

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

William F. Congdon, a wealthy lumber dealer, committed suicide at his home in Chicago.

French imports for the past four months increased \$11,645,000 and the exports increased \$2,059,600.

Official reports place the number of Christian victims at Monasit and in the surrounding country at 72.

Benito Legard, a Filipino member of the Filipino commission, has donated a site in Manila for a general hospital.

Mayor Low of New York and several citizens have stopped the preaching of Mormonism in the streets of that city.

Advices from Morocco say the American missionary has practically abandoned Mequinez, owing to the critical situation.

Henry Bery, a rancher at North Yakima, Wash., shot and killed his 6-year old foster son, Charles, and committed suicide.

The reports of a great Jewish massacre at Tirospot, Russia, are pronounced in St. Petersburg to be without foundation.

The health board is preparing to inoculate the Chinese population of Manila with bubonic serum to prevent the spread of that disease.

The contract for placing 156 new steel cells in the Nebraska penitentiary has been awarded to the Van Dorn works of Cleveland, O.

St. John's cathedral, the most pretentious church building belonging to the Protestant Episcopal church in Denver, was destroyed by fire, believed to be of incendiary origin.

The memorial arch erected to the memory of the thirteen missionaries of the American board of foreign missions who suffered martyrdom in China in 1900 was dedicated at Oberlin, O.

The Bulgarian cabinet resigned. Prince Ferdinand accepted its resignation and summoned M. Petuoff, leader of the Stambuloff party. It is possible that a coalition may be ordered.

General Davis, commanding in the Philippines, has disapproved the findings in the court-martial case which acquitted Lieutenant Joel R. Lee, Tenth infantry, tried for manslaughter.

Assistant Secretary Armstrong and Mrs. Armstrong left Washington for Chicago, where they will attend the Vanderlip-Cox wedding, and then go to Iowa to visit Mrs. Armstrong's parents.

The Southern Cotton Spinner's association, in annual convention, changed its name to the American Cotton Manufacturers' association and decided to urge a general curtailment of production.

About 9,000 emigrants arrived at Hamburg last week for transportation to the United States. Owing to the phenomenal number extra steamers have been put on for the accommodation of the emigrants.

Application was made before Judge Hallett in the United States court at Denver for the appointment of Harry P. Gamble, an attorney of Boulder, as faster in chancery to manage the Colorado & Northwestern railroad pending an application for a receivership.

The twentieth annual convention of the Women's General Missionary society of the United Presbyterian church closed at Pittsburg after adopting a resolution pledging themselves to contribute sufficient funds to provide for a woman missionary for every man missionary in the field.

The state department has given notice of the appointment of General H. M. Duffield of Detroit, Mich., as umpire in the arbitration at Caracas between Germany and Venezuela. General Duffield led one of the volunteer regiments in the Spanish war and is a prominent lawyer in Detroit.

Executive officers of the western railroads discussed in an informal manner the question of equalizing rates on import sugar and the rates from the fields where sugar beets are raised. No action was taken and no decision was reached which promises action of any kind in the near future.

The Cleveland, Chicago, Cincinnati & St. Louis railroad fled with the interstate commerce commission an answer to the complaint of William Rigley, Jr., & Co., of Chicago, involving the legality of its increased freight rates and amendment to the southern classification schedule. The road denies that it has imposed unjust or discriminatory charges.

The conductors and motormen employed by the Connecticut Railway and Lighting company at Bridgeport went on strike, tying up all the lines in the city. The company offered a slight increase, but refused recognition of the union.

Henry C. Everdell, representing the reorganization committee, purchased the entire assets of the Asphalt Company of America, and the National Asphalt company, paying therefor \$6,000,000. The sale took place in Jersey City.

A THREATENED DELUGE.



A BIG SLAUGHTER

BRITISH OPERATIONS IN NORTH-EASTERN NIGERIA.

MOHAMADONS MOWED DOWN

Rapid Fire Guns of British Do Fearful Execution—Conquest Nets Great Britain a Vast Amount of Territory.

LONDON—Colonial Secretary Chamberlain announced in the house of commons Tuesday that as a result of the British military operations in the Sokoto and Kano districts, ending with the capture of the emir of Kano, 100,000 square miles of territory had been added to Northern Nigeria and would be administered by the government of that territory.

Interesting details have been received here of the capture of Sokoto, March 14, by the British column commanded by Colonel Morland. The engagement lasted two and a half hours. The British numbered about 500 men, with four quick-firing guns and four Maxim's. The enemy's horse and foot soldiers were estimated to number 6,000 men, their rifles being armed with modern rifles and using smokeless powder. The British camped during the night of March 13 one and a half miles from Sokoto, after a hard march of 100 miles from Kaura, with but little water and having passed through a difficult country.

At daybreak March 14, the British moved out in which Sokoto lies. Immediately after the British appeared over a ridge the Fulahs charged with a fanatical bravery, undeterred by a withering Maxim and rifle fire. They had no proper leadership, but the isolated bands continued to advance over heaps of dead and dying, often only individuals reaching within a yard of the square, where, refusing quarter, they were shot down while shouting "Allah" with their last breath.

The main body of the natives was finally routed, leaving a remnant of about thirty chiefs around the emir's great white flag. These chiefs were defiant to the last and their corpses were found hedging the standard when the British entered the city, which consisted mostly of thatched houses, its semi-ruined walls extending seven miles around the place and were pierced by eight gates.

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U. P. UNDER FIRE.

Called to Account Regarding Grain Rates.

WASHINGTON.—The Interstate Commerce commission has begun an investigation to determine whether the payment or allowances made by the Union Pacific to Peavey & Co. of Kansas City and Council Bluffs for grain elevator facilities and the grain rates made to that concern are in violation of the interstate commerce law.

The Union Pacific is made respondent in the proceedings and has been ordered to file a full answer to the charges by May 25 and to satisfactorily explain the alleged rebates at a hearing to be called hereafter.

The commission in ordering the investigation says it appears that the Peavey company is purchasing grain at western points of origin and shipping over the Union Pacific to Council Bluffs and Kansas City and through those points to eastern destinations; that the Union Pacific uses the elevators of Peavey & Co. for handling and transferring grain, for which facilities it pays certain stipulated rates, generally amounting to 1 1/2 cents per 100 pounds. These rates, it is charged, result in large payments or allowances by the Union Pacific to Peavey & Co. and apparently are excessive and greater than charges generally imposed or allowed at Kansas City, Council Bluffs and other elevator points.

The commission says it appears that the rebates are not only on the grain of Peavey & Co., but on grain of all other shippers passing through the Peavey elevators, and that the allowances may subject other grain shippers to unjust discrimination and unjust transportation charges, and that they enable Peavey & Co. to obtain net rates less than the regular drafts.

The International & Great Northern and the St. Louis Southwestern railroads have filed with the Interstate Commerce commission answers to the order calling for information regarding class and commodity rates from St. Louis to Texas common points. Both lines admit making certain advances but deny that the advances were material or that they were made to earn unreasonable revenue. The International & Great Northern says that its cost of operation has been increased; that to reconstruct the bridge equipment will cost upwards of \$100,000, and avers that its net earnings for the three months ending March 31, 1903 were largely decreased. The other road makes similar allegation.

Thus far, however, the proposition regarding ultimate arbitration has been either refused or dodged by the labor organizations.

The arbitration clause is being proposed with a view of insuring results and increasing the probability of both sides beginning negotiations with a case which they are not afraid to submit to the public.

MABINI ENDS A BUSY LIFE.

Cholera Catches Former Filipino Secretary of Foreign Affairs.

MANILA—Mabini, the former minister of foreign affairs of the Filipino government, died of cholera at midnight Thursday. He was attacked with the disease on Tuesday last.

Since his return from Guam, Mabini had lived in seclusion. Captured correspondence of the Rizal province insurgents showed that he had been in communication with them, but the letters were not of a seditious nature.

Shuts Out Automoblists.

BUFALO, N. Y.—As a result of an order just issued by the Canadian customs officials no more American automoblists will be permitted to go into Canada with their automobiles without paying all duties. The duty is 25 per cent of the assessed valuation of the machine and the duty will be collected each time a machine is taken into Canada. The duty is placed not on machines of American make.

General Nebraska News.

GAME WARDEN AFTER SEINERS.

Consternation Created Among Sportsmen at Humboldt.

HUMBOLDT—Game Warden George B. Simpkins of Lincoln was in the city creating quite a disturbance among the local sportsmen. The section foreman and three or four members of the force took a vacation Sunday and, the game warden alleges, repaired to a pond west of the city, part of which is on the right of way of the road and part on the land of A. E. Stalder, and with a seine took from the water a number of fish in violation of the law. There were six in the party, and some of them protested vigorously when a message from the warden reached them instructing them to call at the Park hotel and fix the matter up. The number of fish charged is ten and under the law the fine would be \$50, which the warden asserts the men have agreed to pay. On the other hand, the accused men claim that the warden is not empowered to fix and collect a fine without giving them a trial in some court of competent jurisdiction. So the matter is at present unsettled.

ORDER IN THE LILLIE CASE.

The Mandate of Chief Justice Sullivan Received.

The order of Chief Justice Sullivan, suspending the sentence of Mrs. Lillie, the Butler county woman who is under life sentence in the penitentiary for the murder of her husband, has been received at the office of the clerk of the supreme court. A copy of the order has been made and forwarded to the sheriff of Butler county. This will leave the woman in Butler county until the supreme court can review the case. It will probably be six months before the case can be disposed of, since the supreme court will take a vacation before the case can be reached in the regular order for such cases. This means that Mrs. Lillie will enjoy the comforts of her private apartments at the Butler county court house until fall.

Stock Drowned at Taylor.

TAYLOR—The heaviest rain storm of the season, in fact for years, visited this section. The canyons were all filled by raging torrents of water which carried everything before it, washing away numerous bridges and drowning several head of young cattle. The waters when they reached the Loup river valley spread out over the level country between the hills and river to a depth of several feet.

Osceola Has Two Attorneys.

OSCEOLA—This village now has two village attorneys. The board of village trustees had an adjourned meeting and elected ex-Senator M. A. Mills for the ensuing municipal year. The board of officers now stands: F. D. Mills, city clerk; J. C. Arnold, treasurer; William Vanhoosen, marshal; N. B. Nelson, poundmaster, and ex-Senator M. A. Mills, village attorney.

Inspector for Nebraska Militia.

FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan.—Lieutenant Colonel M. B. Hughes, Tenth cavalry, has arranged with the adjutant general of the state of Nebraska to begin the inspection of state troops on the 25th inst., but his membership on the court-martial trying a number of student officers at the post may prevent this. It is understood he will ask to be relieved from the court so as to enable him to carry out his arrangements with the Nebraska adjutant general.

Soldiers Talk to Children.

YORK—Soldiers of the civil war and citizens will speak to York county school children on May 22. A part of the afternoon of May 22 in all the schools will be devoted to speeches of experience of the great civil conflict and to teaching practical lessons of the war.

Injuries Prove Fatal.

NEBRASKA CITY—Herbert Mayer, a 7-year-old son of Henry Meyer, tried to cross the track of the Missouri Pacific ahead of the passenger train from Omaha and was caught on the pilot of the engine and thrown some distance. His body was so badly bruised that he died three hours afterwards.

Johnson County Mortgage Record.

TECUMSEH—During the month of April there were twenty farm mortgages filed in the county records of Johnson county. They aggregated \$37,255.

Remains Brought Back.

WAHOO—The remains of Alfred T. Davis, who died last September while serving as a soldier in the Philippine islands, arrived here for burial. Deceased enlisted from this county two years ago.

Corn Damaged by Rain.

OAKLAND, Neb.—Considerable corn was washed out by the recent hard rains and the fields will have to be replanted on account of poor seed.

THE STATE IN BRIEF.

B. Meyers & Co., Norfolk, sustained a fire loss of \$2,000.

The G. A. R. encampment in 1904 will be held at Kearney.

The Wymore board of education re-elected most of its old teachers.

W. J. Bryan is billed to speak at the commencement exercises at Beatrice, June 5.

The next state reunion of old soldiers will be held at Omaha. The date has not yet been fixed.

The apple crop in Cass county, it is said, will be a normal one, notwithstanding the cold weather.

Cedar Creek, Cass county, must get along this year without a saloon, license having been refused.

The Grand Army encampment at Fremont elected Judge Lee Steele of Omaha department commander.

A farm of 160 acres one mile south of Geneva sold a year ago for \$8,000 and was sold last week for \$10,250.

A three-year-old child living near Elmwood died from eating tablets used as a preventive for chicken cholera.

The saloon fight at McCool Junction has resulted in a withdrawal of both the remonstrance and the petition and McCool will go dry.

A special freight train on the Rock Island went into the ditch nine miles west of Fairbury, near Thompson. No one was seriously injured.

Thomas Masur, a popular young farmer, who lives five and one-half miles northwest of Tecumseh, shot and killed himself. The shooting is thought to be accidental.

Sheriff McBride of Cass county was notified that a team, carriage and harness were stolen from M. S. Peterson, a farmer who resides in the western part of the county.

There is much push toward getting the new building for the Young Men's Christian association at Beatrice. Twelve thousand dollars has been raised; \$8,000 more is needed.

At Omaha, Judge Dickinson issued a temporary restraining order against the mayor and city council, restraining them from passing or approving the ordinance having for its purpose the redistricting of the city.

An insane man giving his name as Clancy was brought to Beatrice from Liberty by Deputy Sheriff McGier and lodged in jail. He is badly deranged and has been sleeping in hay stacks and roaming about from farm to farm in that vicinity for some time.

Believing a collision to be imminent, William Batten of Wymore, conductor of Burlington passenger train No. 90, jumped from his train near Lincoln and received injuries which a few hours later resulted in his death. Charles F. Brundage, engineer, was so severely injured that he may die.

The Forepaugh-Sells circus was stuck in the mud at Nebraska City and was unable to give a performance. Thousands of people from surrounding towns and the country packed the streets all day and were sorely disappointed by the failure of the circus people to provide entertainment.

Louise Moore, an 18-year-old mail carrier for the rural service, was struck by No. 4 Great Western train near Bondurant, while driving across the track, and sustained serious injuries. Miss Moore was coming in from her daily trip, and did not see the train until it was too late to avoid the danger.

Dr. Gandy of Humboldt last week made a shipment of a carload of bees to the Watson ranch, near Kearney, which shipment makes the people at the ranch the second largest bee keepers of the state.

Rev. W. L. Porter of Salem, president of the Richardson County Sunday School association, has issued a program for the coming meeting, which will be held in Falls City, June 1-3. The Beveridges have a place on the list, as do also Field Secretary Steidley and Miss Mamie Haines of St. Paul.

Andrew Nelson, a Norwegian farmer living near Ewing, Holt county, is in the county jail at O'Neill, having confessed to a criminal assault upon his daughter Mary, 16 years of age. A complaint charging him with the crime was filed by two other daughters of the accused. Nelson is said to have made a clean breast of the crime to County Attorney Mullen, who filed a complaint against the man, charging incest.

The board of regents of the State University met and denied the request of the interurban railroad for a right of way through the state farm. It accepted the resignation of C. S. Lobinger as professor of law; granted certificates to thirty-eight members of the medical school, provided for a three years' course for the law school and located the new administration building.

The Plattsmouth city council has passed an ordinance protecting all vegetation within its jurisdiction.

Laconic Lord Russell.

Lord Russell of Killowen used to relate this story: "I remember a case in which a very innocent remark of my own elicited the fact of a previous conviction. A prisoner was addressing the jury very effectively in his own behalf, but he spoke in a low voice, and not hearing some of his observations, I said: 'What did you say? What was your last sentence?' 'Six months, my lord,' he replied. It was Lord Russell who, in reply to the question, 'What is the extreme penalty for bigamy?' uttered this classic: 'Two mothers-in-law.'"

HALF RATES VIA WABASH RAILROAD.

The Wabash offers many rates to the East from Chicago: Bellefontaine, O., and return. Sold May 29th to June 3rd. \$7.35. Boston, Mass., and return. Sold July 1st to 5th. \$21.00. Saratoga, N. Y., and return. Sold July 5th and 6th. \$17.45. Detroit, Mich., and return. Sold July 15th and 16th. \$6.75. All tickets reading over the Wabash R. R. between Chicago and Buffalo are good in either direction via steamer between Detroit and Buffalo without extra charge, except meals and berth. Stopovers allowed. Remember this is "The Cool Northern Route" and all Agents can sell tickets from Chicago East via the Wabash. For folders and all information address, HARRY E. MOORES, G. A. P. D., Omaha, Neb.

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To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund money if it fails to cure. 25c.

"If there is anything I hate, it is for people to try to make me over on their last."—Drake Watson.

All creameries use butter color. Why not do as they do—use JUNE TINT BUTTER COLOR.

There are two varieties of the smart woman. One has a high forehead and the other hasn't.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. SAMUEL, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

A Particular Would-be Groom.

Charles Thernert, a fairly well-to-do Long Island farmer, wants a wife, but imposes certain conditions on candidates for a corner in his affections. For instance, the lady must be a good housekeeper over 30 years of age. He is willing to buy his wife two gowns every year, to cost not more than \$20 each, with shoes, hats, etc., to correspond. The future Mrs. Thernert must agree to forego high-heeled slippers, open-work stockings, cigarettes and poodle dogs, the would-be bridegroom thinking such frivolities are not suited to a farmer's wife.

Only One Lance.

At a dinner Chancellor Vo Bulew gave before his recent departure for Italy, Emperor William met Professor Delitzsch for the first time since his majesty criticized the professor's lecture on the Babylonian origin of the Bible. The professor is hard of hearing, and the emperor's part of the dialogue was consequently in a rather high voice. His majesty greeted him with: "Well, professor, we have broken a lance together since I saw you." "Only one lance, your majesty," responded the professor to the fact that he had never replied to the emperor.

An Old Lady's Discovery.

Garnett, Ark., May 18th.—For 18 years Mrs. Mary Dunlop of this place has suffered with kidney trouble, which was so bad at times that it made her life a burden. She tried much medicine and many treatments, but got no better. At last, however, Mrs. Dunlop claims to have found a perfect remedy, and she is so pleased at the wonderful cure she herself has received, that she is telling all her friends and praising the medicine to everyone she meets.

The name of this medicine is Dodd's Kidney Pills, and it has done wonderful work for Mrs. Dunlop. Everybody is talking about it, and some people are claiming to have been cured of Rheumatism by it.

A Mrs. Garrett who lives in Brazil, this state, was at the point of death with some Cerebro-Spinal trouble and was saved by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

It is certain that no other medicine ever introduced here has done so much good in such a short time.

Gossip isn't real bad unless the telling of it makes an hour seem like two minutes.

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