

News in Brief

The czar of Russia, with 90,000,000 acres, is the biggest landowner in the world.

Secretary of War Taft will speak at the St. Louis exposition on Manila day, August 11.

Sir George Richard Dibbs, former premier of New South Wales, is dead. He was born in 1834.

Dr. Orlando Brown, formerly a brigadier general in the United States army, is dead here, aged 77 years.

Green McCurtain was re-elected governor of the Choctaw nation, defeating T. W. Hunter. This is the last tribal election.

Matt Storm, well known throughout the United States as a horse trainer and owner of thoroughbreds, is dead at San Francisco, aged 50 years.

Secretary Morton has issued a special order to the navy commendatory of the service to the country of the late Rear Admiral Henry C. Taylor.

The fly-wheel of a 70-horsepower engine in the plant of a tin-foil company at St. Louis burst while running at full speed and instantly killed Frank Gamache.

In revenge for having been prosecuted on a charge of breaking a window, Ignatz Kita, in Chicago, shot and killed John Solarik and wife in their saloon at 57 Rawson street.

Despite official denials, Madrid newspapers insist that a marriage has been arranged between the Infanta Maria Teresa, sister of King Alfonso, and Prince Ferdinand of Bavaria.

Sol Temple the Oklahoma outlaw, who shot and almost killed Police Sergeant William Gibson last May, was given a sentence of ten years in prison at St. Joseph, Mo., for the crime.

The populist national committee has decided to have the formal ratification of their party candidates for president and vice president at Cooper Union, New York city, on August 18.

Dr. William Frye, a physician, reported to the Kansas City police that burglars had entered his home and stolen \$6,500. They turned on the gas in an effort to asphyxiate the family.

An invitation was forwarded today by western democratic leaders to ex-President Grover Cleveland to take the stump for Judge Parker in Illinois in the coming presidential campaign.

There is a society in England which has as one of its chief objects to strip the modern stage of its elaborate scenery and to return to the days when the play was the thing, and not its setting.

General Davis, governor of the Panama canal zone, has left Panama, having been called home on account of the illness of his wife, who has been spending the summer in the Adirondacks.

According to a message received from Harbin, General Kurapatkin has ordered the removal from that place of all useless civilians in order to provide the greatest possible accommodation for the winter quarters of the Russian army.

E. M. Johnson, president of the defunct Fidelity Savings association of Denver, and John L. Jones, secretary, arrested on a charge of having made false statements, were released on bonds. The grand jury is investigating the failure.

Col. Clarence R. Edwards of the insular department, who has arrived from Washington announces that President Roosevelt will probably visit the World's fair in October. Colonel Edwards says that the president is anxious to see the exposition, and the details of the trip will soon be completed.

Thirteen life insurance companies in Great Britain refuse to accept risks on unvaccinated persons.

A special from Digby, N. S., says that a sailboat containing eight or ten American tourists capsized and sank off Smith's Cove, near Digby, and that all on board were drowned.

Judge M. L. F. Smyser of Wooster, Pa., was nominated for congress by republicans of the Seventeenth district.

The Mexican government will soon pay to the Kansas City, Mexican & Orient railway the sum of \$700,000 subsidy, due on the first 100 kilometers of line constructed from Topolobampo to El Fuerte.

The Erie railroad has adopted a hospital car, which is equipped to render medical aid whenever needed along the road at a moment's notice. A doctor and attendants are constantly in charge.

The controversy over the sinking of the British steamer Knight Commander is not expected, either in British governmental or Russian diplomatic circles, to reach an acute stage, both governments having adopted a conciliatory attitude.

A Joliet man has invented a process for making steel beer kegs, using old rails.

Seventy-five thousand dollars for a thimble seems something of an extravagance, but this was the cost of one presented to the Queen of Siam by her husband.

At Ponca City, O. T., Clarence Irwin killed his mother-in-law, Mrs. John James, and immediately committed suicide. The cause of the tragedy was Mrs. James' refusal to allow Irwin to see his wife, with whom he had previously quarreled.

STILL FAR APART

NO INDICATIONS OF SETTLEMENT OF STRIKE.

BOTH SIDES MAKING CLAIMS

Packers Say They Have Plenty of Men, While Donnelly Declares There Are Not Enough to Break the Strike Aid from the Labor Federation.

CHICAGO.—All the labor unions in Chicago have endorsed the stock yards strike. After listening to the strikers' side of the controversy, which was presented to them by Michael J. Donnelly, president of the striking butchers' union, the Chicago Federation of Labor, which is composed of every labor union in Chicago and has a membership of nearly 300,000, adopted resolutions pledging the moral and financial support of the federated body as long as the strike continues.

Each member of the central body will be assessed a small sum per week and the whole amount will be turned over to the striking unions to help in the support of the strikers and their families during the struggle with the packers. The exact amount each member is to be assessed was left in the hands of a committee with orders to report results tomorrow.

While the officials of the Federation of Labor were unable Sunday night to give an exact estimate of the amount of money the strikers would secure from this source, it was stated that the total sum would be well up in the thousands each week.

After a fight which has lasted for nearly four weeks, a settlement of the stock yards strike seems to be as remote as at any time since the struggle for supremacy began. Neither side to the conflict, during all this time, has shown any signs of weakening.

The packers, while claiming that they will soon have their affairs in normal condition again, so successful have they been in securing non-union men, still admit that so far they have been able to get but 550 of their old employes back, and the majority of their employes are unskilled workers. In the last statement given out by the packers it was said that not half as many men were at work as before the strike began.

These men have been brought to Chicago from all parts of the country, the majority of them having never seen a meat packing plant before coming here.

With these men the packers have succeeded in accomplishing a great deal of work, but according to the strikers, every animal that has been slaughtered since the strike was called has been at a financial loss to the packers, as in the majority of cases a lack of unskilled workmen has made it impossible to operate the by-products departments, and this source of revenue, which, under normal conditions, is a clear profit to the packers, has been allowed to waste.

Last week the packers were fighting strikers when work was resumed Monday morning, but there is nothing to-night that would indicate that the men were even considering such a step, nor that they had any idea of surrendering Monday or at any future time. According to Michael J. Donnelly, president of the butchers' union, the organization which precipitated the strike, the strikers are in a better position today than they were on July 12, the day the original strike was called.

JAPS SLAIN BY THOUSANDS.

Sustained Great Losses, According to Russian Reports.

ST. PETERSBURG.—A telegram from Che Foo, dated August 7, says that according to Chinese information a fierce battle was fought on the land side of Port Arthur August 1st. The Japanese are reported to have been repulsed with great loss, the killed alone being estimated at 10,000, while the Russians lost about 1,000.

The telegram says that Lieutenant General Stoessel was personally in command, and that the conduct of the Russian troops was splendid.

Lieutenant General Stoessel, commanding the Russian military forces at Port Arthur, in an undated dispatch to the emperor, says:

"I am happy to report that the troops repulsed all the Japanese attacks of July 26, 27 and 28, with enormous losses.

"The garrison's enthusiasm was extraordinary. The fleet assisted in the defense by bombarding the Japanese flank.

"Our losses during the three days were about 1,500 men and forty officers killed or wounded.

"According to statements of Chinese and prisoners, the Japanese lost as many as 10,000.

"Their losses were so great that the enemy has not had time to remove the dead and wounded."

Fierce Japanese Fire.

LIAO YANG.—Detailed reports arriving at headquarters show that the right wing of the Japanese army had the hardest fighting during the battle of last Sunday. A sensational feature occurred at Chobaide pass, ten miles from the Motien pass. A brigade constituting a center column raced with two Russian regiments for the possession of the summit commanding the Russian flank. The Japanese fired as they ascended, dislodging the Russians from the rocks and killing or wounding 1,000.

COUNT KELLER KILLED.

Japanese Shell Ends the Life of Russian General Near Liao Yang.

MUKDEN.—It is reported that Lieutenant General Count Keller has been killed east of Liao Yang.

LONDON.—A dispatch to a news agency from St. Petersburg confirms the report of the death of General Keller, saying he was killed by a fragment of a Japanese shell at the time he was opposing the Japanese advance along the railway near Hal Cheng.

Lieutenant General Count Keller, at the opening of the war, was in command of the Second Siberian Army division. He was 54 years old, and resigned the governorship of Ekaterinostaff in order to go to the front. General Keller took part in the three campaigns of the Russo-Turkish war. In 1887 he commanded the Imperial Rifle regiment and later was director of the corps of imperial pages, by which Keller came in contact with the members of the imperial family, with whom he was in great favor. General Keller was considered to be the possessor of cool judgment and to be a fine strategist. Though a strict disciplinarian, Keeller was a kind and careful officer and popular with his men. He wore a short gray beard, had keen blue eyes and dressed in khaki.

HAS SUNK MORE THAN ONE SHIP

Vladivostok Squadron Returns to Port and Tells of Action.

VLADIVOSTOK.—The Vladivostok cruiser division returned to port at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The cruisers were in perfect condition. They captured, during their cruise, the steamer Arabia and destroyed some schooners, a small Japanese steamer, one German steamer and one British steamer. The last-mentioned two were carrying contraband material, and had nearly reached their destination—Yokohama—but were almost without coal, and it was therefore impossible to send them to Vladivostok.

The cruisers steamed up and down in front of the Japanese capital, but saw nothing of the enemy's warships. Although the Russian vessels had only three doors through which to get home—the straits of Corea, La Perouse strait and Tsugaru strait—which apparently could easily have been barred by Vice Admiral Kamimura's vessels, bad luck pursued the Russian admiral, and the Russian cruisers had no difficulty in eluding him.

CORTELYOU MEETS PRESIDENT.

Outlines Western Campaign—Will Have Thirty Advisers.

WASHINGTON.—Republican National Chairman Cortelyou arrived Thursday from Chicago. He called on President Roosevelt for an hour. The conference related largely to details of the opening of the campaign headquarters in Chicago and the political situation in western states.

Chairman Cortelyou declined to be interviewed for publication regarding the campaign or any of his recent observations. He expressed pleasure that the national executive committee, the personnel of which he announced two days ago in Chicago, had met with such general approval.

Mr. Cortelyou will not announce, perhaps for several days yet, the composition of his campaign advisory committee. That committee will consist of prominent republicans from various parts of the country. Its number is not limited and it may include thirty members.

BONDS FOR POSTAL CLERKS.

Postoffice Department Issues Order Requiring Them.

WASHINGTON.—The postoffice department has issued a general order directing that every railway postal clerk shall give a \$1,000 bond to the United States for the "faithful discharge of all duties and trusts imposed upon them by law and the rules and regulations of the department. Each clerk shall pay the premium chargeable to himself. Bonds will be filed with the second assistant postmaster general.

This order affects approximately 10,000 employes, embracing all the railway postal clerks, except those who are assigned to clerical duties in which they do not have access to registered mail.

FUSION IN KANSAS.

Populists Accept Offer of Democrats to Divide Offices.

TOPEKA, Kan.—After midnight this morning the populist state convention, which had spent the night discussing the proposal to fuse with the democrats in the state campaign, decided to accept the democratic offer of a division of the ticket. The middle-of-the-road faction of the populists at once announced dissent, withdrew from the hall, organized another convention and adjourned until 10 a. m., when it is expected they will nominate a straight ticket. The fusion forces nominated David M. Dale for governor.

Nebraskans Drowned in Colorado.

BOULDER, Colo.—Mrs. Lina Chambers of York, Neb., and Mary Renkes, the 12-year-old daughter of Charles Renkes of this city, were drowned in Boulder creek. They were part of a camping party in Bummer gulch, six miles from here. Without any warning, a wall of water, caused by a cloud-burst, came rushing down the gulch, carrying the tent and the inmates into the creek. Mrs. Chambers and Mary Renkes were carried dinto the stream by the torrent of water and drowned. The bodies were recovered.

LAND FOR GRAZING

RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING SAME BY THE STOCKMEN.

WHAT THEY WOULD HAVE DONE

Stockmen's Interest Transferred to Management of the Agricultural Department—No Action Taken with Reference to Butchers' Strike.

DENVER, Colo.—The western stock growers, who have been conferring here for three days with the special land commission appointed by President Roosevelt, finally adjourned, without taking any action with reference to the strike at the packing house centers.

A resolution was adopted with practical unanimity urging on congress "the necessity of the transfer at the earliest possible date of the management of the forest reserves to the department of agriculture, where not only the forests, but all the interests involved, may be properly studied and protected."

Discussion of the resolutions concerning grazing lands was animated, but finally adopted as follows:

"Whereas, After full discussion, the fact has developed that conditions over the vast area included in the grazing districts of the west are so varied and conflicting that much time must of necessity be consumed in the classification of the public grazing area, as well as the determination of range customs and usages in different districts; and,

"Whereas, The past creation of forest reserves has often been ill-advised and far-reaching and the administration thereof as concerns the grazing interests has been faulty, even to injustice, and believing that the department of the interior is not fully equipped to study and handle the forest reserve question; and,

"Whereas, Feeling that the present grazing system has been built up through a term of many years, consuming the life work of the western pioneers and of the younger generation, entailing untold hardships and even sacrifice of life, and believing that such sturdy efforts entitle the great majority of the present occupants of the range to no uncertain voice in the initiation of any legislation that may affect their interest; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we favor the passage of a law which will authorize the secretary of agriculture to thoroughly classify the vacant lands of the United States and determine the condition at present governing the use of the grazing areas and to ascertain those sections of the range, and if there be any to which a lease system can be satisfactorily applied, be it further

"Resolved, That the power to create and administer forest reserves shall be vested in the department of agriculture, which is especially organized and equipped for this purpose; and be it further

"Resolved, That we favor government control of and jurisdiction over all public grazing areas by or through the department of agriculture; local questions being decided on local grounds and under regulations made to meet local conditions; that the range rights of present users of the grazing areas as determined by priority of occupancy and present use shall be carefully safeguarded, and that no sudden or stringent upheaval of existing conditions which would cause commercial distress shall be made; on the other hand, such legislation must be gradual in its effect and leases granted only where locally satisfactory as determined by the proper authorities."

FAIRBANKS HAS WORD.

Republican Candidate for Vice President Notified of Nomination.

INDIANAPOLIS.—Charles W. Fairbanks, senior United States senator from Indiana was on Wednesday vice president of the United States by the republican national convention.

The notification address was made by Elihu Root, ex-secretary of war, who was temporary chairman of the convention. The exercises were held on the wide veranda of Senator Fairbanks' beautiful home in the presence of members of the notification committee, consisting of one member from each state and territory, the governor and other state officers of Indiana, the republican candidates for state office, the Indiana republican congressional delegation, Indiana delegates and alternates to the national convention, the state central committee and the Republican Editorial association. All these had been specially invited. On the lawn surrounding three sides of the residence and extending far on all sides beneath the great forest trees were several thousand friends, neighbors and political supporters of the senior senator.

GRAFTING IN AMERICAN NAVY.

NEW YORK.—A naval board is investigating reports that certain petty officers on the receiving ship Hancock, stationed at the Brooklyn navy yard, have been selling ratings or promotions to sailors for cash. The reports were started by bluejackets who talked freely of the matter ashore.

When the commissioned officers on the ship and in the yard heard of these reports they reported to the navy department, and a board was deputed to investigate the rumors.

NEWS IN NEBRASKA

APPORTIONING THE TAXES.

Some Counties Will Pay More and Others Less Than Last Year.

LINCOLN.—The assessed valuation of the state as fixed by the state board of equalization is \$294,721,308.65, an increase over the assessment of last year of \$106,262,929.51. But with this great increase in the value of property the increase of taxes as a general proposition will not be material, though in some of the counties the increase will be felt. In all, the amount of revenue that will be brought in exceeds the amount of last year only \$245,011. The total amount for all purposes for the year under the 6-mill levy will amount to \$1,768,327, against \$1,523,316 last year. For the general fund there will be realized \$1,326,145.

The increase in the value of property over that of last year is 54 1/2 per cent. This property this year was assessed at \$248,628,456.20, while last year it was assessed at \$161,173,433.44. The railroad property was assessed last year at \$27,284,946, and this year at \$46,082,852.75.

The work of the county assessors was well done, and in many instances the assessors have been complimented by the state board. In only twenty-two counties were any changes made at all, and the highest change was an increase of 10 per cent.

While the revenue law has been looked upon as a mogul with red horns, the work of the board has not demonstrated that it is a thing to be feared. In nineteen counties of the state taxes this year will be reduced from the amount paid last year. These counties are Banner, Blaine, Boone, Cherry, Dakota, Deuel, Frontier, Grant, Holt, Howard, Keith, Keya Paha, Logan, Loup, Phelps, Red Willow, Rock, Scotts Bluff and Wheeler.

PEOPLE ARE ALL UP IN ARMS.

Cheyenne County Not Satisfied with Tax Levy.

SIDNEY, Neb.—The action of the state board of equalization in raising Cheyenne county 10 per cent, has aroused the indignation of this section, and is being vigorously denounced. The taxpayers, irrespective of party affiliations, are up in arms. This county has paid more taxes in proportion to land values than any other county in the state, simply because revenue had to be raised to carry on the county government.

Grazing lands that could be bought for 75 cents to \$1 per acre were this year assessed for \$1.50 an acre, and this raise of 10 per cent, makes the land value \$1.65.

Cass County Peaches.

PLATTSMOUTH.—Several wagonloads of choice home-grown peaches were sold on the streets of Plattsmouth for 75 cents per bushel. Dr. J. B. Hungate has made several shipments of choice peaches to St. Louis and some have been placed on exhibition at the World's fair.

Contracts for Election Notice.

Secretary of State Marsh has completed his contracts for the publication of the notice for the call of a constitutional convention to be voted on at the next election. One paper in each county will publish the notice, the total amount to be paid being about \$6,000.

Cass County Mortgage Record.

PLATTSMOUTH.—The Cass county mortgage record for July is as follows: Nine farm mortgages were filed, amounting to \$25,500; nine released, \$22,278; city property, nine filed, \$7,019; six released, \$3,635.

Search Proves Fruitless.

PLATTSMOUTH.—Sheriff McBride returned from a fruitless search for the thieves who stole a team and wagon and burned a barn at Weeping Water Tuesday night. The trail of the men was followed to a point about a mile north of the Marshall farm, where it was lost. So far as known no suspicious appearing men were seen in the town during the day preceding the robbery, and it is evident that the thieves came and went during the night.

Only Slight Discrepancy.

LINCOLN.—Examiner Wiggins, who is examining the books of former Adjutant General Colby, has about completed the work, and outside of \$2,000 worth of blankets which turned up missing, and which Colby subsequently accounted for, Mr. Wiggins has found missing about \$150. It may be that General Colby will be able to show receipts for this amount, but the examiner was unable to locate them. General Colby and Mr. Wiggins went over the reports that will be shortly filed with the governor.

Peach Trees Make a Change.

NEBRASKA CITY.—Several of the best-known fruit growers in this section of the county claim that peach trees that bore freestone peaches heretofore are bearing clingstone peaches this year. W. D. Hollabaugh and Emery Sherkey, two very successful fruit growers, say their freestone peach trees are bearing the clingstone variety. They are at a loss to explain this phenomena, and can give no explanation of the transformation. Some of the trees, they claim, are bearing both the free and clingstone varieties.

THE STATE AT LARGE.

Work is rapidly progressing on West Point's new passenger depot.

The four-weeks-old child of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Carroll of Nora was found dead in bed.

Lancaster county has inaugurated a van movement for the collection of delinquent personal taxes.

Fremont gardeners report potatoes rotting badly on account of the wet weather. The quality is good and the yield fair. Sweet corn is rather backward.

Miss Catherine Woods, who taught in Plattsmouth for two years, has been appointed secretary to Prof. J. W. Crabtree, new president of the Peru Normal.

James W. Scott, a farmer living a few miles north of Humboldt, lost two valuable milk cows as the result of a stroke of lightning, both animals being instantly killed.

William McCormack, who was first in the Rosebud drawing, is not now a resident of Lancaster county. He is employed in the Treasury department at Washington, and until recently his people lived in Clay Center, Neb. They now live in Missouri.

Threshing of wheat is now the order of the day in Johnson county. The crop is very poor, many fields hardly being worth the cutting. Some few fields will yield from twelve to eighteen bushels per acre, but ten bushels per acre is a more common thing.

Major Church Howe, United States consul general at Antwerp, Belgium, arrived home in Nemaha county recently, looking hale and hearty. The major is glad to return home and greet his old Nemaha county friends once more. He likes his work and life at Antwerp.

Henry Schneider, proprietor of a meat market at Dabury, was found dead in bed. The top of his head had been shot off from the discharge of a shot gun. It is the general belief that the man committed suicide. He obtained a divorce from his wife at the June term of court.

Armour's packing house at Lincoln has been closed down and will not be reopened. M. M. Eearle, who has been the resident manager, will open up a business in the same locality on his own responsibility. The Armour firm employed fifty-two men, who will be thrown out of work.

The \$40,000 school bonds which were voted in Hastings July 5 for the construction of a new high school were sold at public auction. The bonds were bought by Noble, Moss & Co., of Detroit, Mich., through the Exchange National bank of Hastings at a premium of \$1,950.

Bernhart H. Schwein has filed his petition in the district court of Dodge county praying to have his name changed to Schrine. He wants the change because the old one doesn't sound good in English and also because he is a student in theology, soon to be ordained as a clergyman.

John D. Pope of Friend left for his new home in Chicago. On the eve of his departure about five hundred of the leading citizens of Friend and the surrounding country gathered on the lawn of Mr. A. B. Sanders in order to bid farewell to their esteemed citizen and friend, and present him with a token of their appreciation.

At Falls City on circus day D. S. Huffnall of Rulo came to town to see the show and at the same time attend to some business. Being township treasurer of Rulo he drew \$465 of public money and returned home on the afternoon train. The train was crowded. A short time after leaving the train he looked for his money. It was gone. It is thought his pocket was picked.

The wheat yield in Pawnee county is said to be very satisfactory.

The corner stone for the home office building of the Royal Highlanders was successfully laid at Aurora.

An accident occurred upon the streets of Cedar Rapids, by which William Sterling of that place lost his life. He was engaged in moving a large frame building, using block and four horses for motive power.

While he was driving the horses a double-tree broke and the end of the four horse ever being released, came back and struck him in the region of the stomach, resulting in his death four hours later.

Thomas Roane, a colored soldier from the Twenty-fifth infantry, who had gone insane after service in the Philippines, passed through Plattsmouth from Fort Crook to Washington, D. C., accompanied by two members of the hospital corps. The unfortunate man's hands were fastened together and his feet were shackled, and to prevent him from talking incessantly in Spanish and English at the top of his voice it was necessary to keep a cloth drawn through and over his mouth.

The city of Osceola used to have a weather service, but on account of neglect it got into disrepute and was abandoned. But through the good work of Congressman Hinshaw, the section director and Judge Saunders a weather service has been established again.

The remains of John Weden were found decayed in his home at Bartley. He had been in poor health for some time. At the coroner's inquest it was found that he died from natural causes. He was an old soldier, very eccentric and lived alone in his own home.