

NEBRASKA GUARD CAMP

State Military Authorities Still Undecided About Location.

RED DEER LAKE AN IDEAL SPOT

Revenue Stamps Must Be Used on Every Sale of Live Stock—An Iowa Boy Makes a Bad Jump—Other Nebraska Notes.

LINCOLN, July 24.—The state military authorities are still undecided as to a location for the next encampment of the Nebraska National Guard. General Colby and several officers have returned from a trip over the lake region of Cherry county and later this week General Colby, accompanied by General Barry, Colonel Archer and Quartermaster Hill, will visit several other places that have been proposed for the encampment, among them being Erickson and Seneca.

"The place that pleased us most in Cherry county was Red Deer lake," said General Colby, "but the owner refused to let us use it for the encampment. It is an ideal spot, but of course is now out of the question. We could have it in the fall, but that would interfere with our plans for an early encampment. We visited quite a number of lakes in Cherry county, among them Great Alkali, Dewey, Wood and Hackberry, but none of them suited us as well as the Red Deer lake.

"I am prepared to announce that the encampment will be of ten days' duration and that it will be held between the 7th and 20th of September. The exact date has not been determined, but the announcement is made now, so as to give ample time for officers and men to arrange their business to avoid a conflict of duties and to enable all to be present."

Stamps on Every Sale.

SOUTH OMAHA, July 24.—Collector of Internal Revenue Stephenson has a communication from Commissioner Yerkes at Washington of especial interest to live stock commission men.

Recently a South Omaha commission firm protested against paying revenue on sales which it made of stock bought on speculation, setting forth that when the stock is first sold the commission men to whom the sale is made attach revenue stamps to the value of 1 cent per \$100, which tax is paid by the shipper. To compel them to pay a like tax on a reselling of the same lot of stock the speculators say is double taxation and illegal. It has been decided that there must be stamps on every sale.

Nebraska at Washington.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—The comptroller of the currency has declared a sixth dividend of 5 per cent in favor of the creditors of the First National bank of Neligh, Neb., making in all 65 per cent on claims proved, amounting to \$77,414.99.

Dr. V. R. Butler has been appointed a pension examining surgeon at Beaver city, Dr. W. E. Paxton at Sidney, and Dr. C. E. Coppers at Ord, Neb.

Rural free delivery service will be established on September 2, with one carrier; length of route, 24½ miles; population served, 520; carrier, Beards Pierson.

Burglars at Table Rock.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., July 24.—Burglars gained access to the hardware store of Anton Kovanda and stole some pocket knives and razors. They gained entrance by cutting out one of the panels in the rear door. They also entered the store of W. L. Taylor, general merchandise, by prying up a window in the rear of the store, but as nothing was missed it is supposed they were frightened away. It is probably the work of the amateurs.

Deputy Game Wardens.

LINCOLN, July 24.—Governor Savage has appointed the following deputy game wardens to serve without compensation: Grant E. Peterson of Ponca, for Dixon county; Otto F. L. Hesse of West Point, for Cumming county; S. F. Woodward of Boies, for Howard county.

Wheeler County Report.

LINCOLN, July 24.—The belated report of the clerk of Wheeler county, regarding valuation of property for taxation, was received at the auditor's office. The total assessed valuation is \$114,462.59, as against \$298,000 for last year.

Thieves Caught in a Store.

MBAD, Neb., July 24.—Three burglars were discovered in the store of C. Osterberg & Son by Herb Edwards, who sleeps over the store. Edwards slipped downstairs and aroused Marshal Gehrist. Henry Osterberg and others and they surprised the visitors. Several shots were fired by both sides, but the robbers succeeded in getting away. None of the citizens were hurt, but one of the burglars received a charge of buckshot.

Iowa Boy Makes Bad Jump.

PLATTSBURGH, Neb., July 24.—Burt, the 14-year-old son of C. H. Higgs of Hamburg, Ia., jumped from a rapidly moving freight train on the Burlington. He fell on his head, sustaining an ugly scalp wound, the gash being ten inches long, extending from the forehead back. He remained in an unconscious condition all night in a ditch beside the track, when, although very weak from loss of blood, he managed to reach the office of a physician.

TAX LEVY FOR THE STATE.

It is Now Completed and is Shown to Be as Below.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 22.—The state board of equalization completed the tax levy by counties. The rate for the general fund is 6 mills; for the university fund, 1 mill. Owing to the increase in the assessed valuation of the state, which amounts to nearly \$2,700,000, the university fund will be increased this year by about \$2,685 over last year. The levy by counties is as follows:

	General Fund.	University Fund.
Adams	\$13,333.70	\$2,217.78
Antelope	7,862.99	1,322.18
Banner	1,312.94	226.29
Boone	1,691.29	281.38
Boyd	3,472.32	580.71
Box Butte	3,962.61	660.75
Boyd	3,472.32	580.71
Brown	3,389.82	565.12
Butte	13,333.70	2,217.78
Butler	11,116.32	1,852.39
Butte	13,333.70	2,217.78
Cedar	13,941.08	2,323.21
Chase	3,236.75	539.44
Cherry	2,932.24	488.70
Cheyenne	7,015.71	1,169.28
Clatsop	12,952.88	2,158.81
Colfax	10,024.32	1,670.72
Cumming	11,257.88	1,876.31
Dallas	12,438.80	2,073.13
Dakota	8,041.29	1,340.25
Dawson	1,312.94	226.29
Dawson	8,415.01	1,402.50
Deuel	3,420.57	570.11
Dodge	15,763.52	2,627.25
Douglas	11,588.96	1,931.50
Dundy	3,236.75	539.44
Fillmore	11,425.86	1,904.31
Franklin	3,420.57	570.11
Furnas	3,236.75	539.44
Gage	29,239.47	4,873.24
Gardiner	1,271.92	211.98
Gosper	3,236.75	539.44
Grant	3,236.75	539.44
Greeley	1,802.15	300.41
Harlan	1,271.92	211.98
Hamilton	3,236.75	539.44
Harrison	4,442.08	740.34
Haskell	4,442.08	740.34
Hitchcock	4,442.08	740.34
Holt	11,627.80	1,938.97
Howard	2,217.78	369.61
Jefferson	12,729.46	2,118.41
Johnson	19,825.25	3,304.21
Kearney	6,654.38	1,109.02
Keith	1,271.92	211.98
Kearney	2,192.38	363.72
Kimball	2,192.38	363.72
Knox	9,271.08	1,545.21
Lancaster	4,442.08	740.34
Lincoln	1,271.92	211.98
Logan	1,271.92	211.98
Loup	13,333.70	2,217.78
Madison	6,654.38	1,109.02
McPherson	1,271.92	211.98
Madison	1,271.92	211.98
Nance	4,442.08	740.34
Nemaha	1,271.92	211.98
Nichols	1,271.92	211.98
Osage	1,271.92	211.98
Pawnee	1,271.92	211.98
Perkins	1,271.92	211.98
Phelps	1,271.92	211.98
Pierce	1,271.92	211.98
Platte	1,271.92	211.98
Polk	1,271.92	211.98
Red Willow	1,271.92	211.98
Richardson	1,271.92	211.98
Rock	1,271.92	211.98
Saline	1,271.92	211.98
Sarge	1,271.92	211.98
Sauder	1,271.92	211.98
Scotts Bluff	1,271.92	211.98
Seward	1,271.92	211.98
Sheldon	1,271.92	211.98
Sherman	1,271.92	211.98
Sisoux	1,271.92	211.98
Stanton	1,271.92	211.98
Thayer	1,271.92	211.98
Thomas	1,271.92	211.98
Thurston	1,271.92	211.98
Washington	1,271.92	211.98
Wayne	1,271.92	211.98
Webster	1,271.92	211.98
York	1,271.92	211.98
Valley	4,442.08	740.34

She Drives to Death.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 22.—Mrs. Dan Johnson, postmistress at Rokeby, a small town about twelve miles southwest of Lincoln, while driving across the Rock Island track within a mile of her home at an early hour this morning was struck by a special freight train and received injuries that resulted in her death. Opinion is prevalent there that Mrs. Johnson came to her death as the result of deliberate action on her part. She had had a great deal of trouble with her neighbors, who made her the victim of constant persecution.

Harvesting Hay Crops.

BASSETT, Neb., July 22.—Ranchmen in this vicinity are making active preparations to begin haying and inside of ten days the harvest will be well under way. At first it was thought that the heavy late rains had injured the crop, and while this was found true in some instances, as a general rule the fear was unfounded.

Cow Drags Boy to Death.

WAHOO, Neb., July 22.—Chas. Miller, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. N. Miller, was killed while leading a cow to pasture. He tied the rope around his body and the cow ran, dragging him four blocks, breaking his neck and greatly mutilating his head and face.

Engine Sets Fire to Wheat.

STROMSBURG, Neb., July 22.—As John Dritzler started to thresh some wheat for J. A. Fraxley, two miles west of here, the engine set fire to the field and burned twelve acres of fine wheat.

Soon Starts for Philippines.

LEXINGTON, Neb., July 22.—Rev. Mr. Montgomery of Wayne, Neb., is visiting in Lexington, Neb., prior to going to the Philippine islands, to take charge of the Presbyterian mission schools.

Bloodhounds Trace Money.

BEATRICE, Neb., July 22.—Cyrus Bel, a farmer three miles from this city, was robbed while working in the field. Bel is a bachelor and had over \$100 secured in a trunk at the house. The thief stole \$37, but did not find the balance, which was in another part of the trunk. Bel drove to Beatrice about midnight, secured the Fulton bloodhounds and they traced the thief to this city, where he was located. He settled the matter.

Ravenna Mill Burned.

RAVENNA, Neb., July 22.—The Ravenna flouring mills burned to the ground with 7,000 bushels of wheat in the bins. This mill was built by C. Seely and was one of the best in the state. The fire caught in the third story after the fire at the Burlington & Missouri depot and with the continued heated term, there was not sufficient pressure for the water to save it. There was about \$15,000 insurance.

GREWSOME DISCOVERY

Worried by Family Troubles, a Man Hangs Himself.

A WOMAN DISCOVERS THE BODY

Call for Republican State Convention—Grasshoppers in Custer County—Meet With a Deadly Enemy—Miscellaneous Nebraska News.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., July 23.—Mrs. Jerome, wife of a farmer residing three and three-quarter miles west of Chapman, made a gruesome discovery while in the grove across the road picking up wood. There was a most offensive odor in the grove and on looking about she discovered the body of a man hanging to a tree. She immediately notified the men in the neighborhood, who investigated and notified the officials of Merrick county.

The man's shoes were found beside the tree upon which he hanged himself. The clothes are those of a man who was slightly known as Chapman and who was last seen there on the 10th of July. It is supposed he went from Chapman to this place and hanged himself on the night of the 11th.

One June 22 the man stopped with a farmer about two miles from where he hanged himself, and there hinted that he was going to end his life, but the farmer believed he had talked the man out of the notion. His name was Drummer. He was a German and a farmer, having formerly owned a farm in this vicinity. He sold out about eight years ago and went east. The only reason known for the man's act is trouble in his family. He claimed that his daughter-in-law had tried to poison him.

Poisoned by Their Cream.

PLATTSBURGH, Neb., July 23.—At the home of P. A. Johnson, a few miles east of this city, the family sat down to breakfast and Mr. Johnson, his two boys and three hired men poured cream over the oatmeal and after eating it became violently ill and a physician was summoned. Restoratives were administered and the terrible agony was partially relieved, but they are weak and it will be some time before they are able to work. Investigation was made and it was found that the poison was in the cream.

Hope is Not So Strong.

OMAHA, July 23.—Railroad authorities, who keep abreast of the conditions of crops along their respective lines, are dreading the showing that may be made by the weekly returns from the various stations for the past week, although as a rule the railway people do not seem to be as seriously alarmed over the prospects as do many others who assume to be well posted on the conditions. Railroad reports are somewhat conflicting.

Meets Horrible Death.

FREMONT, Neb., July 23.—Mrs. W. L. Price, living at 649 West Fourth street, met with a horrible death by burning. She attempted to start a fire in the kitchen stove by the aid of kerosene. While in the act of pouring in the oil from the can an explosion took place, scattering the burning oil over her clothing, igniting it. Before the flames could be extinguished the clothing burned from her body.

Enemy of the Grasshopper.

CALLAWAY, Neb., July 23.—Farmers in this vicinity report that the grasshoppers have at last met an enemy in the shape of a little red insect. The insect fastens itself under the wings of the hoppers and proceeds to eat off the wing, after which it eats direct into the body. It is said that millions of dead hoppers can be found in every field, which met their death by the good work of the insect.

Republican State Convention.

LINCOLN, July 23.—Chairman H. C. Lindsay of the republican state central committee has issued a call for the state convention, which meets in the auditorium on the afternoon of Wednesday, August 28. The call provides for 1,303 delegates.

Wounded Greek is Dead.

SIDNEY, Neb., July 23.—The Greek who was shot in the melee here died in a Denver hospital. The man who did the shooting has not yet been arrested and it is now thought he has gone into the mountains.

Prayers for Rain.

LINCOLN, July 23.—Prayers for rain and a cessation of the hot weather were offered in nearly all churches Sunday. Rev. Father Reed of the Catholic church said the drought had been sent as punishment for transgressors and he predicted that if the people did not immediately implore forgiveness the conditions would be worse than they were in 1893. Father Reed called attention to his predictions of Galveston.

Fremont Normal Given Standing.

FREMONT, Neb., July 23.—State Superintendent Fowler has officially recognized the Fremont normal school under an act passed at the last session of the legislature as a school authorized to issue state certificates for two years, three years and for life, according to the work completed. This gives the school equal advantages with state schools and the fact is highly appreciated by the students and others.

STATE FAIR GROUNDS PURCHASE.

Builders Ordered to Begin Work on the New Sheds.

IS SEVERE ON SCHLEY

Macley's History Not to Be Used at Annapolis Academy.

LINCOLN, July 20.—The state board of public lands and buildings completed the purchase of the state fair grounds and the board of agriculture immediately ordered the builders to begin work on the new live stock sheds and barns. The grounds will be enclosed by an improved wire fence and all of the main buildings now standing will be repaired and repainted. All of the expense incident to putting the grounds and buildings in shape for the next state exhibit will be paid out of the balance of the appropriation of \$35,000 made by the legislature.

Secretary Furnas said that everything would be in readiness by the opening day of the fair. The various contractors have been impressed with the importance of their duties and they have agreed to exert every power to have their work completed by August 25.

The warrant which was delivered to the Nebraska Exposition association for the state fair grounds was afterwards sold to the state treasurer for investment of the permanent school fund.

DEAD IN SALT CREEK.

Body of Unknown Man Found Under Bridge at Lincoln.

LINCOLN, July 20.—An unknown man was found dead in Salt creek under a Rock Island bridge two miles south of this city. It was at first thought he had been murdered, but an investigation soon exploded that theory. A wound on his head was thought to have been made by a bullet, but Coroner Graham insists that it might have been caused by some sharp piece of metal in the undergarment of a freight train.

Coroner Graham and a jury examined the body and after listening to the testimony of the section workmen returned a verdict, finding that death came from unknown causes. It is believed that Graham was riding under a freight car and while asleep or from exhaustion lost his hold and fell.

SLAUGHTER GOES TO MANILA.

Nebraska Paymaster to Serve Two Years in the Orient.

OMAHA, July 20.—Major Bradner D. Slaughter, army paymaster here, has news that he has been ordered to the Philippines for service. Major Charles E. Stanton, now in Manila, is expected to come here to relieve him. August 15, Captain William R. Graham will be relieved from duty in the Philippines to also come to Omaha.

Major Slaughter is not surprised, and, in fact, is quite willing to try a couple of years on the other side of the world.

It is expected that Major Stanton will not be able to arrive here and take charge before September 1.

Major Slaughter will be accompanied to Manila by John A. Lottridge, his chief clerk, who came here from Lincoln at the beginning of 1899.

Plainview Farmer's Suicide.

PLAINVIEW, Neb., July 20.—The body of William Dibbert, a prosperous German farmer who lived six miles northwest of here, was found hanging to a rafter in his granary. Mr. Dibbert had been afflicted with kidney trouble for the past year and during the day had worked in the harvest field, but when he left the field at night he failed to show up at the house. He was found by his mother, having hung himself the previous evening.

Child Struck by Lightning.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., July 20.—The little daughter of Henry Stack, aged seven years, was struck by lightning while playing in the back yard in this city. Her hair was badly burned and she was seriously shocked, but has good chances of recovery.

Deputy Game Warden.

LINCOLN, July 20.—Governor Savage has named Captain J. T. Richmond of Johnston as deputy game warden, to serve without compensation. It is the intention of the governor to appoint at least one deputy for every county in the state.

Young Man Dies on Train.

ALMA, Neb., July 20.—Jesse McGuire, of Garden City, Iowa, who was accompanied by his mother, bound for Colorado for his health, was taken down by the Burlington train dying. He died shortly after being placed in the depot.

Dangling from a Rafter.

CAMBRIDGE, Neb., July 20.—The body of John Denmead was found dangling from the rafters of the barn on his place north of town. A doctor was summoned and gave his opinion that the man committed suicide by hanging and that the deed was done at least three days before the body was found. Denmead was a farmer in fair circumstances and had lived alone for some time. His wife had died several years ago.

Site for Encampment.

LINCOLN, July 20.—Adjutant General Colby, accompanied by Col. Will Hayward and Col. Harry Archer, will leave Lincoln to go to the lake region of Cherry county for the purpose of securing a site for the annual encampment of the Nebraska national guard. I has not been definitely determined that the encampment will be held in that region and the final decision will not be made until the party returns.

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Macley's History Not to Be Used at Annapolis Academy.

AUTHOR WILL REVISE SOME PARTS

He Admits that His Language is Too Abusive and Says Proof Sheets Were Not All Shown Too United States Officials as They Should Have Been.

WASHINGTON, July 20.—The secretary of the navy has decided that the third volume of Macley's history of the Spanish-American war shall not be used as a textbook at the naval academy unless the obnoxious language it contains in characterizing the action of Rear Admiral Schley is eliminated. The secretary says that it would be manifestly improper to have a history containing such intemperate language as a textbook for the cadets. He will inform both Commander Wainwright, who is in command of the naval academy, and Mr. Macley, the author of the history, of his decision. In this connection the secretary says the proofs of the entire volume were not submitted to him by the historian. He received only the proofs of the third chapter, that relating to the mobilization of the fleets, which contained a summary of the orders which he, as secretary of the navy, had issued in making the naval preparations for war. That chapter was satisfactory and he returned it to Mr. Macley with his approval. He says he never saw the accounts of the battle of Santiago and the criticism of Rear Admiral Schley until after the book was published.

Mr. Macley was appointed to his present position in the New York navy yard August 23, 1890, having been transferred from the lighthouse service.

Accuses Naval Clique.

BALTIMORE, July 20.—General Felix Agnus, publisher of the Baltimore American, has telegraphed the following to President McKinley: William McKinley, President, Canton, Ohio.—"Macley's History of the Navy" is the standard in use at the naval academy. In the third volume, just issued, the historian charges Rear Admiral Schley with being a coward, a liar, a catfish, an incompetent and insubordinate. In an interview in the American this morning, Macley, the historian, who is a navy department clerk, classed as a laborer, and attached to the Brooklyn navy yard, says that proofs of this third volume, which should have told the most glorious story in all our naval annals, were submitted to Secretary Long and Admiral Sampson and approved by them in advance of publication, also that Long put him in his present position after he had read and approved this scurrilous attack upon Admiral Schley. These proofs were also submitted to Admiral Dewey, who refused to read them.

If aught were needed to convince any fair-minded man that a clique in the navy department has conspired to traduce the hero of Santiago and that the conspiracy was carried into execution while this brave and gallant officer was suffering expatriation on the fever-infested coasts of South America, this should furnish it. Will you, Mr. President, in view of all this sit quietly by and permit these conspirators to continue their diabolical work? Every justice-loving American appeals to you to intervene in the name and for the sake of fair play. Next to being right at the time, which no man ever was, the best thing is to find out as soon as possible that you are wrong and right yourself immediately. FELIX AGNUS, Publisher Baltimore American.

Graders in Bloody Battle.

DENVER, Colo., July 20.—A special to the News from Sidney, Neb., says: Greek and Austrian graders met here in deadly combat. Six Greeks were wounded and one Austrian was killed. After a drunken row the Austrians attacked the Greeks with knives, revolvers and clubs and completely routed them, after severely wounding six of their number. Rade Lubovic, an Austrian, was killed.

Robbed and Drops Dead.

WICHITA, Kan., July 20.—After being robbed on a Choctaw train, returning from El Reno, F. R. Smith, an aged man from Bonham, Texas, dropped dead in a crowded coach. The body was placed in a seat and taken to Oklahoma City. His wife and daughter were with him.

Mrs. Hanna is Safely Over.

QUEENSTOWN, July 20.—Mrs. D. Hanna, who is a passenger on the Cunard liner Campania, from New York to Liverpool, when interviewed on the steamer in Queenstown harbor by a representative of the Associated Press, said her trip to Europe was entirely one of pleasure and that its duration would depend on circumstances. She asserted that she was not aware of having left New York city under sensational conditions.

Heavy Rains in Parts of Texas.

HOUSTON, Tex., July 20.—Heavy rains are reported from many parts of Texas last night, today and tonight. While the rain is not general, nearly all sections of the state have been reached and a large portion of the cotton country has been soaked. The reports from Denton, Fort Worth and Vernon in northern Texas say that the downpour covered a wide area in the vicinity of these towns. Other sections need rain.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations From South Omaha and Kansas City.