

NEBRASKA.

Fire in Dakota City destroyed three buildings.

William Caygill, of Weeping Water, has just returned from a two months' visit to England.

The Merchants' National bank of Nebraska City has been approved as one of the reserve agents of the government.

Someone spiked the big cannon which has been standing in the court house yard at West Point since it announced the election of McKinley.

Triplets, two boys and a girl, were born to Mr. and Mrs. George Eager, residing three miles north of Grand Island. The little ones are all doing well.

The ministerial association for the Nebraska City district of the M. E. church closed a two days' meeting at Auburn. There was a good attendance.

Thomas McDonald and Patrick Murningham, two Saunders county farmers, were seriously injured by driving over a high bluff. Both were unconscious for a time.

The general merchandise store of J. M. Wonda & Co., of Weston, was totally destroyed by fire. Loss, about \$6,000, half of which is covered by insurance.

Landon, the divine healer, has begun operations in Beatrice and will give open air meetings every evening and heal free of charge all who come to him.

Thirty car loads of potatoes, aggregating over 21,000 bushels, have been shipped by the Gordon merchants up to this time, while thousands of bushels are yet to be marketed. Buyers are giving 30 cents a bushel.

The comptroller of the treasury has declared a third dividend of 10 per cent in favor of the creditors of the Citizens' National bank of Grand Island, making in all 50 per cent on claims proved, amounting to \$132,766.97.

A command of the Union Veterans' union was organized in Grand Island by T. J. Dunlap of Erie, Pa., the national organizer, who was there for that purpose. The command will be known as Lincoln command, No. 8 of Grand Island.

Contractor Pontione has returned to Harvard from Haddam, Kas., having completed the job of tearing down the flouring mill. The material is loaded on cars and will arrive in Harvard in a few days. The mill will be re-erected without delay.

John Hanna, a squaw man from the Winnebago agency, who for six months past has been lying in the county jail at Dakota City awaiting his trial in the district court for theft, was last week found guilty of petit larceny, the jury deliberating on their verdict for three hours.

The business men of McCook Junction are much interested in having the Stone roller water power flour mills adjoining McCook operated. The right man taking hold with some capital will find it most profitable and will have the entire patronage and encouragement of the business men of McCook.

In the district court of Jefferson county in the case of Kate Smiley against Zimmerman & Barnister and their bondsmen for \$5,000 damages by reason of the sale of liquor to George S. Williams, under the influence of which he killed her husband, the jury returned a verdict of \$1,000 for the plaintiff.

At Wilber a verdict for \$400 for damages by libel was given in favor of Philip J. Gossard against Sylvester Andrews. The parties are rival hog breeders near Friend and brothers-in-law. The defamatory matter consisted of reflections upon the methods of Gossard as a breeder in a circular sent out by Andrews.

A young man by the name of John Jones, living a few miles south of Fairfield, a son of Tom Jones, was brought before the board of insanity and adjudged insane. He had been developing peculiar species of derangement for some time, burning straw stacks and outbuildings, shooting at people's wagons and setting fire to school-houses.

While stockmen about Gordon have been buying and selling cattle by the train load, the sheep industry has not been altogether forgotten. Over 50,000 came to that place from eastern markets this season in exchange for the wool shipped out. The lamb crop is worth another \$50,000, and any investment that will net \$100,000 in twelve months on a capital of \$400,000, and when a few dollars invested will bring as great a proportionate return, it is certain that farmers will more largely interest themselves in sheep raising.

At the Grand Lodge assembly of Nebraska Odd Fellows, in session in Lincoln, the grand secretary made public the following report: "In the state there are 201 lodges, with a membership of 9,366, a gain of 456 members for the year. The total paid out for relief during the year was \$10,119.25. Of this amount \$8,106 was paid for relief of members, \$1,186 for burying the dead and \$1,010 was paid for special relief. Families of ten widows received a small amount in benefits. Total assets of subordinate lodges aggregate \$401,567. Total receipts of subordinate lodges for the year was \$62,535 and the current expenses were \$40,001. The grand lodge has \$5,531 in the treasury."

Link Lowrey of Bayard just returned from Montana with 700 ewe lambs. He has 3,000 more on the road.

Business has grown to such an extent at the stock yards at South Omaha that the Burlington has been compelled to double its working force. Today there are twice as many men employed in the switching yards as at this stage of the season last year. This also applies to the office force of the Burlington in South Omaha. Colonel Cheek, the live stock agent, says that if business keeps on improving in the next thirty days as it has during the past thirty days the force will have to be still increased.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

ITEMS OF INTEREST GATHERED HERE AND THERE.

Condensations that Embody a Good Deal of Information Without Requiring Much Space—Foreign and Domestic Newsy Notes on All Subjects.

Monday, October 18.

Registration in New York foots up \$570,740.

Recent rains have been highly beneficial to fall wheat.

A new comet has been sighted by the Lick observatory.

Colorado comes to the front with a thirty-six hours' storm.

The funeral of Ex-Senator Paddock will take place at Beatrice.

Charles A. Dana, editor of the New York Sun, died on the 18th, aged 78.

Senator Hanna has returned to Cleveland from campaigning almost a sick man.

The single tax league of Kansas City endorses Henry George for mayor of New York.

Quarantine does not suppress yellow fever in New Orleans, and it will probably be lifted.

A monument to Robert Louis Stevenson was unveiled at Portsmouth Square, San Francisco.

The delegates from the Japanese government to the Behring sea conference have arrived in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas S. Lippy, of Kinsman, Ohio, a few miles north of Youngstown, Ohio, have returned from a successful trip to the Klondike, bringing back \$65,000.

President McKinley and his cabinet are said to be considering an appeal from an alleged violation of the civil service law which, if decided against the appellant, will bring joy to a great many outs and corresponding dejection to the ins.

Tuesday, October 19.

There is a well grounded rumor that Fort Meade is to be abandoned.

Omaha proposes spending \$20,000 next year in Ak-Sar-Ben festivities.

Two negroes named Penn and Hazleton were lynched at Somersville, Ga.

The number of deaths from yellow fever in New Orleans has reached 100.

W. J. Bryan addressed the people of West Point, Neb., and surrounding country.

John W. Hague, a well known actor, died at his late residence in Boston, aged 58.

The Union Pacific, Short Line and Navigation company have reached an agreement.

Luetgert, of Chicago, if acquitted of the charge of murder, proposes to open a saloon.

Mr. and Mrs. Thunnison, Mitchell, S. D., were asphyxiated by gas from a hard coal stove.

The case of Adolph Luetgert, on trial in Chicago for the murder of his wife, was given to the jury.

The remains of Ex-Senator Paddock, of Nebraska, were buried in Prospect Hill cemetery, Omaha.

Clement Rivers shot and killed Mrs. Victoria Barela at Gallup, N. M., and then blew out his own brains.

A dispatch from Dantzic says that Arthur Dix, a young journalist, was shot dead in a duel by a lieutenant.

The Michigan state association of farmers' clubs will hold the annual meeting at Lansing December 14, 15 and 16.

Admiral John L. Worden, who in the late civil war commanded the Monitor in the battle with the Merrimac, is dead.

J. N. Baker, formerly assistant city treasurer of Butte, Montana, committed suicide by shooting himself through the head.

Thomas F. Barr, assistant judge advocate general, has been transferred from the department of the east to the department of the Missouri.

The Illinois commissioners of the Trans-Mississippi exposition expect to spend \$20,000 of the \$45,000 appropriated by Illinois for the state building.

Wednesday, October 20.

The Luetgert jury is still out.

The revolution in Gautamias has been subdued.

Details of the president's western trip have been completed.

New Orleans people find that yellow fever is on the increase.

Grain dealers estimate Illinois' crop of corn at 201,562,888 bushels.

George M. Pullman, the sleeping car man, died after an hour's illness.

Mrs. Langtry makes a statement that she has always provided for her husband.

ment that a suit for about \$460,000 is to be brought against Yale college during the month of November by the town of New Haven for the collection of taxes.

Thursday, October 21.

A gold strike in Oulinea, B. C., has drawn a Klondike rush.

Fever cases in New Orleans are growing more numerous.

The funeral of the late George M. Pullman will take place on the 23d.

James K. Taylor, of Pennsylvania, has been appointed supervising architect of the treasury.

The Japanese government has decided to apply the gold standard to the currency of Formosa immediately.

Hon. T. H. Gore, the blind orator of Corsicana, Texas, has been arrested on a charge of wronging a 19-year-old blind girl.

F. C. Truesdale, chief justice of the supreme court of Arizona, is dying at Phoenix. He is 37 years old and a native of Rock Island, Ill.

Not since 1892 has the potato crop of the United States proved so nearly a failure, says the American Agriculturist in its final report of the yield of 1897.

The assertion was made in Surrogate Fitzgerald's court that the estate left by the late Joseph Richardson, so far from being \$30,000,000, is little over half a million dollars.

The Chicago and Milwaukee Breweries' Association has decided that the so-called pool, the existence of which was endangered, would be maintained for the present, and the price of beer would not be allowed to go any lower than \$4 a barrel.

Consul General Jernigan, at Sharghal, in a report to the state department, says since the Japanese-Chinese war the tax on salt has been increased 1-6 of a cent per pound. The revenue received from the tax is estimated at \$10,927,000. At one period salt was used as money in China.

Friday, October 22.

M. H. Hanna, a brother of Mark, is dangerously ill at Cleveland.

The Luetgert jury failed to agree, the standing being three for acquittal.

Three highwaymen held up Joseph Hrabik near South Omaha and robbed him of \$10.65.

The German government will ask for a large increase of army, as well as navy estimates.

The Worcester Cycle Manufacturing company, Middletown, Conn., was declared insolvent.

Senator Thurston has returned to Omaha from political speechmaking in New York and Ohio.

There is a loud cry from Nebraska and Iowa railroads for more cars to move rapidly accumulating freight.

Hereafter every pound of goods not bought in Canada will have to pay duty before being allowed in the Klondike country.

Tuberculosis in a pronounced stage has been found to exist in a herd of cattle owned by the Kansas state agricultural college.

The steamer Alameda brought to San Francisco \$2,250,000 in English sovereigns from Australia as a part of the balance of trade.

Leyete, in one of the Philippine islands, has been almost devastated by a cyclone. Many persons were killed and the damage to property is incalculable.

The government investigating committee is now at work at South Omaha looking into the case of employes of the bureau of animal industry.

Governor Tanner has issued a proclamation permitting cattle from Tennessee and Arkansas north of the government quarantine line to be admitted to Illinois.

George W. Barnore, at one time president of the Knickerbocker Ice company of New York city, shot himself through the head at Chicago, dying instantly.

The Statistical Beet Sugar association of Maderburg makes the following estimate of the sugar production, including molasses, for 1897: Germany, 1,790,000 tons, as compared with 2,872,100 tons in 1896; Austria, 822,000 tons, as compared with 927,000 tons in 1896; and France, 751,000 tons, as compared with 703,400 tons in 1896.

Saturday, October 23.

Application has been made for bail for Luetgert.

There were fifty new fever cases at New Orleans.

Great damage is reported throughout Italy by floods.

Senator Thurston is making some campaign speeches.

A syndicate has been formed in London to purchase Klondike claims.

By explosion of a boiler in a Detroit (Mich.) factory, two men were killed.

John Schlegel is on trial in Kansas City for the murder of Dr. A. Berger in July last.

Emperor William of Germany inspected the monument at Carlsruhe, erected in honor of his grandfather.

Large drafts of soldiers have been ordered to be got ready to reinforce eight British cavalry regiments now in India.

In an imitation bull fight on A. M. Small's farm near Pine Camp, Neb., the 11-year-old son of Orrin F. Watt received fatal injuries.

Rev. Mr. Irl Hicks, the weather prophet of St. Louis, says that from now until the end of December the people may look for many violent autumnal and winter storms, with wicked clashes of winter weather.

Henry Watterson, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, predicts that the Democrats will carry Kentucky at the coming election, and that the Tammany candidate will win in New York, with Tracy second.

The twin sons of the late George M. Pullman have been disinherited, it is said. The story is to the effect that the strokes of Mr. Pullman's pen that made a barrier between his sons and his money were made only ten days before his death.

There were 206 business failures reported throughout the United States for the week ending October 22, against 196 last week, 292 in the week a year ago, 259 two years ago, 221 in the like week in 1894, and 229 in the third week of October, 1892.

THE POSTAL SERVICE.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT POSTMASTER GENERAL HEATH.

Free Delivery One of the Coming Demands of the System—Salaries and Allowances—Statistics Concerning the Estimates for the Year Ending June 30, 1899.

The Postoffice Business.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—The report of First Assistant Postmaster General Perry S. Heath for the fiscal year ended June 30 has been made public. The following is an abstract:

Special attention is called to the necessity of additional facilities for the division of salaries and allowances, but above all other recommendations is placed one making provision for a small corps of special agents—about ten—who are expert accountants familiar with real estate values, to inquire in the field into postmasters' requisitions and demands, and to reach a just ascertainment of merit in such purely business matters as cannot be obtained by correspondence. There should also be fixed a more severe penalty for the punishment of postmasters who peddle postage stamps with a view to increasing their own salaries, resulting in the diminution of the net receipts of the government. Authority should be given to secure leases of postoffice stations for a period of five instead of ten years. So much is gained by our recent policy of consolidation of postoffices and the establishment or extension of the free delivery that I urge such action by congress as will give greater latitude of discretion in the use of specific appropriations. Two assistant superintendents of free delivery system have been appointed, one to be located at New York and the other at Chicago, with proper plenary powers and primary jurisdiction.

On July 1 there were 3,733 presidential postoffices, embracing 169 first-class, 750 second-class and 2,814 third-class. The net increase for the year in the salaries of the postmasters at these offices is \$97,600. Their aggregate salaries are \$230,800. With the consolidation of the present independent postoffices within the limits of the new city of New York a saving of at least \$62,723 in salaries and commissions of postmasters will be effected. Another considerable reduction in expenses may be made by the merging, or the abolishment, in many cases, of the several heads of divisions and other officials receiving the higher salaries. Congress should not only repeal the law providing that no postoffices be established at any county seat shall be abolished or discontinued by reason of any consolidation of postoffices under the existing law, but should also authorize the postmaster general to extend consolidation wherever, in his belief, the service may be thereby benefited.

The estimates for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, embrace \$16,250,000 for compensation of postmasters; for clerk hire, \$11,300,000; rental and purchase of cancelling machines, \$125,000; rental, fuel and light, \$1,750,000; miscellaneous items and furniture, \$200,000; and advertising, \$20,000.

A plea is made for the purchase of the postal stations in the larger cities and that for the re-classification of postoffice clerks renewed. The estimate for the free delivery service for the fiscal year ending in June, 1899, is \$13,810,400. Since the close of the fiscal year, June, 1897, the service has been established in more than forty offices and before the close of the current year all offices entitled to the service will receive the same.

Rural free delivery has been put to the test of practical experiment in twenty-nine states and over forty different routes. The co-operation of the communities served has in every instance been effectively given. The generally satisfactory results suggest the feasibility of making rural delivery a permanent feature of postal administration in the United States; not immediately or in all districts at once, but in some gradual and graduated form regulated by the present experiments.

VICTORY FOR BONDSMEN.

Nebraska Defeated in the Trial to Recover Lost Money.

OMAHA, Neb., Oct. 23.—The bondsmen of ex-State Treasurer Bartley won the suit instituted against them by the state to recover the half million dollar default in the state treasury when Bartley left the office.

Attorney General Smyth moved to dismiss the case without prejudice. He was compelled to do this under a ruling of the court to avoid the other alternative of forcing Judge Powell to take the case out of the hands of the jury and to instruct it to bring in a verdict for the sureties. In accordance with the motion, the case was dismissed and the jury was discharged. The case is now in a position where it must be tried again.

The victory for the bondsmen was won on a question of law—whether or not the approval by the governor of the bond of Bartley on the first day of the term, January 3, 1895, was essential to make the bond a valid and binding instrument. The bond had been approved by the governor four days afterward, January 9, 1895.

Judge Powell decided that the statutes of Nebraska absolutely and unqualifiedly required that the approval of the bond should have occurred on the first day of the term; that by the failure of the governor to approve it on that day the office of state treasurer became vacant; that therefore Bartley was not actually state treasurer, but simply acted in that capacity; that the bondsmen had signed the bond of Bartley as state treasurer and as nothing else and that therefore they could not be held liable for his acts, as acting state treasurer.

No Tax on Miners' Outfits.

OTTAWA, Ont., Oct. 23.—The report telegraphed from Victoria that the Canadian government had decided to charge a duty on every class of goods taken into the Klondike country, including miners' packs, is not correct. There has been no change in the customs laws affecting that country and miners are still permitted to take in an outfit free of duty when not exceeding \$100 in value.

THE LUETGERT TRIAL.

One Great Feature Missing is Now Presented.

CHICAGO, Oct. 23.—The Associated Press tonight obtained the one great feature missing in the famous Luetgert trial—the sworn testimony of the defendant himself, Adolph L. Luetgert.

Standing tonight in the gloomy jail adjoining the grim-looking gray stone court building, in which his remarkable trial had at last been brought to a finish, the burly sausage manufacturer clapped the climax of extraordinary series of events which began with his sensational bankruptcy and the alleged frightful diabolism of boiling his wife to death at midnight in a vat in his factory cellar.

Tonight, closely following the final result of the trial which has attracted worldwide attention, Luetgert made under oath a statement for the Associated press concerning the fearful crime charged against him, the first sworn statement yet made by him and the first statement of such kind ever published in newspaper annals. The affidavit was put in writing, in due legal form and is certified to by a notary.

Ex-Judge William A. Vincent, the leading counsel for the defendant, the man to whose brains and skill and energy Luetgert beyond doubt owes his great legal victory, gave consent to the affidavit being made.

The scene in the jail when Luetgert took the oath was as dramatic as the circumstances were unique. In the dimly lighted jail corridor, Luetgert standing erect and grasping the iron bars that still kept him from liberty, lifted his right hand and solemnly asserted as the notary administered the binding form.

The affidavit explicitly declares Luetgert's innocence. The document in full is as follows:

To the public: The result of my trial ending today is a victory for me, because of the disagreement of the jury, but I am very much disappointed and very much surprised that the jury did not bring in a verdict of not guilty. I did not kill my wife, and do not know where she is, but I am sure that it is only a question of time until she comes home. I did not go upon the witness stand, because my lawyer, Judge Vincent, was bitterly opposed to my doing so, and because he advised me it was not necessary. I am grateful for the tremendous change in public sentiment in my favor and time will demonstrate that I am not only an innocent, but a very grievously wronged man.

ADOLPH L. LUETGERT.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of October, A. D. 1897.

M. F. SULLIVAN, Notary Public.

Food Scarce in Klondike.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 23.—Captain Hoover, commander of the Bering sea patrol fleet, who has arrived in Washington to attend the seal conference, said today that the reports concerning the scarcity of food in the Klondike region are not, in his judgment, exaggerated. In the neighborhood of Dawson City, he said, there are about 5,000 miners, whose supply of provisions for the coming winter is no greater than was barely sufficient for half that number during last winter. Great suffering would be the inevitable result of this scarcity of food. Although some of the more vigorous among the miners might attempt to get away on the ice of the Yukon, the chances were that a considerable number of these would perish from hunger and exposure.

Prosecutions for Perjury.

CHICAGO, Oct. 23.—It is quite possible that some prosecutions for perjury will result from the Luetgert case. While the state attorney refused to affirm or deny this, it is given on first class authority that the testimony of two of the principal witnesses for the defense will be laid before the grand jury for an investigation. It may be that more than two people will be included in the list that will be carried to the grand jury, but it is practically settled that indictments will be asked for against two probably before the Luetgert case can be reached for trial again.

Mayor Harrison for Governor.

CHICAGO, Oct. 23.—Mayor Harrison's gubernatorial boom was launched at the second annual meeting of the democratic editors of Illinois. About 150 were present when Mayor Harrison was introduced by President Herford of the association. Mr. Herford in his introductory speech remarked that if Mayor Harrison "stood with both feet on the Chicago platform he would be heard from in state and national politics."

Now Buy Horses.

LEAD, S. D., Oct. 22.—"Do you know how to make sure money in the next two years?" asked a well posted cattleman. "Buy a bunch of good horses. Horses have touched a lower price than will again be reached for many years. One year ago range horses could not be sold at any price. At the present time the price is not high, it is true, but there is a demand and it is growing. The man who wants to make money will buy horses now."

Thessalians May Return.

ATHENS, Oct. 22.—The Turkish government has granted permission to the Thessalyan refugees who fled from Thessaly after the invasion of the conquering Turkish troops to return to their homes.

Contract for a bridge across Badger creek between Holt and Boyd counties was let at \$1,700 by the supervisors of both in joint session.

Judge Scott is Called Down.

OMAHA, Oct. 22.—Judge Cunningham R. Scott of the District Court has been cited to appear before the Supreme Court on November 4 in connection with one of a series of restraining orders he has lately issued. Last Friday he disbanded an attorney and regretted that he could not disbar Judges Baker and Powell. In this case Judge Scott was overturning a decree of the Supreme Court, which has taken cognizance of his conduct.

Ninety-five cars of cattle were received at Ames the other day for winter feeding.

Fever Record in New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 23.—At 11 o'clock the Board of Health reports sixteen new cases and three deaths, among the latter being Rev. D. L. Purser of the Valenes Street Baptist Church.

England declines America's invitation to participate in a monetary conference.

A Havana paper urges energetic action against the United States.

George D. Meiklejohn, assistant secretary of war, and party arrived in St. Paul.

The Northwestern Miller gives the flour output last week at Minneapolis, Duluth, Superior and Milwaukee at 425,140 barrels.

The Illinois delegation selected site for building at exposition grounds.

At Joliet, Ill., Joe Patchen, the black pacing stallion, reduced the world's record to a four-wheel sulky by nearly four seconds.

It is estimated that 220,000 head of cattle have already been shipped from the Black Hills ranges this season.

Masked men held up a stage in Washington, securing its treasury box.

Bismarck Confin'd to the House.

BERLIN, Oct. 23.—Prince Bismarck's throat, it is announced in a dispatch from Friedrichshagen, has been affected by the recent bad weather and he is unable to take his usual outdoor exercise.

Iowa Patent Office Report.

DES MOINES, Oct. 20.—Copyrights and patents have been secured through our agency during the past week as follows:

J. J. Prosper, an experienced short hand reporter of Des Moines, has been granted a copyright for a book entitled "Common Sense Phonography."

F. W. Webster, the popular photographer of Des Moines, has been granted a copyright for a photo of L. M. Shaw, republican candidate for governor.

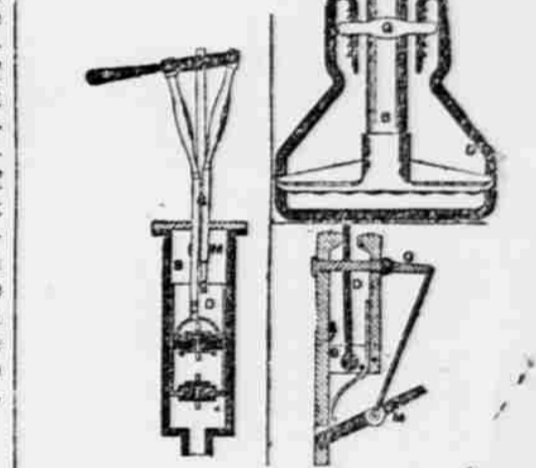
Patents were allowed, but not yet issued, as follows:

To L. Gist of Lake City, Iowa, for an Automatic Check Row Corn Planter and Marker. Rotary motion of the carriage axle is utilized for simultaneously operating the seed dropping and marking mechanisms at regular intervals of space as the machine is advanced and by means of levers at the side of a person on the seat, loss or gain of space can be readily governed.

To C. F. Lathrop and F. C. Vredenburg, of Atlantic, for a plumb level in which the pointer is provided with wings to restrict vibration and with arms extending laterally in opposite directions and adjustable weights thereon to balance the vibrating pointer.

THOMAS G. AND T. RALPH ORWIG, Solicitors.

United States Patents.



Last week there were issued exactly 400 patents to citizens