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M'COOK. - - NEBRASKA

Isn't the neglected boy graduate WANTS TO WIN HER VICTORY

worthy of a little newspaper attention, too? The man who killed Bobrikoff wrote

to the czar explaining matters. It was a waste of energy. The average height of Jap soldiers

is 5 feet 3 inches. They are good shots and poor targets. Again Mr. Schwab has got home

from Europe-this time without creating any general excitement.

A woman often believes in her husband because he proved his sound sense and good judgment in marrying her.

King Edward of England made no

descent from his royal dignity when he received General Booth of the Salvation Army. Ramon Corral, elected vice presi-

Diaz gets through. The speculator who announces that he owes \$1,000,000 and is sorry he cannot pay must not imagine he has

would like to loaf all the time.

a monopoly of the grief.

England have no children. Children warned King Edward that he must not may not make marriage happy, but they tend to make it indissoluble.

A Milwaukee man has invented a system of card playing by telephone. He probably wanted to counteract the growing system of telephone sermons.

Georgia hastens to assure the world that the peach crop in that state is simply enormous, in spite of the fact that this is a presidential

J. Pierpont Morgan is gradually retiring from business, but at the present speed he shows in his retirement tune, so far as the Japanese are conit will take him about 367 years to get cerned, for any such step. Japan, it clear out.

means to destroy the mosquito cannot a position to maintain such advanpretend that religious prejudice fur- tages as she has already won in Mannishes any of the obstacles in the way churia. Without a commanding strao" their success.

als, all men are created equal, but to push forward. everybody who ever attended the meeting of a woman's club knows that all women aren't.

is too hot to work these summer after- one way or the other. Subsequent to noons finds it just right to sit on the Japanese achieving or failing in and watch a game of ball.

you think of those New York troops tember because "many of them are now. unused to manual labor?"

Mrs. Russell Sage is said to be very charitable. In charitable work she is Russell's right hand, and the probabil- Details of Fight at Fen Shui Pass ity is that the left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing.

Mme. Sarah Bernhardt has made up now appearing in a London theater. The divine Sarah has been making up successfully for a great many years

Iceland has had just two thefts in 1,000 years. Cut it up into wards, give it boards of aldermen, establish good government leagues, then will Iceland shake off its glacial ways for modern

The Russians captured a newspaper correspondent, blindfolded him and took him into Port Arthur, where they thrust him into a pitch-dark dungeon. But that excuse won't go with the guns on Sunday morning. This enmanaging editor.

upon Vice Admiral Kamimura to resign or commit suicide. Kamimura is probably not keeping very happy if he reads the "Hints for Hot Weather" in the Jap journals.

The tests of the agricultural department indicate that boric acid, taken as feel encouraged now to make a similar test with carbolic acid.

The theory that all cats are immortal gets a severe jolt from the lightning bolt that struck a house in Denton, Md., doing no damage to the people in the house, but instantly kuling the pet cat sitting by the open door.

The British admiralty is being ridiculed for having appointed a dead physically dead.

awarding the fight to the young man. of Santo Domingc.

McCook Tribune AS TO MEDIATION

JAPAN NOT IN POSITION TO LISTEN TO IT JUST NOW.

She Must First Secure Strategical Point, But Even Then Former Terms Would Not Be Acceptable-England Ready to Mediate.

LONDON .-- The news from Washington that steps were believed to have been taken looking to the mediation between Russia and Japan creates great surprise here. The British government not only has taken no part in such measures, but apparently is ignorant that they are in progress. Official opinion here from Premier Balfour down is that the time is not yet ripe for any offer of mediation, but to quote a person in Mr. Balfour's confidence:

"Great Britain has kept the door open for any such contingency. It is not likely that this government would be acceptable in the role of arbitrator, but it would at the right time use all of its influence to urge the belligdent in New Mexico, hopes to corral erents to accept the offer from a suitthe presidency also when President able mediator. There seems to be no reason for thinking that the government would not fill that role suitably, but Russian opinion is always a rather unknown factor."

From the highest official sources here and from the Japanese legation comes the positive statement that Advocates of a Saturday half holi- nothing whatever has resulted from day believe that half a loaf is better the interviews between King Edward than none. Some persons, of course, and Emperor William at Kiel in any way connected with the Russo-Japanese war. There seems to be no doubt About half the couples divorced in that responsible ministers seriously, initiate any step in that direction with his imperial nephew.

The Japanese legation, it appears, made discreet inquiries as to whether or not this advice was carried out, and it was stated there tonight that there was every reason to believe the war was not discussed at Kiel, except in the most informal and conversational

It was also pointed out at the Japanese legation, which was entirely ignorant of any news concerning a movement toward mediation, that the present moment would be the most inopfirst secure some such strategical The scientists engaged in seeking point as Liao Yang before she is in tegical base. Japanese officials here believe their forces would be unable According to Thomas Jefferson et e'ther to rest on the present laurels or

Whether this is accomplished by a decisive battle or by the retirement of the Russians, the Japanese here say mediation cannot be dreamed of until Many a man who complains that it that phase of the struggle is settled the bleachers under the broiling sun this objective, it was thought that mediation might be possible, but Baron Hayashi, the Japanese minister, re-Speaking of tin soldiers, what do iterates that the terms Japan was willing to accept prior to the hostiliwho won't go to Manassas next Sep- ties cannot possibly be considered

JAPS TELL OF VICTORY.

Sent Out from Tokio.

TOKIO.-Detailed reports of the capture of Fen Shui pass on June 27 show that the Russians were driven with her leading man and the two are from an exceedingly strong position dominating the Shi Muchen road. In this engagement the Russian losses were again heavier than those of the Japanese. The Japanese outmaneuvered the Russians by working around the enemy's right flank and attacking him in the rear.

> The Japanese advanced in three columns. One was assigned to deliver a frontal attack and the others to strike the enemy on the flanks. The column which advanced upon the Russian right flank fought a separate action. It encountered three battalions of

infantry, six guns and two machine gagement lasted until sunset of Sunday. At this hour the Japanese biv-Japanese war critics are calling uacked and renewed the assault at midnight, when they succeeded in defeating the Russians.

Kiel Meeting Little Discussed. BERLIN.-Few of the newspapers here have discussed the political importance of the meeting at Kiel bea steady diet, is not a wholesome arti- tween King Edward and Emperor cle of food. The department should William, and those who have discussed it confined themselves to general terms. When they particularized at all it was in connection with the relations between Great Britain and Germany, the editors looking upon the meeting as a evidence that these relations were "normally cordial." No mention has been made of the Russo-Japanese war in this connection,

Minister to Santo Domingo.

WASHINGTON-Thomas C. Dawman to office. This is not at all un- son, the newly appointed minister to that the Chik Wan Shan, Chican Shan common in this country. But perhaps Santo Domingo, cabled the state de- and So Cho Shan forts, southeast of day to elect thirty-six delegates to the the Britishers mean to aspert that the man appointed by the Admiralty is man appointed by the Admiralty is man appointed by the Admiralty is morning. Mr. Hoover came to New morning. Mr. Hoover came to New morning. Mr. Hoover came to New morning. proceeding directly to the capital of day fight, beginning with an artillery to work for the nomination of Sena- ago. Santo Domingo to present himself to duel. So Cho Shan, it is added, was tor Francis M. Cock-ell for president. Banner county is the second to file Dr. Hoover, and has lived here con-A St. Louis judge has decided that President Morales in his capacity of first captured and the other forts fell United States Senator William J a report of its assessment with the tinuously ever since. He was a very the young woman's father has a right minister to succeed Mr. Powell, the soon afterward. The Russians re- Stone, Gov. A. M. Dockery and Con- state board of equalization, and the active business man during his life. to go down stairs after 11 p. m. and new minister will be taken aboard treated west, leaving forty dead, and gressman Champ Clark and D. A. De report shows a decrease in the total with the exception of the last two or interrupt the proceedings. But the the Newark, or if that vessel is occu- the number of wounded has not been Armond are in the lead for delegate- assessment from \$254,311 in 1903 to three years, which time his learned judge does not say how the pied, then on the Bancroft or Scor- ascertained. The Japanese force con- at-large, although there is a move \$118,978.56 this year, though the ac- health has been falling. He leaves young woman is to be prevented from pion, and will visit the principal ports sisted of all branches of the service. ment to make ex-Senator George G tual valuation this year was \$944, a wife, one daughter, a steps in and

TRAINS WILL SUE FOR LAND.

Heirs of George Francis Contemplate Action to Recover Vast Property.

OMAHA .- A suit to obtain possession of 500 acres of valuable city property in Omaha, covered by streets, homes and buildings of various kinds, is to be started in the federal court by heirs of the late George Francis Train. The property involved is estimated to be worth from \$20,000,000 to \$30,000,-000, and is bounded, roughly, by the Union Pacific tracks, Twentieth street, Vinton street and the Missouri river. It is an immense section of the most thickly populated of the south side.

The property was bought in 1865 by George Francis Train, then in the zenith of his career as a financier of the Union Pacific railroad and boomer of Omaha and the west. It passed out ing of people for several days past of his hands on mortgage foreclosere proceedings, and now the heirs propose to recover the value of the land or its equivalent in money on the ground that George Francis Train was an approximation of 1,000 land lodeclared a lunatic by the New York courts, and no provision made for the protection of his property rights.

RUSSIANS NOW WANTING COREA.

No News Taken to Indicate That Bat-

tle is imminent. ST. PETERSBURG. - No further word has come from General Kuropatkin later than June 27 and not a single newspaper dispatch has been received from the front during the last twenty hours. This silence in the theater of war is regarded as a sign of the coming storm.

The Bourse Gazette this morning

"We are on the eve of a battle which may settle the fate of Manchuria and Corea. Both must become Russian-the former because Russian blood was shed there, the latter because it is essential to the safety of our commercial interests between Vladivostok and Port Arthur."

JAPS CARING FOR RUSSIANS.

Wounded Are Treated by the Mikado's Nurses.

LONDON.-The correspondent of the Standard at Matsuyama, Japan, cabling under date of June 30, says:

"Today I visited the Russian prisoners here. Five hundred and eight of them were admitted to the army hospital, practically all of whom suffered from wounds inflicted by small arms. Two hundred and nine have was maintained at the legation, must | been discharged as completely cured. At present there are twelve officers, thirty-seven non-commissioned officers and 245 privates under treatment here, and all of them are likely to recover, with the exception of one who has been paralyzed.

"There are five temporary hospitals in Matsuma, in which Japanese ladies, women missionaries and members of the Red Cross assist in the nursing."

FOR LIFE IN THE PEN.

Supreme Court Passes on the Case of Mrs. Lillie.

LINCOLN, Neb .- Mrs. Lena Margaret Lillie must serve a life sentence in the penitentiary. So decrees the Nebraska supreme court in an opinion handed down on Thursday.

The decision was a surprise to a number of the jurists who have defended the David City woman, charged with the murder of her husband, Harvey Lillie. They expected that a new trial would be granted, and the decision, coming as it does at the last summer session of the judges, caused deep gloom among the prisoner's

An attempt will be made to get a re-hearing, but in the meantime the prisoner will be brought to the penitentiary to begin the sentence.

Money for the Militia.

WASHINGTON .- Acting Secretary Oliver of the war department has made the usual annual allotment of the \$1,000,000 appropriation providing arms and equipments for the organized militia for the United States. Of the money apportioned Arkansas will receive \$17,952; California, \$19,947; Colorado, \$9,973; Idaho, \$5,984; Illi nois. \$53,858; Iowa, \$25,932; Kansas, \$19,947; Missouri, \$35,905; Montana, \$5,984; Nebraska, \$15,958; Nevada, \$5,984; North DWakota, \$7.979; Oregon, \$7.979; South Dakota, \$7,979; Texas, \$25,905; Utah, \$5,984; Washington, \$9,973; Wyoming, \$5,984; Arizona, \$5,767; New Mexico, \$5,234; Oklahoma, \$13,104; Hawaii, \$7,500.

Convicts California Lyncher. BAKERSFIELD, Cal.-James, Cow-

an, a Mojave miner, charged with the murder of James Cummings, a negro, who was lynched at Mojave on March 19, was, on Thursday, convicted of manslaughter. The jury recommended the prisoner to the mercy of the court. One juror stood out all night for murder in the first degree, with the death penalty. The other members of the mob who went to the jail with the intention of tarring and feathering the negro may now be prose-

Claim Capture of Three Forts TOKIO.-It is unofficially reported The Japanese lost three officers: Vest one of the big four.

RUSH TO GET LAND

THOUSANDS OF MEN AND WOM-EN FILE ON TRACTS.

ORDER PREVAILS EVERYWHERE

Crowds at the Land Office Stand in Line All Night in Order to Be on Hand in the Morning-Miss Pitts Gets First Chance.

SIDNEY, Neb .- The streets packed with people from everywhere, anywhere and all other directions characterized the opening here of the land to settlement under the new Kinkaid homestead bill. The gradual gatherpreparatory to the opening steadily grew until with last evening's gorgeous setting of the Western Nebraska sun there had assembled in Sidney caters. As denser fell the shades of the Sidney night, so also closer grew the ranks and lines of the Cheyenne homeseekers.

Beds were an utter impossibility, and the future settlers coalesced into long and serried columns, which occupied city streets and sidewalks, these columns reaching from cuburbs to the night-closed doors of the centrally located land office in the Oberfelder block. The night hours passed rapidly with the jollity of agreeable concourse and comradeship and the jubilance of the next day's assurance of the ownership of wide and rich

The dawn broadened to the daylight and the daylight burst into the sunlight With the rising of the sun the long line of waiting homeseekers steadied themselves anew, and with the opening of the land office doors at 9 o'clock were apparently as fresh as if they had counted no long and weary periods of the waiting night.

During the lagging hours of the dark watches Miss Nettie Pitts had been a bright particular star, shedding a cheerful and constant radiance from one end of the waiting line to the other, and when at last the doors of the land office were open, she and her venerable father were, by a unanimous and hearty vote, given, irrespective of any rotation in the line of land locaters, the first two land filings in Cheyenne county under the new Kinkaid homestead law. Miss Pitts quickly filing on a superb 480-acre homestead and her father at once following her with a 480-acre location. These two locations started the rush, and from thence to 4 p. m. the filings fell thick and fast, running at times as high as one per minute, with 400 locations registered for the day and a cash land office aggregate of \$5,000.

The locations of today will aggregate 200,000 acres, while tomorrow will see the filing on of at least 150,-000 acres additional. The third day will be handsomely represented, and it is expected that these three days of initial location under the Kinkaid homestead act will bring a total settlement approximating 500,000 acres in the Sidney land district.

The Sidney land office officials ex press the confident opinion that the work of locations of the first three days will be continued on a sufficient scale to practically exhaust the entire 850,000 acres available under the Kinkaid land act in this district within the next three months.

NATIONAL PROHIBITION TICKET.

An Eastern Candidate Named for Standard Bearer.

INDIANAPOLIS. - The prohibition party, in national convention here, nominated Silas C. Swallow of Pennsylvania for president and George W. Carroll of Texas for vice president.

The platform presented by the resolutions committee denounces the le galized sale of liquor, and expresses the view that it is ruinous to individual and national interests. It denounces the two leading parties for lack of statesmanship on the part of their leaders, for their lack of interest in the liquor question, and promises not only that the traffic shall not exist in any form, but that the party will enact laws to abolish the manufacure and sale of liquor.

It also asserts that the issues of the two leading parties are a subterfuge for the spoils of office, and that the prohibition party is really the only party which can run the government along correct lines and for the best interests of the public.

Bryan May Not Bolt Parker.

PITTSBURG .- "William J. Bryan will not bolt his party ticket if Judge Parker is nominated for president. Of this I am confident," declared ex-Senator J. K. Jones national democratic chairman, while in this city en route to the St. Louis convention. "As to what Mr. Bryan might do if Mr. Cleveland is nominated. I could not say, but I regard the nomination of Cleveland as little short of an impossible contingency. Outside of Judge Parker, Mr. Hearst will have the greatest number of instructed delegates."

Missouri Wants Cockrell.

JOPLIN, Mo.-Missouri democrats will meet in convention here Wednes-

≪NEWS IN NEBRASKA ≪

The Burlington road will erect a,

new depot at Beatrice.

mills, as against 24 last year. North Platte taxpayers are congratulating themselves over a decrease in city tax levy from twenty-seven to

fourteen mills.

two miles north of Geneva, for \$9,000. This is one of the best improved farms in Filmore county. O. K. Brown of Dunbar was the buyer.

gressman, and the youngest member of age and a citizen of the United of the congressional body, was mar- States, or has declared his intention ried in Norfolk to Miss Winifred Hartley at the home of the bride's sister, proprietor of more than 160 acres of Mrs. W. G. Baker.

last week for a three months' visit to the provision of the bill just passed Europe to benefit his health and to any person who has heretofore taken visit relatives in Denmark. He was a homestead may take enough more accompanied by Hans Hansen of Bray- to make up the 640 acres. Widows ton, who also goes to Denmark on a

According to statements made by prominent railroad men in Lincoln, the Burlington may combine the southern and western divisions, abandoning the offices at Wymore and con- Sheridan, 480,391; Sioux, 862,252; centrating the division forces at Mc-

James Blair, living near Powell, Jefferson county, was killed by being thrown from his buggy, his horse running away. He was over 70 years of Keith, 129,755; Perkins, 14,344; Kinage, and had resided in the county ball, 108,492; Banner, 42,716; Lincoln, about thirty-five years, living on the 232,266; Rock, 220,362; Kaya Paha, same farm where he first settled.

A traveling man, giving his name as F. W. Mueller, was stopping at an 440; Hayes, 15,657; Hitchcock, 1,997. Auburn hotel, in Falls City, the other day and gave the landlord a check for \$30 on a bank outside of Auburn. Af- der the provisions of the recent irriter cashing it the hotel man found it gation act. These withdrawals are worthless, the man being unknown to principally in the counties of Scotts the bank. He was arrested and taken Bluffs, Deuel, McPherson, Lincoln, to Auburn.

Supt. and Mrs. Johnson of the Institution for Feeble Minded Youth at Beatrice returned home from Portland, SWAMPY LAND TO BE DRAINED. Me., where they had been attending the national conference of correction and charities for the past week. They say that the meeting was largely attended, delegates being present from all parts of the United States.

two years ago sold for \$50 per acre.

by a vicious horse. While leading one animal to water, Mr. Poggemeyer came up back of another, which kicked him squarely in the mouth. His upper jaw was fractured and several teeth knocked out. The injury was serious and will disable the man for found dead in his cornfield, a mile

Although new buildings are being erected in Shelton at a rapid rate, it is almost impossible for all the people

pointed Jacob F. Halderman of Bur- not applicable here. The rush has chard as special examiner of state been on for two weeks past, and is banks. Mr. Halderman is to succeed unabated. Perpetual water rights for W. A. Hartwell, who resigned recently a small sum and the land free is suffion account of ill health. The appointment will take effect July 1.

some fields a little weedy, but abun- crop. dance of rainfall since early in May, and present prospects for corn and F. Foreman, at Hoskins, was bitten spring grain were never better. Po- by a rattlesnake and is in a serious tatoes and garden crops also premise condition as a result. At Niobrara an abundant yield. The acreage of Frank Tobusk, a 14-year-old lad, plowsmall grain is doubtless not over 25 ing corn, was also bitten on the arkin, per cent. of last year's crop.

Frank Pickell, supposed to be from Omaha, is in jail at Papillion as a suspicious character. He is thought to NEMAHA.-J. B. Hoover, an old

£92.80.

ACRES FOR HOMESTEADERS.

West Point's levy this year is 10 Detailed Information for Those Seek-

ing Free Land. WASHINGTON. - The authorities have issued detailed information concerning the land available for homestead entry under the Kinkald act. As a help to those interested, the follow-C. P. Emery sold his 160-acre farm, ing statements have been formulated

by employes of the government: Under the provisions of the Kinkaid act, which will go into effect June 28 at 9 o'clock a. m., every person who Burton F. French, Idaho's only con- is the head of a family, or is 21 years to become a citizen, and is not the land in any state or territory, may Judge Paul Anderson of St. Paul left take a homestead of 640 acres. - Under have the right to take a homestead as the head of a family.

The land is located in the follow-

ing counties: Greeley, 1.760 acres: Valley, 400; Custer, 32,904; Box Butte, 46,512; Dawes, 148,820; Scotts Bluff, 136,211; Cheyenne, 474,817; McPherson, 561,-356; Deuel, 647,317; Logan, 174,059; Hooker, 316,158; Grant, 178,419; Thomas, 245,261; Blaine, 219,912; Brown, 422,641; Cherry, 3,320,900; 25,927; Boyd, 2,520; Garfield, 152,200; Holt, 154,320; Loup, 207,780; Wheeler, 108,700; Chase, 44,251; Dundy, 113,-

About 1,500,000 acres of the lands have been withdrawn from entry, un-Chrery, Box Butte, Dawes and Cheyenne counties.

Five Thousand Acres in Sarpy County

to Be Fitted for Farming. PAPILLION. - H. D. Patterson, county surveyor, has completed a report on the proposed Forest City At a meeting of the public library drainage ditch and submitted it to the of Grand Island it was ordered that commissioners. This ditch will run the library be closed for three days through the west portion of the counand that all the books be fumigated. ty, and will drain in the neighborhood Complaint has reached the library of 5,000 acres of swampy land, renderboard, directed at it, that it has per- ing it in a condition to be farmed. Two mitted books to go and come from a ditches are required, the main ditch home in which there was scarlet fe- alone draining 5,102 acres of land. It ver, and it is stated that such an inci- will be 29,765 feet in length, 5 feet dent did occur, though there are com- deep and 6 feet wide at the bottom. paratively few cases of scarlet fever. The cost of constructing such a ditch One of the biggest land deals made will be \$9,648.81. Altogether 49,362 in this section for some time, says a cubic yards of earth will have to be Beatrice dispatch, was made of the excavated in its building. A spur H. H. Smith farm of 160 acres to W. ditch will also be constructed from the Sloan McHugh of Chester, Neb., for main one, its length to be 2,600 feet: which he paid \$75 per acre, the total depth, 4 feet; width at the bottom, 6 amount being \$12,000. The land is lo- feet. A removal of 3.444 cubic yards cated four miles south of Beatrice and of dirt will be required. This smaller ditch will drain 336 acres of soggy Henry Poggemeyer, who lives near land and will cost \$673.42. Total Cook, in Johnson county, was kicked length of the two ditches will be 32,-365 feet, affording the best of drainage for 5,439 acres of land. Total cost, \$10,323.73.

Probably Heart Disease.

AYR .- When Franklin Easter was and a half southeast of this place, it August Wachter of Fremont met was supposed that he had been killed death in the Platte river. In company by lightning, as a storm was raging with a number of others, he went at the time. But Dr. Talbot, who was down for a swim after supper. He on the ground soon after the accident dived from the upper top span of the occurred ,pronounced it a case of bridge across the south channel and heart failure. Mr. Easter was an old never came to the surface. The wa- settler here, and a very popular man, ter at this point is only thirty inches always having a genial word and a deep, and it is supposed that he struck hearty handshake for all. His loss will be keenly felt by the community.

Rush for Irrigated Land.

SCOTTS BLUFF.-Government surwho want to live there to find houses. veyors are at work north of this place, This difficulty is common to a large near the Scotts Bluff-Sioux county number of towns in central Nebraska. line, on the proposed government O. A. Gallatin of Saunders county has ditch. The ground over which they perfected a roller and cultivator that have passed has looked so feasible is especially adapted to use with list- that grade stakes are being placed and ed corn. Farmers who have examined subscriptions for water received. The the work of the new machine say that practical assurance has started a stamit will do as much work in one colti- pede for the lands under the survey vating as other cultivators do in two. Which are open to homestead entry in The state banking board has ap- 160-acree tracts. The Kinkald bill is especially if he is at all familiar with the benefits and assurances of irriga-The corn acreage in Dawson county tion farming. It is expected that is probably double what it was last about 2,600 carloads of potatoes will year, and is in first-class condition; be marketed here from this year's

but is out of danger.

Nehraskan Since 1834.

be the man who stole a horse and settler, died while sitting in his chair two stepdaughters.