

AN UNEXPECTED SUMMONS

N. Hills Found Dead in His Office This Morning.

INQUEST NOT NECESSARY.

Fact of His Death Discovered About 11:30 by L. M. Gaylord—He Had Been Quite Feeble for Several Days—Sister in Colorado Has Been Notified.

From Monday's Daily

Norman Hills, aged about 65 years, was found dead in his office this morning about 11:30, of heart failure. When found the body was not yet cold and the supposition is that he died this morning when in the act of dressing. The body was lying diagonally across the floor near the couch where he sleeps and was partly dressed. The lamp was burning and every indication was that he had been suddenly stricken while dressing.

The deceased has boarded with Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Gaylord for the past 12 years and it was Mr. Gaylord who first learned of his death. He had not been accustomed to go down to supper and had been irregular in his breakfast hours. He ate dinner yesterday as usual but this morning did not appear for breakfast. About 11:30 on his way to dinner Mr. Gaylord stopped, and looking in the back door where the curtain was up saw the old gentleman lying on the floor.

Dr. W. H. H. Hagoy was summoned but found that the old gentleman was beyond the reach of medical treatment.

County Attorney Tyler and Commissioner Winter, viewed the remains, found no evidence of foul play and decided that an inquest was unnecessary. Coroner Tanner was notified, however, of the death.

Very little is known of Mr. Hills' family or his business affairs. He had no confidential friends and kept his affairs pretty well to himself.

J. J. Goodrich, for whom he worked as clerk in an early day, and Mr. Gaylord are perhaps the best informed.

He was born in Massachusetts, near Worcester. He lived in Chicago during the great fire and in it lost all his property. From Chicago he moved to Belle Plaine, Iowa, where he conducted an eating house and came to Norfolk in the early 80's. He clerked for Mr. Goodrich about a year and then engaged in the real estate business at which he has been employed ever since and has had a considerable patronage, as he very carefully looked after the property left to his care, giving the closest attention to minutest details.

It is said that he has a son and daughter in Boston and a daughter in California. Concerning his wife nothing is known. His sister, Mrs. Charles Burge, resides in Canon City, Col. As she is the only relative whose address is known she was notified of his death and an answer will be awaited before arrangements for the funeral are made. Meanwhile the body has been taken to the undertaking rooms of Sessions & Bell, where it will be cared for.

The old gentleman has never been in good health since coming to Norfolk and for the past few days has been quite feeble, so that his death was not altogether surprising.

Although Mr. Hill led a quiet, retired life he was well liked by all who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. Those who have had business dealings with him especially commend him for his honesty and strict attention to details.

He took quite an interest in republican politics and anything of public import, and was particularly in demand when there was decorating to be done, as he had very good taste for this kind of work.

News of his death has been received with surprise by many, and it is especially sad, in that he lived alone and died as he lived. It is apparent that the end came quietly, suddenly and with little pain, as he reposed on the floor as though he had just dropped asleep.

An Advertising Farmer.

An exchange tells of a farmer in a neighboring county who has adopted a plan of advertising in his home papers which has saved much valuable time and brought handsome returns for the money invested. The farmer says: "When I am ready to sell stuff I insert a little advertisement in the local papers telling what I have to sell and, if live stock, how many head of each and when they will be ready to ship, and the result has been that the buyers are right after me, either personally or by mail, and naturally I always get the highest market price. If I want to buy a cow, a steer, a horse or a dozen of each, I insert a little advertisement that costs me maybe fifty cents, and instead of traveling all over the country inquiring of my neighbors who has this or that for sale, the home newspaper does it for me at less expense, and those who have what I want manage to let me know in some way."

Ducks in a Rice Field.

In one night wild ducks either consumed or destroyed a twenty-acre field of rice. The incident happened near Stowell, about twenty-five miles from Beaumont, Saturday night. About dusk ducks began swarming into the rice fields in great droves and before it was dark the field was entirely covered. The rice had been cut and

shocked, but the hungry birds tore the shocks down and what grain they did not strip from the straw was so badly scattered that it was practically ruined. In the early days of the rice industry in this section farmers frequently suffered severely from ravages by wild ducks. For the past two years, however, the birds have been comparatively scarce and it was believed they were rapidly being exterminated by the pot hunters here and at the breeding grounds. But this seems to be a mistake. This year they are as numerous as ever. They swarm into the rice fields of an evening as thick as blackbirds, and rice which has not been threshed is suffering severely.—Houston Post, Nov. 30.

SENATORIAL CONTEST.

Melkiejohns to Arrive in Lincoln Today. Will Begin to Make Things Lively.

Lincoln, Dec. 24.—Assistant Secretary of War Melkiejohn will arrive in Lincoln today to assume personal management of his canvass for a seat in the United States senate. His coming will start in earnest what promises to be an interesting contest. The Nebraska legislature, which convenes on the first of the new year, will have two senators to elect, a successor to John M. Thurston and to fill the vacancy caused by the death of M. L. Hayward, being filled at present by William V. Allen, by appointment of the legislature. Both houses of the legislature are Republican, but the majority is small in either branch. There are a dozen candidates for the vacant seats, the more prominent, aside from Mr. Melkiejohn, being E. Rosewater and Congressman Mercer of Omaha. D. E. Thompson of Lincoln, former Congressman Halmer of Aurora, L. D. Richards of Fremont, E. H. Hinshaw of Fairbury and former Governor Lorenzo Crouse of Fort Calhoun, himself a member of the state senate.

There is a disposition to follow the old rule of geographical lines, according to one senator to North Platte, the other to the South Platte country, the long and short term for the present cutting little figure.

REBELS HARD HIT.

Sixty Men of the Ninth Cavalry Attack Large Force of Insurgents and Kill Forty-five.

Manila, Dec. 24.—Advices brought today by steamer from Southern Luzon say that a lieutenant and 60 men of the Ninth United States cavalry attacked a large body of insurgents last Wednesday near Guinobatan, province of Albay. After the battle 45 dead insurgents were counted, together with many wounded. The only American casualty was the wounding of a sergeant, who was cornered by several rebels and struck in the leg by bolos. The rebel loss was the heaviest recorded among recent encounters. The cutting of wires has delayed the official report of the engagement.

TAX FERRET LAW UPHELD.

Iowa Will Gain Much Revenue if Court's Decision is Affirmed.

Des Moines, Dec. 24.—Judge Prouty, in the Polk county district court, Saturday rendered a decision holding the so-called "tax ferret" law valid, which, if sustained by the supreme court, will enable Iowa counties to collect several hundred thousand dollars back taxes. Under the law back taxes for five years with penalties may be assessed against personal property concealed from the assessors.

The retroactive feature of the law was especially attacked, but is sustained. Judge Quanton of Kossuth county has held this feature of the law to be unconstitutional.

In the case decided by Judge Prouty, Polk county versus estate of John M. Day, \$4,700 of back taxes was involved. Experts known as tax ferrets have disclosed thousands of dollars of back taxes due on concealed property in nearly every county of the state since the enactment of the law.

SHOT HIM IN SELF-DEFENSE.

Oklahoma Widow Justified in Killing Artist Clyde Parker.

Wichita, Dec. 24.—The second coroner's jury in Grant county, O. T., has returned a verdict of justification in the case of the killing of Clyde Parker by Mrs. Lulu Hendricks.

She lived in a "dugout" on an Oklahoma claim with seven children. Clyde Parker came to her house a few nights ago with a white handkerchief tied to a stick and acting strangely. He would neither speak nor go away when she ordered him off the premises. "Shoot him, shoot him, mamma," the frightened children cried. Taking aim with a revolver, she sent a bullet through his neck at a distance of 75 feet. The dead man proved to be Parker, a local artistic genius, who painted wild ponies and prairie scenes.

Getting Rid of Etiquette.

Miss — called at Cambridge cottage to take the princess' directions on a parish matter and was astonished to find her in the garden running round the flower beds as hard as she could go.

"Why are you running so fast, princess?" Miss — ventured to inquire. "To get rid of the etiquette," was the reply. "We have just had a visit from the emperor of —."

— "Memorial of the Duchess of Teck."

Cementville Rioters Quiet.

Cementville, Ind., Dec. 27.—The warring negroes are under control at Cementville and no further outbreaks are expected. Sam Kendall, in whose saloon a number of shots were fired, secured warrants for the arrest of those who were injured and the surrender of John Redmond.

REPORTS BOERS CHECKED.

Kitchener Cables Such Conclusion to War Office.

DEWET IS DOING IT ALL.

British Correspondent Slings Praises of the Boer Leader—Declared to Be Outwitting General Kitchener at Every Point—Cost of the War.

London, Dec. 24.—Lord Kitchener's dispatches breathing a confidence hardly justified by their contents are almost the only available news from the seat of hostilities in South Africa, but telegrams from Cape Town depict the situation in anything but roseate hues. Without believing the assertion of the Transvaal agency at Brussels that 6,000 Boers have invaded Cape Colony, it is quite evident that the invasion was a serious and well planned affair. In connection with this a correspondent sends an extremely interesting letter, dated Bethulle, Dec. 1, describing Dewet and his doings. "Dewet has never been taken seriously enough," says the correspondent. "It is of little use to pursue him, as he fights a rear guard action and gains 20 miles while he is being fought. "He is a born military genius, whose wonderful powers have kept up this phenomenal resistance."

"Once he falls, the whole thing could be crushed in a fortnight. He has every single commando under his supervision. All his patrols and columns march and countermarch on his order. The forces under his command have been reduced by his strength of will to a properly organized army, moving at his word. The sooner the British rid themselves of the idea that Dewet's forces are a mere rabble, wandering aimlessly, the sooner they will grasp the need of the determined effort which is necessary to capture him."

Already some 70,000 men have been killed, wounded or disabled on the British side, and the war has swallowed virtually \$500,000,000.

The Cape Colony cabinet had an important sitting Sunday. It appears that the Boers have destroyed a railroad bridge 12 miles south of DeArr and no Cape mails have arrived at Bloemfontein for three days.

Further anxiety has been caused in Cape Town by the discovery that during the last month public bodies in out of the way places have requisitioned supplies of dynamite. The colonial government is now endeavoring to recover possession of these explosives and is removing all stores of arms and ammunition from suspected depots.

Other advices from Cape Town report the Dutch element in Cape Colony as greatly elated over the southward progress of the Boers and as boasting that the whole district of Victoria West will join the raiders. It is suspected in Cape Town that the force traveling from Zoutpan's drift is not a body of Boers, but one of colonialists, hastening to join the invaders.

The Pietermaritzburg correspondent of the Daily Mail, says: "The Boers are active near Johannesburg and Pretoria, exchanging shots with the British outposts and it is reported that parties of Boers are hovering around Johannesburg."

Advices From Kitchener.

The war office has received the following dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, Dec. 22: "As far as it is possible for me to form an opinion from the reports of officers on the spot, I think the Boer movement into Cape Colony has been checked. Of the two forces that entered the colony, the eastern is still north of the Soutpansberg range, while the one that entered west appears to have been turned in the direction of Britstown and Prieska. Our troops are getting around both bodies and a special column is also being organized which will be dispatched immediately when I know where its services are most wanted. The Boers have not received much assistance in Cape Colony as far as my information goes. Yesterday evening about 5 o'clock Clement's force was engaged south of Oliphant's nek, but I do not yet know the result."

A later dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated Pretoria, Dec. 22, says: "The western column of Boers occupied Britstown and cut the railway south of DeArr Junction. The enemy is being followed up. General French has been in contact for two days with the commandoes of Beyers and Delarey, south of the Magaliesberg. He is pursuing them. The enemy have lost considerably and Commandant Kreuz and others have been captured. General Colville engaged two separate commandoes Dec. 21, near Vlakfontein, with slight losses, the enemy retiring."

Canadians Back From the War.

Hullfax, Dec. 24.—The steamer Lake Champlain, having on board Colonel Otter and 350 Canadian troops, returning from South Africa, arrived yesterday from Liverpool and disbanded. The order to land at St. John, N. B., had been cancelled. The time saved by the change will enable the western men to get home for Christmas. They started on a special train for Montreal and Toronto.

Torture and Rob Ohio Farmer.

Lebanon, O., Dec. 24.—Four masked men entered the farm residence of John Thompson near here last night, bound, gagged and tortured Thompson and his wife till they surrendered \$300 in money, their jewelry and silverware. The robbers then escaped with Thompson's rig.

RACE WAR IN FLORIDA.

Negro Shot by Citizens—Another Makes His Escape to a Swamp.

McClennick, Fla., Dec. 27.—There was a serious race riot here yesterday. A number of young ladies visited a photograph gallery and a negro couple who were also in the gallery used obscene language. They were commanded to keep quiet by a white man present. The negroes retired and in a few minutes a mob of negroes, armed with pistols and rifles, assembled. One of them, named Washington, opened fire on T. M. Herndon, with a Winchester rifle. By this time a crowd of whites had assembled and opened fire on the crowd. He was pursued to a swamp nearby and disappeared. The excitement increased, but there was no further firing until midnight, when several shots were fired in the business section of the town. When the smoke had cleared, John Hunter, a negro, was found dead in the street.

ON TRAIL OF PAT CROWE

St. Joseph Police Think They Will Land Alleged Kidnap—Also Located in Indiana.

St. Joseph, Mo., Dec. 27.—Five more Pinkerton detectives arrived in the city from Chicago to ferret out the hiding place of Pat Crowe, the Omaha kidnap. Chief of Detectives Shea is still of the opinion that Crowe is harbored by friends in this city. Chief Shea and ex-Police Chief Jack Purcell, now of Denver, armed with Winchester, expected to capture Crowe last night, but the house they visited did not hold the desperado.

Muncie, Too, Has a Pat Crowe.

Muncie, Ind., Dec. 27.—The Muncie police received telephone calls over a farmer's private line to come to a point near Shilldeer, eight miles north of Muncie, to arrest a man who fills the newspaper description of Pat Crowe, so frequently mentioned in connection with the Cudahy kidnap. Detectives Benbow and Puckett have started for the scene.

PRISON PLAN WORKS WELL.

Inmates of Indiana Reformatory All Gain Place in First or Second Grade.

Jeffersonville, Ind., Dec. 27.—For the first time since the prison was located in this city not a prisoner in the reformatory is wearing stripes in the uniform of the lowest grade. When the old prison house was transformed into the Indiana reformatory three grades of standing were established, the first designated by a gray suit, hardly distinguishable from citizen's clothing; the second, a check suit without repulsive appearance, and the third, black and white stripes. None but those refusing to obey prison rules have been attired in stripes for a long time. Yesterday there were 54 men who had on zebra-like clothing and Superintendent Hert decided to advance these to second grade.

FARMERS IN COYOTE HUNT.

Agriculturists of Four Kansas Counties Unite in a Big Drive.

Topeka, Dec. 27.—The farmers of four western Kansas counties made a big coyote drive yesterday. The treasures of a dozen counties out there have been depleted by the payment of \$3 bounty on scalps. The coyotes are decaying by a crowing rooster in a cage, placed on a prairie eminence, and from the gulches below the sportsmen with shotguns slaughter the wolves. Another plan is to drag a piece of meat through the grass in a circle. When the coyotes come upon the meat the hunters shoot them. Yesterday the farmers on horseback, with dogs, made a drive over Haskell, Gray, Stanton and Morton counties.

TELEGRAMS TERSELY TOLD.

The Japanese government dredger Sente foundered Wednesday off Cork harbor, 12 persons out of 17 on board being drowned.

The trial of Cornelius L. Alvord, Jr., the defaulting note teller of the First National bank of New York, was postponed until Jan. 9.

The Rio Grande Western has ordered 500 freight cars, which will increase the capacity of freight equipment about 160,000 tons.

Nothing is known in Paris to justify the report circulated in the United States that Paderewski, the pianist, has been killed in a duel in France.

The brother of Andre, the missing aeronaut, says a dispatch from Copenhagen, despairing of his return from the Arctic regions, has finally opened his will.

The membership of the Chicago Building Trades' council will be reduced by 3,500 by the withdrawal of the Hod Carriers and Building Laborers' union.

Thirty-six persons from various parts of the United States, who allege that by recent signs they believe the second coming of Christ is at hand, are assembled in convention at Chicago, praying that they may be in readiness to receive the robes of immortality.

While Wayne Growell, aged 24, and Charles Canan, aged 21, were crossing the Wabash railroad tracks near Blakeslee, O., Wednesday they were struck by an express train and killed. Mrs. Canan was notified of the accident and the shock was so severe that it caused her death.

The new Rocky mountain smelter at Florence, Colo., was fired up and began operations Wednesday. With this addition the Arkansas valley of Colorado is the greatest center of metalliferous reduction works in America, there being a string of reduction plants extending from Leadville to Pueblo.

Railroad and Business Directory.

R. R. TIME TABLE.

Fremont, Elkhorn & Mo. Valley.

EAST.		DEPART.	
*Omaha Passenger	8:55 a m	Chicago Express	12:40 p m
WEST.		ARRIVE.	
Chicago Express	7:30 p m	*Omaha Passenger	12:40 p m
WEST.		DEPART.	
Black Hills Express	7:40 p m	*Verdigris Passenger	12:40 p m
*Verdigris Accommodation	9:30 a m	ARRIVE.	
Black Hills Express	12:30 p m	*Verdigris Passenger	1:55 a m
*Verdigris Accommodation	7:30 p m	DEPART.	
The Chicago and Black Hills Express arrives and departs from Junction depot. The Omaha and Verdigris trains arrive and depart from city depot.	H. C. MATRAC, Agent.		

Union Pacific.

SOUTH.		DEPART.	
*Columbus Accommodation	8:30 p m	Omaha, Denver and Pacific Coast	11:30 a m
NORTH.		ARRIVE.	
*Columbus Accommodation	10:30 p m	Omaha, Denver and Pacific Coast	9:00 p m
SOUTH.		DEPART.	
Sioux City and Omaha Passenger	9:30 a m	Sioux City Passenger	1:50 p m
WEST.		ARRIVE.	
Sioux City Passenger	10:30 a m	Sioux City and Omaha Passenger	7:30 p m
SOUTH.		DEPART.	
Sioux City and Omaha Passenger	9:30 p m	Connects at Norfolk with F. E. & M. V. going west and north, and with the C. St. P. & O. for points north and east.	F. W. JUNEMAN, Agent.

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Sioux City and Omaha Passenger	9:30 a m	Sioux City Passenger	1:50 p m
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SOUTH.		DEPART.	
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