

"Jack Frost," complains the Boston Herald, "is flirting with us." Slap him on the wrist.

Perhaps the New Yorker who lived on grass would point to that as proof of his horse sense.

The tremendous apple crop of this year might arrange a pair advantageously with the wheat crop.

In what better way could a Newport heiress get her jewels before the public than by being robbed of them?

Prof. Benbow successfully steered his air ship for 500 yards at St. Louis. But it's a thousand miles to Washington.

It would suit Lipton if the rules of the game could be so amended that he could have his British yacht built in America.

An eminent sculptor declares the human foot is growing smaller, but it is understood he never worked with Chicago models.

The Brooklyn man who lived on grass for six months seems to have succeeded in reducing a meat diet to its first principles.

If Sir Thomas Lipton is going to race with an American-built boat manned by an American crew the cup is indeed in danger.

Hans, the educated horse, proves to be a fraud. Still he probably has brains enough to know what to think of his recent admirers.

It will take thirty yards of material, the dressmakers say, to make an autumn dress—but they won't bother Dr. Mary Walker.

An Ohio man has been arrested for killing a book agent. Possibly, however, the sheriff was new to his business and didn't know any better.

In order doubtless to dispel local prejudice against the practice, Boston papers announce that a woman 103 years old "takes a daily bath."

What a helpless creature is man! A convention of dressmakers says that big sleeves are to be in style once more and he cannot prevent it.

Close on the heels of Mr. Hill's promised retirement comes John L. Sullivan's equally conclusive announcement that he is "done with booze."

The folly of the woman who marries a man in order to reform him is exceeded only by the folly of the man who marries a woman in order to reform her.

J. Pierpont Morgan has acquired a reputation as a dog fancier. He gave \$10,000 the other day for four beautiful collies. His money now is going to the dogs.

Experts in education aver that the wonderful Berlin horse, Hans, shows real power of mental concentration. Hans must be related to some mules we have known.

Maybe the reason why the Japanese soldiers get 45 cents a month pay, instead of half a dollar, is that the Japanese war department doesn't do anything by halves.

Western civilization is permeating China. In another generation it will not be considered a disgrace for a Chinese woman of high rank to stand on a broad footing.

Speaking about discipline, an educational expert urges the school teacher not to let bad boys know they annoy her. Just smile joyously when the bent pin strikes home.

London is getting giddy. The daughter of the lord mayor has been fitted by an Egyptian official and somebody exploded a bunch of firecrackers in Westminster Abbey.

John D. Rockefeller has given \$100,000 to the Young Women's Christian Association of Cleveland. The members must resemble the biblical virgins who also had oil in their lamps.

Five American automobiles are sold abroad for every one that is imported to this country. Which seems to indicate that the automobile, besides having come to stay, has come to go.

Two Buffalo women fought with crow-bars for the possession of a clothesline. The loser is about to make business for the undertaker and the winner is being sought by a vaudeville manager.

An Alabama spellbinder got married between trains while on his way to deliver a speech in New York. It would have been better advertising if he had had the ceremony on the platform right after his speech.

It's noble in those Menominee (Mich.) girls who will wear on their silk stockings mottoes in praise of the town. But, name of Venus! What of the classical proportions of ankles, so constructed as to afford advertising spaces?—New York World.

POSTS CAPTURED

THREE DAYS' FIGHTING IN PORT ARTHUR VICINITY.

JAPANESE SUCCESS REPORTED

They Capture Several Important Posts—Their Losses, However, According to Russian Sources, Were Unusually Severe.

CHE FOO—As a result of the battle before Port Arthur, which began on September 19, the Japanese succeeded in capturing several important posts and Sunday the Russian tenure of the big forts guarding the north, northeast and northwest sides of the town is seriously threatened.

Chinese information places the Japanese losses under 3,000 for the three days' fighting, and this comparatively small casualty list is due to the excessive care used by the Japanese in making their preparations for the advance. Russian sources, however, claim to have information that the Japanese losses were unusually severe, amounting to fully three times the number mentioned above.

Possibly the most important capture during the three days' fighting was that of Fort Konropatkin, which, while of minor value with regard to preventing the entrance of the Japanese into the town, had been constructed for the purpose of protecting the source of the garrison's water supply. The control of this water supply is now in the hands of the Japanese.

As was announced in these dispatches on September 20, the battle began before daybreak on September 19. At this hour the citizens of the garrison of Port Arthur, after the enjoyment of weeks of comparative security, awoke to the thunderous reports of artillery along the line extending from the west of Itz mountain to Rihulung and Kikwan mountains. This was but a preface to the assault, which was destined to result in the capture of three new and important Russian positions, together with six small annoying forts lying between Shushiyen and Rihulung mountain. During the day and night of the nineteenth and at noon of the twentieth the bombardment continued without cessation, and the many shells falling from quarters which previously had been silent made it obvious that the Japanese had at least succeeded in mounting heavy guns in new positions or in strengthening their old positions. The infantry fighting during this period was comparatively trivial.

At noon on September 20 the Japanese right and center, the former being to the west and the latter to the east of the railroad, commenced the advance. The troops made use of the trenches and infrequent natural cover that lay in their way. The small forts to the south of Shushiyen resisted this advance but briefly, their garrisons not being strong numerically. Since the beginning of the bombardment the artillery fire from Fort Kouropatkin had been growing steadily weaker and it having become apparent that the had been practically silenced the Japanese assaulted the forts.

GEORGIA MOB LYNCHES NEGRO.

People Leave Church to Participate in Lynching.

ATLANTA, Ga.—A special to the Constitution from Royston, Ga., says: John Ware, a negro, was lynched in Franklin county for fatally shooting Cy Daniel, a son of George Daniel of Danielsville. Young Daniel and the negro had some words over a trivial matter. It is said the negro, becoming greatly enraged and swearing that no white man could run over him, drew a pistol and shot Daniel, the bullet inflicting a wound that will prove fatal.

The news of the shooting quickly spread and a crowd began gathering, many leaving church to join in the search for the negro. Ware was captured and while being hurried to Carnesville by the sheriff was overtaken by the mob. He was taken from the sheriff and hanged to a tree.

THERE ARE NINE DEAD.

An Electric Car Blown to Pieces by Dynamite.

MELROSE, Mass.—An outward-bound electric car containing thirty-two persons was blown to pieces in this city Wednesday night by striking a fifty-pound box of dynamite that had fallen off an express wagon. Six persons were killed outright, three more died of their injuries within an hour, and nineteen others on the car were taken to the two hospitals suffering from severe injuries. At least a score of persons in the immediate vicinity of the explosion were hurt by flying glass and splinters.

So great was the force of the explosion that all but the ten feet of the rear portion of the car was blown into small pieces, while windows within a radius of a quarter of a mile were shattered.

Jealous of American Shipping.

LONDON—The London Morning Post in a strong editorial on the shipping question says that German energy is conspicuous, but that there is even greater need to keep a watchful eye on the shipping of the United States. The paper suggests with withdrawal of the privilege of recovering a freedom to negotiate for reciprocal concessions and thinks a revival of some of the old navigation laws would be easier now than if the step becomes necessary in the face of greatly increased rivalry.

PROTECTS MONEY OF INDIANS.

Proceeds of Lands Deposited in Bank Subject to Agent's Control.

WASHINGTON—One of the most drastic orders ever issued by the government for the protection of the several Indian tribes against fraud and robbery was promulgated Tuesday by Acting Secretary of the Interior Ryan. The order in question amends the rules for the sale of inherited Indian lands, so as to require that the proceeds to be derived from their sale shall be placed with the most convenient United States depository to the credit of each heir in proper proportion, subject to the check of such heirs or their recognized guardians, for amounts not exceeding \$10 to each in any one month. Before being paid, however, it will be necessary for these checks to be approved by the agent or other officer in charge. For sums in excess of \$10 per month the money will be paid upon the approval of the agent only when specifically authorized so to do by the commissioner of Indian affairs.

Acting Secretary Ryan said that heretofore the lands have been sold to the highest bidder and the proceeds paid directly to the Indians, with the result that in many instances the Indians soon were divested of their money.

WEATHER MEN AT BANQUET.

Addresses Are Made by Prominent Members of Service.

Peoria, Ill.—The announcement was made at the weather convention of the appointment of James H. Spencer, in charge of the United States weather exhibit at St. Louis and late of the Lincoln, Neb., office, to take charge of the station now building in this city. The annual banquet was held at the National hotel Thursday night. Addresses were made by Congressman Joseph V. Graff, Prof. F. R. Stupart, head of the weather bureau at Canada; Captain George P. Blow, representing the United States navy; Prof. Cleveland Abbe of Washington, Dr. Fasig of Baltimore, Prof. A. G. McAdie of San Francisco, Mr. Curley of Chicago, representing a department of marine insurance, and others.

A telegram of congratulations was received from Secretary Wilson.

The forenoon was given up to an address and the ensuing discussion on the topic, "Instructions and Research by Weather Bureau Officials," by Prof. Abbe of Washington.

CRAZY MAN AT OYSTER BAY

Taken in Charge by Officers While Going to Sagamore Hill.

OYSTER BAY, N. I.—A man who is regarded by the secret service officers and by the authorities of Oyster Bay as a dangerous crank was apprehended here Tuesday. He is J. E. Reeves, a medium sized, roughly attired man about 40 years old. He was making his way to Sagamore Hill when he was arrested. He told Officer Tye, who apprehended him, that he wanted to see the president on important business. Believing from the man's manner that he was insane, Officer Tye took him before Justice Franklin for examination. To the justice Reeves said that six years ago he died in a New Jersey hospital and went to heaven in an automobile. While there he received an important message for President Roosevelt which he was directed to deliver personally. He refused to say what the nature of the message was as he declared he could communicate to nobody but the president. The man was held for examination as to his sanity.

OMAHA WINTS THE PENNANT

Pa Rourke's Rangers Are Champions of the Western League.

OMAHA—Omaha has won the pennant of the Western league. This proud achievement, accomplished by a Gate City team for the first time since 1889 was wrought by the most remarkable spell of ball playing and the finish was thrilling and spectacular. The two games which Omaha took from St. Joseph at the Vinton street grounds Sunday in the presence of 8,000 fans were fast and brilliant on the part of both teams—a splendid climax to the terrific gait at which Pa Rourke's men have been speeding during the closing heat of the season, when they have won eighteen out of nineteen games, pushing from third to first place.

It is doubtful if in the history of base ball any team ever surpassed or equaled the record made by the Omaha team during the last month and a half. From the first of the season the team has come up from last place. The marvelous ball it has been playing of late, taking first four straight and then five straight from the leaders is what gave such excitement to the fans. Up to the last day three teams, Colorado Springs, Denver and Omaha, had a chance for the pennant. It was a terrible strain, but a glorious triumph.

A. B. Smith Has a Scheme.

ST. PAUL—Assistant General Passenger Agent A. B. Smith of the Northern Pacific railway suggests that congress should convene early in 1905 on a special train with every representative of that body, for a tour of the great west, going out by southern lines, spending enough time in the west to see and understand its value, and return home over the northern lines, with a broader grasp of the needs of the entire country and a more catholic idea of what can and should be done for its development.

THE GREAT CANAL

CHIEF ENGINEER WALLACE TALKS OF THE PROJECT.

TIME TO COMPLETE THE WORK

Within Eight Years the Ditch Will Be Cut From Ocean to Ocean—Health of Men Engaged in the Work Is Good.

CHICAGO—John F. Wallace, chief engineer of the isthmian canal commission, who is in direct charge of the construction of the canal to be built by the United States across the isthmus of Panama, is at home for two weeks after a busy summer in the canal zone. Mr. Wallace will enjoy a brief vacation at his home and will be in Washington on October 6, when the bids are opened for machinery and material to be used on canal construction. The bids were advertised for some time ago, and will cover the expenditure of approximately \$1,000,000.

During his three months' stay in Panama Mr. Wallace covered the entire canal trip, ten miles wide and forty-seven long, at least twenty times and his observations were thorough. He says that at present there are about 1,500 men in the field of Panama. Of this number about 500 are in the sanitary department under Colonel Georgan, who is assisted by Major Ross, Colonel Legarde and Major Carter. There are now at work six divisions of engineer corps, each in charge of a resident engineer, who reports to Mr. Wallace as chief engineer. There are subordinates in each engineer corps, such as assistant clerks and superintendents, and the rest of the men at work in connection with the canal are laborers.

The engineering and clerical departments are almost entirely Americanized and nearly every arriving steamer brings fresh additions from the United States. Most of the common laborers, as well as a few of the skilled laborers, are English-speaking negroes from Jamaica.

Mr. Wallace declares that the bad name that Panama has had in the popular mind is mostly due to the fact that until lately the heterogeneous population has paid but little attention to the ordinary laws of health. He says that most of the men who now hold responsible positions in connection with canal work are sober, industrious and ambitious and that many of them are college bred men. They find health conditions in Panama excellent and sickness among them bears but a small per cent to the total number of men now on the isthmus.

The sanitary corps has paid special attention toward stamping out malaria and yellow fever. Of all the men at work on the canal this summer, only two died of yellow fever and only one of those was an employe of the government. It has been learned that one kind of mosquito, which bites only at nights, carries malaria fever, while another kind, which bites only in the day time, carries yellow fever. It has also been learned that it is the female only which bites, blood that the creature sucks being not for food, but for fecundation. It will take about eight years to complete the work.

TO KEEP OUT FEDERATION MEN

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Notices will be posted at every mine in the camp to the effect that no person will be employed who shall not have deposited with the timekeeper his card of recommendation from the miners' association. An office will be opened in the city, where the cards will be issued. Every applicant will be required to sign a statement that he is not a member of the federation or any order controlled thereby. If he is a member of the federation he will be required to renounce his allegiance to it. The mine owners here believe that the federation is seeking to secure a foothold in Leadville, a large number of Cripple Creek miners having come here since the trouble in that district.

France and the Vatican.

ROME—The vatican has sent to Paris a special courier with documents said to concern possible negotiations for a Franco-Vatican rapprochement which, although very difficult to arrange, is not considered impossible, as, according to information received by the holy see, President Loubet, Foreign Minister Delcasse, Minister of Public Instruction Chaumie, Minister of Finance Bouvier and Minister of Public Works Maréjols are in favor of such an understanding.

Respect the "Holy City."

MUKDEN—The halt in active operations around Mukden is believed to be due not only to the fatigue of the Japanese troops and the slowness in getting up necessary additional supplies, but to a distinct understanding between the Chinese and Japan that there shall be no bloodshed near the "Holy City," where the Chinese emperors are buried. It is said, however, that there will be fighting north or northeast of Mukden, possibly on a larger scale even than that at Liao Yang. A clash is soon expected.

NEWS IN NEBRASKA

NEBRASKA CORN AND OATS.

What is Shown by Union Pacific Agricultural Bulletins.

Agricultural bulletins just issued by the Union Pacific show what is being done this year by the farmers working in conjunction with Mother Nature in the production of corn, wheat and oats in Nebraska and Kansas. In both corn and oats Nebraska makes a splendid showing, both by taking this year's crops by themselves and by comparison with last year. In wheat there is a falling off in acreage.

In Nebraska the corn acreage increased from 5,964,048 last year to 6,174,040 acres this year. This acreage produced an average yield of 34.23 bushels, making a total corn crop of 211,230,363 bushels. The corn averages of higher quality than last year. In Kansas there was a decrease in both acreage and yield on account of continued wet weather at planting and cultivating time.

The Nebraska oat crop has a slightly larger acreage and a better yield by 7,000,000 bushels than last year. This year it amounted to 2,396,011 acres, averaging 3.11 bushels to the acre, making a total of 69,410,312 bushels. Wet weather accounts for a decrease in Kansas.

Winter wheat was short in acreage about 200,000 as compared with last year and rust struck the eastern portion of the state at the wrong time. But a showing is made of 1,661,110 acres, averaging 13.68 bushels, and aggregating a yield of 22,954,440 bushels. Kansas has about three times the acreage and about two and one-half times the results, as compared with Nebraska.

Adding to Nebraska's winter wheat output that of the spring wheat an estimated total wheat crop for the state of 30,000,000 bushels is made; and for Kansas about 60,000,000 bushels.

BIG IRRIGATION PROJECT

Federal Government Asks Permission to Tap North Platte River.

LINCOLN—The secretary of the interior has filed an application with the State Board of Irrigation asking permission to tap the North Platte river in order to carry out some of the big irrigation projects authorized by congress. By his application it appears that the secretary contemplates tapping the North Platte just below its junction with the Sweetwater in Wyoming, where a storage reservoir will be constructed covering 23,000 acres. It is proposed to construct a dam across the North Platte which will be 250 feet long at the top and sixty feet long at the bottom. It will have a depth of 220 feet and the water will approach within ten feet of the top, so that the maximum depth of water in the reservoir will be 210 feet. The mean depth is given at sixty feet, which over the area stated would give a normal storage capacity of 1,280,000 acre feet. The proposed dam is to be ten feet thick at the top and 144 feet thick at the bottom and to be built of solid masonry.

The cost of this plant is given at \$1,250,000 or somewhat less than \$1 per acre foot of storage capacity. State Engineer Dohson says that its capacity will be sufficient to hold the entire flow of the North Platte in years wherein the stage of water is low. Its purpose is for the collection of the surplus waters in the seasons of moisture and to hold it for release in quantities sufficient to irrigate the lands below all along the course of the river.

Farmers Object to Automobiles.

HUMBOLDT—A number of the farmers of the county are up in arms over the advent of the automobiles into their vicinity and have signed a call for a meeting at Falls City on October 1, at which time steps will be taken for "mutual protection" against the machines, which are becoming quite numerous all over the country. The farmers allege that the machines frighten their driving horses thereby endangering the lives of themselves and families, and that the chauffeurs violate their rights.

Ranchman Fatally Injured.

OGALLALA—Frank McCaig, a ranchman fifteen miles southeast of this place, was thrown from his horse Tuesday evening. He struck the ground head first and was fatally injured. He died without regaining consciousness.

At a special election held at Wisner the proposition for \$5,600 more water bonds for the erection of a new standpipe and the extension of the water system carried by 122 for, as against 16.

For an Odd Fellows' Home.

LOUISVILLE—Members of Louisville lodge No. 184, Independent Order of Odd Fellows, are enthusiastic over the prospect of locating the Nebraska Odd Fellows' Home at Louisville. They have secured an option on the large stone building east of town on the ranch formerly owned by General Manager Holdrege. The building is handsomely located and is built of white lime stone costing \$49,000, and the option also covers eighty acres of land. The proposition will be presented to the grand lodge.

THE STATE AT LARGE.

Papillon has decided not to extend its corporate limits.

The Journal at Columbus has commenced publication of a daily paper. The Union Pacific is rapidly pushing work on its freight depot in Fremont.

Andrew Nordine of Cass county has been pronounced a fit subject for insane asylum.

Mrs. A. A. King of Edgar died at Delphi, Indiana, while on a visit to her daughter in that place.

The Nebraska State Institute for the Blind at Nebraska City opened with fifty pupils enrolled for the coming term. A number of pupils are still expected and the total attendance will reach about seventy-five.

One dollar a bushel has been paid for wheat to the farmers at York for the first time since the Letter wheat deal in Chicago. At Henderson, York county, 30,000 bushels were contracted at \$1 per bushel in one day.

Oliver Emmert, a farmer living west of Falls City, was compelled to kill five of his horses on account of glanders. The state veterinarian was called and ordered that the animals should be killed to prevent contagion.

The contractors at the new government building at Lincoln have begun the erection of the steel work of the lower floor of the structure. It is contemplated that the building will be finished and ready for occupancy by next fall.

The citizens of Lincoln again have begun to agitate the project for a new union depot. Articles of incorporation of the Lincoln Union Passenger station and Terminal company have been drafted and are being signed by the business men.

Brent K. Neal, alias Olney D. Smith the young man lodged in jail at Beatrice a month ago on the charge of obtaining money under false pretenses, pleaded guilty in the district court and was sentenced to one year in the penitentiary.

The Seymour camp team of Omaha, won the first prize of \$500 each in the two classes open to competition in the W. O. W. contests at the world's fair, and Alpha camp team of the same city won second prize in the one class which it entered.

Joseph Scott, the York county young man who was charged with assaulting Olive Cagle of Pierce, Neb., with intent to do great bodily harm, had his preliminary hearing at Norfolk and was bound over to district court under bonds of \$800.

The city authorities of Humboldt, Neb., are making an attempt to test their new ordinance against boot-legging, and have placed under arrest one J. Hoppe, who has been making his home there for some time, on a charge of disposing of liquor contrary to law. He was arraigned but plead not guilty.

Rufus E. Geiger, a fireman, has sued the Burlington for \$50,000. He was injured while acting as fireman on August 28, 1900. In his petition he claims that the engine was in bad repair and that owing to this condition he was thrown from his seat to the tracks near Germantown. His skull was fractured and he sustained internal injuries and other injuries which are described as of a permanent character.

One of the most dastardly crimes, and one which has caused as great an amount of indignation as any ever perpetrated in the community, was committed at what is known as the south barn, in Kearney. Some second or secondlings mixed up a quantity of paris green in some feed and placed it in the barn where it was eaten by a number of horses belonging to F. C. Roundbush and Joe Deek worth, resulting in the death of four of them.

Trapes are still to be more plentiful along the Platte river than they ever have been before. Many people in Dodge and Saunders counties are putting up wild grape wine.

Mrs. D. A. Gell, wife of the deputy treasurer of Howard county was so terribly burned that she died. The tragedy was caused by the explosion of a bottle of spirits of camphor which she had immersed in a pan of hot water for the purpose of loosening a glass stopper. The sudden expansion burst the bottle and the highly inflammable contents were thrown over her clothing, catching fire at the same time from a gasoline stove which was burning.

John Ross, a German farmer living about fifteen miles west of St. Paul, met death in a peculiar manner. His body was found under the wheels of a mowing machine to which a team of horses was attached and from all appearances it had remained there for several days. The indications were that he had been kicked in the head by one of the horses while bending over the sickle bar. The team then evidently ran away, dragging him for a considerable distance.

Rev. F. N. Swanberg, who has been pastor of the Swedish Lutheran church in Oakland, for the past twelve years, has handed his resignation to the board of deacons, to take effect January 1 next.

C. Harry Hughes, a night watchman for the Burlington, lost a leg in a yard accident at Lincoln. His left leg was so badly crushed by a car that it was amputated. His right leg was broken in several places above the knee and his body painfully lacerated. He was trying to make a coupling in the half daylight.