

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Last year America imported only 8,000,000 bushels of potatoes.

Twenty-four persons living in County Tipperary, Ireland, are centenarians.

It is said that Texas alone markets \$50,000,000 worth of cattle annually.

Secretary Hay will remain at his family home in Sunapee, N. H., until October.

Japanese is the latest language to be added to the list at the University of Chicago.

It is said in London that J. M. Barrie has reaped larger profits from fiction than any other contemporary writer.

According to mail advices from Shanghai several hundred lives were lost in the great floods at Chefoo, briefly reported by cable.

Miss Ida M. Tritt has been elected treasurer of the New York & Queens County Street Railway company. She possesses unusual business qualities.

Mrs. Shaw, wife of the secretary of the treasury, and their two daughters, who are now in Paris, will return to this country late in September.

Mr. Cleveland has written friends in St. Paul, Minn., accepting conditionally an invitation to visit Minnesota on a hunting expedition in October.

Daniel E. Hubbard, who has been in his time educator, lawyer, consul-general, and acting commissioner of education for Porto Rico, is in the Grafton (Mass.) almshouse.

Nicholas Murphy, a New York politician, who died the other day, was the former long-distance pedestrian of America in the palmy days of that sport.

Rear Admiral Harris, the recently appointed paymaster of the navy, will spend two weeks at Narragansett Pier with Mrs. Harris, who has been there about a month.

The Catholic organ Germania hears from Rome that the late Pope Leo's fisherman's ring, which disappeared shortly after his death and which was thought to have been stolen, has been found.

Chinese representatives from Peking assert that the banished Prince Tuan is there incognito and that he has had several secret interviews with the dowager while the emperor was asleep.

H. A. Bigelow, an attorney of Honolulu, to whom was tendered the chair of criminal law in the University of Chicago, has accepted the offer and will shortly leave Honolulu to assume his duties.

Hon. David B. Henderson, ex-speaker of the house, is the recipient of a great deal of attention at Magnolia, where he and Mrs. Henderson and Miss Henderson are spending the summer.

Leon C. Marshall, who has recently been called to the chair of economics in the Ohio Wesleyan university, is probably the youngest man to occupy such a position anywhere. He is now 24 years of age.

Mr. Joseph Pulitzer has provided the sum of \$2,000,000 to establish a school of journalism at Columbia university. A new building for the school will be erected on Morningside Heights, at a cost of \$500,000.

Gen. Leonard Wood has returned from a visit to the governor of Borneo, where he has been for some time observing the methods adopted by the British government to pacify and promote the interests of the natives and to improve the commercial conditions of the country.

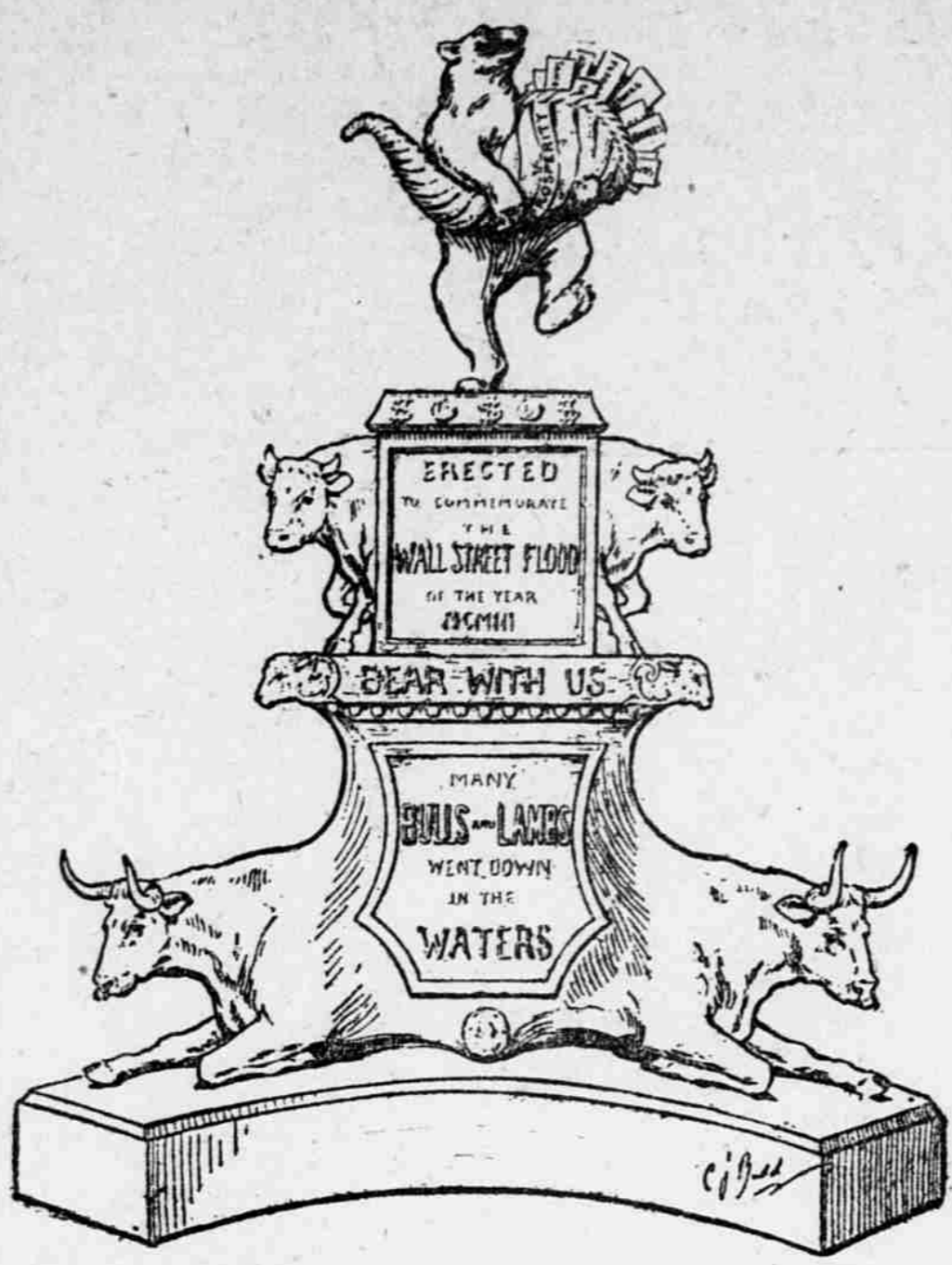
The Berlin Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is taking the initiative in attempting to bring about an international understanding on the subject of cruelty to animals and birds in Italy, with the aim to support the work of the Italian societies and with the co-operation of the Italian government.

The assistant attorney general for the postoffice department has rendered a decision depriving the commissioners of the District of Columbia of the franking privilege, which they have heretofore exercised. The decision is based upon the fact that they are not officers of the United States, but officers of a community.

Mr. McMaster, of Montreal, a leading Canadian lawyer, will represent the United States before the privy council of England on the application for leave of appeal from the decision of Justice Caron, of Quebec, in the Greene and Gaynor cases.

Acting Secretary of State Loomis has received two cablegrams from Minister Beaupre, at Bogota, the latest dated August 15, conveying the information that efforts are still being made to find a way to revive the canal treaty.

DESIGN SUGGESTED FOR MONUMENT IN WALL STREET.



SIX MASKED MEN

ROB THE DEPOT AT M'FARLAND, KANSAS.

STATION IS QUICKLY LOOTED

Railroad Men Are Soon Subdued—Passengers at Lunch Counter Rush to an Ustairs Room and Save Themselves by Blocking Entrance.

M'FARLAND, Kan.—At 1 o'clock Friday morning six masked men, heavily armed, appeared at the Rock Island depot and started to enter the office door.

Conductor Monnehan of freight train No. 48, which had just pulled in, and Night Baggageman Charles Toler saw them and hurriedly attempted to block the door, but the robbers forced an entrance and, after taking their money and watches, beat the railroad men into insensibility.

They then rifled the depot of its contents and going hurried to the eating house, held up and took all the valuables from half a dozen men on the platform, employed at the round house, and a part of the train crew.

Passengers at the lunch counter scurried upstairs and blocked the entrance effectively. The bandits then looted the eating house cash register and silverware, doing their work in a cool and collected fashion, after the manner of veterans.

Then, apparently as a joke, they marched and carried six of the Rock Island employes, including the night hostler and Baggageman Toler, and locked them in a refrigerator car and disappeared in an easterly direction.

During the thirty minutes of their presence not a shot was fired and only Monnehan and Toler were injured.

Two hours after the robbers disappeared Sheriff Fry had organized a posse, released the prisoners from the refrigerator car and galloped in pursuit. The bandits were headed toward Topeka.

The bandits secured eight watches and probably \$150 in money. They left McFarland on foot. The night agent at Paxico, four miles east of McFarland, saw them pass by along the tracks on foot at 2:30 o'clock.

At 1 o'clock Friday afternoon there is a report from Paxico that Sheriff Fry and Chief Custy of the Rock Island detective force, aided by four county deputies, have the robbers located in a patch of timber near Paxico.

Advices from Paxico at 2:30 show that the bandits eluded the posse in pursuit and passed on through the thick brush.

Cleveland's Baby Boy. NEW YORK.—The baby boy recently born to Mrs. Grover Cleveland at Buzzards Bay, Mass., has been christened Francis Grover Cleveland, a name selected by the other children.

Funds for the University. LEXINGTON, Ky.—Dr. George H. Denny, president of Washington and Lee university, who has just returned from Chicago, announces that the widow and children of the late Cyrus H. McCormack have given a fund of \$10,000 to the university, the proceeds of which are to maintain the new science hall. Prior to the death of Mr. McCormack he gave \$20,000 to the university, and this latter gift is in line with his wishes.

DEMOCRATS AND POPULISTS.

The Respective Conventions Unite on the Same Ticket.

Supreme Court Justice..... J. J. Sullivan University Regents..... W. A. JONES, DR. E. G. WEBER

GRAND ISLAND.—The populists in state convention here put in nomination the above ticket. It referred to next year's convention a resolution endorsing the Denver manifesto.

After nominating Judge Sullivan of Columbus for supreme court justice, there was discussion of the question of notifying the democratic convention at Columbus of what had been done. Following this the convention nominated by acclamation two candidates for regents—Prof. William A. Jones of Hastings and Dr. E. O. Weber of Valparaiso.

The resolutions adopted declared national issues are not involved in this campaign.

The Democrats. Supreme Court Justice..... J. J. Sullivan University Regents..... W. A. JONES, DR. E. O. WEBER

COLUMBUS.—The democratic state convention was late in assembling, and as it gathered news had been received of the action of the populist convention in Grand Island in making nominations. P. L. Hall announced the fact in calling the convention to order.

H. W. Risley of Grand Island was named for secretary. The delegations were accepted as reported and the temporary organization was made permanent.

W. I. Ailen of Schuyler placed Judge Sullivan in nomination for supreme judge and it carried by acclamation. The nomination of Jones of Adams and Weber of Saunders for regents was made by a rising vote.

In accepting his nomination Judge Sullivan modestly denied the possession of any special qualifications, except independence. He went on the bench a free man and promised so to remain.

The resolution committee reported a platform. It reaffirmed the platform of the Kansas city convention in the fewest words possible and condemned the resset currency plan and further legislation along the line of the Aldrich bill.

FREIGHT DEPOT DESTROYED.

Rock Island Sustains Big Loss at Chicago.

CHICAGO, Ill.—At midnight Thursday fire started in the freight house of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific railroad, situated at Polk and Sherman streets. The flames had secured quite a start when discovered, and by the time the first engine arrived, the building, which is 250 feet long and two stories high, was a mass of flames. The firemen from the first had no hope of saving the structure or its contents.

The loss was primarily on outgoing freight and is estimated at \$500,000.

Jan Kubelik is Married. VIENNA.—Jan Kubelik, the violinist, was married at Debreczin, Hungary, on Wednesday to Countess Marianne Czaky, niece of Coloman Von Czelli, former premier of Hungary. Only a few friends were present. Bishop Wolotka performed the ceremony. The couple have proceeded to Prague to visit the bridegroom's mother, and from there they will proceed to Marienbad to spend their honeymoon.

General Nebraska News.

CLERK MICKEY HAS A PLAN.

New Method in Bookkeeping for Institutions.

LINCOLN—Chief Clerk Mickey of the governor's office has a plan for a uniform system of bookkeeping for all the state institutions and has sent out invitations to bookkeepers of the institutions to meet together in Lincoln Wednesday, September 9, for the purpose of discussing the feasibility of putting some such plan into operation.

Mr. Mickey has figured out a combination record and ledger which is to be substituted in each of the institutions for the ones now in use. At the top of the page of the new book will be a statement of the fund under which the items entered will come and the appropriation made for the fund. The columns of the book will contain in order a space for the date, name and claimant, number of the voucher, amount of the voucher, number of the warrant, date of payment, amount of warrant, amount of the appropriation expended, the balance of the appropriation left and general remarks.

Heretofore each institution has had its own system of bookkeeping. The chief clerk audits all the accounts of the institutions every month and he has found it rather difficult to keep track of the various systems used. Suggestions will be asked for from the various members at the conference and it is possible that the scheme worked out by Mr. Mickey will be altered to some extent.

BIG CATTLE FEEDING CONTRACT.

One Firm Makes Deal for All Beef Pulp from Sugar Factory.

NORFOLK.—Every pound of beef pulp which emanates from the Norfolk sugar factory during the next half decade will go into the mouths of cattle which Butterfield & Son, stock dealers, are feeding. A contract has just been closed whereby this firm agrees to purchase the entire output of the institution during the coming five years. This will mean the feeding of 2,000 additional head of cattle in Norfolk each winter. They will be maintained in the yards near the factory, so that the pulp may be transported by machinery. Farmers have been feeding this material for years and it has proved a wonderful success.

Chance for Big Corn Crop.

COLUMBUS.—E. M. Sparhawk, a successful farmer who lives on the Butler county line just south of the Platte river, was in town. In speaking of the crop prospects he said he had never had a better prospect for a bumper crop of corn than he has right now. He has been farming in this locality for thirty-five years and should know what he is talking about. "Hold your front off for two weeks," he said, "and I will raise the biggest crop of corn ever."

Chews Off Opponent's Ear.

PAPILLION—Charles Clinton was arrested and brought from Gretna by the sheriff. It is alleged that during a country dance Clinton got into a fight with John Thomas and chewed the latter's ear off.

Mad Dog Scare at Holdrege.

HOLDREGE.—Mrs. Charles Hedlund and three small children were bitten by an apparently mad dog. Two of ex-County Surveyor Billings' children, a boy named Charles Paltzer and the son of Al Anderson have also been bitten. The Pitzer boy was taken to Chicago Monday for treatment and Mr. Hedlund took his wife and children to Chicago two days later.

Adjudged to Be Insane.

NEBRASKA CITY.—On complaint of J. D. Durr, Fred Wilkenning, living near Paul, was brought to this city, charged with insanity. When brought before the insanity commission he was adjudged insane and taken to the asylum at Lincoln.

The state bureau of labor has issued an estimate of the value of the crops that Nebraska will garner this year. The figures are as follows: Wheat, \$36,681,516; oats, \$21,310,884; corn, \$86,836,538; rye, \$3,211,107; total, \$148,040,045; per capital value, \$123.40.

Wolf Bounty Warrants Unclaimed.

Auditor Weston was authorized by the last legislature to pay all claims for wolf bounty accruing since the year 1399 at the rate of \$1 for each scalp. Since then Deputy Anthes has forwarded warrants to upward of 300 claimants, while also rejecting a large number of claims for bounty dated as much as twenty years back. Of the claims allowed many are now returning to the auditor's office, being wrongly sent.

THE STATE AT LARGE.

Many veterans attended the reunion at Riverton.

Recent heavy rains interfered greatly with threshing.

Pierce recently had a fire that entailed a loss of \$4,500.

A dog supposed to be suffering from rabies was killed at Nebraska City.

Work on the electric line from Omaha to Papillion, it is stated, will commence soon.

The board of supervisors of Gage county met to take some definite action on ripping the Blue river just east of Blue Springs.

Two brick buildings in Omaha fell the other day with a great crash. No lives were lost, though in one of the structures much damage was done to a stock of groceries.

J. S. Wheeler, residing three miles southeast of Beatrice, threshed his wheat crop. The early sown grain yielded twenty-six bushels to the acre and the late sown nineteen bushels to the acre.

Rev. C. A. Lysaght of the Catholic church of Jackson died there after an illness of several months. He was about 53 years of age and had been engaged in church work here for twenty years.

The Fifth judicial republican convention was held at York and placed in nomination Judge A. J. Evans of David City and Judge Smith of Aurora. There were four candidates seeking the nomination.

The building committee of the Young Men's Christian association at York is experiencing difficulty in securing bids for the erection of the association building. Many more carpenters and a few more contractors would find continuous employment at York if they would locate there.

Chief Deputy Game Warden Carter, after having returned from a two weeks' trip through the northern tier of counties, has come to the conclusion that there is less violation of the game laws in that section than had been supposed. He says the violations this year are about the same as in previous years.

Pure Food Inspector Thompson has forbidden the sale of a barrel of vinegar, sold by the Nebraska Mercantile company of Grand Island to Fred Schwartz of Wood River. The vinegar was represented as malt product, but examination made by the state chemist proved it to be a chemically concocted affair and not what it was claimed to be.

The signal corps at Fremont received from the adjutant general's office a consignment of lances, wires, brackets and insulators for temporary telephone service, with a half dozen telephone instruments and a switchboard. The lances, or poles, are twenty feet long and sharpened at the bottom so they can easily be stuck into the ground.

The preliminary hearing of Alex Bylair, charged with the murder of Charles Baltiet, near St. Helena, August 16, occurred at Hartington before Judge Bridenbaugh. All the testimony taken was introduced by the state. The witnesses were members of the murdered man's family. The court bound Bylair over without bail to appear at the fall term of district court to answer to the charge of murder.

Mrs. D. P. Rolfe of Nebraska City Edward Himes, a soldier of the Twenty-second infantry at Fort Corok, was brought to Papillion charged with criminally assaulting Ruth Hammon, a 16-year-old girl, also of that place.

is disposing of her household goods and will go east to make her home with her adopted daughter. She has been a resident of that city for the past forty years and is the widow of the late ex-Mayor D. P. Rolfe, who was one of the best known men in the state among the pioneers.

Four judicial aspirants filed certificates showing the amounts expended by them in securing their nominations. Judge John B. Barnes of Norfolk certified that his expenditures were \$16.50, of which \$16 was for headquarters at a Lincoln hotel and 50 cents for letters. Albert H. Babcock of the First district puts his expense at \$21.45, and George I. Wright, nominee for supreme judge on the prohibition ticket, declares that he didn't spend a cent.

William Stratford, a youth living in North Bend, had his leg broken in a curious way. He was swimming with some other boys, and in diving from a board his foot caught in a rope, causing the weight of his whole body to sprain the limb and snap the bones.

At Waco J. Mullan and Ed Markum, two young men, became involved in a quarrel that finally resulted in a mixup, which was of short duration, and the outcome was Ed Markum was shot in the leg, causing a serious and painful injury.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations From South Omaha and Kansas City.

SOUTH OMAHA.

CATTLE—The heavy rains interfered materially with the live stock market. Many of the trains were unable to get here in time for the market, while those that did arrive came in late. As a result there was not much stock on sale at the opening of the market. Packers, though, were anxious for supplies, and as a result the market was active and fully steady on desirable grades.

The few corn-fed steers that arrived sold freely at steady to strong prices where the quality was at all desirable. The better the quality the more strength there was to the market, and the top price of the market was \$5.50. It was also the top price of the year to date. The cow market was not quite as good as yesterday. Some of the choicest bunches did not suffer to any great extent, but the general run of cows sold generally a dime lower. Buyers did not seem to care much to take the prices offered. Bulls, veal calves and stags did not command any more than steady prices. There were very few stockers and feeders offered, and they sold without much trouble at steady prices if the quality was at all desirable. Common stuff, though, was more or less neglected. Western grass fed steers were very scarce and the few that were offered changed hands freely at fully steady prices.

HOGS—There was a light run of hogs but counting those that were carried over there was a good supply on sale. The market opened slow and generally a dime lower. Heavy hogs sold largely from \$5.15 to \$5.20, with some coarse heavies as low as \$5.10. The medium weights sold mostly from \$5.30 to \$5.39 and lightweights from \$5.39 to \$5.40. There were no choice lights on sale such as have been selling at the top prices of late. Trading was slow from start to finish and as a result the day was well advanced before the bulk was disposed of.

SHEEP—Quotations for grass stock: Good to choice lambs, \$4.75 to \$5.00; fair to good lambs, \$4.50 to \$4.75; good to choice yearlings, \$3.40 to \$3.65; fair to good yearlings, \$3.25 to \$3.40; good to choice wethers, \$2.90 to \$3.15; fair to good wethers, \$2.75 to \$2.90; good to choice ewes, \$2.50 to \$2.75; fair to good ewes, \$2.35 to \$2.50; feeder lambs, \$2.50 to \$2.75; feeder yearlings, \$2.25 to \$2.50; feeder wethers, \$2.00 to \$2.25; feeder ewes, \$1.50 to \$2.50.

KANSAS CITY.

CATTLE—Corn cattle highest of summer: wintered western, steady; stockers and feeders, dull, lower; native cows, slow; quarantine cows, strong; quarantine steers, steady; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$4.75 to \$5.00; fair to good, \$3.60 to \$4.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$3.00; western fed steers, \$3.00 to \$3.25; Texas and Indian steers, \$2.75 to \$3.00; Texas cows, \$1.50 to \$2.00; native cows, \$1.50 to \$2.00; native heifers, \$2.00 to \$2.25; canners, \$1.00 to \$1.25; bulls, \$2.00 to \$2.25; calves, \$2.00 to \$3.00.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Market steady; lambs, weak; stockers and feeders, firm; native lambs, \$3.00 to \$3.15; fed ewes, \$2.00 to \$2.25; Texas clipped sheep, \$2.00 to \$2.25; stockers and feeders, \$2.00 to \$2.50.

HOGS—Market, 50 lbs lower; top, \$5.90; bulk of sales, \$5.00 to \$5.50; heavy, \$3.50 to \$5.50; mixed packers, \$5.45 to \$6.50; light, \$5.50 to \$5.80; yorkers, \$5.70 to \$5.90; pigs, \$5.00 to \$5.75.

PERSIANS WANT OLD TIMES.

Mohammedan Leaders Serve Notice on Shah.

BERLIN.—The Christian Orient, a German missionary paper published in Berlin, prints correspondence from Teheran, alleging that the leaders of the Persian Mohammedan church have served notice on the shah that, unless he purges the country of the foreign religions and commercial influences, especially British and Russian, the church will precipitate a revolution.

The church leaders also demand that the shah restore the religious and economic conditions which prevailed in Persia a century ago. The correspondent says the anti-foreign movement is not directed against the Germans, because the natives are convinced that Germany has no political intentions and that they consider Turko-American friendship to be a forerunner of good feeling toward Germany throughout the Mohammedan world.

GERMANY WANTS AN ISLAND.

Would Take Fernando Po From Spain to Protect Colony.

BERLIN.—Major Morgen, the well-known German colonial expert, writing in the Cologne Gazette, asserts that the German government has already taken steps and is preparing to take further steps to insure the island of Fernando Po coming into the possession of Germany whenever Spain is ready to dispose of it. Major Morgen says:

"If the island were to fall into the hands of a military and naval power like Great Britain, it would constitute a wedge in our flesh, such as we have permitted to be driven into us at many points, but which we must hereafter guard against.

Nebraska Day at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS.—The committee on ceremonies has designated October 18, 1904, as Nebraska day at the World's fair, the assignment being made at the request of the Nebraska commission. Chief Coburn of the live stock department of the exhibition, returned from Des Moines, Ia., where he attended the state fair and conferred with members of the Iowa commission in reference to exhibits at St. Louis next year.