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## CHADRON'S BIG SHAM

## FARMERS TURN THE RIVER.

Thirty-two Armed Farmers Take Twenty-Square Miles From Nebraska.

JACKSON, Neb., June 23.—An armed band of South Dakota farmers was on guard yesterday while a channel was cut through Rininger's neck, or as it is known on the maps, Brughers Bend. South Dakota swooped down on Nebraska, switched the channel of the Missouri and now 200 Nebraskans are on an island in South Dakota made up of about 12,000 acres of the best farming land in the world, which has heretofore been the domain of the Antelope state.

Intense excitement prevails over the affair, but it has been a bloodless war so far. The men who formed the invading army are well known and undisguised, so arrests will follow at once.

At present South Dakota is victorious and has forcibly annexed twenty square miles of fertile Nebraska soil. Five miles north of Jackson the Missouri makes its big bend across Rininger's neck. It is but eighty feet wide, while the river must flow fifteen miles around.

The farmers on the Dakota side have lost hundreds of acres of fine farms and for two years have made vigorous night efforts to cut the channel through at the neck. Within ten days twice has a ditch been cut across and again filled up.

Thursday night at 9 o'clock thirty-two husky Dakota farmers all heavily armed and equipped with dynamite and trenching tools, crossed the river and by working all night opened a ditch twenty feet wide and fourteen feet deep.

All this forenoon a strict guard was maintained and no one save one farmer going for medicine was allowed to cross. A rapid stream was crossing through, which is eighty feet high, twenty feet in thickness prevented fast cutting.

Across the raging waters seventeen heavily armed men were on guard, while over the river in Dakota were fifteen more. A half hour later they embarked in boats and rapidly rowed away.

Another half hour and the frightened neighboring farmers began to gather while Sheriff Sides and Constable Daley, heavily armed, came too late to make any arrests. From the willows of the adjacent Dakota shore and distant row boats the Dakotans kept strict watch, though but one shot was fired. A vigorous effort was made to fill the channel with trees, rocks, brush and dirt, but with the force of Niagara all were swept away.

Considerable fear is entertained lest there be exceedingly high water at Stouix City. No suffering will come to those on the newly made island, as all the farmers were heavily provisioned for just such an emergency.

Their successful attempt recalls a similar night raid by Nebraska German farmers eighteen years ago, when their farms were being washed away at night. They cut a channel across Sioux Point in Dakota, forming McCook lake and shifting the channel to eight miles of Dakota shore, where it still remains.

What results the present serious change in the channel will effect are unknown. Some predict dire harm, while others think benefit will accrue. Thus far the war has been bloodless, though many threats have been made. The leading conspirators are known and arrests will speedily follow, and tonight some 200 of Nebraska best citizens are South Dakotians by conquest.

### Incendiaries at West Point.

WEST POINT, Neb., June 23.—The old frame livery barn which was recently moved to make room for a brick stable on Main street, the property of Julius Thiele, was destroyed by fire last night. The incendiary was seen by a citizen escaping from the barnyard a few minutes before the fire started, but was not recognized. West Point has one or more firebugs, whose hobby seems to be the burning of barns and warehouses, no attempts as yet having been made to fire dwelling houses. The citizens have organized themselves into a vigilance committee for the detection of the perpetrators of these outrages and are prepared to make if very warm for the guilty party if caught.

### Bridgroom Meets With Accident.

OSCEOLA, Neb., June 23.—Rev. Frisby L. Rasp of Atchison, Mo., who came here to be married to Miss Alice Jones of this place, met with a severe accident while riding from the court house, where he had procured the marriage license. He was driving a team of spirited horses, which became frightened and ran away. Rasp was thrown out and his right leg broken below the knee. He also sustained other injuries of less serious nature.

### Large Crowd at Chautauqua.

BEATRICE, Neb., June 23.—A large attendance is reported at the Chautauqua and many visitors from around the state are coming in to go into camp during the session. John Dewitt Miller was the main attraction and today Prof. Riddell and the Wesleyan quartet will be the principal entertainers.

### Hotel Changes Hands.

CHADRON, Neb., June 23.—A real estate transfer of considerable importance has occurred here. The large Blaine hotel, which has been managed for a number of years by E. D. Satterlee, passed into the hands of Fred Rust.

### Boy Found Unconscious.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., June 23.—A young lad named Mateer, nephew of Sam Henderson, was found lying on the sidewalk near the Second ward school building in an unconscious condition.

Indians and Cowboys to Mix Up on the Glorious Fourth.

MORE THAN 4,000 TO PARTICIPATE

Chief Red Cloud to Command Five Hundred of His Braves in Sham Battle Together With Many Other Troops and Tribes.

CHADRON, Neb., June 25.—The committee in charge of the Fourth of July celebration at this place has arranged for the entertainment of the public in grand style. The most novel feature of the celebration will be a sham battle between 2,500 Sioux Indian and 2,000 cowboys. The Sioux will come from the Pine Ridge agency and the cowboy brigade will be composed of old-time riders, who used to ride the ranges in the early days of this country. The battle has been arranged through the personal efforts of Colonel W. F. Hayward, who has just returned from a visit to the reservation. The plan is for the Sioux to make a sham attack on the city at daybreak, armed with their rifles and belts full of blank loads, the town to be defended by the cow punches, in charge of Colonel Jay L. Torrey, who was colonel of a regiment of rough riders in the Cuban war. The colonel is proprietor of a ranch in the Big Horn mountains, and has been invited to come with as many of his old command as possible, and take charge of the defense. The cow punches will be mounted and armed with carbines and six-shooters, with double rounds of blank cartridges.

The Indians are quite friendly and peaceable, some of them being half and quarterbreeds, and most of them speak the English language, so no real danger from them is apprehended. They will come over the day before and camp outside the city limits the night of July 3, which they will spend in dancing war dances and singing war songs, accompanied by the squaws.

Excursion trains and special rates are being arranged for from all directions, and the time of arrival will be such that visitors will arrive in time to witness this novel event. The battle will be of greater interest when it is remembered that Chief Red Cloud, the greatest living Indian chief, will lead with 500 braves from his district, and will be supported by Chief American Horse, who has in his command a great many of the Wounded Knee warriors and some who were in the Custer massacre.

There seems to be no doubt that the battle will appear real, and every precaution will be taken to avert any possible danger.

### Two Licenses for One Couple.

TABLE ROCK, Neb., June 25.—There was quite a romantic runaway marriage here, or rather at Pawnee City. Mr. William Holman Jennings of Lincoln, who formerly practiced law here, being the groom and Miss Addie Shaw Lyman, who has lived here since a child, being the bride. Mr. Jennings came down here Thursday night, with a marriage license securely hid in his inside pocket, which he had procured that day from the county judge of Lancaster county. Finding an irate father, with the aid of friends a swift team was procured and the couple drove to Pawnee City, where another license was procured and the couple made one. The Lancaster county document he took back with him to Lincoln. Arriving home and driving up to the residence of the bride they were not permitted to enter and took their dinner at the house of a mutual friend.

They took the afternoon train for Lincoln, their future home. The bride is the daughter of W. G. Lyman of this place and the groom is a nephew of Captain R. F. Jennings.

### Re-Establish Blair Road.

WEST POINT, Neb., June 25.—The county board of supervisors has decided to re-establish the boundaries of the historic "Blair road" within the confines of this county. This is one of the oldest established roads in the state and runs in a diagonal direction from the southeast corner of the county to the city of West Point, thereby saving the farmers living along the route a considerable distance to the county seat. It was established by a special act of the legislature on February 15, 1869, but the records of that body being inaccessible to the people of this county heretofore the fact was denied and the road allowed to fall into disuse.

### Old Settlers of Sarpy.

PAPILLION, Neb., June 25.—The old settlers of Sarpy county held a picnic at Howard's grove Saturday afternoon. John I. Goss of Bellevue was speaker of the day. Fully 500 people from the surrounding country were present. The Papillion band furnished music for the occasion.

### Seven Year Sen once.

CLAY CENTER, Neb., June 25.—An adjourned session of the district court is being held here, with Judge Stubbs presiding. The man Nelson, who broke jail here two years ago, and was brought back by Sheriff Secord last week from Carthage, Mo., was arraigned in court and pleaded guilty to burglary, receiving a sentence of seven years in the pen.

### Street Fair Preparations.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., June 25.—The first meeting of the street fair executive committee was held at the Commercial club rooms. Officers were selected and the chairman of several subcommittees appointed. The unanimous sentiment of the committee was that no time should be lost in getting ready for the fair and preparations will begin at once. The officers of the executive committee are: Chairman, John Bratt; vice chairman, V. R. McKeen; secretary, W. H. McDonald; assistant secretary, Butler Buchanan; treasurer, W. A. Vollmer.



## DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE

In Congress July 4, 1776

A Declaration by the Representatives of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA in General Congress assembled.

When the course of human events has brought forth a new continent, and the people of that continent have declared their independence of every European power, it is the duty of the people of that continent to declare their independence of every European power.

And the great principles of liberty and justice, which have been the basis of our government, are the basis of our independence.

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John Hancock, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, and other signatories of the Declaration of Independence.



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## The Forts of Taku, China.

### Scene of an Episode Just 41 Years Ago.

The Taku forts, occupied by the international forces, just forty-one years ago were the scene of an episode which gave the world that famous phrase, "Blood is thicker than water." A British fleet of eleven small gunboats, under Admiral Hope, was engaged in an assault on the mud batteries just inside the Pei-ho river bar on June 25, 1859, when the tide went down and left them helpless in the mud under the fire of the Chinese smoothbores.

nominally contains about 300,000 descendants of the Manchu conquerors and their allies, says the Tribune's Washington correspondent. The number maintained on a war footing is from 80,000 to 100,000. The whole force is subdivided into three groups, consisting respectively of Manchus, Mongols and Chinese, and forms a sort of hereditary profession, within which intermarriage is compulsory. About 37,000 are stationed in garrisons in Manchuria; the imperial guard at Peking contains from 6,000 to 7,000, and these are the troops that were expected to defend the foreign legations and protect foreign interests from the mobs.

weapons are long since obsolete and there is no transport commissariat or medical service.

### WHO REV. LEVY IS.

The Rev. Dr. Edgar M. Levy of Philadelphia, who made the opening prayer at the Republican convention at Philadelphia, also officiated in a similar capacity at the first republican convention which was held at Philadelphia in 1856, and at which convention Fremont was nominated for president and Dayton for vice president. In his letter of



invitation Chairman Hanna noted the fact that the first prayer ever offered for the success of the republican party was made in Philadelphia on June 19, 1856, by Dr. Levy, and declared it particularly appropriate that forty-six years later to a day the same clergyman should again officiate.

### HAVANA'S MAYOR.

Brigadier-General Alejandro Rodriguez, who has been elected mayor of Havana, polling 13,073 votes, against 6,034 cast for Senor Estrada Mora, was one of the first to join the insurgent forces after the landing of Gen. Gomez in Cuba. He is the husband of Senora Lola Rodriguez, who became famous through the persecutions and indignities heaped upon her by Gen. Weyler. Both had discussed the joining of the insurgent forces previous to Gomez's landing, and fully weighed the possible consequences. Gen. Rodriguez was for Cuba, and his wife was with him in thought and feeling and bade him goodspeed. Gen. Rodriguez is the leader of the nationalist party, composed of the revolutionists and those of anti-American sentiments. This party, in Havana as well as throughout Cuba, is numerically far stronger than the Mayor Rodriguez, democratic party, which is composed of those who formerly were autonomists, separatists and conservatives. Like all the candidates named by the nationalists, Gen. Rodriguez held no office, and in a measure the contest was one between the ins and outs.

### For Bad Boys and Girls.

The report of the educational council of the Iowa State Teachers' association answers the question: "What shall be done with incorrigible and neglected children?" It makes recommendations that are along the usual lines, but they are interesting, as they form a summary of all the generally approved suggestions for the improvement of this class of the population. The council urges the general strengthening of the parental responsibility and of the discipline of the home. The schools should emphasize those subjects and methods that tend to strengthen character, and give more place to music, art, literature, history, manual training and gymnastics.