

# General Nebraska News.

## THE STATE AT LARGE.

A severe rain and hail storm visited Gibbon and vicinity.

Charles Mead, a young man, is in jail at Seward charged with horse stealing.

Dakota City has doubled the license fee for saloons, the amount now being \$1,200 yearly.

At Fremont three little girls on their way home from school discovered a lot of stolen goods hidden under a sidewalk.

Robbers entered the stores of H. L. Bushnell and H. R. Green at Hemingford and took merchandise in each. They also broke into the school house.

W. J. Robinson of Ewing was bound over to district court in the sum of \$500 for having in his possession, it is charged, 165 prairie chickens March 22, 1903.

The Nebraska Lignor Dealers' convention will be held at Falls City June 2 to 4. Officers will be elected and considerable business is up for consideration.

N. V. Harlan and family of York left last week for Valdez, Alaska, where Mr. Harlan goes to resume his official duties as prosecuting attorney for the third district.

Chief Engineer Emsen of the Burlington, with a force of engineers, is said to be setting grade stakes between Oakland and Lyons for the Ashland branch of the Burlington.

At a meeting of citizens and old soldiers at Cambridge, the date for holding the next southwest Nebraska district G. A. R. reunion was set at the week commencing August 31, 1903, at Cambridge.

Instructions have been mailed to the various superintendents of state institutions to guide them in making out their semi-annual statements. The instructions are sent that a uniform report will be made.

At Campbell Rolla Ross, a stone mason, was shot, but not seriously wounded, by a section man named Haines. Ross was shot in the left shoulder. The shooting is claimed to have been in self defense.

Eddyville has a new bank, doing business under the name of the Eddyville State bank, with these in control: Diah Woodruff, L. E. Branson and Maggie J. Branson. The capital stock is \$5,000 and the articles of incorporation were filed with the Banking board.

The four cars of oil at Central City, Hastings, Blue Hills and Ord, which were rejected by Former Oil Inspector Hays, because they did not come up to the standard set by the new law raising the test from 100 to 112 degrees, have been finally passed by Inspector Church.

A young man seventeen years old, named John Reed, has just been taken to the asylum at Lincoln, he having been adjudged insane by Polk county's board of insanity. His people have the hope that with the treatment he can receive there that he will soon regain his mind.

The secretaries to the board of health met in Lincoln and were kept busy granting licenses to newly graduated doctors. There were seventy-eight applications from regular physicians and five osteopaths. Fourteen of this number are graduates of the medical school at Lincoln, twenty-one from the two schools at Omaha and the rest from outside the state.

The meeting of the Nebraska Art association was held in Lincoln and the following trustees' terms have expired: Miss Sara Hayden, Dr. George O. W. Farnham, Charles Mayer and Samuel Hall. The trustees organized and elected the following officers for the ensuing year: F. M. Hall, president; T. M. Hodgman, vice president; Sarah Hayden, secretary, and A. G. Greenlee, treasurer. The association voted to increase its membership from 100 to 200 stockholders during the coming year.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stoker arrived in Lincoln from Ohio. Some time ago she inserted an advertisement in a matrimonial paper and a prompt response was made her by Charles Siders of that place, who has been a widower since last August. Mrs. Stoker arrived in town and immediately proceeded to the office of the register of deeds, where she inquired into her respective husband's real estate record. She was satisfied that he was the owner of a farm valued at \$10,000. He is 72 years old, and the lady is about half that age.

At the special election held in Nance county to vote \$75,000 bonds of the county for the purpose of erecting over the Loup river steel bridges at Genoa, Fullerton and Palmer, the bonds were voted by a vote of 1,033 for to 329 against.

The state printing board met for the purpose of considering the bid of J. M. Sedgwick of York for printing the session laws. The bid, which is for 5,000 copies of the laws at \$2.75 a page, was accepted, and Sedgwick received the contract.

A Union Pacific passenger train which left Beatrice the other morning enroute for Omaha went into the ditch just before arriving at Hanlon, a small station near Lincoln. The entire train left the track, but fortunately no one was injured.

Holcomb Anderson, a Swedish farmer, fifty-five years old, living three miles northwest of Mead, hung himself in the barn on his farm. Life was extinct when the body was discovered but the body was yet warm. No cause is given for the act.

## INCREASED CROP ACREAGE.

Labor Bureau Issues Bulletin on Condition of Grain and Fruits.

The labor bureau has issued a statement showing the condition of crops and fruit. With the report is a table showing the increase and decrease in the per cent of acreage put in wheat, oats, rye, alfalfa and corn. The reports said that if March and April had been changed a normal season would have resulted, but as it was the warm weather of March caused an early planting of crops and the cold weather in April injured them to some extent. The report follows:

The average total precipitation for March for Nebraska was 0.72 inch and for April 1.63 inch.

Wheat—Prior to the cold weather of April the appearance of wheat presented a 95 per cent condition. This applied to other crops of small grain. The prospects were for the largest per cent yield in the history of the state. The wet weather of last fall caused a decrease in the acreage that would have been sown had it not been for this wet weather.

Corn—For corn there will be an increase of 10.86 per cent in the state. The prospects are excellent over the entire state and the only fear expressed is that the cold, wet condition of the ground may continue, which might prevent germination.

Oats—For the oat crop there is reported a 6.76 per cent increase and a 0.28 per cent decrease, giving a net increase in the state of 6.48 per cent. This increase will occur mostly in the south central counties.

Rye—There will be an increase in the acreage of rye of 3.28 per cent. The prospect is good and the condition of the state crop is about 90. In the eastern part it is better than this.

Alfalfa—Alfalfa is gaining friends rapidly. It has been thoroughly demonstrated in the west that alfalfa can be grown without irrigation and the result is a very great increase in acreage each year. This year it ranks first in increase of acreage, the increase being 13.79 per cent.

Creamery People Confer.

KEARNEY—The first annual meeting of the operators and agents of the Beatrice Creamery company for the Kearney district convened at the city hall in this city. The gathering was on invitation of the managers of the company for interchange of opinions and discussion of creamery topics.

An address of welcome was made by Mayor Roe, which was responded to by Art Gentzler, superintendent for the section north of the Platte river. A. M. Priest gave a talk on "Our Mutual Interests." The regular topics for the afternoon were as follows: "Regular Shipments Days," Art Gentzler; "What Is Good Condition?" A. M. Priest; "Change in Test and Causes," A. P. Salgren; question box, George Ledeur, and a discussion led by A. E. Wilkinson.

Damage Less than Feared.

J. P. Hess, one of the large fruit growers, stated that the damage from the recent freeze and snow storm was much less than was feared. Apples, he says, have been damaged very little and he anticipates that they will make nearly a full crop. Cherries also, much to the surprise of fruit growers, appear to have been but little damaged except in certain localities.

Y. M. C. A. Bids All High.

YORK—Bids for the erection of the new Young Men's Christian association building were opened by the general committee and the lowest bid was \$5,000 more than the association expected to pay. This is due to the advance in the price of material and the fact that York contractors have more work contracted ahead than they can take care of.

Valuable Farm Changes Hand.

CENTRAL CITY.—Last week T. B. Bond bought the Anthony farm three miles west of town at \$55 per acre. There are 480 acres, all seeded to alfalfa.

Identifies York Suspect.

YORK, Neb.—Detective Malone of Lincoln reached here and identified one of the men arrested as suspects as James Leo. Leo was held in the Lincoln jail for three months, accused of the recent Burlington train robbery. During his incarceration country store robberies ceased.

Inspecting National Guard.

In a short time, probably ten days, the members of the National Guard will be inspected by an officer detailed from the war department. To the end that the soldier boys will come up to the highest standard, Adjutant General Culver is preparing to do a little inspecting himself during the next few days and will call upon as many companies as he can between now and the time of the coming of the department officer.

Nehawka Man Insane.

PLATTSBURGH.—Philip Burke of Nehawka was before the board of insanity and pronounced a fit subject for the asylum for the insane at Lincoln, where he was taken by Sheriff J. D. McBride.

Fine Stock Sold.

WAYNE.—Fifty head of fine Hereford cattle were sold at public auction by W. N. Rogers of McCook, and others, averaging \$100 per head.

# U. P. UNDER FIRE

CALLED TO ACCOUNT REGARDING RATES.

## FAVORS TO A GRAIN FIRM

The Trans-Continental Line Uses Peavey's Council Bluffs Elevators and is Alleged to Pay Unduly for This Privilege.

WASHINGTON.—The Interstate Commerce commission has begun an investigation to determine whether the payment or allowances made by the Union Pacific to Peavey & Co. of Kansas City and Council Bluffs for grain elevator facilities and the grain rates made to that concern are in violation of the interstate commerce law.

The Union Pacific is made respondent in the proceedings and has been ordered to file a full answer to the charges by May 25 and to satisfactorily explain the alleged rebates at a hearing to be called hereafter.

The commission in ordering the investigation says it appears that the Peavey company is purchasing grain at western points of origin and shipping over the Union Pacific to Council Bluffs and Kansas City and through those points to eastern destinations; that the Union Pacific uses the elevators of Peavey & Co. for handling and transferring grain, for which facilities it pays certain stipulated rates, generally amounting to 1 1/2 cents per 100 pounds. These rates, it is charged, result in large payments or allowances by the Union Pacific to Peavey & Co. and are apparently an excessive and greater than charges generally imposed or allowed at Kansas City, Council Bluffs and other elevator points.

The commission says it appears that the rebates are not only on the grain of Peavey & Co., but on grain of all other shippers passing through the Peavey elevators, and that the allowances may subject other grain shippers to unjust discrimination and unjust transportation charges, and that they enable Peavey & Co. to obtain net rates less than the regular drafts.

The International & Great Northern and the St. Louis Southwestern railways have filed with the Interstate Commerce commission answers to the order calling for information regarding class and commodity rates from St. Louis to Texas common points. Both lines admit making certain advances but deny that the advances were material or that they were made to earn unreasonable revenue. The International & Great Northern says that its cost of operation has been increased; that to reconstruct the bridge equipment will cost upwards of \$100,000, and avers that its net earnings for the three months ending March 31, 1903 were largely decreased. The other road makes similar allegation.

BULGARIA'S SLAPS AT PORTE.

Returns Note Because It is "Offensive Terms."

CONSTANTINOPLE.—The Bulgarian government has returned the porte's note on the subject of incursion of Bulgarian bands into Macedonia and the importation of explosives into Turkey from Bulgaria, to the Ottoman commission at Sofia, in consequence of what the government of Bulgaria describes as its "offensive terms."

The mustering of Turkish troops continues in Macedonia and Albania, where soon 165 battalions will be distributed.

FUNERAL OF BISHOP HURST.

Sermon by Bishop Fowler and Address by Bishop McCabe.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Funeral services over the remains of the late Bishop John Fletcher Hurst were held Thursday morning at the First Methodist church.

The sermon was delivered by Charles H. Fowler of Buffalo and Bishop Charles C. McCabe of Omaha, who succeeded Bishop Hurst as chancellor of the American university, made an address. Rev. Dr. Henry A. Butz, president of the theological seminary, offered the prayer. The interment was at Rock Creek cemetery and was private.

Forty-One Years on Same Farm.

SIoux FALLS, S. D.—Foster T. Wheeler, a pioneer settler of Charles Mix county, has made a remarkable record, residing on the same farm for forty-one years. He settled on the land in 1862.

Strike Becomes International.

MONTREAL.—The officers of the striking longshoremen announce that the Liverpool longshoremen have called that they will refuse to handle any goods loaded here by non-union men. The Liverpool longshoremen, the strikers here claim, are affiliated with the British labor congress. The Canadian Pacific will continue to load and unload its vessels at Three Rivers.

Cleveland for Water Talk.

OGDEN, Utah.—The executive committee of the National Irrigation congress has received a letter from Gilbert McClurg, general representative of the irrigation congress, who had a recent interview with Grover Cleveland. The ex-president expressed a desire to attend the congress in Ogden next September and promised in the event of not being able to do so to send a paper on "Arid Land Reclamation."

# THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations From South Omaha and Kansas City.

SOUTH OMAHA.

CATTLE—There was liberal run of cattle and in fact receipts were considerably ahead of expectations. The beef steer market could be quoted steady to a shade lower. There was quite a little unevenness to the trade and it was very evident that packers were not very anxious for supplies, as the big run all the week has filled them up in good shape. As a general thing the medium and heavy weight cattle sold at about steady prices, but the heavy cattle were slow. The cow market showed very little change. The big bulk of the offerings consisted of beef steers, so the supply of cows and heifers was not excessive. The better grades in particular sold freely at steady prices. Bulls held just about steady and veal calves sold in yesterday's notes, but they are lower than they were a week ago. There were very few calves and feeders on sale and the demand was very limited. The few cattle that did arrive in most cases had to sell a little lower.

HOGS—There was quite a liberal run of hogs, but the market held about steady. At the start packers took hold quite freely and a good many traders were calling the market steady to strong. The hogs, though, were a good deal heavier than yesterday, which helped out the appearance of the market on paper to quite an extent. Toward the close, though, the packers seemed to have their more urgent orders filled, so that the last end of the market was slow and weak. The bulk of the medium weights sold from \$6.62 1/2 to \$6.65.

SHEEP—Quotations for clipped stock: Choice western lambs, \$5.00; fair to good lambs, \$5.00; choice western woolled lambs, \$5.00; fair to good woolled lambs, \$5.00; choice lightweight yearlings, \$5.50; fair to good yearlings, \$4.50; choice ewes, \$4.50; fair to good ewes, \$3.50; feeder lambs, \$3.50; feeder ewes, \$3.50; feeder hogs, \$3.50; feeder steers, \$3.50.

KANSAS CITY.

CATTLE—Beeves steady to strong; quarantine steady; cows and heifers steady to weak; stockers and feeders steady; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$1.00; fair to good, \$2.50; stockers and feeders, \$2.50; western-fed steers, \$3.50; Texas and Indian steers, \$2.50; Texas cows, \$1.75; native cows, \$1.50; 4.40; native heifers, \$2.80; 4.75; comers, \$1.10; 2.60; bulls, \$2.75; calves, \$2.60; 6.75.

HOGS—Market steady to strong; top, \$6.80; bulk of sales, \$6.60; heavy, \$6.75; 6.80; mixed packers, \$6.50; 6.75; light, \$6.35; 6.50; yorkers, \$6.55; 6.60; pigs, \$5.85; 6.30.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Market active and strong; native lambs, \$4.25; 4.50; western lambs, \$4.00; 4.25; fed ewes, \$3.75; 4.25; native ewes, \$4.00; 4.50; Texas clipped sheep, \$4.00; 4.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.75; 4.30.

JAPANESE ARMY PERFECT.

Will Not Be in Background in Event of Trouble.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—Mr. Shimizu, the recently appointed Japanese consul at Chicago, who arrived here on the Nippon Maru on the way to his new post, said regarding the Russian-Manchurian trouble:

"The statement that the arsenals are working day and night and turning out vast amounts of military stores may be true. For the past four years the government has aimed at building up a standing army which would be ready and capable of entering the lists in case of international trouble."

NEBRASKA GIRL IS SECOND.

Result of the Interstate Oratorical Contest.

SIoux CITY, Ia.—The interstate oratorical contest, in which six states were represented, was won by Harry C. Culver of Cornell college, Mount Vernon, Ia., the subject being "A Political Problem." The prize was \$50. Miss Florence Hope of Grand Island college, Nebraska, was second; Irvin B. Wood of Hamline university, St. Paul, third. Others in the contest were Garland C. Greeve of Central college, Fayette, Mo.; James G. Getty of Hedding college, Abingdon, Ill.; Warren Barber of Ripon college, Wisconsin. These six orators were the survivors of a contest in which forty-four colleges took part.

He May Abolish the Route.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The post-office department of Friday sent to Inspector Connor of the rural free delivery service at Nashville, Tenn., written instructions to investigate the matter of the rural carrier held up near Gallatin, Tenn. Postmaster General Payne said that he would probably abolish the route.

Bills Were Settled for Him.

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—Lieutenant John F. McCarthy, Nineteenth infantry, was arrested in this city Friday night by the police and was taken to Fort Leavenworth by Soldiers. He is at the post under arrest, awaiting court martial. It was supposed by his fellow officers, when they paid the bills of the local merchants who caused his arrest on criminal charges, that McCarthy's resignation would be accepted.

A Yard of Silk.

"In a Sixth avenue store the other day," said the woman who shops, "my attention was attracted by the mysterious words 'Business of looking for samples,' and I whisked round just in time to see a customer dive down, lift her pretty silk skirts, insert her hand in a fetching silk stocking—very nicely filled by the way—and produce a full yard of silk, which she handed to the girl with orders to match it exactly."

"Funny, isn't it?" said another salesgirl. "Yet almost all our patrons carry things there, from a purse to a cigarette case to a yard of silk. They do not seem to mind fishing for it, either. They all do it, whether it be my little errand girl or a haughty member of the Four Hundred."—New York Press.

World's Greatest Rancheing Country.

The greatest ranching country of the Canadian Northwest is Alberta.

The Distance of the Sun.

Our sun at the distance of Arcturus would be invisible to us.

# CHANCE TO REFORM

HOW WORRIED FATHER COMFORTED HIS HEART.

His Scapegrace Son, by Enlisting in the Marine Corps, Was at Least Safe from Misadventure for Four Years—May Yet Make His Mark.

He is regarded as the scapegrace of the family, and both parents long since despaired of him. Having despaired of him, the mother clung all the closer to him, demanding suspension of judgment. The father gave him till 25 to come to his normal senses and achieve fame, fortune and family. After doing the United States thoroughly, he spent two months in Cuba, half a year in Yucatan, a fortnight in Panama, a month in Nicaragua, a week in Sombrero, three weeks in Labrador, a year in Cape Nome and seven weeks with the army of Castro in Venezuela. In all these trials and tribulations he managed to keep out of jail.

One cold day he surprised his parents with the announcement that he was to sail for Scotland on the following morning to make his fortune.

"Scotland?" gasped both in a breath.

"Scotland," he said solemnly.

He named the ship he was to sail on, and the parental blessing was conferred. No one thought of seeing him off.

Two days later the father, looking over the list of arrivals of outgoing steamships, saw the name of the very one that the scapegrace had sailed on. It was called from Glasgow.

"What! Glasgow in two days," he exclaimed, doing a war shuffle on the parlor carpet. "Something wrong. Surely that ship did not go by wireless telegraphy."

The mother said: "Never mind; what my boy said will turn out all right. He may have taken one of the turbine steamers."

The father did not disturb her fond imaginings.

Next day Cardinal Gibbons came on from Baltimore to attend some festivities at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, and our doubting father, having known the grand old man from infancy, hastened to join him in the yard. In tow of the Admiral they went out to see the review of sailors and marines. A company of the latter wheeled into position before the party, and the doubting father's heart stood still. There in the ranks stood the scapegrace, with a grin on his face a yard wide.

"My—son—a private—in—the—Marine Corps!" he gurgled.

The Cardinal inquired if he was ill.

"Yes, father. Look—look there; my boy!"

The Cardinal, who had been acquainted with the boy from the time when mother's little ray of sunshine wore swaddling clothes, remarked sotto voce: "Let him alone! Best place for him."

Not long afterward the boy went aboard ship with his company and was next heard from when the cruiser weathered the storm off the Azores.

"Dear Papa," he wrote. "It has been the faultiest time of my life. We have been on our beam ends for three days, and during that period I have been doing stunts with God. Your affectionate son, etc."

"Well, it nearly broke my heart at first," says the father, "but my boy is out of development for at least four years, the term of enlistment. Maybe he'll settle down after that and be a prop for my old age."

The youth is six feet two and a quarter inches, straight as a pine and good looking. He may make his mark, and no doubt will. The best blood of old Virginia is in his veins.—New York Press.

NOT WHAT THEY WANTED.

How Mayor Low Incurred Enmity of Newspaper Men.

On the dark and stormy election night there were a dozen newspaper men ordered to the house of the mayor-elect to inform him of his victory and get a few salutatory wise saws from his lips, says the New York Tribune. The elated mayor met them in worn swaddling clothes, and drenched condition, and took pity on them. "Gentlemen," he said, "I am particularly beholden to you for coming up here through the awful storm to inform me of the victory, and now that I have spoken my little say, allow me to invite you all—and here the third of the twelve men good and true waxed truly ponderous—"to the dining room below"—six men with chattering teeth and visions of rare old Scotch bulging their eyes—

"where, if you are so inclined"—no need to say that; they all had all decently in mind—"we will have a little"—three men broke ranks in sheer avidity—"ice cream!" "Ice cream!" shrieked out one of the Park Row gorillas, in an agony of despair. "Waow!" And forthwith vanished into the bleak and bitter night. The seven followed, and fled to the nearest Dutch hostelry to predict direful things for the new administration.

URGES CHURCH TO DISCRIMINATE.

The time has come, in my opinion," says Bishop Burgess of Long Island, "when the church should be particular what money it receives. Money obtained by fostering the gambling instinct in young parishioners is something which every rector should refuse, and, while at first the church may suffer in its funds, it will in the end gain in spiritual strength."

LONG TIME ON ONE NEWSPAPER.

Col. Stephen N. Winslow, oldest newspaper man in Philadelphia in active continuous service, recently celebrated the sixty-first anniversary of his entrance into journalism. During those sixty-one years, without interruption, he has been a member of the staff of the Inquirer.

POPULAR KENTUCKIAN.

J. Morgan Chinn, a son of Col. "Jack" Chinn, the famous Kentuckian of sporting and belligerent proclivities, is a candidate for the office of clerk of the Court of Appeals of the state of Kentucky. He is one of the most popular men in the blue grass region.

# IMPRESSIVE CEREMONIES AT WORLD'S FAIR DEDICATION

The extreme of pomp and ceremony marked the dedication ceremonies at St. Louis of the Louisiana Purchase exposition.

President Roosevelt, former President Cleveland, President Francis of the exposition company, President Carter of the world's fair commission, members of the cabinet, and the Supreme court had seats in the center of the platform in the Liberal Arts building. At the president's right sat the visiting diplomatists, a distinguished looking contingent, which attracted much attention. In this section, also, were other distinguished foreigners and representatives of the state department at Washington, headed by Assistant Secretary of State

the fair association, formally presented the fair buildings.

Both President Roosevelt and ex-President Cleveland, who delivered addresses, were given enthusiastic welcome by the enormous crowd, which packed the building. The applause which greeted both of the distinguished orators was prolonged for almost twenty minutes.

The services were made notable by the military display, the gathering of warships, and the utterances of men of highest position marked this first of the three dedicatory days of the exposition.

To former President Cleveland was credited one of these notable utterances.

## PRINCIPALS IN DEDICATION CEREMONIES.



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT, EX-PRESIDENT CLEVELAND AND DAVID R. FRANCIS, PRESIDENT OF THE FAIR ASSOCIATION.

Looms. To the left of the president sat the joint delegation of senators and representatives, representing congress, the foreign commissioners to the fair, and Gen. Miles, Adj. Gen. Corbin and Gen. John C. Bates, with many other scarcely less distinguished.

The assembly was called to order by President Francis. He first introduced Cardinal Gibbons, who delivered the invocation. He was followed by Thomas H. Carter of the national commission, who acted as president of the day.

The choir of 2,000 voices then sang "The Heavens Proclaiming." At the close David R. Francis, president of

the Louisiana purchase showed this nation to be the "one favored of God." To President Roosevelt was credited another when he asserted that the country, first among republics, had learned to expand without breaking up, and to grow strong without losing liberty.

The exercises were closed by a benediction delivered by Bishop Potter of New York city.

At the conclusion of the speeches the one hundredth anniversary of the signing of the treaty which transferred the Louisiana purchase from France to the United States was marked with a salute of 100 aerial guns.

## REMOVED STATUE OF KING.

Few Formalities Attended Demolition of Edward's Counterpart.

A feature of the Glasgow exhibition of the year before last was the colossal statue of King Edward VII, which stood below the central dome. They are still removing the buildings, etc. of the exhibition and at the end of last week the statue was "dealt with." The ceremony lacked fastidiousness. A noise was drawn tightly round the neck of the king, half a dozen navvies hitched themselves to the ground end of the rope and—the great statue lay in many fragments. The charitable explanation is advanced that this course was taken to remove any chance of his majesty, when he goes to Glasgow in May, seeing himself as so many thousands had been led to imagine him.

Falk Refuses Testimonial.

Circuit Attorney Falk of St. Louis, through whose efforts not a few hoodlums of that city have been convicted, declines to accept a testimonial from admiring citizens who wished to show their appreciation of his work. The testimonial tendered was a residence costing \$15,000, and Mr. Falk, while cordially thanking his fellow citizens, said he could not accept other remuneration than his salary for simply performing his duty.

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## HARD ON THE MODEL.

Enthusiastic Painter Almost Causes Death of Soldier.

Charles Schreyvogel, the "painter of the Western frontier," works even in cold weather on his roof in New York. Recently he had a soldier for a model. The trooper was told to assume a recumbent posture, as if wounded. It was bitterly cold, but the painter became so absorbed in his work that he did not experience any discomfort. The soldier, accustomed to obedience, lay perfectly still. When Mr. Schreyvogel had finished he found this really good model so benumbed that he had to half carry, half drag him down to the studio and revive him with an alcohol bath (external and internal) before the poor fellow could stand on his legs again.

Hugh McLaughlin an Optimist.

Hugh McLaughlin, for forty years leader of the Kings county (Brooklyn) democracy, has two fads outside of politics—baseball and pinocle. The old gentleman is a good deal of a philosopher, too, with nothing of the pessimist about him. He has no patience with the talk about "good old days," holding that things in general are better than ever before, "including some of the politicians, I hope," he remarked the other day