

Crop prospects this year are the best arguments for cheerfulness.

Prize Fighter Jim Jeffries attributes his good luck to having been born in Ohio.

The Connecticut legislature has appropriated \$350,000 for good roads. That's business and good sense combined.

An exchange says that the Filipinos remind one of Patti in her palmy days. They are making so many "last stands."

In Paris the latest and best street pavements are made of glass. In Norfolk the sidewalks are made of boards of the vintage of '76.

Kansas City wants the democratic national convention to meet there next year. It claims to have the best convention hall in the west.

The people of San Juan are going to celebrate the Fourth of July. It's the first chance they've ever had to be Americans and they are going to have a regular Yankee Doodle sort of a time.

What's the matter with Kipling? He seems to have sunk into a temporary desuetude. If he wants to regain his conspicuous place in the public mind he should either write a new book or fall sick again.

While the street sprinkler is having a very busy season in New England and New York, in the drought stricken west it has so much competition from Jupiter Pluvius that it has temporarily gone out of business.

A man in San Francisco, who stole 30 cents from a church poor box, found out when he got out of jail that he had fallen heir to \$75,000. That man is no doubt thoroughly convinced of the truth of the statement that the Lord helps those who help themselves.

In one county in the state of Kansas there are 900 dogs to each sheep, and 12 selected counties there are 200 dogs to each sheep. In the state at large there is one sheep to every 250 acres, while the number of dogs is 17,000. Isn't this a dog-gon shame?

Admiral Dewey has had the good sense to decline the white elephant which some of his misguided friends were determined to thrust upon him. He voices the true Americanism of his nature when he suggests that the Dewey house fund be invested in a home for disabled soldiers and sailors.

It is announced that a captured Spanish cannon will be furnished by either the war or navy departments to be placed on the grounds of the University of Nebraska at Lincoln. A state that has furnished as many brave soldier boys as has Nebraska, should be entitled to as many old Spanish trophies as it can well make use of.

The testimonial fund being raised to erect a monument to the memory of brave Nate Owen, the boy who sacrificed his own life to save another, should meet with the hearty approval of our citizens. When you receive a call from his school mates, who have undertaken to raise the fund, remember they are doing just what you believe should be done and give them substantial encouragement to continue their work.

It is surprising but true that the people of Washington, as a class, are in the dark concerning Senator Thurston's poem on the rose, and the parodies it inspired in Nebraska are unheard of in the capitol city. The senator is lionized there and is much sought by society as a speaker at dinners. A gentleman coming from Washington was much surprised to learn of the poem and requested a copy of THE NEWS containing the original and some of the parodies to show his Washington friends.

There are now about 200,000 Finns in this country with a prospect, owing to the unkindly attitude of Russia towards their country, of a further inflow this year of 200,000 more. It is interesting and pleasant to know that these people value education highly. They already publish in the United States 17 Finnish newspapers, have 100 church organizations and 112 temperance societies. They have also established a college at Hancock, Mich., where \$50,000 are now being expended in new buildings. America can well afford to welcome such immigrants.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to express our hearty appreciation of the many kind acts and words of friends and neighbors during the sickness and burial of our child. MR. AND MRS. C. J. YOUNGER.

Blind Boone plays anything he hears. If you happen to have a piece of unpublished music, no matter how difficult, come tomorrow night prepared to play it. The blind pianist will listen, then will play it, every tone.

Get your reserved seats now for the Blind Boone entertainment at the Baptist church Thursday night. Tickets at Christoph's drug store.

The special floral scenery at the Festival of Flowers will be of entrancing beauty and should be seen by all.

Blind Boone is playing more wonderfully this season than ever before.

PRELIMINARY HEARING.

Stock Yards Case Before County Judge Bates.

SEVERAL WITNESSES EXAMINED.

Defense Takes Up Its Case This Morning and It is Probable that the Hearing Will be Finished by Tonight—Large Attendance at Court.

From The Day's Daily. The stock yards case, which is now on trial in County Judge Bates' court at Madison, is the leading topic of interest to the people of Norfolk as well as of the entire county. The well known defendants, several of whom were born and raised here, sympathy for the outraged victim, and the established legal ability of the counsel employed on both sides combine to make it of great interest to many who would otherwise take but little interest in the proceedings of a case of similar character where the parties were less known.

The case was called at 2 p.m. yesterday in a crowded court room, many of those present being Norfolk people who were either directly or indirectly interested in the case. Attorney Robertson for the defense requested a few moments' conversation with Defendants Madsen and Kuhl, whom he had not yet had an opportunity of talking with, and the request was granted.

Soon afterward the defendants filed into the court room and were called to the bar, one by one, and charged with the crime of rape, to which they pleaded not guilty.

The prosecuting witness was the first called to the witness stand. She was so overcome that it was some time before she could be heard and understood but after gaining control of her emotions she recited her story in a distinct and clear-cut manner. The prosecution asked the witness but few questions and she was then turned over to the defense who submitted her to a close cross examination which lasted from 3 o'clock to 5:30, the endeavor being to show that her story lacked consistency, that she was of bad character previously and that her consent had been obtained. During the proceedings at the stock yards she claimed to have been unconscious the greater part of the time.

Harry Hartford was next on the stand and his testimony went to confirm the statement of the victim that she became unconscious.

J. B. Maylord was the next witness, his testimony having bearing upon the intellectual capacity of the victim. He claimed that she was not particularly bright having but ordinary ability of mind.

H. G. Bruggemann was called and stated that the girl bore, as far as he knew a good character, she having been employed as domestic in his family. He stated that she went out but little evenings and also told what he knew of her mental capacity.

Gus Werner gave testimony that went to show that the victim struggled to get away from the defendants, which he gathered from the conversation of members of the gang.

Oscar Richey testified to overhearing a conversation among the defendants in which it was stated that they hoped to have the victim submit to their wishes without much trouble. He also heard them state that they would take her away from her escort.

Court adjourned at 6 o'clock last evening and was again called at 9 o'clock this morning.

Paul Karo was called to the stand and stated that the boys didn't want to take the victim home but he did so and his story went to show that she was in a dazed condition and cried all the way home. She was unable to answer a question intelligently.

Steve Grady testified to the condition of the victim's clothes. Mr. and Mrs. Shultz, father and mother of the victim, were on the stand next and bore evidence of the girl's mental defects, claiming she was not bright and was easily influenced.

This closed the evidence for the prosecution.

The defense opened its case by calling Leland Spaulding to the stand. He admitted to having been mixed up in the affair but claimed it was with the girl's consent.

Perry Law was next sworn and testified to his personal knowledge of the girl's previous bad character. He was on the stand at the time THE NEWS report closed.

Woodmen of the World Mr. G. H. Henning, who has been in the city in the interest of the Woodmen of the World, has by his untiring efforts and with the assistance of the members of the local camp, reorganized Valley camp, No. 100, of that order, adding 22 new members and weeding out the undesirable element. While here he has audited the books, putting the camp on a first class footing. He leaves the camp with prosperity looking in the face. The members and Mr. Henning deserve great credit for their efficient work.

The officers elected for the ensuing term are: P. C. O., W. Spanner; C. C., G. A. Kuhl; A. L., G. A. Staphenhorst; Banker, D. V. Metcalf; Clerk, Chester A. Fuller; Watchman, F. T. Eiseley; Sentry, J. W. Fetter; Physician, J. H.

Mackay; Managers—one year, L. Dudley; two years, G. A. Luikart; three years, H. P. Freedland.

The camp is preparing for a great harvest of members in the next sixty days and have chosen sides to compete for an increase of applicants, captained by G. A. Kuhl on one side and G. A. Dudley on the other. The side getting the least members pays for an ice cream supper for the entire camp and such friends as they wish to invite, editors included.

STILL GIVING TESTIMONY.

Today Taken Up With Hearing Stories of Law and Madsen of the Defense. Probably End Tomorrow.

THE NEWS' report of stock yards case at Madison closed yesterday afternoon with Perry Law on the stand.

Young Wright, of the defense, was also called yesterday afternoon, his evidence going to prove that the girl was persistent in forcing herself on him and that he had great difficulty at times in getting rid of her.

Court opened this morning with Law on the stand. He was continued in the witness box until noon and was submitted to a rigid cross-examination but it is claimed that his story was not materially damaged thereby.

Madsen was placed on the stand this afternoon and at the time this report closed he was still giving direct testimony. It is thought that he will also be severely cross-examined.

It now looks as though the case would drag through tomorrow as it is believed that the testimony will consume the time today.

Every Man to His Trade.

Walt Mason, in the Sunday Journal of Lincoln, writes a warning, which at this time is very reasonable, because, owing to the scarcity of painters and their inability to handle all the jobs open to them, many men are tempted to fall into the error of the Oxford man and try to do their own painting:

"A citizen of Oxford figured on having his house painted. He interviewed the divers and sundried painters in the town, and concluded that their prices were too high. He said that he could do it himself for half the money, and do it as well, for any blamed galoot could take a brush and slap paint on the side of a house. So he got a long ladder and a can of strawberry roan paint, and began to daub the northeast corner of his residence; and the first thing he did was to fall off the ladder and break his legs and his back and his wrists and his collar bone, and he ruptured his diaphragm and dislocated his gizzard, and spilled paint all over himself, and when the hired man came and gathered him up on a scoop shovel he was a sight to be seen. The worst thing a man can do is to accumulate the idea that he can be his own carpenter or painter or blacksmith. Every man to his trade, and let the man who has no trade hunt a seat in the background and sing very low."

President McKinley at Holyoke.

HOLYOKE, Mass., June 19.—Sunday for the president was anything but the day of rest that was hoped for. The continual crowding of the curious citizens, the immense jam at the church in the morning and later in the day an unexpected and totally unprepared for reception in connection with the baccalaureate exercises at Mount Holyoke college made the day long and tiresome for all. The president was not content with going once to church, but went twice, leaving Mrs. McKinley in the hands of her lady friends on each occasion.

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MORE MEN FOR OTIS.

Sherman Reaches Manila With Eighteen Hundred Soldiers.

NEBRASKANS SAIL ON HANCOCK.

Utah Artillery Will Accompany Them Home—Member of the Fifty-First Iowa and Four Fourteenth Infantrymen Die of Their Wounds at Manila.

MANILA, June 19.—The United States transport Sherman, which sailed from San Francisco, May 24, with 1,800 men and 75 officers, under command of Brigadier General Fred D. Grant, has arrived here, after a smooth voyage. One private died after the transport's arrival.

The troops brought by the transport will go to the island of Negros to relieve the California troops. General Bates, who arrived on the transport, and General Grant will probably be assigned to the command of the volunteer generals, some of whom will leave for home soon. Generals Hale and Punston desire to accompany their regiments home.

The Utah artillery, it is understood, will accompany the Nebraska regiment on the Hancock, leaving their guns here. The Pennsylvanians will start for home on the transport Senator this week. The Indiana sailed today with 500 discharged and sick soldiers. It will go into dock for a few days at Nagasaki, Japan.

Military operations against the insurgents in the south have apparently been planned. General Wheaton at Imus is sending reconnoitering parties today to locate the enemy and other reconnaissance are being made from Cavite.

American Victims at Manila.

WASHINGTON, June 19.—Major General Otis has reported to the war department an additional list of casualties. Killed: Fourteenth infantry, at Zepate, June 13, company L. Sergeant Thomas Laws, Corporal John Moore; company A, Corporal David E. Dugno, Fifty-first Iowa, company A, Walter Wagner.

Drowned in Lake Michigan.

CHICAGO, June 19.—Ira J. Holmes, brother of Burton Holmes, the lecturer, was drowned in Lake Michigan today by the capsizing of a skiff. Mr. Holmes and David Conover of Philadelphia were in a small boat, which was being towed by George C. Lytton's yacht. While off Rogers park a small came up and a heavy wave struck the skiff and threw the two occupants into the water. Dr. Conover succeeded in regaining the skiff, but Holmes, who was unable to swim, sank at once. The life saving crew and a tug searched several hours for the body, but it was not recovered.

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CASIMIR-PERIER TO ASSIST.

Former President Will Lend His Support to Russian.

PARIS, June 19.—President Loubet received in audience yesterday Casimir-Perier, former president of France, and consulted with him regarding the ministerial crisis. The interview terminated about 11 o'clock, after which Loubet received Senator Pierre Waldeck-Rossau. The latter, it is understood, has made his acceptance of the task of forming a cabinet conditional upon the cooperation of M. Casimir-Perier and certain sections of the chamber of deputies, which he hopes to secure.

Waldeck-Rossau waited upon Casimir-Perier and earnestly endeavored to induce him to accept the portfolio of war, on the ground that his presence at the ministry of war would simplify the difficulties of the situation. Thereupon Casimir-Perier consulted with the president, who pointed out to him that he would be permitted to exercise more authority than anyone else over the generals in destroying the germs of irritation. Casimir-Perier replied that he had definitely withdrawn from politics, but nevertheless would undertake to consider the matter.

Waldeck-Rossau was notified of this reply, which gives him full liberty to constitute a cabinet of republican union. The question now is whether he will go so far as to include a Socialist in the ministry. He himself is indisposed to do so, and no doubt his view will prevail.

TAMMANY'S WAR ON TRUSTS

Will Sound Battle Cry at Its Fourth of July Celebration. New York, June 19.—The World says: Tammany is going to array itself against the trusts. Its Fourth of July celebration this year will be mainly devoted to sounding the anti-trust war cry for the campaign of next year.

Two principal speakers of the celebration will devote their eloquence to marking the line of battle in the next fight. They are J. J. Ward, chairman of the Democratic state committee of Alabama, and Congressman Caruth of Kentucky. Both men, who are famed in their respective states as orators, will talk about the evils of trusts. W. J. Bryan has been invited to attend the celebration and make a speech. He is not expected to come, neither is ex-President Cleveland or David B. Hill, both of whom have been asked. Admiral Schley says he will come if he can, but he will not make a speech. Arthur P. Gorman and ex-Senator Murphy have also been invited.

Will Discharge the Women.

OMAHA, June 18.—It is estimated that on July 1 fully 25 per cent of the women now employed in stores and factories in Nebraska will be discharged because of the law which was passed by the last legislature regulating the employment of women. The measure applies to female employees in manufacturing and mercantile establishments, making 10 hours a day's labor, and requiring proprietors to provide seats for all female employees.

Will Go Into Camp at Burlington.

DES MOINES, June 20.—Adjutant General Byers returned yesterday from Fort Madison, where he has been for the purpose of selecting a place for the Fifth Iowa, which will go into camp in August. While it is not definitely settled, it is likely that Burlington will be the place. No selection has yet been made for the Fifty-second, which goes into camp the latter part of July, but it is generally announced that Clear Lake will be the place.

Littlefield Elected to Congress.

ROCKLAND, Me., June 20.—Charles E. Littlefield (Rep.) has been elected to congress, to succeed the late Nelson Dingley, defeating John Scott of Bath by an overwhelming majority. Scott polled a smaller vote than when he stood against Mr. Dingley in the 1898 election.

Coghlan Talks at Chautauqua.

WICHITA, June 19.—Captain Coghlan of the Raleigh will appear at the Winfield Chautauqua next Wednesday, where he will tell the story of the battle of Manila.

TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS.

Bellamy Storer, the United States minister at Madrid, had a brief audience with the queen regent Monday.

Arthur Dewar, Radical, defeated General Wauchope, Liberal Unionist, in the southern division of Edinburgh.

The Illinois supreme court Monday declared the Campbell law, changing the rules for admission to the bar, unconstitutional.

General Brooke is removing his headquarters from El Vado to the palace formerly occupied by Marshal Blanco in Havana province.

The Spanish chamber of deputies Monday approved the bill ceding the Caroline island, the Ladroneas and the Polow islands, to Germany.

W. M. Hayes' 3-year-old colt Donald ran Monday seven furlongs at the Hawthorne track in 1:25 1/2. This is the fastest time ever made in the west.

Rev. F. E. Clark, president of the Christian Endeavor, Monday sent a telegram congratulating the peace commissioners on their work at The Hague.

Frederick W. Krause, the American arrested in connection with the murder of Minnie Ross in Havana, will be released. There is no evidence against him.

The steamer Danube, running between Vancouver and Alaskan ports, was wrecked at Union, 135 miles north of Victoria. Passengers and crew were saved.

John Youngman, a farmer near Hope, Ind., threw a club at his son Ray, which hit him and killed him. The boy, 15 years old, was beating a horse, with which he was plowing. The father ordered him to stop and at the same time threw a club at him.

The Capetown correspondent of the Daily Mail says: "The government has forwarded a battery of heavy guns to Kimberley for the defense of the diamond fields. There is great activity in the Cape imperial command and munitions of war are being sent northward in large quantities."

IN FAVOR OF PEACE.

Arbitration Plan May Yet Succeed at The Hague.

CHANGE IN THE KAISER'S PLANS.

Germany's Representative Receives New Instructions—Other Nations Together on Main Purpose of the Car's Conference—Mr. Hollis Visits Berlin.

LONDON, June 19.—The correspondent of the Daily News at The Hague says: "Dr. Zorn, whom Emperor William summoned on Friday by a special messenger, arrived in Berlin on Saturday, accompanied by Mr. Hollis of the United States delegation. They were driven to the imperial palace, where instant admission was granted them by the kaiser himself, who was waiting for them. They had a further audience with his majesty yesterday. On their return to The Hague last evening they were appointed joint messengers of the conference because they had become intimate friends since they met here. Dr. Zorn speaks very little English, but Mr. Hollis speaks German perfectly.

"If Emperor William refuses any sort of tribunal, the conference will probably go on without him, but his openly hostile attitude would arouse protests in Germany, and Mr. Hollis has probably taken the liberty of pointing out the deplorable effect this would have in the civilized world. The emperor is amenable to the righteous argument and perhaps this will be the lever that will move him. At any rate, if the worst comes to the worst, the conference will invite him to sign the convention, with a reservation about the tribunal, pledging himself only to use the peace conference procedure in an eventual arbitration."

German Predict Failure.

BERLIN, June 19.—The Kolnische Zeitung announces the "complete failure" of the disarmament committee of the peace conference at The Hague. Sovereign provisions, it asserts, have been adopted in the committee by equal vote, but all of these, it predicts, will fail in the plenary sittings.

SFAX PASSES CAPE VERDE.

Dreyfus Will Arrive in His Native Land by Saturday Next.

PARIS, June 19.—A dispatch from the Cape Verde islands announces that the French cruiser Sfax, carrying Captain Dreyfus, has passed enroute for Brest, where she is expected before Saturday next. It is understood that Captain Dreyfus will be landed by night, and that a special train will be in waiting to take him to Rennes, where the court martial is to be held.

PARIS, June 19.—General Mercier, who was minister for war when Captain Dreyfus was condemned, spoke publicly for the first time since the court of cassation rendered its decision at a meeting of the French Patriotic league yesterday, where he was greeted with loud applause.

"Your exclamations," said General Mercier, "are addressed only in a small part to the soldier who did his duty in 1894 and is finally resolved to accomplish it in 1899. They are chiefly addressed to our dear army, of which, at this critical moment, you do me the honor of regarding as the standard bearer."

He then proceeded to declare his absolute belief in the guilt of Captain Dreyfus and his belief that the Rennes court martial would fearlessly ascertain the truth and do its duty.

"As for myself," he declared, "I shall tell everything I know."

This, as a prominent advocate of revision remarked, is just what is wanted.

Duke Alfred Will Abdicate.

BERLIN, June 19.—In the course of a secret session of the diet of Saxo-Coburg and Gotha yesterday, the minister of state, Count Vonstrenge, made a confidential communication, containing the sensational announcement that Duke Alfred of Saxo-Coburg and Gotha, the reigning duke, would probably abdicate this year. The English Duke of Connaught is now the heir apparent.

Cyclone the Subject of Sermons.

EAU CLAIRE, Wis., June 19.—In nine pulpits here yesterday, the New Richmond cyclone was the subject of the sermons. The general sentiment expressed was that it was a mysterious dispensation of providence, but the Rev. Joseph Moran of the Episcopal church, said it was the devilish work of an unknown power and not the act of God.

British Steamers Collide.

ROSARIO, June 19.—The British steamers Castilian Prince, Captain Counsell, and Amphitrite, Captain Maloney, from Sunderland from Buenos Ayres, have been in collision. The Castilian Prince arrived here in a badly damaged condition. The damage to the Amphitrite is unknown.

Major Marchand at His Old Home.

THOISEY, France, June 19.—Major Marchand arrived yesterday morning at Thoisey, his birthplace, and was received by the mayor and enthusiastic crowds. His passage from the railway station to the residence of his father was veritably a triumphal progress.

Fedists Return to Work.

MIDDLESBORO, Ky., June 19.—The authorities at Harlan court house have received word from the leaders of each faction in the Lee-Taylor feud, stating that they are willing to let the law take its course. Most of the feudists have gone back to work.

Rev. Williams Accepts.

CHICAGO, June 19.—Rev. Arthur L. Williams, rector of Christ Episcopal church, Sixty-fifth and Woodlawn avenue, notified his congregation yesterday that he had decided to accept the election as bishop coadjutor of the diocese of Nebraska.