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PLATTSMOUTH, NEBRASKA.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Russell Sage will pay taxes on \$2,000,000 this year.

A number of cities have forbidden the use of powder on the Fourth of July.

In shipbuilding Pennsylvania stands first and New York second, while California is a good third.

Sweden sent three-quarters of the 4,000,000 gross boxes of matches imported into this country last year.

Atlantic City possesses a police motor car which is used solely for the conveyance of intoxicated prisoners.

Major James H. Pond manager of lecturers and singers, has had to have his right leg amputated to save his life.

Henry F. Greene of Duluth has been appointed member of the civil service commission to succeed Harry A. Garfield.

Fourteen men were killed and thirteen injured by an explosion in the lyddite factory at the Woolwich arsenal in England.

John Gollmar, formerly editor of a Serbian newspaper, but expelled from that country for exposing the bogus baby scheme of Queen Draga, has been residing in Janesville, Wis., for some years past.

The mortality report of the board of health of Hawaii for the last month shows an unusual percentage of deaths from consumption. Almost 20 per cent of the deaths were due to that disease.

Several deaths in the works erected at Clydach, near Swansea, for extracting nickel by the Mond process, have puzzled the leading British physicians who have gone there to investigate the matter.

Mayor Studley of New Haven, Conn., is using strenuous effort to get President Roosevelt to visit the city during the annual reunion of Spanish war veterans, to be held there the latter part of September.

At Indianapolis, Will Zimmerman, aged 20, tried to loop the loop in the place of Ray Stevens, who is laid up with broken ribs from the feat, but fell from the top and fractured his skull. He will die.

The Gladstone memorial for Edinburgh, from the design by Mr. Pittendrigh MacGillivray, has received the approval of the committee charged with the matter, and work will be commenced forthwith.

The Budget estimates of H. Rouvier, the French minister of finance, were made. The deficit is \$8,000,000 francs. To avoid new taxes, he said, measures are being taken to augment the yield of the present taxation.

Announcement was made of these consular appointments: J. G. Foster (Vt.), consul general at Ottawa; R. W. Bliss, consul at Vienna; J. V. Long (Pa.), consul at Patras; E. H. Higgins (Mass.), consul at Bern.

After a stormy session, representatives of the passenger departments of the Chicago-St. Paul roads adjourned after admitting that they are powerless to arrange a settlement of the rate troubles in their territory.

Miss Jean Ankrom, formerly of Waynesburg, Pa., the only woman school supervisor in Porto Rico, was thrown from a carriage in a runaway accident at Ponce and died in fifteen minutes. Her neck was broken.

An attachment for \$50,000,000 was filed in the United States circuit court at Boston against the General Electric company by counsel for S. F. Van Choate of this city, who alleged infringement of a number of inventions.

J. Bruce Ismay managing director of the White Star line, and Henry Willing, the English representative of the International Mercantile Marine company, joined J. P. Morgan on the Oceanic and proceeded to New York.

Dan McCloskey, a miner, met his death in Dillon, Montana, at the hands of Chief of Police Stone, while resisting arrest, and that officer at the same time, single handed, also captured five framps. McCloskey, who was shot through the heart, had first fired upon the officer.

United States Consul General McWade, at Canton, cables the state department that the American whom he reported a few days ago as having been captured and held for ransom by pirates has been rescued by the United States gunboat Callao and returned to Canton.

The Ottawa (Kan.) Chautauqua assembly management announces a contract with W. J. Bryan for a lecture on July 9 on the subject, "The Value of an Ideal."

The Mad Mullah is again threatening British lines of communication. Of the 85,000 Indians in the five civilized tribes, Choctaws, Creeks, Chickasaws, and Seminoles, less than 15,000 are full bloods, so the Indian will soon lose his racial identity.

The government owes Missouri \$441,274.69 for troops in the civil war. The San Diego (Cal.) Union announces that U. S. Grant is a candidate for the republican nomination for vice president next year.

Electric street cars have killed 1,216 persons and injured 47,428 in the last twelve years since they came into use.

Plans for the two steel training ships, Cumberland and Intrepid, authorized by the last congress, have been approved by the board of construction.

Street cars at Dubuque are tied up by reason of a strike.

HIDDEN PICTURE PUZZLE.



"There she comes." Do you see her?

EXTRA CONGRESS

CALLS KANSAS LEGISLATURE

Additional Four Weeks to Be Devoted to Cuban Treaty...

Governor of State Directs It to Assemble on June 24.

TOPEKA, Kan.—Governor Bailey has issued the following proclamation calling together the legislature in special session:

"Whereas, The recent floods have, in addition to the destruction of vast amounts of property, swept away numerous bridges, the immediate rebuilding of which is imperative, but for which no adequate law exists, thereby bringing about an extraordinary occasion within the meaning of the constitution authorizing a special session of the legislature.

"Now, therefore, I, W. J. Bailey, governor of the state of Kansas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the constitution, do hereby convene the legislature of the state of Kansas in special session at the capital, in the city of Topeka, on Wednesday, June 24, 1903, at 2 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of enabling counties and other municipalities to build necessary bridges.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the state this 17th day of June, 1903. (Signed) 'W. J. BAILEY, Governor.

TO ATTACK THE STRONGHOLD.

Castro Sends Force of 4,000 to Fight General Rolando.

CARACAS, Venezuela.—The government has decided to attack by land and from the river Orinoco the town of Ciudad Bolivar, which is still in the hands of the revolutionary general, Rolando, the only lieutenant of General Matos, who has fled to the island of Curacao and who possesses an army of about 2,000 with guns and ammunition.

Twelve hundred government troops have left Maturin for San Felipe, where they will join a sea force of 3,400 men. After the junction of the two forces has been effected, they will march on Ciudad Bolivar, which, it is expected, will be attacked next Saturday. A heavy resistance is probable.

HANNA IS NOT A CANDIDATE.

Reiterates His Declaration that He is Not After Vice Presidency.

CLEVELAND.—In an interview Senator M. A. Hanna reiterated his recent statement that he was not and would not be a candidate for the vice presidency and if his nomination was made that he would decline to accept. He said further that his ambitions did not lie in that direction of the White House and nothing could induce him to alter his decision in the matter.

Colonel Myron T. Herrick, whose name also has been mentioned in connection with the vice presidency, said that his sole political ambition was to be elected governor of Ohio. Colonel Herrick thinks that the present discussion relative to a vice presidential nomination is inopportune.

Shaw Will Not Go to Europe.

WASHINGTON.—Secretary Shaw has returned to the city from his western trip, and owing to press of public business will not go to Europe.

Mexico Settles Promptly.

WASHINGTON.—Ambassador Clayton has cabled the state department that the Mexican government on Wednesday deposited to his credit \$1,420,582 on account of the Pius fund award. This promissory note on the part of the government of Mexico in meeting its obligations has broken all records in arbitration. The money will be remitted to Archbishop Riordan, bishop of San Francisco, Cal., the titular claimant.

Peter Expresses Satisfaction.

GENEVA.—King Peter has expressed his approval of the program for his reception in Belgrade, which will include a gala performance at the theater.

Street Cars Running at Dubuque.

DUBUQUE, Ia.—Street cars resumed operations Sunday with four companies of militia guarding the company's property. There was no disturbance.

AS TO THE CROPS

CORN REPORTED IN MORE FAVORABLE CONDITION.

THIS APPLIES TO THE WEST

By the Lakes and in the East the Outlook is Not So Encouraging—Need of Moisture Reported in Some Localities.

WASHINGTON.—The weather bureau's weekly summary of crop conditions is as follows:

While still too cool in the districts east of the Rocky mountains, the temperature conditions of the week ending June 22 were somewhat more favorable in the central valleys and southern states, but over portions of the lake region and middle Atlantic states and in New England it was colder than in the preceding week.

Heavy rains in the two last named districts interrupted farm work, but in the Ohio and upper Mississippi valleys and gulf states the conditions were very favorable for cultivation.

Rain is now needed in the Dakotas, northern Minnesota and in portions of the central and east gulf states. The conditions on the Pacific coast were generally favorable, but in the coast sections of Oregon work was delayed by rain, while rains are needed in the eastern portions of both Oregon and Washington.

A general improvement in the condition of corn in the central valleys is indicated, especially over the western portions. In the lake regions, New England and middle Atlantic states little or no improvement in this crop is noted. In all northern and central districts corn continues very late, but is in a good state of cultivation, except in the middle Atlantic states.

In the southern states early corn is largely laid by and is nearing maturity in Texas.

Winter wheat harvest has made favorable progress and is now general in the central portions of the winter wheat belt, with disappointing yields, especially in the southern portions of Missouri, Illinois and Indiana.

In the middle Atlantic states a general improvement is indicated. Harvest is general in California, with nearly average yields in most sections. In Oregon and Washington some improvement is noted, but the crop is in need of rain in the eastern portion of these states.

Spring wheat is suffering for rain in North Dakota and portions of South Dakota and is affected by rust quite generally in Nebraska. In these two last named states, however, the crop, as a rule, is doing well, and in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Iowa continues in promising condition. In Washington the crop has improved, where moisture has been sufficient, but will be materially shortened in central counties and also in eastern Oregon unless rain comes soon.

The outlook for oats is less promising in the Dakotas, Nebraska, Minnesota, Missouri and southern Illinois. In Wisconsin, Kansas, on uplands in Iowa and in northern Illinois a good crop is promised.

PAINTING OF MAIL BOXES NEXT.

Grand Jury Put on Scent of a "Job" in Connection with That.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Having returned indictments against the parties concerned in the transactions of the Groff brothers, involving street letter box fasteners, the grand jury has begun the investigation of other contracts with the general delivery service.

It is said the postoffice department, through its inspectors who have been working on the case for some time, has made some discoveries which make it imperative that the grand jury take the matter up. The contracts referred to pertain to the use of aluminum paint on street letter boxes throughout the country.

Funeral of Major Pond.

NEW YORK.—The funeral services for Major James Burton Pond were held Tuesday evening at the family residence in Jersey City. The funeral rites of the Grand Army of the Republic were performed by the officers of Lafayette post.

Dutch Minister Ordered Home.

THE HAGUE.—The minister of the Netherlands at Belgrade has been instructed to leave that city before King Peter's arrival at the Servial capital.

Formulate Forestry Plans.

SACRAMENTO, Cal.—The state board of examiners have entered into a contract with representatives of the federal bureau of forestry whereby the federal government is to prepare a plan of state forestry policy. The state and federal governments are to work jointly in the preliminary investigation of the water and forest preservation of the California forests, the national government expending dollar for dollar with the state in this work.

Nebraskan Aids Librarians.

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y.—The twenty-fifth convention of the American Library association opened Tuesday. The secretary, J. J. Wyer, of Lincoln, Neb., reported that the present membership of the association is 1,300, larger than ever before, while, according to the treasurer's report, the assets of the association are more than \$100,000. M. Herbert Putnam, librarian of congress, probably will be elected president.

BRIGHTEST OF YALE STUDENTS.

Connecticut Youth Comes from Farm and Wins High Honors.

Frederick E. Pierce, who is called by professors at Yale the brightest man the university ever had for a student, entered that college three years ago. He had then just come from his father's farm, near South Britain, Conn. Tilling behind the plow and in the fields had not developed grace of carriage. He was sunburned and his clothes were ill-fitting.



FREDERICK E. PIERCE

The students regarded him with good-natured amusement.

He had just \$30 tied up in a handkerchief when he arrived on the campus. He did odd jobs to support himself and studied all the time he was not working.

In his freshman year he captured three prizes and the Woolsey scholarship, the income from \$1,000, for the best examination in Latin composition. The highest honors the university accords are believed by the faculty to be his by right.

MRS. INGERSOLL BRINGS SUIT.

BOSTON, Mass.—A suit for \$100,000 was filed in the United States circuit court Tuesday by Mrs. Eva A. Ingersoll, administratrix of the estate of the late Robert G. Ingersoll, against Joseph A. Coram of Lowell, Mass., and others, heirs of the late Andrew J. Davis, for services which the libellant claims were rendered by her deceased husband. Mrs. Ingersoll also petitions the court for a writ of injunction against the heirs to restrain them from transferring the estate or personal property of the late Mr. Davis and for the court to appoint a receiver.

The allegation made by Mrs. Ingersoll is that her husband did not receive the \$100,000 for services from the heirs for winning the case, as had been agreed upon.

LOOKS BAD FOR KING PETER.

British, French, Dutch and Turkish Representatives Leave Belgrade.

BELGRADE.—The British minister to Servia left here Tuesday for London. It is understood the first bill to be submitted to King Peter will be one prepared by the minister of justice, granting amnesty for all political offenses.

In accordance with instructions from their governments, the ministers of France, Holland and Turkey left Belgrade.

FRAUD IN INDIAN AFFAIRS.

Investigation of Allotments in the Oklahoma Reservation.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The president has ordered a thorough investigation of the affairs of the Kiowa and Comanche Indian reservation in Oklahoma, and has appointed Francis E. Leupp of this city to make the investigation. The inquiry is based on charges made by certain Kiowa Indians, including Delis K. Lonewolf, a Kiowa, living at Hobart, that of the 2,750 allotments made to persons purporting to belong to the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache tribes, under the act approved June 6, 1900, a number were illegal and more allotments were made than there were Indians.

Mr. Heath Makes Denial.

CINCINNATI, O.—Perry S. Heath, formerly assistant postmaster general, telegraphs the Times-Star from Salt Lake City as follows: "There have recently been made brutal, malicious, vicious and wholly untrue statements published against me, but none of them have been quite so low and entirely false as the one that I had transferred my property at Muncie to my brother.

Sultan Fears Things.

CONSTANTINOPLE.—The sultan has warned Madame Christinah, mother of Milan, to carefully guard her son. She is advised to keep her son in the house and not to allow him to appear on the streets. It is presumed that this advice was the outcome of fears that an attempt may be made to murder young Milan, although it is not believed that there will ever be any prospect of his succeeding to the throne of Servia.

Crisis Continues in Italy.

ROME.—The political crisis continues. Former Premier Zanardelli was unable to go to the quinal to see the king, owing to sickness. He arose in the morning but was obliged to return to bed. This circumstance is delaying the solution of the crisis.

Orders a Court-Martial.

WASHINGTON.—Secretary Moody Tuesday ordered the court-martial of Assistant Paymaster Philip W. Delano, charged with embezzlement of \$1,800.

SCANDAL GROWTH

LETTER BOXES ORDERED BUT NOT USED.

POSTAL EMPLOYES BENEFITTED

The Selling Company Headed by the 'Frisco Postmaster and Supported by Ex-Congressman Loud—A Divy Made Among Them.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Post on Tuesday will say that among the matters Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Bristow is investigating is the purchase from a California company, the Postal Device and Improvement company, of some 17,000 letter devices for indicating the hours of collection of mail. The invention is that of the postmaster of San Francisco, it is said.

It is also said that 7,000 of these devices originally were ordered at a cost of \$4 of more each, or a profit of 100 per cent of cost, and the allegation is made that a further order for 10,000 was placed, notwithstanding the original 7,000 devices were not used, but were reposing in a storehouse. The company controlling the device was largely made up of California postal employees, and the Post will say that it is informed that ex-Representative Loud of California, formerly chairman of the house committee on postal affairs, took an active part in their behalf and wrote several letters urging the device on the department, and in one of them said it would be an accommodation to him if the matter was attended to.

After the company had had difficulty in securing its money for the device, Mr. Loud, the Post will say, appeared at the department in its behalf, but specifically disclaimed any interest in the company other than it was composed of his constituents.

He took the ground that whatever the necessity or lack of necessity for the device, constituents of his had secured the contract and furnished the articles called for. Therefore he believed they should be paid as the government had stipulated to pay them.

During his recent visit to the city Mr. Loud, on certain of his visits to the department, took up some of these unpaid bills, making it plain, however, that he appeared only in behalf of constituents and not as one financially interested in the company.

The allegation was made, the Post will say, that \$45,000 of the deficiency of the \$105,000 in the free delivery service with which Mr. Machen is charged, is due to the purchase of the device in question, but at the postoffice department this was denied and the statement made that the matter was under investigation. Complaints also have been made, it was stated, that at the instance of Mr. Loud the rolls at the Presidio had been padded with postal employees, but at the postoffice department they were without any knowledge of such a thing one way or the other.

CABLE IS READY FOR ALASKA

First Long Submarine Wire Ever Manufactured in America.

WASHINGTON.—General Greeley has been informed that 580 miles of the submarine cable to be laid between Puget sound and Alaska have been shipped from New York to Seattle. The remaining 750 miles will be shipped from New York in August. This is the first long cable ever made in the United States. It is of the seamless rubber type, Captain Edgar Russell, signal corps, has started for Seattle to make preliminary arrangements for laying the cable and will be followed in August by Colonel James Allen, who has general charge.

Harriman Not in Control.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah.—It can be stated officially and with absolute accuracy, the Tribune says, that while the traffic arrangements between Senator Clark's Salt Lake-Los Angeles road and the roads constituting the Harriman system will have absolutely nothing to do with directing the operations of the Clark road, which will do business with all roads entering Salt Lake City.

Asks Aid for Flood Sufferers.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill.—A. L. Hereford, supreme chancellor of the Court of Honor, issued an address to the local courts of the organization requesting them to contribute to the aid of their brethren in Missouri, Iowa and Illinois who have lost their homes and other property by reason of the floods.

Religious Riots in France.

PARIS.—Several riots arising out of collisions between clericals and anti-clericals are reported from several towns in the provinces in connection with religious processions. At Brest an anti-clerical mob attempted to seize the host from the hands of the priest as the procession was about to re-enter the cathedral. A free fight ensued, in which fifteen persons were injured. Less serious trouble occurred at Nantes and Anger.

Famine in China Is Worse.

PEKING, June 3.—(Via Victoria, B. C., June 22.)—The famine in Kwang Si is growing worse by degrees, the starving population being estimated at 200,000, with many deaths daily from starvation. The British authorities in Hong Kong aided by public subscriptions have been sending aid for two months. A Japanese aide says cannibalism is being practiced and human flesh is publicly offered for sale.

Iowa Farms \$4 Per Acre Cash, balance in crop till paid. WELLS, Sioux City, Ia.

She Saw Aaron Burr.

Mrs. Henry Chadwick of Brooklyn, who is 84 years old, tells of seeing Aaron Burr. She is the granddaughter of Benjamin Botis, who defended Burr in his trial for treason at Richmond in 1807. Her father owned a farm near Jamaica, L. I., adjoining one owned by Burr. When the new Colonel Burr was 77 years old, withered and bent, but his famous eyes were still black and piercing. Burr died in 1836. Mrs. Chadwick also knew Chief Justice Marshall well.

KEELEY INSTITUTE FOR NEBRASKA.

The Great Work It Has Done in the Past Twenty Years.

More than twenty years ago, Dr. Leslie E. Keeley made the announcement that "Drunkennes is a disease and can be cured" and this statement has been verified by the fact that the Keeley treatment of the Liquor and Drug habits has restored more than 300,000 men and women to their families and friends and brought hope and sunshine into that number of blighted lives. The Keeley Institute for the state of Nebraska is located at Omaha, corner of Leavenworth and 19th streets. It is operated under the authority of The Leslie E. Keeley Company, with a member of the company's medical staff as its resident physician, and its remedies, methods and rules are those prescribed by the originator, Leslie E. Keeley, M. D., LL. D., and in use for nearly a quarter of a century.

The Omaha Keeley Institute occupies one of the highest points in the city, only seven blocks from the center. The Institute is a very large residence building, thoroughly modern, large and airy and beautiful grounds. In fact there is everything here that those wishing to take the Keeley treatment could desire, and this is the only Keeley Institute in the state of Nebraska. Any additional information can be had by addressing the Keeley Institute Company, corner of 19th and Leavenworth streets, Omaha, Nebraska.

Beginning of Cattle Trade.

Live cattle were first landed in England from America in May, 1861, but the regular traffic did not begin until 1876.

Don't you know that DeFiance Starch besides being absolutely superior to any other, is put up 16 ounces in package and sells at same price as 12-ounce packages of other kinds?

In Poland the standard bearer must be a flag-pole.

GREATLY REDUCED RATES VIA WABASH RAILROAD.

Below is a partial list of the many rail rates offered via the Wabash Railroad: Sold July 25th, 28th and 31st, Atlanta, Ga., and return... \$32.10; Sold July 25th, 28th and 31st, Indianapolis, Ind., and return... \$19.00; Sold July 7th, 8th, 9th, 13th and 14th, St. Louis, Mo., and return... \$13.38; Sold June 14th and 17th, Boston, Mass., and return... \$31.75; Sold June 24th, 25th and 26th, Boston, Mass., and return... \$33.75; Sold July 14th and 15th, Saratoga, N. Y., and return... \$32.30; Sold July 14th and 15th, Detroit, Mich., and return... \$21.60; Sold July 14th and 15th, Baltimore, Md., and return... \$32.25; Sold July 17th and 18th, Baltimore, Md., and return... \$32.25; Sold Sept. 1, 1903, all tickets reading over the Wabash are good on westward in either direction between Detroit and Buffalo without extra charge, except meals and berth. Medical experts say that over-overs allowed. Remember this is "The World's Fair Line." Go this route and view the grounds. For folders and all information, address HARRY L. MOHR, Omaha, Neb.

Reform is all right; it's the reformers who go wrong.

The Real Cause of the Trouble.

A negro preacher down south has discovered the real cause of the recent volcanic disasters. He says: "De earf, my frien, resolves on axles, as we all know. Somef'n is needed to keep the axles greased; so when de earf was made, strylyum was put inside for dat purpose. De Standard Oil company comes along an' 'strax dat petrolyum by borin' holes in de earf. De earf stix on its axles an' won't go round no more; den dere is a hot box, just as de earf was a big railway train—and den, my frien, dere is trouble."

His Heart Out of Place.

With a heart displacement of four inches downward and one inch to the left Thomas Hoben, aged 45, of Indianapolis, still lives, but his death may result at any time. Hoben was examined by members of the faculty of the medical college of Indiana, who term his ailment aortic regurgitation. The normal position of the human heart is one inch to the right of the fifth intercostal space. Hoben's heart shows by examination that the apex beat is four inches below and one inch to the left. It is believed this peculiar ailment is the result of overwork in a rolling mill. A severe shock at any time would undoubtedly produce instant death. Medical experts say that there are a few cases of heart displacement of such extent as the case of Hoben.

A Cure for Dropsy.

Sedgwick, Ark., June 22.—Mr. W. S. Taylor of this place says: "My little boy had dropsy. Two doctors—the best in this part of the country—told me he would never get better, and to have seen him anyone else would have said they were right. His feet and limbs were swollen so that he could not walk nor put on his shoes. "When the doctors told me he would surely die, I stopped giving him medicine and began giving him Dodd's Kidney Pills. He gave me three pills a day and at the end of eight days the swelling was all gone, but as I wanted to be sure, I kept on with the pills for some time, gradually reducing the quantity, till finally I stopped altogether. "Dodd's Kidney Pills certainly saved my child's life. Before seeing them he was a helpless invalid in his mother's arms from morning till night. Now he is a healthy, happy child, running and dancing and singing. I can never express our gratitude.

"Dodd's Kidney Pills entirely cured our boy after everybody, doctors and all, had given him up to die."

An Irish physician says that a man never begins to take care of his health until after he loses it.