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OUR NAVY.

We notice here and there critical and rather querulous comment on the fact that the first aid to the Americans in Asia Minor and the ill-starred native Christians has been given by European warships exclusively, says the Hartford Courant. "It is certainly unfortunate for our prestige," remarks one journal, "that no United States warship is at hand. This absence of any representative of our navy from coasts where its services may be urgently required is due to the virtual abolition of what was called for many years 'the European station.'" In those years we had a great mercantile marine; its sails—in the consecrated phrase—whitened all seas. In those years we did not have the Panama undertaking on our hands, or Hawaii, or the Philippines. At present United States warships are more useful—actually and potentially—in home waters and in Asiatic waters than in European waters.

Whatever sympathy may have been felt with the revolutionists at Tabriz, there was no denying that the movement was against the established government of Persia, and the grave impropriety of an outsider taking an active part must be apparent. Homer C. Baskerville, a young American who was killed while leading a sortie of the revolutionists, evidently was a gallant and impulsive youth, but he was an American citizen and a missionary in the service of his church. Leading revolutions was quite apart from his political and religious duties. The disavowal of his acts by the government of the United States and by the church board he served prevented the matter from becoming an international question; but it is pitiful that a young man with so many commendable qualities should fall a victim to grave error of judgment and that thus there should be brought to an untimely end a life full of promise of high usefulness.

It seems that as long as the English suffragettes conduct their meetings in a quiet, peaceful, dignified and lady-like manner the papers refuse to notice them. So to have themselves reported by the public press it is necessary for them to raid ministers' houses, attack parliament, chain themselves to posts of advantage, fight policemen and in other ways lead the strenuous life. This is quite a severe indictment by implication of the chivalry of the British press, and gives the women justification in saying: "It is all the men's fault."

Peace by disarmament receives a notable impetus from the order of the war department discontinuing the sale at auction of obsolete firearms discarded by the United States army. If our friends in Central America are too poor to buy new guns when the nation seizes them to set up a revolution and overthrow a government, they must perform keep quiet and let the existing government alone if they can no longer buy cheap, but good, old guns from us. Thus does war become more and more a luxury reserved for the wealthy.

The latest fad in the development of luxury on transatlantic steamers is the report that one of the stewards on a certain liner has charge of a garden patch from which strawberries, lettuce, radishes, etc., are picked on order. The crops of this garden bring high prices, the strawberries going at two dollars for a small box. But it is not likely that there will be a general adoption of gardening on shipboard because of the excellence of refrigerator accommodations on the average liner.

The Indiana woman who has been married ten times is held to have had but nine husbands, because she married one of them the second time, a divorce and one or two other husbands having intervened. But if the argument of those who hold that we have had 27 presidents instead of 26, because Cleveland was elected and is counted twice, is sound, then she must on the same line of reasoning have had ten husbands.

From all sides come reports of increased business, notably as regards the railroads and industrial concerns. The May dividends are well up to the average and in several cases are beyond the most sanguine expectations. With a little more springlike weather the outlook is likely to be all that could be desired.

Society women in New York who wanted to put on masculine attire to play polo were not allowed to do so, but a Connecticut woman was permitted to work in overalls, on a public road, breaking stone. The ideas of womanly decorum seem to be rather mixed or, perhaps, are geographically defined.

Observers in Cincinnati allege that the early morning hours are the best and sweetest of the day. The matter is worthy of investigation.

Now Persia, yielding to the progress of reform, is to have a representative elected parliament. The one dictator ruling absolutely thousands or millions of his fellow men by his own whim and pleasure, with the autocratic power of life and death over them, will soon join the dodo in the way of exercising pernicious activity.

The Dutch had already taken Holland, and now with the advent of the new baby, they are prepared to hold it.

TALK TO GRADUATES

JOHN SHARP WILLIAMS DISCUSSES RACE PROBLEM.

THE GUBERNATORIAL QUESTION

Present Incumbent is Not Worrying Over the Matter—Other Things at the State Capital.

John Sharp Williams' solution of the race problem in the south, as he gave it in his address to the graduating class of the State university, is immigration of the colored people of the south to the north, being so distributed that in no part of the country would the negro be congested. When the moving day comes around, he said, and the negro is as numerous in Nebraska as he is in Mississippi, Mississippi will be as cool in discussion of race problems as Nebraska is now.

Senator Williams refuted the oft repeated statements of politicians and others that education is the ruin of the colored race, and he denied that education was the panacea of all ills. Some negroes had been helped by education and others had been ruined by it, he declared.

Mr. Williams wanted it "distinctly understood that the negro is not a white man with a black skin any more than an ass is a horse with long ears, or a zebra a horse with stripes."

Governor is Not Worrying.

"I am aware that a lot of people are anxious to know whether I am going to be a candidate for governor or for senator, but the proposition is not worrying me in the least. I have never been given to plotting in politics or looking too far ahead, so I am simply trying to fill the office of governor to the best of my ability and let the future take care of itself. It has been my experience that the people take care of the faithful officer, and I am willing to trust the people for my political future. It is a long time before the next election of state officers and a senator, and I believe I can better serve the state by attending to my office than by plotting for an election to the senate or for a second term as governor." The foregoing in substance was the answer of Governor Shallenberger to the question: "Are you a candidate for the senate or for governor?"

McBrien Inspects Schools.

Jasper L. McBrien, in charge of the extension work of the state university, has returned from a trip into the northwest part of the state and he reported that the seven young men graduates of the Norfolk High school were all going to attend the university next fall. He also discovered that the Ames (Ia.) Agricultural college is soliciting students in Nebraska. Out at Brewster Mr. McBrien found that the people had a school building with two rooms, one of which was used in which to conduct a six months' school.

Would Raise Telephone Rates.

The Central Telephone company of Broken Bow filed a petition with the railway commission to be permitted to increase its rates at that place. Ansel and Mason City, William Mattley and others were present and objected to the increase. The company desires at Broken Bow to cancel its rate for grounded circuit, \$1.50, and install a metallic circuit at \$2.00 a month; residence telephones, from \$1 to \$1.50 a month; farmers' line to \$1.50 from \$1 and \$1.25. At Ansel and Mason City the company desires to make the rate \$1.50.

Big Penalty for Lobbyists.

The legal department of the state will bring suit to recover \$100 a day from every corporation or association which failed to file its expense account under the anti-lobby law, from two months after the legislature adjourned until the expense account is filed. For other violations of the anti-lobby law it is the duty of the county attorney to prosecute, according to the attorney general, the law being specific that it is the duty of the attorney general to enforce the penalty clause for failure to file expense accounts.

Express Companies Except.

The express companies doing business in Nebraska, through their attorneys, C. J. Greene and Ralph Breckinridge, have filed exceptions to the findings of Referee Sullivan in the case wherein the state secured an injunction to prevent the corporations from violating the Sibley law. The companies except to the findings of law or conclusions of the referee on the grounds that the conclusions are not based on all the facts brought out.

Requisition for O'Brien.

John O'Brien, under arrest in Denver will be brought back to South Omaha for trial on a charge of breaking and entering. Governor Shallenberger issued a requisition on the governor of Colorado for his return.

Annual Alumni Reunion.

Over 300 former graduates of the university turned out to the annual reunion of the alumni at the state farm. The time was utilized in renewing old time acquaintances by some of the gray haired graduates of years back. The former spirit of college days filled the air as was well demonstrated by the hearty handshakes which passed about. The university yell was given in unison by the alumni as well as co-ed. The annual banquet took place in the evening.

Mail Matters Discussed.

One of the interesting talks before the postmasters' convention here was by R. F. Thomas of Omaha, who discussed the "Classification of Mail Matter," and advanced a theory to get rid of the postoffice deficit. He said instead of the department handling the mail of the other departments free, a special stamp should be issued for these departments and appropriations made to pay them. This would wipe out the deficit. He believed the head of the postoffice department should have more discretionary powers.

EARLY CLOSING LAW.

When in Effect, Is Now the Paramount Question.

When does the 8 o'clock closing law go into effect? This is a momentous question for "wet" towns, but of no interest whatever to those that are "dry."

Private Secretary Furse of the governor's office has decided that this law and all other laws not having an emergency clause go into effect July 2. This decision is based on the decisions of the supreme court in a murder case in 46th Nebraska court report, and in the court's decision in the matter of Gov. Sheldon's veto of the appropriation for a new wing at the Kearney Normal school. Mr. Furse says that all laws without an emergency clause go into effect July 2 unless some one goes to the trouble to contest the matter in court, and in such an event they will get a decision that the law questioned goes into effect July 5. So if the saloon keepers desire to reap the rich profit of a day and a night of sales on the nation's birthday, July 4, they may have a good defense by showing that the legislature did not adjourn until April 4, although it agreed to adjourn on April 1. According to the decisions of the court Mr. Furse believes the record of an adjournment April 1 will stand until proven false. The legislature transacted business April 4, as the records will show, in the face of another portion of the record that says the final adjournment was taken April 1. The courts hold that laws without an emergency clause go into effect three months after the adjournment of the legislature. In the 46th Nebraska the court held that as the legislature adjourned April 8, the law in question changing the penalty for murder became effective July 9. A man was hanged under this decision.

Saloons in every town must close at 8 p. m. after the law goes into effect. As to whether or not the license of a saloon man can be taken from him for disobeying the law may depend upon the local ordinances or upon his conviction of a violation. If the city council or licensing boards willfully disobey any law that it is their duty to enforce they may be removed from office.

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A contract was let by the state board of agriculture for the furnishing of 1,518 seats in the new coliseum on the state fair grounds at the price of \$1,694. It went to a Chicago firm. The contract calls for individual adjustable divisions on iron frames, with slatted backs and wooden seats. Underneath each seat will be a hat-holder and an umbrella rack. The seats will be numbered by means of nickel plates screwed upon the backs where they can be read easily.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

Religious, Social, Agricultural, Political and Other Matters Given Due Consideration.

Omaha cadets spent a week in camp at Ashland.

Valentine has voted bonds to put in a water system plant.

Valley will probably have a bond election to vote \$20,000 for electric lights and water works.

The city council of Nebraska City will provide a rock pile for offenders that cannot pay fines.

Rains in some portions of the state have been so excessive as to interfere with corn cultivation.

Returns show that Hastings has well on toward one hundred automobiles.

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MODERN METHODS OF SHEEP SHEARING GREAT HELP

Many Improvements Over Old Days When Wool Was Gathered by Allowing Animals to Rub and Squeeze Each Other.

The earliest method of securing the wool was to drive the sheep quickly through a narrow passage, and the squeezing and rubbing of one against another loosened and detached the wool. Later, an "improved" plan was adopted, which, in our ears, sounds somewhat inhumane, although, as a matter of fact, if done at the right time, there would probably be nothing painful or severe about it. The sheep were caught, and the wool was pulled from their backs by hand. This practice continued for many hundreds of years, for although Laban and the other great pastoralists of his time clipped their sheep, Pliny tells us that, in his day, when Rome was in the zenith of her glory, "the sheep are not everywhere shorn, but the custom of pulling off the wool continues in some places." It is to the old patriarchs, then, that we must give the credit of having set about getting the wool in a business-like way, and from their day until now practically no change has taken place in the manner and method of clipping. Most of the clipping on the big border farms in Great Britain is done by the ordinary shepherding staff.



Sheep Shearing Time.

Very often a helper is engaged for a fortnight or so, to push the work through, but the heaviest part of the burden rests on the shoulders of the permanent hands. Needless to say, it is a busy time while it lasts, for all the other work of the farm has to be carried on simultaneously, and it means, for the shepherds, getting up very early—not later than 4:30, and working late. The permanent hands, having their ordinary work to get through as well, do not, of course, clip so many sheep in a day as a clipper specially engaged for the job. About a score per man, or thereabouts, is considered a very good day's work; a good hand working full time will turn out, on an average, about thirty. Formerly he used to be paid by the day, but it is more usual now to follow the piecework plan.

On both sides of the border, the Lowland sheep are always washed a week or so before shearing. But many farmers assert that there are other benefits which accrue from it. They say the washing improves the health of the sheep. Some old writers held this view, and Yonatt quotes that excellent chemist Vauquelin, who says: "In this respect I am inclined to adopt the opinion of those who think that the washing of sheep, during dry warm weather, may be useful to their health and to the quality of the wool." However this may be, it is beyond question that the practice of washing, previous to shearing, is of ancient date, and it is quite probable that its origin is to be found in the

FACTS ABOUT HENS AND EGGS

How to Make Most Money from Poultry.

When cholera appears in the flock give no water except that in which pokeroot has been boiled. This is both a preventative and a cure. An Illinois man says one of his hens laid an egg two and seven-eighths inches long and one and fifteen-sixteenths inches wide, the measurement being taken with calipers.

One man will win with one kind of hen and another man with some other breed. It is with hens as it is with cows. We should choose the breed we like the best and then stay with it.

Fowls are naturally hardy, and contagion in a flock is due to carelessness on the part of the poultry keeper.

Sugar as a Finishing Feed.—A herd of 15 Black Angus cattle which was awarded first prize at the Chicago International Stock show, and which was sold at \$17 per hundred pounds live weight, was fattened on a ration which included molasses. Besides pasture feed, corn and oats, the owner fed during the last month a mixture of meal and oats, to which was added a sprinkling of molasses. It was found that the molasses added a glossiness to the hides and improved the appearance of the animals in every way.

Alfalfa Seed.—Alfalfa seeds resemble those of red clover in size, but differ in not being so uniform in shape. The color should be light olive green or greenish yellow. Darkened, discolored and shriveled seed should be discarded, as its germinating power is low. Plump, well-matured seed produce more plants and stronger plants than do the small and immature.

Adulterated Seeds.—Good work in detecting adulterated seeds is being carried in by the department of agriculture. Of 1,471 samples of seeds taken last year, 102 samples were

found that it was beneficial from the point of view of health. In the North Country the clipping is usually done in an open-fronted covered shed, where there is plenty of light. An old sail-cloth, or a covering of boards, is laid over the earthen floor, and these are kept clean by sweeping. The actual method of clipping is very similar, I fancy, in all districts—first the opening out of the head, neck, brisket and thighs, then the curving round the ribs from the belly up to the back, first on one side and then on the other, and then the quarters. Well-clipped sheep should show the rings formed by the shears running in continuous lines all round its barrel and up the quarters; there should be no break along the back where the line traveling up one side meets that coming up the other. These lines, or little ridges of wool, should be small and of uniform size, and they should all be at the same distance from one another. It is quite wonderful how much better a nicely-shorn sheep looks than one which is carelessly and untidily done. And there is more in it than a mere pleasing of the eye. A well-clipped lot of sheep, because

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LOOKED A LITTLE UNSTABLE

Body Servant of Gen. Mahone Doubtful of the Qualities of His Master's "Props."

Gen. Adalbert R. Buffington, at a dinner in Madison, N. J., told a number of civil war stories.

"Gen. Mahone," he said, "was very thin. One cold and windy December morning in '64 he was taking a nap in his tent when his old colored servant, 'Uncle Davy,' tiptoed in, and, stumbling in the darkness, knocked down the general's folding cot and spilled him out on the frozen ground.

"Gen. Mahone jumped up furiously, seized a scabbard and made for Davy. Davy ran. The general gave chase.

"Uncle Davy tore up hill and down dale till he was pretty well out of breath; then he looked back over his shoulder at his master, who bounded after him on slender limbs, blue and thin, his long, white night shirt fluttering in the chill morning.

"'Po' de lan's sake, Mars' William,' the exhausted Davy yelled desperately, 'yo' hain't trustin' yo' self in dis wind on dem legs, is you?'"

SHERLOCK HOLMES.



Tired Tom (sadly)—Ah, that patch tells me that my old pal, Plodding Pete has been this way. Poor old Pete!

Interrupted the Wedding. The other day, at the Shawnee county Court House, Probate Judge Schech was about to marry a young couple. He pronounced the preliminary words and told them to join hands, and started on the ceremony.

"Hey, there! Hold up a minute! Wait, I say!" This series of startling exclamations came from the door.

The groom was horrified—the bride badly scared.

"Just a minute. I want to give you each an apple before you are married," said the man who had made the noise. And he calmly walked and handed each of them a Grimes Golden.

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