



People and Events

Author and Diplomat.

John Barrett of Oregon, formerly United States minister and consul general to Siam, has been appointed by the president a delegate to the international conference of American states...



JOHN BARRETT.

ies of the South and its industries, and his writings on that subject are profound and important. For several years he has made his home in Portland, Oregon, but owing to his extensive travels at home and abroad, he has not spent much of his time in that city.

The British Budget.

"You have had your feast," says the English chancellor of the exchequer. "You have all, Liberals and Tories, been mad for rioting and expenditure. Now comes the reckoning, and you may laugh or not, as you please."

A large proportion of the expense of a war whereby Great Britain is acquiring possession of devastated territories inhabited by an irreconcilable population will have to be paid by posterity. The budget of the chancellor of the exchequer contemplates a loan of nearly \$300,000,000 in addition to new taxes...

Beer, spirits, tobacco, and tea are

Reputed Fiancee of Lieutenant Hobson

Miss Florida Whiting Graves, the reputed fiancee of Lieutenant Richmond Pearson Hobson, is one of the beauties of Birmingham, Ala., and is also well known in Washington society.



her remarkable beauty. She is of medium height, somewhat slender, her eyes are dark, her features of rare regularity, her hair is a bright chestnut and her complexion a clear olive.

taxed heavily already. The chancellor of the exchequer does not deem an increase advisable. He will not listen to propositions to impose duties on breadstuffs or foreign manufactures.

The proposed export duty of 25 cents a ton on coal will produce considerable revenue and will by discouraging exportations tend to cheapen the price of the article in the home market.

An Expensive Junket.

The British admiralty's estimate of the cost of the trip of the Duke and Duchess of York on the steamship Ophir includes the following items: Wages of crew, \$41,980; victualing and clothing, \$9,880; coal, \$125,000; naval stores, \$3,140; hire of the Ophir, \$632,500; total, \$813,500.

An Able Churchman.

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California did not figure in the census returns of the United States until 1850. Then its population was 92,597.

A COUNTRY ROAD.



A dusty, stone way, whose bordering sod is thick with blackberries and goldenrod; Abrupt, bare hills on one side looking down; And from the other you can see the town;

A little further, where the road descends, A brook's soft tinkle with some bird song blends. (Gone from its edge the dear old dame's small cot Half hidden by quaint flowers) lush berries Makes sweet its banks, its depths the boys still swim. Or watch the minnows from some willow limb.

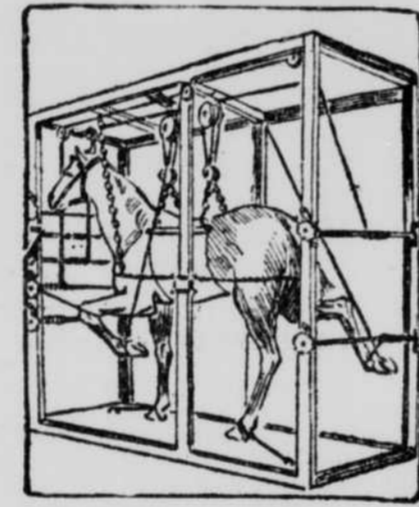
Upon its bridge how often I have stood, Watching the west, whose glory seemed to flood; With tenderest light the porch and Beside it—turn to gold the brooklet's waves— Till from the hill, oh, dearest sight of all, I saw my father and I heard him call. He came with sturdy stride and swinging gait— My hand in his—told my day's whole tale Of joys, that 'neath his bright smile seemed to grow. While lessened was my every childish woe. As his sweet words fell on my soul like balm, While we walked homeward through the fragrant calm.

—Mary M. McCarthy.



Noel Horseshoeing Rack.

Shoeing a fractious horse is not a task to be envied by any one, and there is always danger of accident to the man who performs the work in the ordinary manner, as the animal seems possessed of the idea that the hoofs were made to defend itself with instead of to be shod. In addition to the danger to the shoer, the animal is liable to injure itself in the argument and especially is this the case in shoeing colts for the first time, when fright is generally the chief cause of trouble.



PREVENTS INJURY TO SHOER. It will be seen that numerous straps and windlasses are provided, which will not only firmly hold each foot, but will lift the animal bodily from the floor and keep him suspended while the labor is going on. It is also probable that after a few applications of the machine to a fractious horse he could be induced to stand quietly while being shod without the use of the appliances.

Another Ecumenical Conference.

The first ecumenical conference of the Methodist church was held in London in 1881. The second met in Washington, D. C., Oct. 7, 1891. The third will meet in Wesley's chapel, City road, London, in September next.

The coming conference will discuss the present position of Methodism, the influence of Methodism in the promotion of international peace, the relation of Methodism to the Evangelical free church movement, Methodism and Christian unity, Methodism and education in the twentieth century, and Christianity and modern unbelief, but it will not discuss any question upon which the Methodists have divided.

Whether these ecumenical conferences have promoted closer fellowship among Methodists is an open question, but it is contended that the conferences have promoted concerted action among Methodists on important public and religious questions. Reports are to be made at the coming conference as to means for still further promoting united action on questions of common interest to the laity and the clergy.

England's Big Loan.

The British government has issued an invitation for subscriptions to one-half the new loan of \$300,000,000, stating at the same time that the other half has already been placed. There is loud complaint because no explanation is offered. The London Chronicle voices the dissatisfaction of the public when it speaks of the issue as a "disastrous" one, "in which the British taxpayer drops the round sum of £3,300,000 in the process of borrowing £60,000,000." Part of it has been floated in New York.

ROCK ISLAND WINS ITS SUIT.

Maximum Freight Law is Again Declared Unconstitutional. OMAHA, April 29.—Judges Sanborn and Munger, the former of the United States circuit and the latter of the United States district court, sustained the demurrer of the plaintiff in the suit of F. L. Prout, attorney general, against the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad company, brought to recover fines and penalties aggregating \$450,000 on account of alleged violations of the maximum freight rate law passed by the legislature during the session of 1893.

As a result of the sustaining of the demurrer the attorney general is restrained from commencing suits and from prosecuting those heretofore commenced in order to enforce the provisions of the law, which is held to be unconstitutional and void.

Shortly after the passage of the maximum freight rate law an attempt was made by the state board of transportation and George H. Hastings, then attorney general, to carry out its provisions. To prevent this the Union Pacific, Northwestern and Burlington Railroad companies took the matter into court. An adjudication was finally reached in the United States supreme court, where it was held that the law was unconstitutional. A permanent injunction went out.

The suit against the Rock Island was not tried at that time, but was handed down as one of the assets of the office, passing to C. J. Smyth, who became his successor. The cases against the other roads being in litigation and farther advanced than that against the Rock Island, was not reached by Attorney Smyth. By him it was passed to his successor, Frank L. Prout, the present attorney general.

In their opinion the judges cite the former cases and the decision of the supreme court, holding the law unconstitutional, taking the position that the suit was brought to punish the defendant for failing to obey a law held invalid. An injunction is ordered to issue and the state is given the customary time in which to perfect its appeal.

OUR SHOW AT BUFFALO.

The Nebraska Exhibit Will Not Be of a Very Creditable Character.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 29.—The prospects for Nebraska making any adequate or representative showing at the Buffalo exposition this summer and fall are far from promising, notwithstanding the fact that the legislature made an appropriation of \$10,000 for that purpose.

Such at least is the impression gathered from a talk with Hon. E. L. Vance of Pawnee City, recently appointed by Governor Dietrich to have charge of Nebraska's exhibit and of the expenditure of the \$10,000.

Mr. Vance has just returned from a hurried trip to Buffalo, where he went to complete preliminary arrangements for the installation of the exhibits which are to be made for the purpose of advertising Nebraska. The fair will be formally opened, Mr. Vance says, on May 20. Owing to the short time intervening, he says, and also because of the small appropriation, it has been decided impossible to erect a Nebraska building and the state exhibit will be made, therefore, in the various departments. For this purpose Mr. Vance has succeeded in securing but 1,100 square feet of space, 600 in a corner of the agricultural building and 500 in a corner of the horticultural building. No space could be obtained for an educational exhibit, nor for a showing of the state's various commercial and manufacturing interests.

NO THOUGHT OF FOUL PLAY.

No New Sensation in Death of A. G. Linstrum.

YORK, Neb., April 29.—The effort to create a sensation out of the tragic death of A. G. Linstrum seems a little far-fetched. While the construction of the verdict of the coroner's jury is a little peculiar, there remains no doubt as to the fact that the deceased came to his death by his own hand. It is said that a daughter hysterically remarked that her mother was the cause of her father's death, but it is claimed she had no grounds other than that the wife and husband had heretofore quarreled. The county attorney, F. C. Power, has taken no steps toward an investigation and he has not been solicited to do so, nor has any information been given him for this purpose, so for the present at least, under the circumstances, so far as known, the public will accept the verdict of suicide.

Hastings is Interested.

HASTINGS, Neb., April 29.—The Commercial club was called in special meeting for the purpose of ascertaining what had been done in regard to securing the location at Hastings of the grand lodge building of the Ancient Order of United Workmen. This matter will be settled at the next meeting of the grand lodge, which will be held on May 15 at Nebraska City. Hastings is very much interested in the project.

FIRST REPORT OF THE YEAR.

What is Set Forth Regarding Conditions in Nebraska Crops.

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA. LINCOLN.—The past week has been cold, with about the normal rainfall. The daily mean temperature has averaged from 5 degrees to 8 degrees below the normal. Killing frosts occurred on the 17th and 18th, with temperatures below 30 degrees. Vegetation is so backward, however, that no damage resulted from the low temperature.

Rain was general on the 15th or 16th. The amount exceeded one-half an inch at most places, and at a few places exceeded an inch. Although wet weather has retarded farm work in parts of the state, generally considerable progress has been made during the past week. Spring wheat seeding is well advanced, and some spring wheat is up—coming evenly and nicely. Oat seeding has been general the past week and is nearly completed in the southern counties. Early sown oats are coming up nicely. Present indications are for a small acreage of oats, caused by the late spring and wet weather at seeding time.

Very little plowing has been done, but the ground at the end of the week was in excellent condition for plowing and seeding.

Winter wheat, rye and grass have grown well, but somewhat slowly, because of the low temperature.

DIES ON HIS WIFE'S GRAVE.

Harry Rice, City Marshal of North Platte, Commits Suicide.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., April 27.—Harry Rice, the city marshal here, in a fit of despondency, committed suicide by taking strychnine. The evidence at the inquest showed that he went to the cemetery, where he was seen just a short time before he died, sitting upon the grave of his wife, who died about two years ago. His body was found near a hydrant a few feet from the grave, to which he had dragged himself, as appeared from the tracks.

He purchased the poison of one of the drug stores here, stating that he had some dogs to kill and did not want to shoot them. He also bade some of his friends goodbye, saying it was the last they would see of him.

He went straight from his room to the cemetery without coming uptown. His strange conduct of last night being reported this morning and he failing to appear as usual, a search was instituted and his body found.

HORSE THIEVES' NERVOUS WORK.

Make Away With Two Teams and Wagon From Farmers.

TECUMSEH, Neb., April 27.—Horse thieves got in their work in Johnson county the other night. From Harry Roup, a farmer southwest of her, they stole a team of horses, wagon and harness, and from Nate Sutherland, a neighbor, they made away with a team of horses. Mr. Roup will pay \$25 for the recovery of his property and Johnson county will give a reward of \$50 for the apprehension of the thieves. Mr. Sutherland will also pay \$25 for the return of his team and in this case, too, Johnson county will pay \$50 for the capture of the thieves. Sheriff C. B. Strong and Deputy Sheriff William Cummings and other mounted men took the trail of the offenders early, and when last heard from they were a good distance south of Tecumseh and believed they were on the right track.

Indians Start for Buffalo.

RUSHVILLE, Neb., April 27.—Two hundred and fifty Indians, with seventy-five ponies, left here on a special for the Buffalo exposition. No finer body of Indians have ever left this place for an exhibition, their decorations were superb, and at least 1,000 of their friends and relatives accompanied them to the train. The company will pick up other bands along the route and at Chicago will meet the bands from Indian Territory and together will swoop down upon the city of Buffalo.

Western Nebraska Rejoices.

ALLIANCE, Neb., April 27.—Western Nebraska is rejoicing over the fine weather following three weeks of very severe storms. The ground is in fine condition for crops and much more than usual will be put in. Grass is green and in a few days more like the present pasture will be abundant, much to the delight of stockmen. The loss of stock is not as large as many of the reports made it, perhaps 1 or 2 per cent.

Recovered His Hat.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., April 27.—Several days ago an old fisherman named Samuel Henrys was crossing the Missouri river in a skiff, when his hat blew off, and in attempting to reach it, the boat was capsized. Being a poor swimmer, Mr. Henrys clung to the overturned boat, and the strong current carried him down to a small island two miles south of the city, where he was rescued the following day.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations from South Omaha and Kansas City.

SOUTH OMAHA.

Cattle—There was another liberal run of cattle, but packers took hold in good shape and the market did not show much change from yesterday. Trade was active and the bulk of the supply was out of first hands in good season. The market could be quoted just about steady, though in some cases sellers thought they had to take a shade lower price than they did yesterday. The weaker feeling was, of course, more noticeable on the medium kinds of cattle. There were only a few cows and heifers on sale. Fifteen cars would about cover the receipts. In spite of the light supply buyers did not take hold with quite as much life as they have been doing, and the trade did not have time to snap to it that has been noticed of late. Bulls sold in about yesterday's notches, but they were not any too active. Veal calves and stags brought steady prices also. The few stockers and feeders of good quality that were offered today were picked up at fully steady prices. Stockers weighing 400 pounds sold at \$5.10. The demand from the country is not what might be called heavy, but still it is large enough to take all that is coming at good, strong prices.

Hogs—There was a big run of hogs, making the supply for the four days this week the heaviest in some time past. Packers started out and tried to buy their droves at steady prices, but sellers were holding for higher prices, and for that reason the market was slow in getting started, and not very many sold at the early bids. Finally, however, packers raised their hands a little and the hogs began moving toward the scales at a shade stronger price than were paid yesterday. The bulk of the hogs today sold from \$5.75 to \$5.90, with the long strong at \$5.75.

Sheep—There were only about a dozen loads of sheep and lambs on sale and the quality of the offerings as a whole was common. The market opened up about steady on the better grades. Clipped lambs brought \$4.45, which looked about steady, and woolled sheep sold at \$4.60, which was about as much as the same kind would have brought yesterday. The last end of the market, however, was very slow and weak, as packers did not seem to want the common stuff that was offered.

KANSAS CITY MARKET.

Cattle—Medium weight native and Texas steers, steady; other cattle, easier; choice dressed beef cattle, \$5.25 to \$5.50; fair to good, \$4.75 to \$5.15; stockers and feeders, \$4.10 to \$4.50; western-dressed steers, \$4.50 to \$5.25; Texas and Indians, \$4.25 to \$4.50; cows, \$3.50 to \$4.50; heifers, \$3.50 to \$4.50; canners, \$2.50 to \$3.25; bulls, \$3.00 to \$3.50; calves, \$4.50 to \$5.00.

Sheep and Lambs—Market steady; western lambs, \$4.75 to \$5.00; western wethers, \$4.50 to \$4.80; western yearlings, \$4.65 to \$4.90; ewes, \$1.90 to \$2.00; bulls, \$3.50 to \$4.00; western lambs, \$3.00 to \$3.50.

CABINET MEMBERS SANGUINE.

Hopeful that the Platt Amendment Will Be Accepted.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—The cabinet meeting today, the last one before the president's departure for the coast, was occupied almost exclusively with the discussion of the visit of the Cuban commission. Secretary Root, who has been conducting the conferences with the commission, submitted rather exhaustively an account of the interviews he had with them.

He told the president and the cabinet of the objections which the commissioners raised to the Platt amendment and of some of the misunderstandings regarding it.

There was a general exchange of opinion among the members of the cabinet regarding the situation and in light of the views expressed, Secretary Root will hold another conference with the commissioners before their departure. The president will not see them again, except to formally bid them farewell. While there are one or two points upon which some of the members of the commission are insistent the general feeling of the cabinet, as reflected in their exchange of views today, was that the result of the commission's visit could not but be beneficial in relieving erroneous impressions which it is expected are entertained in the constitutional convention regarding the purposes of the United States.

Altogether it would not be too much to say that the cabinet generally is hopeful that the convention, after hearing the report of the commission, will be much more disposed to accept our terms than it has been heretofore.

ADELBERT HAY QUILTS POST.

Son of the Secretary of State Resigns Consulship at Pretoria.

WASHINGTON, April 27.—Adelbert Hay, son of the secretary of state, has resigned his post as United States consul general at Pretoria. The resignation takes effect tomorrow. His successor has not been selected.

In view of the great expense of living at Pretoria, it is possible that the offices will be left vacant until congress can have an opportunity to act upon a recommendation from the executive looking to an increase in the salary of the office of consul general at Pretoria.

Robbers Turn Bold Trick.

ANACONDA, Mont., April 27.—A most audacious robbery was committed here early by two burglars, who secured \$10,000 in gold. The burglars entered the Alaska saloon by forcing the main street door. Boldly picking up a 300-pound safe they loaded it onto an express wagon. Driving outside the city limits, they broke the safe open and secured \$10,000 in gold. Putting the broken safe back into the wagon, they made good their escape.