

NEBRASKA

A telephone system is about to be put in at Red Cloud.

Auburn shows great progress and is doing an unusual amount of building this year.

After a good deal of contention it has been decided that Wausa is to have two saloons for the balance of this year.

An effort is being made by the women of Wymore to secure a free public library and reading room and from the success the soliciting committee has had the project will be a success.

The old soldiers of Madison county will hold their annual reunion at Meadow Grove June 7, 8 and 9. Department Commander Majors and Senator Allen have been secured as the speakers for the occasion.

Within the next few weeks certain portions of Douglas county will have a free mail delivery. It is the intention to have the service commence on June 1, yet it is possible that it may be delayed a week or two.

The ordinance for the Second regiment, Nebraska national guard, has been shipped from the United States arsenal at Rock Island. The arms have been used before but they are good serviceable Springfield rifles, 45 caliber.

The board of educational lands and funds has authorized State Treasurer Mervin to pay a premium of 2 per cent on state warrants. This offer will hold good until July 1, when the interest on state warrants will drop from 5 to 4 per cent.

Sheriff Simmering took John Evans, a resident of Roseland, Adams county, to the asylum at Lincoln, he having been adjudged insane by the insanity commission. Mr. Evans is seventy-six years old and for a long time has been in very feeble health.

The residents of that part of Richardson county lying about five miles from Falls City and the same distance from Verdon have sent a petition to Congressman Burkett asking for the establishment of a new postoffice to be known as "Stranville." They want to build up a new town at a siding on the Missouri Pacific road.

Frank Hummel, a liveryman of Gordon, has had a very painful experience he will not soon forget. While making a long drive alone on the Pine Ridge reservation his team ran away and completely wrecked the buggy. Mr. Hummel has his arm broken, shoulder dislocated and mashed, and was otherwise considerably bruised. He managed to walk some distance, catch the team and made his way home.

Charles F. Coffee, one of the most extensive cattlemen in this section of Nebraska, says a Chadron dispatch, is spending a few days at his main ranch in Sioux county looking after his cattle interests. Mr. Coffee is enthusiastic over the prospects of the cattle market this year and is well pleased with the condition of the range in that section, the grass upon which is in good condition owing to frequent recent rains.

Many curious and amusing things are to be seen occasionally at the marble works here, says a Nebraska City dispatch, and the following is a verbatim copy of an inscription which is about ready to be placed in the cemetery near here: "Wm. H. Mathews, born in West Moreland, Penn., Jan. 11, 1828; lived there 22 years; moved to Ill. in 1851; married in 1852; drafted in 1864; moved to Nebraska in 1872; died Oct. 21, 1895. Was a blacksmith by trade; a true democrat all his life and now at rest."

Information was received by Adjutant General Barry that transportation from the Pacific coast to Nebraska had been furnished to John Farmer, a discharged member of the First regiment. Farmer is thought to be a member of one of the troops who became stranded in San Francisco some time ago, and who applied to the military authorities for transportation to his home. The fact that transportation has been furnished to one member of the party leads the authorities to suppose that the others left the city without waiting for assistance from the government.

The annual assessment and the basis on which it is being made is a subject of much agitation just now in Cedar county. The assessors at their March meeting agreed to assess all property upon a fair cash value basis, claiming that the law required it. Heretofore assessments have been made on the basis of a fractional part of the actual cash value. Owing to the fact that but few, if any, other counties in the state are making a cash value assessment it is claimed now that Cedar county will be obliged to pay thousands of dollars more state taxes than its proportionate and just share.

A Valentine dispatch says that scores of applications for land are being made at the local land office under the act approved January 13, 1897, entitled "An act providing for the location and purchase of public lands for reservoir sites" by the stockmen of this county. According to this law a stockman may reserve as many quarter sections of land as he please, of ostensibly for reservoir purposes and hold each quarter two years absolutely free of all charge except the land office fee of two dollars. Considerable rivalry for choice pieces of land is going on, but up to date no undue advantage of neighbors has been taken.

Representative O. H. Harris of Unadilla has decided to accept the position in the United States customs service in Cuba and has notified the officials at Washington to that effect. He expects his commission in a short time.

The residence of M. H. Marble of Table Rock was struck by lightning and quite badly shattered. A part of the chimney was knocked off, the casings in places badly shattered and scorched, and the plastering and paper on the house badly shattered, torn and scorched. The escape of the family seems to be almost miraculous, no room in the main house escaping injury.

STATUS OF COL. COLTON

Governor Receives a Letter From Meiklejohn.

OTIS CAN ARRANGE ALL MATTERS.

It May, if It is Desirable, Retain Col. Colton in the Customs Office, or Not—Miscellaneous Matters Here and There of Interest to Nebraska Readers.

Col. Colton as Collector.

Governor Poynter received from Assistant Secretary of War Meiklejohn a reply to a letter of inquiry sent to the war department April 23 concerning the appointment of Lieutenant-Colonel Colton of the First Nebraska regiment to the position of collector of customs at Manila. As soon as Governor Poynter was officially notified of the death of Colonel Stotsenberg he immediately appointed Colton collector, but the promotion was refused with a request that he be allowed to remain in the position he then held as collector of customs. His refusal prevented a number of promotions, as he is still lieutenant colonel of the regiment. The reply of Mr. Meiklejohn throws but little light upon the subject of most interest to the governor, though it states that General Otis has been given authority to retain Colton as collector until mustered out of the service. The letter received by the governor follows:

Dear Sir: I have the honor to advise you that your letter of the 28th of April was duly received by me and contents of same were carefully noted. It has proved impracticable, however, for me to reply thereto prior to this date as certain questions regarding the reorganization and conduct of the customs affairs in the Philippine islands have been under consideration.

An executive order provides that officers of the regular army shall be appointed as collectors of customs in the insular possessions, necessitating a change in the custom house at Manila, as Colonel Colton is an officer of the volunteer forces. Accordingly instructions were yesterday wired to the collectorships, and at the same time General Otis was given discretionary authority to retain Colonel Colton in his position of collector of customs at Manila until mustered out of the service. Very respectfully, GEORGE D. MEIKLEJOHN.

G. A. R. Encampment.

At the G. A. R. encampment held in York resolutions were adopted endorsing and commending the national administration. Colonel Stotsenberg's death was deplored and the regiment at Manila praised for its gallant service. Senator Hayward was chosen delegate at large to the national encampment, and Thomas Hibberd, William Phillips of Superior, J. B. Ferguson of Lincoln, Lew W. Rober of Omaha, William Widaman of Norfolk, delegates. J. Davis of Wilbur, Smith Caldwell of Edgar, Will Giffert of Pawnee, Jack Horton of Stanton, Joseph LaFerty of Wisner, form the new state council of administration. Deatrice secured the next encampment.

The Women's Relief Corps elected the following officers: Mrs. Felecia M. Rupeper, Harvard, president; Mrs. Mattie J. Pemberton, York, senior vice; Mrs. Martha J. Bagley, Bloomfield, junior vice; Mrs. Mary R. Morgan, Alma, treasurer; Anna Boyd, Hastings, chaplain. Delegates to the national meeting are Mrs. Sarah Sweet, at large, Mesdames Brooks, Stover, Lamb, Akers, and Miss Gillispie. Executive board, Louise Deacon of Omaha, Mary Saxton of Edgar, Mary Huffman of Newman Grove, Mary Smith of Lyons, N. Morey of Kearney.

The encampment closed with public installation of the newly elected officers of the Grand Army of the Republic and Women's Relief Corps under canvas with a rousing campfire. Addresses were made by members of both organizations. Each organization passed resolutions thanking the people of York and the local orders for the royal entertainment furnished.

Honors to Major Wilcox.

Omaha Bee: Major R. S. Wilcox of Browning, King & Co., for many years a prominent member of the Grand Army of the Republic, was elected junior vice commander of the order last Wednesday at the grand encampment held in York.

Major Wilcox is a member of U. S. Grant post. For five years he has been quartermaster of the post and prior to his election to this position he was commander one term.

Major Wilcox came to Omaha in '88, being transferred to U. S. Grant post here from the George A. Custer post No. 40 of Chicago, where he was senior vice commander. He has been a member of the Grand Army of the Republic for fifteen years, having been aide de camp on the national staff three times. He holds that position at the present time.

Nebraska Goes to Defeat.

The interstate debate at Lincoln between Nebraska and Missouri universities on the question, "Resolved, That combinations of railroads to determine rates are not desirable and should be prohibited by law," was awarded to Missouri for superior argument, her representatives having the affirmative side. Nebraska was given credit for the best presentation.

Sad Case of Insanity.

Lyons dispatch: After eighteen years a highly esteemed citizen and a successful business man, George H. Huntsberger, this evening was taken by his brother, J. W. Huntsberger, for treatment in a private hospital for the insane at Council Bluffs, Ia. Mr. Huntsberger was surrounded by all the comforts of life, including a very interesting family, to which he was very much devoted. Brooding over the thought that he might be taken from them by illness of a few months standing, has almost completely unbalanced his mind.

Memorial Day Observance.

The following orders, looking toward a more general observance of Memorial day, were sent out by Adjutant General Barry to all companies of the Nebraska National Guard:

First—Out of respect to the memory of those who devoted their lives to the service of their country during the civil war, from 1861 to 1865, and the war with Spain, in 1898, in the observance of Memorial day we should renew in our hearts not only the tender recollections of the memories of our dead, but also a more exalted patriotism and devotion to our country in the future.

Second—The commanding officers of the various companies of the Nebraska National Guard will confer with committees of the Grand Army of the Republic and kindred organizations to the end that they may render whatever assistance necessary in the way of observance of Memorial day and on completion of this duty will forward a complete report of the same to this office.

Third—The national flag will be placed at half mast on all state buildings from sunrise till noon on Memorial day, May 30. At noon the staff will be hoisted to the top of the staff and will there remain until sunset. If music is present at the hour of noon the flag when hoisted will be saluted by playing a national air.

Rock County Salt.

Residents of Rock county are apt to become considerably stuck up over recent developments at the exposition grounds. At the exposition last year the sod house kept by Mrs. Bowser was built of the sward of Rock county. When the structure was completed there was a goodly lot of the sod left over, which was piled up near the house and permitted to decompose. Recently Mr. Ulrich had occasion to look around for fresh earth to be used in the potting of plants and pounced upon the Rock county soil. It proved to be a lucky find, for he declares that it is the best soil for potting of plants that he has ever found anywhere. A number of florists from distant points have learned of its excellence for the purpose named, and quite a correspondence has resulted with Rock county people in reference to the supply of the soil of that county for florists in all parts of the country for potting purposes.

Ordinance to Be Replaced.

Adjutant General Barry was notified that all ordinance supplied by the state to the First and Second regiments would be replaced at once. These supplies, consisting of arms, belts, etc., will be sent from the Rock Island arsenal and are expected in a few days. While most of the ordinance has been used it is reported to be in as good condition as that furnished the volunteers. The list includes 707 Springfield rifles, 45 saddles, 39 carbines, 673 bayonets, 5 swords, 48 saddle bags, 44 saddle blankets, 48 cavalry sabres and 3 Colt's revolvers. This will about complete the equipment for the Second regiment of the Nebraska National guard.

Nebraska in Brief.

Articles of incorporation of the Julius Newman company of Wymore, with a capital stock of \$15,000, were filed with the secretary of state. The company will do a general merchandise business.

Mrs. Sarah Johnson, mother of H. C. Johnson of Grafton, died last week of old age. Mrs. Johnson was an old settler of Fillmore county, having lived there twenty-two years. She was 90 years old.

A paper is being circulated in Falls City for subscriptions for the purpose of erecting a new Episcopal church there. Already several hundred dollars have been subscribed and within a few months a new church is expected to be erected.

The Dixon schools were closed on account of scarlet fever. Only one case has as yet been reported, a small boy belonging to James Barnhill, a mile west of town, but it was thought best to close the schools for a week at least, lest the disease become epidemic.

The Burlington will build a new freight and passenger station at Kearney, fronting on the main street of that city. The building will be a frame structure, veneered with brick, and will serve the road both as a freight house and passenger depot. It will be fireproof, the flooring and will be a credit to the city.

A long line of litigation came to an end in the District Court in Sioux City when \$10,000 of money belonging to the John B. Arteaue estate was turned over to the representatives of the German heirs. Arteaue died under peculiar circumstances in Sioux City several years ago, and left a great deal of property unbequeathed. Finally, \$25,000 of the money was tied up in the defunct Iowa Savings bank, and this is a dividend of 40 per cent, which under stipulation is turned over to the foreign heirs.

Two men, giving their names as W. D. Houck and Thomas Kennedy, were arrested at Steel City and turned over to the sheriff for passing raised bills. The passed a \$5 bill raised to \$10 by the use of pasters. They were lodged in jail and had their preliminary hearing trial at Fairbury, and were bound over to the district court under a charge of forgery. They have been making headquarters at Ellsworth's livery barn for the last two weeks and succeeded in victimizing several unsuspecting farmers. Two more of the gang are thought to be at large.

Judge L. G. Kline, of the state board of control, and Superintendent M. T. Gass, of the Soldiers' Orphans' Home of Davenport will go east the latter part of the month to investigate the subject of industrial labor.

Oi Lindstrom, an employe of the packing house, at Ottumwa, was found with his head frightfully cut, lying unconscious near the C. B. & Q. tracks. How the accident came about no one knows, but it is supposed he was struck by a passing train. Physicians were called, but could do nothing for him, as he was dying, and breathed his last in one hour after he was brought in the hospital.

PREPARING FOR PEACE

Condition of Affairs at The Hague Conference.

SOME TANGIBLE RESULTS EXPECTED

International Arbitration Idea Appears to Be Taking Definite Shape—All the Delegates Seem to Favor It—German Who Issued a Bellicose Pamphlet Tries to Square Himself.

THE HAGUE, May 22.—(New York World Cablegram.)—Whatever may happen to the proposals for a restraint of armaments, it is generally felt by the peace delegates here that the conference will attain some tangible results in the direction of international arbitration. Ambassador White and Seth Low have both been impressed by the favorable tendency displayed in unofficial conversations by the delegates of European powers toward the arbitration idea. Germany, which is entirely opposed to checking its armaments, is among the supporters of any practicable scheme for settling international differences by means of an international tribunal. The section of the conference to which arbitration and mediation will be referred for a report will be the strongest of the three main sections, and it is significant that the chamber detailed as its place of meeting is the largest, as it is evidently expected the attendance will be fuller than at the others.

The transformation of the feeling that has taken place since the assembling of the conference and the beginning of the preparations for actual work are a little short of marvelous. Probably no delegate on arriving here entertained the expectation that anything fruitful would issue from the conference, whose existence they regarded merely as a compliment to the czar's pusillanimity. But now that is all changed. An earnest, sincere and well meaning spirit is observable and even the German delegate, Stengel, is feverishly anxious to explain away his bellicose pamphlet, which gave such a sinister complexion to his appointment as one of the German representatives. Baroness von Suttner, the famous Austrian peace advocate, who, though unaccredited, occupies a position equaling in influence that of any delegate here, said yesterday:

"I have no fear that the conference will be fruitless. The czar's influence is too strong and the delegates are only now realizing that his proposal was not a dream, but an attempt to realize the highest idea of practical statesmanship."

M. de Bloch, whose work on war admittedly helped to give an impulse to the czar's mind which has eventuated in assembling this momentous gathering, said:

"It is impossible that this assemblage of experienced statesmen and diplomats can discuss the points of the czar's circular without discerning how easily measures can be concerted to obviate war. No definite proposal emerge, perhaps, from these deliberations, but they will set the nations thinking on the greatest problem of civilization until a solution is found. I have seen all the chief delegates here and have exchanged views with them. Their instructions I gather in most cases leave much to their discretion, and there is plain evidence that all the great powers are entertaining the conference with an honest desire to consider fully and fairly any reasonable suggestions that may be brought forward."

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Cattle Ready for Round-Up.

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NO POWER TO ACT.

Filipino Commissioners Must Refer Everything to Aguinaldo.

MANILA, May 22.—The Filipino commissioners, who arrived here on Saturday to negotiate with the United States commissioners, held a conference this morning with Messrs. Schurman, Worcester and Denby. They say they are without power to bind the so-called Filipino government in any particular and can only refer any results of the present negotiations to Aguinaldo.

8:40 p. m.—The Filipino commissioners, General Gregorio del Pilar, Lieutenant Colonel Alberto Barretto, Maor Zealita and Senor Gracio Gonzaga, with their families, spent today in visiting friends in Manila and conferred with Senor Florentino Torres, Pablo Ocampo and Teodoro Yanco, the members of the local Filipino association, which will participate in the meetings with the Americans. Senor Torres was a member of Aguinaldo's commission before the war. He proposes independence and favors autonomy, and he has been most influential in persuading the followers of Aguinaldo to make the present advances.

Autonomy is the burden of the talk of the Filipinos and if it is thought that what they wish for would be little different from an American protectorate, which they talked of before the war, Senor Paterno, who has succeeded the irreconcilable Mabini as president of the Filipino so-called cabinet, is a student and a writer of ability. He once drew up a plan of autonomy under Spain, which the Spanish government promised to adopt, there being a troublesome rebellion on foot. The American commissioners in studying the question of Philippine government have found several good points in this scheme. Paterno is now the strong man in Aguinaldo's party.

All the moneyed leaders of the insurrection see that it is hopeless and are anxious for peace. Those who want money think they may profit by harassing the Americans a while longer. On the suggestion of Mr. Schurman, president of the American commission, the local Filipino peace party has started a newspaper.

Major Kobbe's expedition to open communication with General Lawton has occupied Arayat, about seven miles beyond Canaha, on the Rio Grande, following the course of the stream. No insurgents were found there and the Pampangas along the river are friendly. Last Friday Major Kobbe took Santana, about six miles northeast of San Fernando, on the road to San Isidro. A priest met the expedition with a white flag.

Delegations from San Nicolas and Santiago, small villages just south of Arayat, came to him with the news that 200 insurgents who had been holding both places had withdrawn. They invited the Americans to enter and as the members of the expedition marched the church bells were rung and the timid who had fled flocked back.

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Leipzig made a good investment in buying and tearing down the old Pleissenburg on the city wall, the scene of the debate between Luther and Eck. The city paid \$4,150,000 marks for the castle, and has sold the ground since for building sites for \$1,150,333 marks.

Excursion to Detroit via the Wabash.

For the Y. P. S. C. E. Convention July 5th to 10th all lines will sell tickets on July 3rd, 4th and 5th via the Wabash, the short line from Chicago or St. Louis to Detroit. Side trips to Niagara Falls, Toronto, Montreal, Mackinac and many other points at a very low rate via Lake or Rail have been arranged. Parties contemplating a trip east should call on or write for rates and folders giving list of side trips, etc., also beautiful souvenir entitled "Lake and Sea."

G. N. CLAYTON, Room 302 Karbach Bldg., Omaha, Neb.

Compound Locomotives.

A dozen or more of the 45 consolidation compound freight locomotives, recently ordered for use on the southwestern division of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, are in service and are giving splendid satisfaction. On the Mississippi division they have increased the train haul 40 per cent over the old line. When the grade reductions are completed the improvement will be even more noticeable. The compound ten wheel passenger engines have developed unexpected pulling power and unusual speed.



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