of perfection that they are now being sold extensively in the place of those of bamboo. It is said that they are harder to carry, and are better balanced.

Shouting Their Praises. Kirkland, Ill., Jan. 2nd.—(Special) Curd of the terrible Rheumatic pains that made him a cripple for years, Mr. Richard R. Greenhon, an old and respected resident of this place is shouting the praises of the remedy that cured him, Dodd's Kidney Pills. "I had the rheumatism in my left limb so that I could not walk over ten to fifteen rods at a time, and that by the use of two canes," Mr. Greenhon says. "I would have to sit or lie down on the ground when I was out trying to walk and the sweat would run down my face, with so much pain. I could not sleep at night for about five or six weeks. "I tried different doctors' medicines, but they were all no good. Then I sent for Dodd's Kidney Pills and almost from the first they brought relief. By the time I had taken fourteen boxes of them my rheumatism was all gone and I can truly say I feel better than I have in the last twenty-five years."

Chemistry on Railroads. The operation of a modern railway is a place where chemistry would hardly seem likely to be much in evidence, but every large railway system maintains expert chemists in whose laboratories questions of vital importance to railroad economies are constantly undergoing minute chemical study.

CUTICURA SOAP The World's Greatest Skin Soap—The Standard of Every Nation of the Earth. Millions of the world's best people use Cuticura Soap, assisted by Cuticura Ointment, the purest and sweetest of emollient skin cures, for preserving, purifying and beautifying the skin, for cleansing the scalp of crusts, scales and dandruff, and the stopping of falling hair, for softening, whitening and soothing red, rough and sore hands, for baby rashes, itchings and chafings, and many sanative, antiseptic purposes which readily suggest themselves to women, especially mothers, as well as for all the purposes of the toilet, bath and nursery.

Origin of Petroleum. Until recently it was almost universally believed that petroleum, like coal, was derived from fossil vegetation or possibly from animals or fishes of some long past age. Now it is asserted by many scientific men that it may not be of any organic origin, but may be due to subterranean chemical action.

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To admire a virtue without seeking to emulate it is to enervate the soul. I do not believe Piso's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—JOHN F. BOYER, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1903.

Some men will miss heaven because they sit so long by the wayside dissecting their guide books. When a man is too old to be made a fool of by a pretty woman he's certainly in the centenarian class. If the public could sue for breach of promise most political officeholders would be bankrupt. When one starts out to do the greatest good to the greatest number, No. 1 is usually "it." Many a society woman isn't in the swim deep enough to get her bathing suit wet.