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## NEBRASKA.

Elm Creek Methodists have just dedicated a new church.

Auburn reports the most successful farmers' institute ever held in Nemaha county.

Several cases of scarlet fever are reported from Gering, but no fatalities up to date.

The Iowa legislature, in full force, visited Omaha to look over the exposition grounds.

Pawnee City proposes to have a telephone exchange and to that end residents there are freely subscribing for instruments.

The north Nebraska teachers will hold their spring meeting at Norfolk the last two days in March, and the first day of April.

Real estate mortgages in Phelps county were decreased in 1917. New mortgages filed amounted to \$166,587, and the releases amounted to \$229,669.01.

George W. Lidell, Hub Humphrey and Jack Hudson, who were arrested charged with violating the liquor law, have been bound over to the next term of the district court.

At Allen the farmers' institute held last week was one of the largest held yet in northern Nebraska, and it awoke much enthusiasm among the farmers at that locality.

Dr. G. B. Richards, an old and respected citizen of Norfolk, fell dead in his office of apoplexy. He had just entered with a patient and fell while in the act of hanging up his hat.

The Norfolk and Grand Island sugar factories are making more advantageous contracts for farmers raising beets than they have made before. It means an increased price for the raw product.

The E. H. Monroe dwelling at Fremont, occupied by H. H. Pratt, burned. The building was insured for \$3,300 and the furniture for \$500. The fire is supposed to have started from the furnace.

Robert Ingram of Emerson shipped a car of popcorn to Chicago and Joe Dally a car to Milwaukee. They expect to realize about \$200 per car. About seventeen acres yield a car of popcorn.

At Imperial the large store building, a stock of furniture and a small stock of groceries, owned by G. W. Rogers, was totally destroyed by fire. Mr. Rogers values the property destroyed at \$2,000.

J. T. Clark of Columbus left home on the 31st of January with \$800 on his person. He has not since been heard from and his family and friends are greatly worried over the disappearance.

Chris Thorns, working for Charles Gottsch, a farmer and cattle dealer, was killed by a horse. He was left hand cut off between two big wheels on a horsepower, which was running full speed.

A Mrs. Becker of St. Helena died from an accident last week. She was milking a cow, which became frightened and trampled on her, breaking several ribs and causing internal injuries, resulting in death.

There is a general discussion along the line of the Elkhorn road to the effect that the road will be extended from Hastings to Kearney and direct connection made with the Union Pacific at the latter point.

While sliding down hill Earl Potter and Will Smith of Madison, both occupying the same sled, ran into a fence post, resulting in one of young Potter's ears being nearly torn off and a severe shaking up for the Smith boy.

Prof. Morey has just received the preliminary programs for the Central Nebraska Educational association meeting, to be held in Kearney on March 30 to April 1, next. The program extends over three days.

Hon. J. Sterling Morton of Nebraska City has presented to the public schools 600 copies of the United States Patriotic Almanac, which will be valuable to the schools and are highly appreciated by the board of education.

It is stated that the creamery output of Nebraska will be doubled this year, owing to a large number of new creameries being built and the growing popularity of those already in operation. There is great activity along this line.

Governor Holcomb has honored a requisition from the governor of Illinois for the return to that state of Frank Rice, now under arrest at Wilber, Saline county, who is charged with burglary committed in Galesburg last summer.

At a public sale at the farm of P. P. New, two miles southeast of Norfolk, a large amount of property was sold and while nine months' time was offered on all sums in excess of \$10, not a single note was given, everything being paid for in cash.

Adjutant General P. H. Barry has received notice from several cities and villages that local committees have been appointed to act in conjunction with the state Cuban relief commission. Among those towns which have made these local appointments are Grafton and University Place.

The oldest inhabitant fails to recall a winter when the ground in this section of the state, writes a Beatrice correspondent, remained covered with snow for so long a period as it has this winter. Winter wheat is said to never have been in better condition at this period as at present as a result.

The mayor of Emerson has ordered the marshal to take down all nickel-in-the-slot machines and to strictly enforce the ordinance prohibiting poker playing.

While Sherman Newton, a farmer who resides six miles southeast of Loup City, was loading coal into his wagon from the shaft along the Burlington & Milwaukee tracks, his team became frightened at the approach of a freight train. He seized the horses by the bits, endeavoring to hold them, but they shook him off and they and the wagon in which was about 1,000 pounds of coal, passed over him, breaking his back. He will die.

# RELIEF FOR CUBANS.

## NEEDS OF ISLANDERS IN THE REMOTE DISTRICTS.

Consul Baker Writes of the Situation—God and Charitable Americans Thanked for Replenishing the Empty Treasuries—Previous Reports Were Not Exaggerated.

Our Aid Thankfully Received.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 7.—Hon. Charles W. Russell, assistant United States attorney in the department of justice, has just received the following letter acknowledging the receipt of a New York draft mailed to United States Consul Barker at Sagua La Grande, Cuba, whose district of Las Vegas embraces Santa Clara, the capital of the province of that name; San Domingo, Remedios and another city in the same province in the eastern part of the island.

In explanation of his estimate of the number of deaths from starvation up to the time of his recent visit, viz., 200,000, Mr. Russell says he got that number from the common talk of Cuba. For instance, he asked a Cuban what the insurgents said about accepting the offer of autonomy and the answer was that Spain had put 200,000 corpses between her and them, referring evidently to the reconcentrados.

The letter follows: "It is with unfeigned pleasure as well as inexpressible gratitude of your valued favor of the 19th inst., transmitting \$68 United States currency, as a donation to the Dispensario, a charitable institution, to care for the destitute and sick children of this city—contributed, as you say, by certain employes of your department.

"I must tell you and the other good souls contributing that the remittance was most timely, as their exchequer was empty, and as one remarked when this relief was made known: 'We had God and only God to look to in order that our treasury be replenished. To God and those charitable Americans are due our thanks.'

"Mrs. S. of Boston has notified me that she has sent to my address a case of condensed milk for the same purpose, as also for the remnants of families of reconcentrados in an old warehouse, of whom I have heard.

"I assume it was you who called her attention to these poor starving outcasts."

After speaking of the good done by Mr. Russell's visit to Cuba, the letter proceeds:

"Up to date my district has received none of the relief sent by our people, except through your thoughtfulness.

"Of course, Consul General Lee has not nor will he ever, in my humble judgment, have sufficient contributions sent to Havana to share with us so remote and inaccessible to the transporting of supplies. In view of this contributions—like yours, in money—will aid in saving thousands who must die without sustenance and medicine immediately furnished. For instance, this remittance from the generous employes in your department is better than ten times the sum thirty days hence.

"I have certificates signed by the alcaldes of the principal cities and towns in my Sagua la Grande, zone, showing that my estimate of 50,000 perishing souls was rather under than above the mark.

"To my mind and to all Christian people there is but one issue in this Cuban question, viz., destitution and starvation. The status quo is as when you left, save the destitution and the death rate increases hourly.

"I have—not the authorities—selected and named a relief committee composed of women, as well as men, who will distribute all contributions received and render needed relief to all the destitute.

"Say to the generous people of America who have never turned a deaf ear to the cry of distress, whether at home or in a foreign land, to send us food, medicine and clothing for the sick."

Trouble Anticipated at Yukon.

SALT LAKE, Utah, Feb. 7.—A special to the Tribune from Butte, Mont., says:

Information received from Lethbridge, on the Canadian boundary, is the effect that great excitement has been caused there by orders received from the Dominion government that every man of the mounted police hold himself in readiness to proceed to the Yukon on a moment's notice for temporary duty. Superintendent Dean has received notice to go to McLeod to relieve Major Steele, who was ordered to the Yukon and had left for that place before the arrival of the second message. Five men were also ordered to the Yukon and left yesterday.

The orders which were received by wire by the officers in command of the division are said to be due to the existence of serious trouble between the Canadian and United States authorities in Alaska, relating to the attempts by the Americans to get provisions into the Yukon free of duty, ostensibly for the relief of the distress, but in reality for the sale to the highest bidder.

Prussia Greatly Offended.

LONDON, Feb. 7.—The Daily Chronicle says this evening it believes that the recent speech of the chancellor of the exchequer at Swansea, when he said the government was determined to stand at the cost of war, that the door of Chinese commerce should not be shut to Great Britain, greatly offended Prussia.

Farewell to Schroeder.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 7.—For the last week Right Rev. Mar. Schroeder has been conducting a retreat at the Josephinum in this city. The retreat closed today and then a farewell banquet was given in honor of the distinguished prelate by the German Central Verein. —Mr. Schroeder will remain in the city until next Thursday and on Wednesday night a reception will be given in his honor by the Catholic clergy of the city. Mar. Schroeder will leave for Prussia to accept a professorship in the university at Munster.

# REV. BROWN.

He Has a Big Congregation Morning and Evening.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—Rev. C. O. Brown faced his congregation at the Green Street Congregational church yesterday for the first time since he made his confession in San Francisco. The little church was filled at both morning and evening services.

At the morning service Dr. Brown made no reference to his trip to San Francisco and his sensational statement before the San Francisco association, the services being conducted as usual and the sermon having no relation to the minister's trouble. At the evening service, however, Dr. Brown made a lengthy statement, somewhat to the same effect as that he read at San Francisco.

Since Dr. Brown's sensational confession ten days ago there has been much speculation as to what action the Green street church would take. Following his confession Dr. Brown forwarded a letter of resignation to the church, and also one to the Chicago association. Action on both letters was deferred, in order to afford Dr. Brown an opportunity for defense. When he returned to this city on Saturday he stated that he had no defense to make. It was decided that action on the resignation then would be taken at the trustees' meeting next Wednesday.

After the meeting of the trustees it was given out that in all probability the action to be taken on Wednesday night will be in favor of retaining Dr. Brown as pastor, and handing back to him his letter of resignation. On the other hand, however, it is said on the best authority that the Chicago association will drop Dr. Brown's name from its list, in which event the Green street church cannot retain him as pastor, unless it formally withdraws from the association.

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# DIDN'T GET SERVICE.

## Woman Brings Suit Against a Millionaire Manufacturer.

CHICAGO, Feb. 5.—A suit for \$150,000 against John H. Hanan, the millionaire shoe manufacturer of Brooklyn, in which the plaintiff is a woman has been begun in the superior court in this city. The suit was begun Wednesday, but was suppressed in order that service might be had on the defendant, who lives in Brooklyn, but who was in Chicago during the present week on business. The plaintiff is Mrs. B. M. Dutton of this city, formerly a resident of Brooklyn, where she knew the shoe manufacturer. Hanan was in Chicago last Monday. He did not register, and although the hotel was besieged by men who were sent to watch his movements, he succeeded in getting out of the city Tuesday. Mr. Hanan on that day went to St. Louis and from there has since returned to Brooklyn without being served by a summons in Mrs. Dutton's suit. The attorney for the Chicago plaintiff has now given up hope of securing service, as he says he has information that Mr. Hanan will soon sail from New York to Europe on a business trip.

The attorney for Mrs. Dutton said today that the suit of his client grows out of events which occurred previous to Mr. Hanan's meeting with Mrs. Smith, now Mrs. Thompson, against whom the shoe manufacturer began suit about two weeks ago at Newport, R. I., for the recovery of about \$150,000 worth of real estate and jewelry which he had given her. The suit was compromised just before Mr. Hanan's visit to Chicago. Mrs. Dutton's attorney refused to say what the relations were between his client and the defendant.

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This mud-treatment in which Mr. Medill found so much virtue, is peculiar, yet logical. After all, every form of life springs from the earth, which is the great destroyer and annihilator of dead and effete matter. All life is fed at the breast of Mother Earth. At the Indiana Mineral Springs is a beautiful little natural amphitheatre, the slopes being grown with magnificent oaks. At the foot of the converging hills, a big Lithian spring gushes forth at the rate of 3,000 barrels a day and floods the soil, which consists of a rich black porous loam, fed by the deciduous foliage of the oak trees. This peculiar soil saturated with mineral salts for ages, is as soluble as sugar, and being devoid of clay is not sticky in the least. It is not, therefore, in any sense related to the conventional mud of the road, or the mud of Chicago street or the variety which clings to your boots.

The mud is applied to the patient on a cot, the subject being entirely encased in the substance, stuffed to a proper temperature. It then acts as a proper stimulant, opens the pores and lithifies the blood, dissolving all uric acid deposits. Nothing can be simpler or more rational. Mr. Medill at the time of his last visit shared the benefits of the Magna Mud cure with several other shining lights from Chicago. His professional colleague, Wm. Penn Nixon, late of the Inter-Ocean, now Collector of the Port of Chicago, is another mud-devotee. So is E. J. John, F. A. A. G. good, which shows that mud is more powerful than politics, because it unites in a common purpose two men, who are politically and exactly bed-fellows.

# CANADA.

## What is Now Going on in the Dominion.

A Cincinnati Klondike party passed through Winnipeg, Manitoba, a few days since, on their way to the gold fields. Two or three ladies accompanied them, and as they passed through the streets of that Western Canadian city, they were the objects of considerable attention, in their costumes of leather leggings and buckskin suits, the same as were worn by the gentlemen of the party.

A new route to the Klondike is said to have been discovered by way of Prince Albert, in the western territories of Canada. It will be a competitor to the Edmonton route.

The demand for good train dogs is keeping up at Battleford, in Western Canada. Between the police, the northwest government and Mr. P. K. Lindsay of Victoria, B. C., every available dog of the requisite quality has found ready sale, and everywhere you can see some of the poor brutes getting the worst of it in the efforts of the owners to train them with the expectation of sale.

Custom returns for the past six months, ending December 31, show an increase in the total trade of over \$25,000,000.

The City of Toronto asks from the street railway company 10 per cent of the gross revenue of the company for the past year. As the revenue was over \$1,000,000, the city will receive a very fair rental.

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The mud is applied to the patient on a cot, the subject being entirely encased in the substance, stuffed to a proper temperature. It then acts as a proper stimulant, opens the pores and lithifies the blood, dissolving all uric acid deposits. Nothing can be simpler or more rational. Mr. Medill at the time of his last visit shared the benefits of the Magna Mud cure with several other shining lights from Chicago. His professional colleague, Wm. Penn Nixon, late of the Inter-Ocean, now Collector of the Port of Chicago