

General Nebraska News.

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY.

Annual Report Shows a Prosperous Condition of Affairs.

The ninth annual meeting of the Nebraska Children's Home society was held in Omaha last week.

The reports showed the work of the society to be in a splendid condition with a bright outlook for the future. The reports of the district superintendents, all of whom were present, were highly interesting and valuable as tending to show the importance of the work which is being done.

The report of State Superintendent Quivy showed that eighty-one children have been received during the year; eighty of these were placed in homes, while forty-four were replaced. Five hundred and twelve cases of needy and neglected children were investigated, which, while it was impossible to take the children, much was done to relieve their conditions. Applications for children were received to the number of 292, all of which were investigated by the society's workers.

Final papers were filed for the adoption of ninety children into permanent homes. Three hundred and eighty-three children, previously placed in homes by the society, were visited during the year. The records show that the society has placed in homes 641 children during the nine years of its existence. During the same time over 1,000 cases of neglected children have been investigated, while about 400 have been replaced in homes where their surroundings would be more congenial.

The election resulted in the re-election of the old officers with the addition of W. R. Akers of Alliance, Neb., and N. K. Griggs of Lincoln, as members of the board in place of Rev. F. L. Wharton of Lincoln and Rev. C. N. Dawson of Omaha, both of whom are removing from the state.

DISEASE AMONG CATTLE.

State Veterinarian Asked to Determine Nature of Ailment.

TABLE ROCK.—A. A. Widdfield, who lives a little over a mile north of town, has lost two head of cattle and a third is sick with a mysterious ailment, on which there is a seeming diversity of opinion. Some fear a contagious disease, while others pronounce it hydrophobia. A month or more ago there was quite a mad dog scare. One cur in town had been shot after biting and snapping at several others. A little while later Mr. Widdfield's dog acted strangely, chasing the cattle all over the pasture. He was tied up, got loose and was killed. Remembering this, a number think it is hydrophobia. The state veterinarian has been sent for and is expected to investigate the matter thoroughly.

Fremont Man Gets Degree.

BALTIMORE, Md.—Albert Johansen of Fremont, Neb., S. L. University of Utah, 1898, was created a doctor of philosophy by Johns Hopkins university. The subjects of his study were geology, mineralogy and chemistry. The dissertation was on the theme, "The Serpentine of Hartford County, Maryland."

Iowa Pastor is Called.

HUMBOLDT.—The congregation of the Presbyterian church, which has been without a pastor for several months, has issued a call to Rev. Smith of Lennox, Ia., and it is expected that the latter will accept the place, assuming his duties at once.

Father Against Son.

TAYLOR.—Thomas Peck, who lives northwest of Burwell, was arrested, charged with shooting his son William. The son was crossing some land which the elder Peck had forbidden him crossing when a fight occurred, with the result that the son was shot in the shoulder, making a painful but not dangerous wound.

Dairying Pays Well.

ANSLEY.—After a year's trial the hand cream separator and the cow have brought to light a great and growing new industry for this part of Nebraska. At Mason over \$4,000 was paid out to the farmers for cream for the month of May, and at Ansley a like amount was paid out for cream. The B. & M. railway runs on the local passenger train an extra freight car three times a week to haul the cream in. Dairying is a growing industry.

Verdict of Guilty for Morris.

OMAHA.—The jury in the Morris murder case came in with a verdict of manslaughter as charged in the indictment. The verdict involves a maximum sentence of ten years. Morris killed his comrade, Henry McKee, at Fort Niobrara on the evening of September 17, 1902, but only his unsupported evidence shows the killing was an accident, while several witnesses testified to the fact of unprovoked murder.

Starts Big Dairy Farm.

ANSLEY.—John Staate of Leign purchased the Hanna stock farm and stock, paying \$15,000 for the same. This ranch consisted of 1,000 acres of deeded land and 480 acres of leased school land. Mr. Staate will turn the property into a dairy farm.

Party Goes to Oregon.

FREMONT.—Ten people left here for Oregon, where they intend taking up government timber land.

THE STATE IN BRIEF.

Spaulding is doing a great deal of building this year.

The Sunday schools of Broken Bow will celebrate the Fourth of July.

"Flag Day" was very generally observed by the schools at Harvard.

Fire at Norfolk caused a loss of \$500 to the Hospe Piano company.

The dam of the Pierce Milling company was carried out by high water.

An extensive system of rural routes is to be established in Adams county.

Mrs. Vandevere was hurt on a defective sidewalk in Stella and wants \$2,500.

An Omaha dealer says that hard coal is going to be about as high this year as last.

Broken Bow's summer school opened with an enrollment of forty. It will continue six weeks.

It is announced finally that the national editorial association will certainly meet in Omaha, July 8 to 11, inclusive.

Theo. Olsen, an Omaha switchman, was caught between the cars and lost both of his feet. He is an old man and the accident is likely to cause his death.

Charles R. Smith of Table Rock got his hand caught in the cogs of machinery and had one finger so badly injured that amputation became necessary.

Tom Frye, a well known farmer of Richardson county, while engaged in painting his barn, fell from a ladder and sustained a badly crushed and broken ankle.

The number of non-commissioned officers in the signal corps of the Nebraska National Guard will be reduced from twenty-five to twelve. An examination will be held July 15.

Twelve banks of Dodge county have asked to be awarded county funds for deposit under the new law. All offer the minimum rate of 2 per cent interest, except one which does not specify what it will pay.

Labor Commissioner Bush is receiving liberal responses to his request for returns from merchants and manufacturers. The figures received up to date show that industry is in a good condition throughout the state.

A large barn belonging to John O'Hara, eleven miles north of North Bend, was entirely destroyed by fire with the contents, including seven head of horses and farming implements. The loss is \$2,500, with only \$575 insurance. It was of incendiary origin.

The foundation is being put in for the new union depot at Fremont, and a large amount of material is on hand. The Union Pacific is putting in a water filtering station directly north of the present depot. The Northwestern is preparing to enlarge and otherwise improve its yards.

The members of the Grand Army of the Republic post of York petitioned the county board for privilege to erect in the corner of the court house square a soldiers' and sailors' monument. The request was granted and the old soldiers will make arrangements to erect a monument.

The cornerstone of the new \$100,000 United States federal court building and postoffice in Norfolk was laid under the auspices of the Masonic fraternity. The ceremony was performed by the grand master, Frank Bullard, in person, and the oration, an impressive discourse, was delivered by the grand lecturer, Rev. Luther Kuhns of Omaha.

Farmers report that wheat has been damaged considerably by rust and in some instances stock has been turned into the fields to graze. Corn is looking well, but is needing rain.

Corn is all in, says a Fremont dispatch, and while the prospects on the Platte bottoms are not the best, that which was planted early on the uplands is doing well, but is weedy. On the bottoms the ground is badly caked by the rains and some fields will not be planted at all. Rust is reported in many wheat fields and the heads are not filling even.

Princeton (Mass.) dispatch: Major Church Howe, United States consul at Sheffield, England, is visiting here at the conclusion of his consularship he will probably return to Auburn, Neb., and make that place his home for the remainder of his days. Major Howe was appointed consul at Palermo, Italy. Later he went to his present post at Sheffield, England.

The members of the Humboldt fire company are practicing steadily with a view to carrying off some of the prizes to be hung up at the state firemen's tournament at Norfolk next month. The team ranks high as a volunteer organization.

The Dorchester Farmers' Cooperative Grain and Live Stock company, comprising W. C. Endicott, O. T. Hedges, J. W. Carper, Franklin Miller and D. T. Buckingham, has filed articles of incorporation with an authorized capital of \$2,000.

The supreme court has affirmed the action of the district court in Douglas county, whereby Alfred Liebscher was convicted and sent to the penitentiary on a charge of assault. The defense relied for another hearing upon the contention that in such a charge it was necessary to allege that it was done without the consent of the child, who was 12 years old, and who was enticed into a room in a hotel and subjected to indignities.

York is preparing to pave its streets.

METCALF LET OUT.

Superintendent of Money Order System Removed.

WASHINGTON.—As a result of alleged indiscretion in the award of contracts for printing money order forms James T. Metcalf, superintendent of the money order system of the post-office department, was removed from office by the postmaster general. A full investigation will be made later.

The dismissal is the result of acts opposing the bid of Paul Herman of Rutherford, N. J., the lowest bidder by \$45,000, and in favor of the next highest bidder, the Wynkoop-Hallenbeck-Crawford company of New York, of which Mr. Metcalf's son is an employee.

The story is briefly told in the following letter of dismissal signed by Postmaster General Payne:

"Mr. James T. Metcalf, Superintendent of Money Order System, Post-office Department.—Dear Sir: You are hereby removed from the position of superintendent of the money order system.

"The charges upon which your removal is based relate to your actions in the matter of letting the contract for money order forms. It appears from your answer that when the proposals of the different competitors for the contract of supplying money order forms were opened Paul Herman of Rutherford, N. J. (formerly employed as foreman by the Wynkoop-Hallenbeck-Crawford company of New York, by which company it seems your son is also employed), was found to be the lowest bidder, his proposal being \$45,000 below that of the next highest bidder, namely the Wynkoop-Hallenbeck-Crawford company; that the bid of Herman as submitted was regular in form and that he had deposited a certified check for \$5,000 as a forfeit. It further appears that within a day or two the Wynkoop-Hallenbeck-Crawford company filed a protest against awarding the contract to Herman, alleging that he was not financially responsible; that a short time thereafter Mr. Herman called at your office and you advised him to withdraw his bid and re-enter the employ of the Wynkoop-Hallenbeck-Crawford company, understanding that at the time such withdrawal would result in the contract being awarded to said company and consequently in a loss to the government; that you offered to write and did write a letter to said company, apprising it of your interview with Herman and using your good offices in his behalf; that you advised Herman that his \$5,000 deposit would probably be returned to him if he adopted your suggestion. It further appears that you regarded Mr. Herman as possessing the mechanical qualifications requisite to the performance of the contract and that it was not any part of your duty to pass upon the question of his responsibility, financial or otherwise. It also appears that you did not acquaint your superior, First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne, with the fact that you had endeavored to have Mr. Herman withdraw his bid. It further appears that a hearing had been had before General Wynne on the question of the financial responsibility of Mr. Herman, although it has developed since the submission of your answer this morning that you discouraged such a hearing and manifested a desire that the contract be awarded to the Wynkoop-Hallenbeck-Crawford company. Very respectfully,

"H. C. PAYNE, Postmaster General."

Belgrade.—The promotions are announced of various members of the military deputation to King Peter at Geneva. Colonel Popovitch of the late King Alexander's palace guard is created a general and first aide-de-camp to King Peter; Captain Kostics, who opened the palace gate for the assassins of the late king and queen, is promoted to be a major.

Scranton, Pa.—A special committee was appointed by the select council to investigate an allegation that eight members of the body had banded together to hold up the Dalton Street Railway company for \$400 apiece. At the last meeting of the council the franchise was to come up for passage, but the quorum was broken by opponents of the measure.

Jews Need Not Fear in Odessa. ST. PETERSBURG.—General Arsenoff, the new prefect of police of Odessa, in receiving a deputation of rabbis recently, assured them that the Jews of Odessa could pursue their vocations without fearing anti-Semite outbreaks.

Jews Denounce Russia. LONDON.—A demonstration of thousands of East End Hebrews was held in Hyde park this afternoon to protest against the Kishineff massacre. Speeches violently denouncing the Russian government were delivered in Yiddish simultaneously from a number of platforms. Resolutions expressing sympathy with the sufferers and "indignation and abhorrence of the Russian government" were adopted unanimously.

Robbers Take the Stamps. DES MOINES.—Robbers broke into the postoffice at Rhodes, Marshall county, twenty miles northeast, and cleaned out the place of every stamp in the possession of the postmaster. The loss will be \$1,000.

Rockefeller Gives \$5,000. NEW YORK.—Mayor Lov received a check for \$5,000 from John D. Rockefeller for the fund for the relief of the sufferers from the floods in the west.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations from South Omaha and Kansas City.

SOUTH OMAHA.

CATTLE.—There was a liberal run, but quite a string of the arrivals was consigned through to the north and not offered for sale. The market on fat cattle was rather streaked and sales were made that looked all the way from barely steady to strong.

The beef steer market could not be quoted much more than generally steady. Some salesmen thought they got a little stronger prices, while others said they had to hurry to get steady prices.

As a general thing the light and handy-weight cattle sold if anything a little stronger where the quality was satisfactory, while the heavyweights were a little draggy and no more than steady. There were exceptions, however, to this rule. The cow market was also about steady.

It was difficult to sell at any price and are selling so unevenly that it is hard to quote a market on them. It is very evident, however, that they have been going down hill at a rapid rate. The bulk of the fat to good kinds sell from \$3.00 to \$3.40. The common kinds sell mostly from \$2.50 to \$3.00. Fed cows of good quality are selling largely from \$3.50 to \$4.25, with choice grades from that up.

HOGS.—Receipts of hogs were quite liberal, but still there was a decrease of about 1,000 head as compared with the day before. The market opened about 2 1/2 @ 5c lower, the greatest decline being on the heavy hogs. Trading was fairly active for a time, but before 100 loads had been disposed of packers became more bearish and the close was slow and weak. The light and common hogs sold in about the same notches with the mixed hogs, or in other words, at \$3.25 @ 3.50, where the bulk of the hogs were landed.

SHEEP.—Quotations for clipped stock: Choice western lambs, \$6.25 @ 6.75; fair to good lambs, \$5.25 @ 6.25; choice western woolled lambs, \$5.75 @ 7.00; fair to good woolled lambs, \$5.00 @ 6.50; choice lightweight yearlings, \$5.50 @ 5.75; fair to good yearlings, \$5.00 @ 5.50; choice wethers, \$4.50 @ 5.10; fair to good wethers, \$4.50 @ 4.90; choice ewes, \$4.25 @ 4.50; fair to good ewes, \$3.50 @ 4.25; feeder lambs, \$2.50 @ 2.90; feeder yearlings, \$2.50 @ 3.50; feeder wethers, \$2.50 @ 3.50; feeder ewes, \$2.00 @ 2.75.

KANSAS CITY.

CATTLE.—Market unchanged; native steers, \$3.50 @ 6.15; Texas and Indian steers, \$2.75 @ 4.25; Texas cows, \$2.00 @ 2.75; native cows and heifers, \$2.00 @ 4.40; stockers and feeders, \$2.25 @ 4.40; bulls, \$2.75 @ 3.95; calves, \$2.75 @ 6.90; western steers, \$2.80 @ 4.85; western cows, \$2.00 @ 2.75.

HOGS.—Market unchanged; bulk of sales, \$5.70 @ 5.90; heavy, \$5.80 @ 6.00; packers, \$5.65 @ 5.85; medium, \$5.70 @ 5.90; light, \$5.60 @ 5.75; pigs, \$5.25 @ 5.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS.—Market unchanged; muttons, \$3.30 @ 5.15; lambs, \$4.25 @ 6.90; range wethers, \$3.40; ewes, \$3.40 @ 5.00.

CLEVELAND TALKS PLAINLY.

Former President is Not Seeking to Be Renominated.

NEW YORK.—The World publishes a dispatch from Princeton, N. J., quoting former President Cleveland as saying: "It is perfectly absurd to suppose, for an instant, that I have any desire to re-enter political life. Nor have I lately entertained a thought since I left Washington more than six years ago. The matter is as far from my thoughts as in 1896, when, all must admit, it was not within my hearing or sight. I have no higher aspiration than to pass my days in peace with my family around me, and take no part in politics which any private citizen cannot take with the utmost propriety."

"I have not spoken on the subject of a fourth candidacy. I have never written to a single political friend one way or the other, nor have I been written to or spoken to by them. There is not a political leader of any prominence endeavoring to advance any movement to nominate me in any state, so far as I have been advised, nor do I anticipate that any such effort will be made by any leader, prominent or obscure, in any locality."

Murdered by Negro Bandits. HUTCHINSON, Kan.—John Newman, bridge carpenter of West Plains, Mo., was shot and killed and Robert Moss, a bridge carpenter of the same place, was shot and seriously wounded by two negroes on a Santa Fe freight train early Friday. The white men had just quit a bridge gang and were making their way to the harvest fields. The negroes attempted to kid them up and a fight followed.

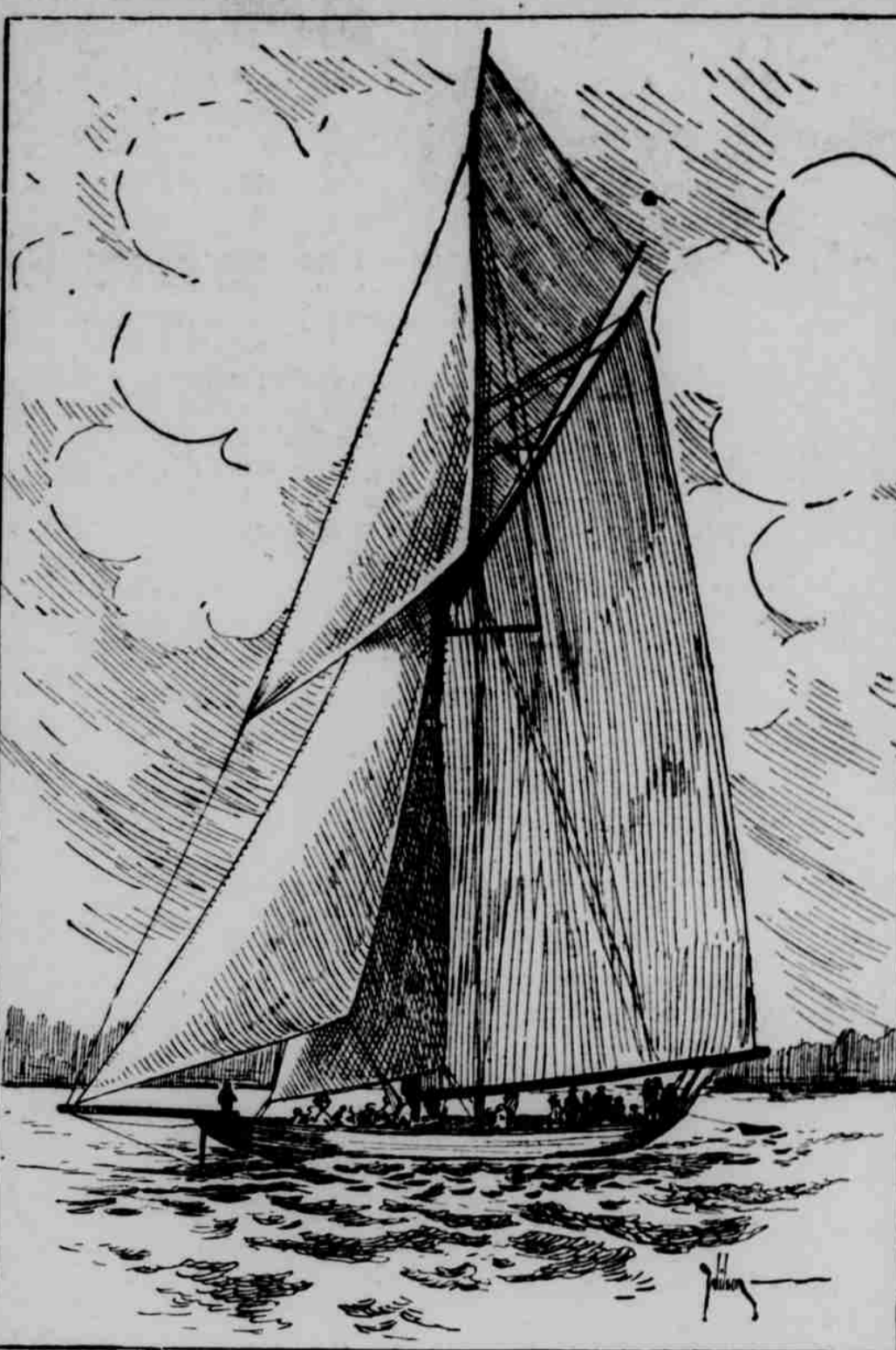
Famous Iowa Man Dies. NEW YORK.—William C. Van Benthuysen of the editorial staff of the World died Friday. He was about 47 years of age and leaves a widow, three sons and two daughters.

Czar Takes Kroushevan's Book. ST. PETERSBURG.—The czar, the Novoe Vremya announces, has accepted a copy of the book on Bessarabia, written by M. Kroushevan, the editor of the anti-Semitic organ in Kishinev. It was announced from St. Petersburg July 17 that M. Kroushevan was attacked by a party of Jews in a street at St. Petersburg that day and was stabbed in the neck by a former student of the polytechnical school at Kieff.

Investigate Cash Register Deal. NEW YORK.—The federal grand jury in Brooklyn Friday commenced an inquiry into the sale of cash registers to the United States government for use in postoffices.

Judge Shiras to Retire. DUBUQUE, Ia.—Judge Oliver P. Shiras of the United States court for the northern district of Iowa announced that he would retire from the bench November next.

DUNCAN CURRY THINKS WELL OF LIPTON'S NEW SHAMROCK



Writing in the Chicago American, Duncan Curry, the yachting expert, says:

Sir Thomas Lipton's new challenger for the America cup, Shamrock III, the hope of Britain and the apple of Designer Fife's eye, was dry docked at the Erie basin June 10. For the first time her graceful hull and powerful lines were revealed to American yachtsmen in all their strength and beauty.

The new challenger made a favorable impression to everyone, and the more you look at her the more certain becomes the conviction that she is going to be a hard boat to beat under any and almost all conditions.

When the waters of Gowanus Bay fell away from her snow white enamel steel hull, it was as though someone had pulled a dirty brown curtain in an art gallery and revealed some ancient Grecian marble statue. As the dock slowly emptied its foul water through the sluiceways, exposing her beautiful lines to view, there was a general murmur of admiration, and, as one designer put it, "she is a wonderfully modeled boat of absolutely fair lines and beautifully finished."

This does not mean that the cup is lost by any means, but that our yachtsmen will have to be up and doing to beat this new challenger is certain; and if the Reliance can beat this boat very much in going to windward, the writer and several other people will be surprised. But to get back to the boat:

Shamrock III is a beautiful creation and is well put together. She shows a beautiful deck line, looking from her aft rail forward. She has a nice sheer and a view of her sheer plan would probably bear a strong resemblance to that of Shamrock II, although her lateral plane has not been cut away so much. Her lateral plane appears to be cut away to about the same extent as the Reliance's, but its area is greater.

The beam of the challenger is much farther forward than in Shamrock I, and her run has been carried out to a wider trail than was shown in Shamrock II.

She has a well-turned bow, fairly sharp, although there is an outward curve all the way down. Her entrance must be good and she is not likely to be stopped up by a head sea in a light air. This curving of her sides is carried clear to the end of the counter. Her bilges are very easy and at the midship section the curve seems very moderate.

The depth to the rabbet is greater than in any challenger since Valkyrie III, giving considerable more dead rise than might be expected in a modern cup challenger. With this quick rise there is flatness of floor, a soft curve being carried to the turn of the bilge. In all she is a yacht to be greatly admired, even more so, perhaps than our modern American racers, with their bodies constantly approaching the out-and-out scow form.

Missouri's Oldest Inhabitant. Mrs. Sarah Snook of St. Joseph is Missouri's oldest inhabitant. She is 103 years old. She eats pie, ice cream and other things; walks a mile every day for exercise; can see as far and read as well without glasses as many young people and remembers well many great characters of this country almost a century ago. She celebrated the 100th anniversary of her birth at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Agnes Jacquay. Mrs. Snook is a native of Louisville, Ky., and spent many years of her life in Kansas.

Society Woman Shows Courage. Harvest hands on the farm of Col. Charles L. Daugherty, near Bowling Green, Ky., went on strike a few days ago, demanding an increase in pay. The Colonel was away from home, but Mrs. Daugherty, a club and society woman, refused to raise wages. Nearly all of the farm hands left, whereupon Mrs. Daugherty mounted the binder and aided by a few men who remained, cut twenty acres of wheat before a new force could be secured.

Good Men Among Asiatics. Rev. Dr. Arthur J. Brown, secretary of the Presbyterian foreign missions, says that the five men who impressed him most profoundly on his recent journey around the world were all Asiatics: Chatterjee of India, Yuan Shih Kai, then governor of the province of Shantung, China, and now the successor of Li Hung Chang as viceroy of Chee-Lee; Kataoka, the president of the lower house in Japan; Chaolengko, the king of Siam, and last, but not least, a subject of that king, Boon Boon.

Mrs. Harrison to Take World Tour. Mrs. Mary L. Harrison, widow of the late Benjamin Harrison, former president of the United States, will start shortly on a trip around the world. She will first go to Japan via San Francisco and thence travel eastward.

Mexican Carriers. The cargocor, or carrier, of Mexico is a remarkable individual. Nothing seems too bulky, nothing too heavy for him to carry, and it is wonderful how he manages not only to lift, but to balance his cumbersome loads.

HUMOR OF THE WEST

COWBOYS NOT ALWAYS PARTIAL TO ELK HATS.

That Particular Headgear Saved Too Much of Eastern Civilization—How the Wearer of One Made Himself Popular With the Crowd.

Recently the telegrams brought from Fagan, Texas, a story of how the town roughs had set upon and killed a Bible agent whose sole offense was that he wore a long-tailed coat, patent leather shoes and a plug hat. Commenting on the story, the Wellington (Kan.) Mail declares that "a similar incident occurred in the early days of Caldwell."

However, the plug hat shooting in Caldwell was a different affair from that of Fagan. In April, 1872, one McCarty, a local "bad man," entered a store in Caldwell and found there Dr. Anderson, who was known throughout the Southwest as "the plug hat man," because he was usually adorned with that kind of headgear. Anderson was not a "tenderfoot." He had been a prominent member of the Butler county vigilantes, and it was known that McCarty had a grudge against him. When McCarty entered Thompson's store and found Anderson there he pulled a six-shooter and said: "Watch me put a hole through that hat."

He did put a hole through the hat, and when Anderson protested he fired again, this time putting a hole through Anderson's head and causing his instant death. McCarty was pursued by the indignant citizens of the town and took refuge at the ranch of Curley Marshall. When the ranch house was surrounded he refused to surrender and then the house was set on fire. In the running fight which followed, he managed to escape, after wounding several of his pursuers, but a few days later he was overtaken and his dead body was left on the prairies.

There is no well authenticated account of a killing in Kansas on account of the wearing of a plug hat, though it is popularly supposed that the incidents were frequent. It is quite true that when a stranger appeared in one of the border towns wearing this kind of head covering, he was always greeted ungraciously, and the hat came to grief, but the affair usually went off in the best of humor. The first plug hat worn into Hays City, for example, was on the head of the late Connel Henley, who died at that place a few years ago.

In 1868 he went to Fort Yates to be a clerk in the quartermaster's department. He was a good dresser, and when he stepped from the train he wore a tall silk hat. At once the town loafers and joshers and killers congregated at the depot. They said nothing at all to Henley, but they "formed close behind him a procession, and whenever he walked they talked, keeping up the lockstep. The foremost man walked so close to Henley that he could not even turn round to see his tormentors, and it was a sight—that procession solemnly moving along, each man with his hands on the shoulders of the one in front of him and all keeping step.

Then an inspiration seized Henley, and he steered straight for Tom Drum's saloon, the most popular place in town. Walking up to the bar he set his silk hat down, bowed politely to the barkeeper, and said: "These are my friends, and they are all drinking with me."

It happened that there was a big bowl of tom and Jerry on the bar. Some one emptied it into the plug hat and some one else got a dipper and passed the drink around. Presently the liquor soaked through the top of the hat, and thereupon it was placed on the top of a post, and every man in the crowd took a shot at it, riddling it into rags.

Henley came off from the encounter with every man who had met him and met the rude introduction of the West with good nature, and his place was made.—Kansas City (Mo.) Journal.

Largest Overshot Wheels. The largest overshot water wheel still in existence is said to be that at the Great Laxey mine, on the Isle of Man.

According to a description in London Engineering this wheel is 72 feet in diameter and capable of developing about 200 horse power. It has for many years driven the pumps for raising the mine, but in the extension of the workings a greater quantity of water was met than the pumps could handle, and the mine has been flooded to a total depth of about 1,900 feet.

A temporary steam pumping plant is now to be installed to unwater the mine and later a permanent electrical pumping plant will be installed.

Natural Reduction. Chief Milliken—That lady in red going down the street is evidently a grass widow.

Inspector Casey—Why do you think so?

Chief Milliken—Every time she goes near a horse it tries to bite her.

The Child's Reasoning. Marcus M. Marks tells this story of his four-year-old boy who, noticing for the first time a lock of gray hair on his father's head, asked: "Papa, why are some of your hairs gray?"

Thinking to drive home a moral lesson, the father answered: "Papa gets a gray hair every time his little boy is naughty."

The child seemed lost in thought, but after a short pause said naively: "Well, then, grandpapa must have had awful naughty boys."—New York Times.

Victoria's Gold Output. A return prepared by the Mines department shows that the yield of gold in Victoria, Australia, for the month of March amounted to 56,126 ounces, or a decrease of 9,932 ounces compared with the same month last year. The yield for the last three months, however, gives an increase of 19,798 ounces over that for the same period of the previous year. The amount of gold yielded during the present fiscal year in Victoria reaches 182,265 ounces.