

# THIS IN NEBRASKA

EVENTS OF INTEREST OF MORE OR LESS IMPORTANCE.

**Adjutant General Culver Would Stimulate Military Pride—The Will of Mr. Rosewater.**

**Will Offer Prizes.**

LINCOLN—Adjutant General Culver will offer prizes to the best drilled squads, sections, platoons and companies at the next annual encampment. He hopes to stimulate interest in drill so that the entire year will see drilling in the armories in the state. As it is now, the companies drill for several months prior to encampment and then take a long vacation after it is over. The adjutant general is in Columbus inspecting the range used by the sharpshooters in preparing for the national contest.

It is rumored that General Culver is looking for suitable location of maneuver grounds, which he hopes to purchase for the permanent use of the guard. He has been tendered the abandoned Fort Niobrara reservation, but it is too much out of the way to be usable by the militia. The transportation to and from Fort Niobrara would annually cost a small fortune. General Culver will select land in the central part of the state on the Platte river.

**Insurance of Rosewater.**

The life insurance carried by Edward Rosewater of the Omaha Bee amounted to \$291,449. It is said that no newspaper editor in the west has so much insurance. The following are the policies and the companies in which he was insured:

Connecticut Mutual, Hartford, three policies, \$10,000, \$15,000, \$20,000.

Equitable Life, Iowa, one policy, \$5,000.

Equitable Life, New York, four policies, \$10,000, \$20,000, \$10,000, \$10,000.

Fidelity Mutual, Philadelphia, Pa., one policy, \$10,000.

Illinois Life, Chicago, one policy, \$5,000.

Manhattan Life, New York, three policies, \$5,449, \$10,000, \$10,000.

Massachusetts Mutual, Springfield, two policies, \$20,000, \$10,000.

Mutual Life, New York, three policies, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000.

National Life, Montpelier, Vt., one policy, \$20,000.

Northwestern Mutual Life, Milwaukee, three policies, \$2,000, \$3,000, \$10,000.

Pacific Mutual, San Francisco, two policies, \$5,000, \$5,000.

Penn Mutual, Philadelphia, Pa., three policies, \$10,000, \$10,000, \$5,000.

State Mutual, Worcester, Mass., three policies, \$10,000, \$10,000, \$5,000.

Washington Life, New York, one policy, \$10,000.

Total, \$291,449.

**Campaign Against Mince.**

LINCOLN—Dr. C. A. McKim, state veterinarian, expects to begin a campaign against mince, which has made great headway among the cattle on the ranges. He will quarantine several counties at a time and compel the ranchmen to rid their herds of the disease before he will raise the quarantine and permit cattle to be shipped out or in the counties. It is probable that he will select Hayes, Hitchcock, Cook, Dundy and Chase counties as the first field of the campaign.

**Drills for National Guard.**

LINCOLN—Competitive squad drills will be a feature of the winter work of the National Guard companies. At the meeting of the military board it was decided to encourage these drills and to offer numerous prizes for the best drilled squads. These will be followed by section and platoon drills, each for a prize.

**Peter Jansen Sells His Farm.**

BEATRICE—Peter Jansen, who recently located in this city, has sold his 2,000-acre ranch in Jefferson county for \$75 per acre, or \$150,000. Mr. Jansen has been one of the leading farmers and stock raisers for the past thirty years, and will now take life easy.

**Prize for Nebraska Corn.**

Deputy State Superintendent E. C. Bishop has received notice that a Chicago firm has offered a \$100 prize in the Nebraska corn growing contest. It has not been decided in what class the prize will be offered.

**Ditch Laborer Shot and Killed.**

SCOTTS BLUFF—Arthur Crocker, a laborer at Burke's camp on the government irrigation ditch about ten miles north of here, was shot and instantly killed by a negro. The negro escaped.

**Found Dead in Room.**

MOOREFIELD—Mr. Kelley, father-in-law of the railroad agent of Moorefield, was found dead in his room. The cause of his death is unknown.

**Big Price for Ranch.**

FALLS CITY—Mr. Fred Wittwer, a well known farmer of this county residing at Salem, a few days ago purchased the Orendorf ranch near Coatesville, this state, paying therefor \$75,000. Mr. Wittwer, who made the purchase, came to this state in 1850 and is a member of a family of several brothers who emigrated to this country from Switzerland. He is possessed of 1,200 acres of choice land in this county, but moved to his ranch, where he will make his future home.

**Died in Her Sleep.**

LINCOLN—Mrs. C. F. Barras, wife of a Lincoln building contractor, died in her sleep at her home, 3103 Vine street. She was 54 years of age. When she retired there was no sign of ill health or depression.

**Using the Apple Surplus.**

FALLS CITY—The new vinegar factory which has recently been built here is now in full operation, employing a number of men and making a market for a large part of the surplus apple crop of this vicinity.

## NEBRASKA BRIEFS.

Good farm land in Richardson county brings about \$100 per acre.

September 27, 28 and 29 are the dates for holding the Hayes county fair.

The new Y. M. C. A. building at Beatrice will be dedicated about Oct. 15.

The canning factory at Blair closed down after preparing 1,300,000 cans of corn for market.

E. W. Masters was in Plattsmouth searching for his wife, who had mysteriously disappeared.

The new Congregational church at Stanton was dedicated last Sunday. The structure cost \$12,000.

Jack Welch of Tilden has thirty-five acres of potatoes, from which he expects to harvest 4,000 bushels.

Six thousand square feet of brick and cement walks have just been completed in the business part of Edgar.

It is now unlawful to expectorate upon the sidewalks, on the stairs, or within any public building in Edgar.

The principal of the public school at Hayes Center is paid \$60 per month, which is better than \$80 in the cities.

Threshing in Franklin county reveals a much larger yield of small grain than was expected. Stand up for Nebraska.

Richard Blaco of Washington county was thrown from a horse, receiving injuries that it is feared will prove fatal.

Two stock trains were in collision near Dhitman, in which a brakeman and two stockmen were seriously injured.

The republican senatorial convention for Hall and Howard counties has been called to take place on Tuesday, October 2.

A Mr. Cobledick of Republican City was paid \$10 for riding a bucking broncho at Ragan. Other men on several occasions had tried and failed.

Three families who emigrated from Boone county to California last spring have returned to their first love. They have had all they want of California.

Frank Kinzer of Loretto, Boone county, was taken sick in the morning with acute gastritis and died before night. A wife, four daughters and two sons survive.

Two old soldiers living in the northern part of the state died after returning home from the Minneapolis encampment. The strain was too much for them.

Lynch, one of the new villages of Boyd county, reports an attendance of 229 the opening day of school. It is expected that the number will be increased to 250.

Beet raisers near Wood River in Hall county are preparing to dig their crop. The beets this year are fine and the crop will bring some raisers as high as \$100 per acre.

The attendance in the Holdrege public schools is larger this year than ever before. The total enrollment is 665, an increase over last year of 100. The enrollment in the high school is 122.

The recent fire at the Geneva Industrial School for Girls which did damage to the amount of about \$5,000, was started by a little girl who had been sent to the institution from out in the state. She made confession of the deed.

A telegram from R. A. Templeton, sr., of Tekamah, who was on his way from Wyoming to Omaha with eighteen cars of sheep, states that he was in a wreck on the Burlington near Alliance and had thirteen cars of the sheep killed.

Mayor F. W. Brown of Lincoln announces that he will ask the legislature to appropriate funds to aid the town of Lincoln to build boulevards from the city to the State Hospital for the Insane, the penitentiary and the state fair grounds. This is a part of the mayor's plans for a system of boulevards.

When horses, cows, hogs or other domestic animals are condemned by the state veterinarian because of disease, they must be killed and disposition made of their bodies by the owners. There is no provision in the statute which requires the veterinarian himself to slaughter the beasts or destroy their carcasses.

During an electrical storm lightning struck a tree in the yard of J. R. Bateman in West Stella, ran down the tree until even with the house and then, tearing off a shingle, entered the house, going through a kitchen cabinet, and crossed the room tearing off a sliding board, then following the water spouting into the ground.

Mrs. Joy Bulla-McKie, of Manzanillo, Mex., arrived in Humboldt for a visit with her mother, Mrs. J. A. Murphy. Mrs. McKie has just returned from spending the summer at Valparaiso and Santiago, Chile, and had such a narrow escape from the earthquake disaster, having started for home only a day or two before the shake occurred.

Mark T. Hunter, the only convict at the penitentiary who was a civil war veteran, is there no longer. Governor Mickey ordered his release after visiting the penitentiary and talking with Hunter. The real name of the latter is W. F. Dunn. He is 67 years of age. He was sentenced to one year for obtaining \$500 by false pretenses from a bank at Decatur, and has served six or seven years of his time.

General L. W. Colby of Beatrice has brought suit for \$1,000 in the Pawnee county district court as a balance alleged to be due him for legal services and expenses as attorney in settling aside for the will of Nels Isaac, deceased.

J. H. Matzani, a Japanese of Lexington, is making arrangements to rent several hundred acres of land in Dawson county on which he intends to grow sugar beets on a large scale and use his fellow countrymen to tend the crop. He has an interest in several hundred acres of beets grown near Lexington this year.

Mrs. Elmer J. Miller, the wife of a blacksmith's helper at the Union Pacific shops at Grand Island was fatally burned by the explosion of a can of kerosene from which she had poured a quantity in the stove to start the breakfast fire.

The Boyd county land cases, which have been in the courts for a number of years, are about to be settled by the purchase of the land from the state by the settlers at the appraised value. Land Commissioner Eaton, who has just returned from that county, brought back the information.

## YOU CAN'T KEEP A GOOD MAN DOWN.



## TOLL OF LIFE INCREASING

TEN THOUSAND NOW REPORTED DEAD AT HONGKONG.

Entire Fishing Fleet of 600 Vessels Lost in Typhoon—Troops Aid in Clearing Up Wreckage.

Hong-Kong.—The entire fleet of 600 fishing junks was lost in the typhoon. This increases the mortality to 10,000 persons.

The losses are estimated at several million dollars. More than 1,000 sampans and junks are missing from Hong-Kong alone. Wharves were swept away and houses collapsed. The military barracks are in ruins.

Twelve ships were sunk, 24 were stranded, seven were damaged, and one-half of the native craft in port were sunk.

The steamers Montague, Fatshan, Keungshan, Wing Chai, Hermania, Castellano, Tak Hing, Emma Luyken, San Rosario, Slava, Pakhong, Petrarh, Chun Lee, Sexta, Sunon, Chang Sha, Signal and Chinkai Maru are ashore.

The American ship S. P. Hitchcock was also driven ashore, as were many of the launches that run about the harbor.

The steamers Kwong Chow, San Cheung, Sorsogon and Kongmoon were sunk. The steamer Aprorado and Johanne are partly awash.

Practically all the Baluchistan troops and 300 of the West Kent regiment are co-operating in clearing the wreckage of the recent typhoon. Prodigious efforts are being made in the recovery of dead bodies, which are being carried off in carloads. Constable Munday, who is superintending the work, collapsed and has been removed to a hospital.

As a result of the typhoon the Royal Dutch Petroleum company's lighter, loaded with oil, while being pumped out into tanks, was stranded, but was subsequently refloated. The company's pier was damaged to the extent of \$30,000. Manager Murray and staff were instrumental in saving the lives of 100 men and women and children, who have been housed, clothed and fed on the company's premises.

Shipping has been resumed, but is hampered by the inadequate supply of steam launches and lighters. The former command \$180 and the latter \$100 for hire each working day.

The Chinese are evincing the most remarkable spontaneity in subscribing to relief funds for the typhoon sufferers. A remittance of \$10,000 has been received from the Chinese of San Francisco.

**Man Lives in a Treetop.**

Wrentham, Mass.—Charles Battersby has built a "house" in the tops of two adjoining pine trees on his farm and will spend the winter there. He is 35 years old and is a consumptive. The "house" is painted white. There is a door and two windows, but the latter will be closed only to prevent snow from entering. Access to the treetop is had by means of a rope ladder, which, Robinson Crusoe-like, Battersby will pull up at night.

**Government Buying Silver.**

Washington.—The director of the mint Wednesday purchased 300,000 ounces of fine silver, one-half for the Denver and one-half for the New Orleans mints, at 68.35 cents per ounce.

**Missouri National Bank Closed.**

Washington.—The Bates National bank, of Butler, Mo., was closed Thursday by action of the board of directors, for the purpose of going into liquidation. Mr. W. J. Butler has been appointed receiver.

**Normal School Burned.**

Stanberry, Mo.—The normal school was destroyed by fire. Loss, \$75,000. Two hundred students attended the college, but only the president's family lived in it and they escaped uninjured.

**Bad Fire in Buenos Ayres.**

Buenos Ayres.—Customs dock No. 4 has been destroyed by fire. The damage is estimated at several million paper dollars. The shipping is safe. The Argentina paper dollar is worth about 42 cents.

**Named for Congress.**

Toledo, O.—Elmer G. McClelland, of Wood county, was nominated for congressman on the thirty-ninth ballot at the Ninth district Republican convention here over James H. Southard, the present incumbent.

## DEATH LIST STILL UNKNOWN

Cimarron River Keeps the Secret of Its Victims.

Kingfisher, Okla.—The number of lives lost Tuesday when a Rock Island passenger train went through a bridge over the Cimarron river, is not yet revealed and probably never will be.

Workmen have been busy replacing the destroyed bridge. The smoker, engine, baggage and mail cars are still hidden under the waters of the river, although the stream has fallen several feet.

All work at the scene of the Rock Island wreck at Dover bridge has been suspended. The rescue party has lost all trace of the location of the two coaches in the river. Both are thought to be entirely embedded in sand.

Most of the injured have gone to their homes. Three persons are still missing—Mail Clerk Gamble, Circusman Littlefield and negro porter Douglas—and are undoubtedly drowned. These, with the death of a little boy named Zells, of Payne, O., from injuries, make the death list four.

**DOUBLE MISSOURI TRAGEDIES**

They Cause Loss of Three Lives at Excelsior Springs.

Excelsior Springs, Mo.—Three lives were sacrificed in two tragedies which occurred here. Domestic trouble caused Jerome Curry, manager of the Central Sash and Door company, of Topeka, Kan., to shoot and kill his wife and then kill himself. At almost the same hour James Farley, a contractor, aged 40 years, of this city, walked into a drug store and poured out a cup of carbolic acid from a five-gallon bottle and drank it.

The Curry tragedy occurred on a bridge leading to one of the springs. Mrs. Curry, who was 53 years old, has been here since August 25. Her husband came last night. They appeared to be on good terms until they started for a walk to-day when a quarrel ensued. Mrs. Curry suddenly started to run when her husband fired at her three times. As she fell, he fired a bullet through his own brain. He was 55 years old.

Farley was despondent over the recent death of his wife.

**TO NEGOTIATE NEW TREATY.**

Convention Between United States and Santo Domingo.

Washington.—A new treaty with Santo Domingo probably will be negotiated. By the terms of the proposed convention, the United States will not act as the fiscal agent of Santo Domingo in full capacity; that is, it will not act as paymaster of Santo Domingo in the liquidation of that country's indebtedness.

The bond issue plan, suggested by Frederico Velasquez, the minister of foreign affairs and commerce of Santo Domingo, meets with the approval of the officials of the state department. Out of this will grow the negotiations for the new treaty.

**Two Die in Wreck.**

Pulaski, Wis.—A work train on the new line of the Northwestern road ran into a workmen's sleeper car here, killing Ed Ware and George Madden, of Pittsburg, and injuring 14 others.

**Prelate's Body Is Washed Up.**

Oran, Algeria.—The body of a man believed to be the bishop of San Pablo of Brazil, who was lost in the wreck of the Italian steamer Sirio on Kormiglos island, Spain, August 4, has been washed up on the coast here.

**Death of Millionaire Banker.**

Akron, O.—Henry Robinson, a widely known banker and manufacturer, died of heart disease. He leaves a fortune estimated at over a million dollars represented by interests in many business institutions.

**Bank Cashier Missing.**

Sedan, Kan.—O. B. Stollard, cashier of the People's State bank of Sedan, with deposits of \$75,000, disappeared, leaving a note saying he was a defaulter and had fled. The safe is time-locked and the amount of money missing is not known.

**Will Meet in Minneapolis.**

Atlanta, Ga.—The National Dental association elected its officers for the coming year and selected Minneapolis and July 30, 1907, as the place and time for the next meeting.

# BLAST WRECKS TOWN

TONS OF DYNAMITE BLOWN UP AT JELICO, TENN.

TWELVE PERSONS KILLED

Property Loss Estimated at \$500,000—Carelessness of Two Men Results in the Awful Disaster.

Jellico, Tenn.—Twelve deaths, the injuring of scores of other persons and \$500,000 damage to property were caused here Friday when a carload of dynamite standing on a track near the Southern depot exploded with a report that was heard for 20 miles.

There is a bare possibility that other bodies may be recovered from the ruins of buildings, but this is hardly probable.

Buildings were shattered in the business section of the town and nearly every piece of glass within a radius of one mile of the scene was broken.

The explosion occurred at eight o'clock Friday morning. The freight car, belonging to the Pennsylvania railroad lines, contained 450 boxes, about 20,000 pounds, of high explosives consigned to the Rand Powder company, at Clearfield, Tenn.

Near the scene of the explosion there was ruin and wild panic. Men shrieked and groaned as they died. Buildings tumbled to the ground, and a large part of the business district of the city was reduced to a pile of rubbish. From beneath the wreckage men and women, maimed and bleeding, struggled into the streets and fled at a mad pace, without stopping to ascertain the nature of the disaster.

Two causes are assigned for the explosion. One is that three parties were shooting at a mark on the car and that a bullet entered the car and caused the explosion. The other is that while the car was standing on a side track a carload of pig iron was switched against it and that the impact caused the explosion.

Without exception every business house in the town is either totally wrecked or badly damaged. The union depot of the Southern railway and the Louisville & Nashville railroad, located about one hundred yards from the scene of the explosion, was shattered to splinters. This cut off all telegraphic communication and news of the explosion was handled by telephone.

The explosion occurred upon the Kentucky side of Jellico, and in consequence every house on that side of the town is wrecked. Not one was spared. A large number of residences located near the railroad on the Kentucky side were without exception demolished. As a result it is estimated that one-seventh of the population of the two Jellicos is homeless.

The line between Tennessee and Kentucky runs through the town of Jellico. The explosion occurred on the Kentucky side, but owing to the interruption of wire communication, the dispatch telling of the accident was sent from Jellico, Tenn.

**SAGE WILL CASE COMPROMISED.**

Heirs to Get Double Amount of Their Legacies.

New York.—The will of Russell Sage was presented to the surrogate Friday, and proved without contest. Counsel for the executor announced that Mrs. Sage intends to give to each of Mr. Sage's relatives who are beneficiaries under the will an additional sum equal to the amount of his or her legacy, provided there is no contest. This was accepted as satisfactory by Senator Edgar T. Brackett, of Saratoga, who was in this city preparing to contest the will in behalf of Edson M. Conrad, of Watervliet, N. Y., a grandson of one of Mr. Sage's sisters. Under this settlement Conrad will receive \$12,500, instead of \$6,250, and each of the 26 nephews and nieces of Mr. Sage who were to receive \$25,000, will be given \$50,000.

**DECLARED GUILTY OF PEONAGE**

Judge Imposes Prison Terms and Heavy Fines on Defendants.

Cape Girardeau, Mo.—The jury in the Smith case Friday returned a verdict of guilty against Charles M. Smith and Charles M. Smith, Jr., and the five tenants of their farms on the eleventh count in the peonage case. Judge Pollock pronounced sentences as follows: Charles M. Smith, three years and six months in the penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., and a fine of \$5,000 and costs; Charles M. Smith, Jr., two years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$5,000 and costs; Ben Stone and Ben Fields, each one year and six months and \$100 fine; W. Lee Rogers and William Woods, each two years and six months, and \$100 fine; Floyd woods, two years and six months and \$100 fine.

**Twelve Known to Be Dead.**

London.—Twelve persons are known to be dead and 17 were injured in the wreck of the Scotch express on the Great Northern railway at Grantham. It was stated that there are other bodies under the wreck.

**Thieves Invade Bavarian Mint.**

Munich.—The Bavarian mint was robbed of \$32,500 in newly coined ten mark pieces. The thieves got into the mint by creeping through a dry underground canal which had been opened for cleaning.

**Bennington Boiler to Aid Students.**

Vallejo, Cal.—The boiler which exploded on board the gunboat Bennington in San Diego harbor in June, 1905, is to be shipped to Annapolis for illustrative purposes in the instruction of midshipmen for engineering work.

**To War for Sage Millions.**

New York.—A contest for the millions of Russell Sage, who died last July, will begin in the local courts Friday. Senator Edgar T. Brackett will file the papers. He will act for several of the Sage relatives.

# ILLINOIS STATESMAN DIES

CONGRESSMAN HITT PASSES AWAY IN THE EAST.

Heart Disease Ends Long Period of Ill Health—His Long and Varied Career.

Narragansett Pier, R. I.—Congressman Robert Roberts Hitt, of Illinois, died at his summer home here, after a long illness.

Congressman Hitt came here last June, and since that time he has been ill, requiring, most of the time, the constant attention of nurses and physicians.

The congressman's condition was due to advancing years. He was 72 years old.

Ill health, continuing through two years at least, which, for the most part, unfitted him for his congressional duties, had afflicted Representative Hitt so that his demise was not altogether unexpected. In fact, the great

part of the work of the important committee on foreign affairs of the house of representatives, of which Mr. Hitt was chairman during the entire last session of the last congress, was discharged first by Representative Robert Adams, of Pennsylvania, up to the time of his tragic death last spring, and afterwards by Representative Cousins, of Iowa; Charles Landis, of Indiana, and Perkins, of New York.

Mr. Hitt's career was a varied one, embracing newspaper work, diplomacy and legislation. As a young man he was intimately associated with Abraham Lincoln, and as an expert stenographer reported many of that statesman's utterances in the great joint campaign with Stephen A. Douglas, as a representative of a Chicago newspaper. His diplomatic career began in 1874 as secretary of legation to Paris, and in 1881 he went to Washington as assistant secretary of state. The year following he was elected to the Forty-seventh congress from the Thirtieth Illinois district, and he was serving his thirteenth continuous term at the time of his death.

**SAVES OWN LIFE; IS FINED.**

Connecticut Man Punished for Killing Adder on Sabbath Day.

New York.—A Danbury (Conn.) dispatch gives an example of the workings of the Connecticut blue laws. Peter Zarcone, 18 years of age, while walking through a swamp on his father's farm Sunday was attacked by an adder. He had a shotgun with him and shot and killed the reptile. A policeman heard the report of the gun and arrested the young farmer.

When Zarcone was arraigned before Judge Scott he was fined \$10 and costs. The judge said that he had no doubt from the nature of the evidence before him that the prisoner had used his gun only to protect himself against the snake, but the laws of the state made it a crime even to carry a gun in the open air on Sunday and consequently he had no discretion under the law and was obliged to punish him for carrying his weapon across the farm.

The judge arraigned the law severely and suggested that it be brought to the attention of the general assembly for amendment or repeal.

**LINCOLN CONSPIRATOR IS DEAD**

Man Who Aided in Plot to Abduct President Passes Away.

Baltimore, Md.—Samuel Bland Arnold, who confessed that he was a party to the conspiracy to abduct President Lincoln, which culminated in the assassination of the president by John Wilkes Booth, died Friday at the home of a relative in Waverly, a suburb of this city. He was 72 years of age.

Arnold, with three others, was sentenced in July, 1865, to life imprisonment at the Dry Tortugas. All four were pardoned by President Johnson in 1869.

**Eight-Hour Law Extended.**

Oyster Bay.—President Roosevelt Wednesday extended the eight-hour law to apply to all public work under the supervision of any department of the government. This order affects more particularly work on river and harbor improvements.

**Four Killed in Collision.**

St. Paul, Minn.—In a Great Northern railroad rear-end freight collision at Cut Bank, Mont., two stockmen, whose names have not been reported, Roadmaster Dinton and Brakeman Critchell were killed.

**Irrigation Project Under Way.**

Phoenix, Ariz.—Supervising Architect Hill has laid the corner stone of the Roosevelt weighing dam, an immense rock weighing six tons. This is the beginning of real construction of the enterprise.

**Death of Empress Denied.**

Brussels.—The rumored death of Carlotta, widow of Emperor Maximilian, is without foundation. Although she has made no improvement mentally, her health otherwise is excellent.

**Member of Dental Board Dead.**