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NEBRASKA NEWS.

Hon. Spencer Day of Dodge county died last week.

Mrs. Horrigan of Exeter, aged 90 years, died last week.

Hon. V. H. Kendall, the first mayor of Superior, died last week.

A creamery is soon to be built at Bennington, Douglas county.

Frank Huizdalek of Niobrara killed three badgers and wounded the fourth.

The opera house at Pender had a close call for destruction by fire, the roof having been partially burned.

J. T. Brown, living near Pawnee City, had eleven head of cattle killed by lightning during a terrific thunder storm.

The Elk Creek Herald says the total valuation of Johnson county is \$2,003,600.37 and that this amount will afford \$30,054 in taxes.

The saloon question has been dropped at Bertrand. Three applications for licenses were presented to the board, but were knocked out.

The militia company of Grand Island has received its supply of arms and ammunition, and the boys now consider themselves full fledged soldiers.

Judge Strode has introduced a bill to pension Mrs. Calista Hadley of Lincoln, a widow of a soldier of the Mexican war, at the rate of \$30 per month.

Six large steel smoke stacks arrived in Grand Island last week, the same being for the Oxnard beet sugar factory. They were turned out by the Fremont foundry.

The 14-year-old son of Patrick Farnley, Omaha, made a dive into a water works reservoir, struck his head against the brick flooring and was stunned and drowned.

A daughter of Peter Stafford, roadmaster of the Elkhorn, got hold of and ate some poisoned fly paper. Efforts to counteract the poison proved finally unavailing and she died.

Fairfield college, which, in common with other enterprises, has languished somewhat during the past three years, bids fair to again take its place among the leading educational institutions of the state.

A Washington dispatch says that Miss Zeda T. Kamp of Virginia, formerly a teacher at the Geneva school, Nebraska, has been reinstated and assigned to the Haskell institute, Lawrence, Kan.

The Evans-Snyder-Buel company of East St. Louis, a live stock commission company having a capital stock of \$200,000 has filed a certificate copy of articles of incorporation with the secretary of state.

Treasurer Meserve has received a draft for \$23,000 from the general government. The money is the amount apportioned by the government as the annual share of the state college of agriculture and mechanic arts.

An accident occurred at St. Michael, Hall county, when Warren Diehl, a lad 17 years of age, only son of M. Diehl, a grocer of Grand Island, was drowned in the lake at that place. He was taken with cramps while swimming.

Collector North has completed his report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1897, and it shows the total collections of internal revenue to have been \$1,313,881.81, an increase of \$686,779.10 over the collections for the previous year.

A young man named Hans Sibley was drowned in the Platte river, on the Peter's farm about six miles southeast of Yutan. He was in swimming with a party of young men and got beyond his depth or cramped and went down.

The 3-year-old child of James Wason of Norfolk fell into a deep outhouse vault and would have perished had not her cries been heard by men passing, who tore up the seat and rescued her. She was cut by broken glass which had been thrown in.

Beginning August 1, a new postal route will be opened between Omaha and Lincoln on the Burlington. A mail clerk will be put on No. 92, and also on the fast mail in the afternoon. Heretofore these trains have carried through pouches without clerks.

The Cattle Feeders' Loan association with a capital of \$500,000 has been organized at South Omaha. Its purpose is to loan to feeders throughout the state at advantageous rates, taking mortgages on the stock. Indirectly it is supposed to help the South Omaha market.

The eastbound passenger was delayed at Neligh the other day by the sheriff of Antelope county, who took from the American Express company's car a shipment of prairie chickens billed from Ewing. The Neligh gun club, learning that individuals were shooting prairie chickens in violation of law made the complaint and waited for the shipment. From the size of the boxes there must have been 100 or more chickens.

The bail bond of ex-State Treasurer Farley has not been filed in the supreme court, but his friends who have the work of getting sureties in hand still claim they have the \$125,000 raised, but they are desirous of securing additional names so that if any are stricken off by the clerk of the supreme court the necessary amount will still be represented. Sheriff McDonald is quoted as saying that he intends to convey Farley to the penitentiary thirty days after the date of sentence.

Charles Krieger, the boy who was charged with assault on his cousin, Clara Payne, on Sunday, July 4, was arrested by the sheriff of Cooper county and was taken to Elwood and arraigned before the county judge. He pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the penitentiary.

The Woodmen of Saunders county are arranging for a picnic and hog rolling to be held at Wahoo on August 13th.

Ed Shultners, living near Wayne, has a curiosity in a hog weighing about 150 pounds that has forward hoofs shaped like those of a horse and showing no sign of ever having been clomped.

ALASKA GOLD FIELDS.

SEEKERS READY FOR ANY DANGER TO GET THERE.

Last Regular Steamers Next Week, but Special Vessels to be Chartered by Impatient Men—Formation of Companies for the Construction of Railroad Lines.

Gold Seekers Impatient.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 22.—The regular season of travel to Alaska will be closed in less than two weeks because of the ice in the northern waters in September, but so many hundreds are anxious to get to the new gold regions that it is extremely probable that more than one steamer will be chartered to meet the demand to pass through the first light ice or will take gold seekers to the nearest open port and from there the eager people will travel over the ice and snow to the Klondyke fields. It is estimated that along the Pacific coast hundreds will make any sacrifice and take any risk to get to the section before winter. Hundreds more will let the season for travel close and prepare to go in the spring and it is certain that next summer will see the population of the Arctic gold fields increased by thousands.

The Alaska Commercial company has closed its books for the Excelsior, which will be the last regular steamer to leave for St. Michaels, Alaska. Scores flocked to the company's office again to-day, and enough decided to go that way to make up the 200 which the steamer can carry. A great majority go from San Francisco, but a number belong to the interior of the state, which is largely supplying recruits for the Yukon.

Owing to the present rush to the Klondyke gold fields, and the still greater rush expected next spring, the Puget Sound Tagboat company has decided to put a steamer on the Yukon river to carry passengers and freight from St. Michaels to Circle City and the Klondyke valley.

A GOLD FIELDS RAILROAD.

WILMINGTON, Del., July 22.—The Yukon Mining, Trading and Transportation company, which was formed here last year, sent P. I. Packard of Portland Ore., to the Yukon district to locate a route from the coast to Teslin lake, the head of the navigable waters of the Yukon, upon which a railway could be built. With the aid of Indians he located the pass leading direct from Taku inlet, on the Alaskan coast, to Teslin lake. This pass he learned was then known only to five white men. In October he returned and made his report to the company, and immediately it applied for charters in West Virginia, British Columbia and Canada, all of which were granted last spring. As an encouragement to the enterprise British Columbia made the company a grant of 5,120 acres of land to the mile of railway to be built—in all 650,000 acres.

In an interview last night Packard, who is here completing arrangements for the beginning of operations, said that the road would be a great boon for miners, as it would reduce the cost of their supplies and remove the present dangerous delays to their transportation up the Yukon river. It will be 140 miles long and will connect Taku inlet with steamers from San Francisco and Puget points. The road and its connecting steamers will land a miner and supplies at Klondyke in five days from Taku inlet or Juneau. The present route by way of St. Michael's island consumed thirty days under favorable conditions.

CINCINNATIANS ORGANIZE.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, July 22.—At a meeting held here by a number of business men, P. H. Wilson, a builder, was elected president of an Alaskan company, and A. H. Thoburn, a real estate man, secretary and treasurer. Wilson said that the object of the meeting was to organize a company of 100, each to pay \$1,000 and to proceed to San Francisco, purchase an iron vessel of sufficient tonnage to carry men and provisions, which can be done for \$50,000, and proceed to the Alaskan gold fields. It is the purpose to hold the vessel at the nearest point to the gold field for headquarters for the members of the company and employes. Twelve men have so far subscribed \$1,000 each.

Mr. and Mrs. Claus Shelman of Defiance have received a letter from their son, Fred, who has been in Alaska since last March under contract as a prospector, in which he says that there is no truth in the fabulous stories that come from Alaska, and that the gold fields there are practically barren. He says there is a great scarcity of food in that section. The suffering there and the enormous prices necessary to be paid, he says, should deter any thinking man from giving the subject of a trip to that country a second thought.

Had Indians Break Jail.

MILES CITY, Mont., July 22.—Yellow Hair and Sam Crow, two Cheyenne Indians who were arrested as accessories with Eugene Stalking Elk for the murder of John Hoover, over whose death occurred the late trouble on the Upper Rosebud, broke jail last night by digging through an eighteen inch wall.

Missouri School Books.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., July 22.—A veritable bomb was yesterday thrown into the camp of the standing army of book agents who have made things lively about Jefferson City since the Missouri School Year Book Commission has been in session, by the rejection of all bids for common school books by the commission. This determination was arrived at by the commission after many days of hard labor. The bids are rejected because the commission believes that the prices are too high, and that the people of Missouri should have cheaper books than they could get under the bids rejected.

GOLD DEMOCRATS CONFERENCE.

Arrangements Perfected to Push Campaigns in Iowa, Ohio and Kentucky. New York, July 22.—Gold Democrats from all over the country gathered to attend a special meeting of the executive committee of the national committee of the National Democratic party.

At the executive session plans were matured for continuing the campaign of education. The principal points of attack in sight are Ohio, Kentucky and Iowa.

"The meeting," said Chairman Bynum, "will, I think, demonstrate the fact that the fight for a restoration of Democratic principles is to go on harder than ever. We expect to show in elections like those in Ohio, Kentucky and Iowa that we hold the balance of power and that it is impossible for a so-called Democratic ticket to win on a free silver platform. If it can win after such a fight as we will make, then there is no reason for the existence of this movement and we will go out of business."

MISSOURI RIVER FUNDS.

Apportionment of the \$300,000 Allowed by the River and Harbor Bill.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—The allotments of the Missouri river commission for the fiscal year have just been made public. The \$300,000 allowed by the river and harbor bill will be apportioned as follows: Near Nebraska City, \$25,000; opposite Leavenworth, \$2,000; above Atchison, \$8,000; near the mouth of the Little Blue river, \$20,000; at Miami, \$22,000; above Glasgow, \$20,000; near Rochefort, \$13,000; at Howard's Bend, \$19,000; improvement of the first reach, \$100,000; operating snagboats, \$14,000; surveys, granges, etc., \$25,000; office salaries and traveling expenses, \$25,000; repairs and contingencies, \$7,000. The balance of \$1,295.56 for surveys and examinations, as made in the appropriation of June 3, 1896, is transferred to allotment for surveys and granges.

TRAPS DESTROYED.

Oregon Fishermen Wreck Property Worth Thousands of Dollars.

ASTORIA, Ore., July 22.—A few days ago when the salmon canners decided to reduce the price of fish to three cents a pound the fishermen accepted the cut and gave the impression that there would be no trouble. Late last night, however, between 300 and 500 armed men sailed over Baker's bay, which is a veritable network of fish traps, destroying offensive gear. Every trap they came to was rendered useless. The work of destruction was carried on in plain view from the shore, but no attempt was made to stop them. From reports, property valued at from \$75,000 to \$125,000 was destroyed. It is said the object of the men is to remove all the traps in the river and force the canners to pay the price asked, which is five cents.

MISSIONARY RIOTS.

Americans Attacked by Chinese—Riots Used to Good Purpose.

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 22.—According to advices by the Canadian Pacific steamship Empress of India from the Orient, while returning from the annual meeting of the American mission at Ching Chou, the Rev. A. H. Smith and H. D. Porter, Mrs. Porter and two children were attacked by a mob. They were traveling by boat and had tied up for the night just outside the city. Rocks and other missiles were thrown at the party, but they kept the mob at bay by firing rifle shots into the air until soldiers arrived. Five missionary riots are reported to have occurred in Kiangsi province in as many weeks. The last riot, in which three churches were destroyed by a mob, occurred June 11.

IMPORTANT RULING.

Railroads to Have Patents for Only Such Lands as Sold Before Default.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Secretary Bliss has issued instructions to the general land office which will in substance limit the right of bond aided railroads to patents for such lands as were sold by the company to bona fide purchasers prior to the date of default by such companies on the payment of their bonds or interest thereon. These instructions, the first formal expression of the administration on the subject, outline the policy to be pursued towards the roads and the significant change is in the "prior to date of default" restriction.

Burned by a Lamp Explosion.

ATCHISON, Kan., July 22.—Horace Monilton was burned to death at Kirwin, his home, Monday night, by the explosion of a lamp in his hands. He has been identified with Northwestern Kansas since the country was settled. He was a capitalist originally and his efforts contributed largely to the growth of that section.

Four Deaths in an Arms Factory.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., July 22.—Three women and one man were killed today by an explosion in the loading department of the armory of the Winchester Repeating Arms company. Five others were taken to the hospital badly injured.

SULTAN GIVES WAY.

The Will of the Powers in Regard to Thessaly Finally Rends. CONSTANTINOPLE, July 22.—The sultan has issued an order sanctioning the settlement of the Greek frontier question in accordance with the wishes of the powers. This was the result of the determined attitude of the powers in regard to the demand of Turkey, and means that the Thessaly will continue to be a part of Greece.

NEW VOTING SYSTEM.

FEATURES OF THE BLANK-LET BALLOT LAW.

It Will Be Easy to Vote Straight—Voters Required to Use Indelible Pencils Instead of Ink—New Power Given to the Secretary of State.

The blank ballot law passed by the recent legislature is now receiving attention, and voters will this fall have an opportunity to practice some of its provisions. The law is a modification of the Australian ballot law passed by the 1891 legislature.

Some of the changes made by the law are, the form of the ballot, the substitution of an indelible pencil for a pen and ink in marking, a mark for voting a straight ticket, a provision authorizing the formation of new parties, regulations governing decisions of the secretary of state relating to certificates of nominations, use of party names and emblems, together with a few precautionary instructions which

"SCHEDULE A."

Table with columns for 'By Petition', 'For a Straight Ticket Mark Within this Circle', and 'For a Straight Ticket Mark Within this Circle'. It lists candidates for various offices including President, Vice President, and Representatives for different districts.

SCRAPS.

The agricultural department of a Texas newspaper is conducted by Green Meadows Brown.

The porch of a temple in the interior of Japan has this inscription: "Neither horses, cattle nor women admitted here."

Transportation of soft-shell crabs alive from the east to Portland, Ore., has just been successfully accomplished for the first time.

The distance from St. Petersburg to the Pacific terminus of the Siberian railway is about twice as great as that from New York to San Francisco.

Alexandria, Va., has raised the ban which from the early days of the settlement made it unlawful to bring in oysters between April and September.

The West Sullivan (Me.) base ball nine sawed a pile of wood for a resident of the place and put the money received for the work in the treasury.

A Kansas City woman who tried in vain to make an honest living gave it up recently and turned fortune teller. Now she has money to burn.—Exchange.

Already grasshoppers are hatching in such numbers in the region of Oakesdale, Wash., that the inhabitants are alarmed over the threatened injury to crops.

Lightning struck two hoes that a negro was carrying over his shoulder near Millington, Md., and passed through him from his shoulder to his feet, killing him.

Mrs. Dahlgren—Ah, Mr. Phipps, I saw you in church last Sunday. Mr. Phipps—Yes; it rained, you know. Was that the reason you were there, too?—Cleveland Leader.

There is a family of twenty-six persons in Strasburg, every one of whom rides a bicycle. The oldest is sixty-two, the youngest six months old.—Foreign Letter New York Post.

Sycamore trees which for several years have flourished where they were planted in various sections of Portland, Ore., are dying of some disease which the citizens do not understand.

The Heiress—Papa, buy that Watteau for me. The Hundred Millionaire—But, my dear, this is the Louvre. It belongs to the government. The Heiress—Then buy the government, Papa. The Hundred Millionaire—But, my child, the government represents the whole of France. The Heiress—I say, pop, I want that picture; buy France!—New York Truth.

MORE GOLD FROM ALASKA.

Steamer Umatilla Brings Nearly \$200,000—More to Come.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 22.—The steamship Umatilla, which arrived yesterday from Puget Sound ports, brought down almost \$200,000 worth of Alaskan gold, of which \$133,700 was in gold dust from Seattle, consigned to Wells, Fargo & Co. There were several other shipments of gold in sacks, some of which was shipped direct from Juneau, and advices from that place are to the effect that at least \$750,000 worth of dust was awaiting shipment at various Alaskan stations.

Among the sensational advices received was one from St. Michael's to the effect that over \$4,000,000 in gold which had not been included with the fortunes brought here by miners, will be shipped through Wells, Fargo & Co., other lucky miners having reached the island since the departure of the Excelsior and Portland who have secured greater fortunes individually than those whose stories have already been told.

Although the capacity of the steamer Portland, which sails to-day for St. Michael's, and the Excelsior, which sails on the 29th, is limited to about 110 passengers, over 1,000 applications have been made for berths. Most of the disappointed ones are making arrangements to travel hence to Tacoma by rail, and secure passage on the Mexico and Topeka, which sail thence next week, but many must inevitably wait until next spring, and their disappointment is sore.

Washington, July 22.—The campaign for the removal of United States Marshal Neely has opened with a mild cannonade, which will very probably be followed by more heavy artillery in the course of a short time. A series of charges will be preferred, the nature of which is only partially disclosed by the filing of a statement by eastern parties, reciting, among other offenses, that Neely, while acting in his official capacity and selecting jurors for the United States court, accepted a retainer to appear as an expert witness before the same jurors in the celebrated Hillmon insurance swindling case. It is said that this charge is one of the least serious preferred against Neely, evidence in support of others being now accumulated by those interested in the early retirement of the marshal.

Peoria, Ill., July 23.—Fifty striking miners at Farmington seized a Burlington freight train at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, demanding that it carry them to Dunfermline, where they intended to call out the 250 miners at work, their wages having been increased 3 per cent. They refused to pay or get off and held the train till 3 o'clock, when the conductor cut off the engine and ran to Canton, returning with the sheriff and the state's attorney. They argued with the men and the latter finally abandoned the train, after holding it five hours. The Peoria county miners are threatening to march across the country to Dunfermline to-day to force the men out. The managers of the mines say the men want to keep at work and are preparing for trouble.

IOWA PATENT OFFICE REPORT.

DES MOINES, July 19.—Talmadge E. Brown, of Des Moines, has been granted a copyright for a melodrama in four acts, entitled "The Thieves' Den."

A. F. Thompson, of Adel, has been allowed a design patent adapted to be worn as a political badge. Patents have been allowed, but not yet issued, as follows: To L. D. Hart, of Nora Springs, for a corn cutter and shocker, adapted to be advanced in the field to cut off stalks and gather them into a shock to be bound together. To J. W. Russell, of Newton, for an improved grain thrasher and separator in which part of the novelty is a tortuous passage way for straw and chaff and a device for forcing air into said passage way at each of its turns, and guide rods fixed to the walls of the passageway and curved around the corners. To L. D. and A. J. Hart, of Nora Springs, for a clothes pounder adapted to be attached to a tub to be operated therein and also adapted to be adjusted relative to an adjacent tub for washing clothes therein by the pounding process without detaching it from the other tub.

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LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKET.

Quotations From New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha and Elsewhere.

Table listing market prices for various commodities including Butter, Eggs, Spring Chickens, Hens, Honey, Beans, Potatoes, Oysters, and various types of Corn.

SOUTH OMAHA STOCK MARKET.

Table listing market prices for various types of Hogs, Cattle, Sheep, and other livestock.

NEW YORK.

Table listing market prices for various types of Wheat, Corn, and other grains.

KANSAS CITY.

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