

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST FROM VARIOUS SECTIONS.

ALL SUBJECTS TOUCHED UPON

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

The new Christian church at Beatrice will be dedicated November 24th.

The pressmen of a number of job offices in Omaha are striking for eight hours.

The \$25,000 heating plant for the Peru normal school is about ready for operation.

The corner stone of the new Y. M. C. A. building in Columbus will be laid November 22d.

Members of the First Congregational church at Hastings are taking steps for the erection of a new house of worship.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Clatanoff of Cumming county last week celebrated their golden wedding.

A car load of cream cans have just been received by the West Point Creamery company and placed in the hands of the farmers.

Willie Wiles, of Cass county, is reported to have husked and cribbed last week for Luke L. Wiles, 660 bushels of corn, a daily average of 110 bushels.

The births and deaths in Cuming county for the month of October, as shown by the returns of the registrars of vital statistics are: Births 12, deaths 7.

In the last election an amendment carried York county to have township instead of district supervisors, which will increase the number from seven to twenty.

Professor J. W. Searson has been exonerated by the state board of education and resumed his duties as professor of English literature in the Peru state normal school.

Settlement of the contest of the will of Count Croighton of Omaha, by heirs unmentioned in the will has been effected by the proposed payment of \$350,000 to the seven heirs unmentioned.

Both the Methodist and Catholic churches of Albion are nearing completion so far as outside work is concerned. These two structures will add very much to the appearance of the town.

The authorities at Beatrice are looking for John Potts, a drayman, who disappeared several days ago, leaving numerous unpaid bills. Before leaving he mortgaged his outfit to two different parties.

An attempt is being made at York to reorganize company A of the Nebraska National guard and to place it on a substantial basis with the purpose of making it one of the most efficient companies in the state.

The Union Pacific has begun the shipment of merchandise to points on their uncompleted North river line. Three car loads of freight for merchants at Keystone, LeMoine, Lewellen and Oshkosh were forwarded.

John Lynch was lodged in jail at Beatrice for stealing a grip belonging to J. E. Stouffer of Omaha, traveling representative for the American Coffee company. Mr. Stouffer recovered his property soon after it was stolen.

While out hunting Charles Toelle of Cumming county was accidentally shot through the leg just below the knee. His companion, George Williams, scared up a rabbit and in shooting at it struck Charles with the above result.

Application has been filed with State Engineer Dobson by Fred A. Noeland of Chadron, asking for the necessary water from Cottonwood creek for the irrigation of 770 acres of land. Mr. Noeland estimates the cost of his ditch at \$1,200.

After a Fire or Wind loss you need the money. Friends may sympathize, but if you want a company which pays cash try the Farmers and Merchants Ins. Co., established since 1855. Over a million dollars already paid to patrons.

Postmaster M. A. Brown has been advised by the postoffice department of his appointment as custodian of the grounds purchased for the proposed government building at Kearney. Several local men had applied for this position.

Harrison Clarke, colored, must hang for the murder of Conductor Fleury, whom he killed in Omaha while the latter was resisting a hold-up. The supreme court denied a motion for a rehearing and set December 13 as the day for execution.

Because scientists have reported that peanuts contained all the elements necessary to sustain life, Archie Vanuto, a Fremont man, attempted to live by eating nothing but peanuts with the result that he died after three weeks of the peanut diet.

Mickey Brothers from Gibbon will soon commence the erection of a 100-barrel flour mill at Elkhorn.

Late Friday evening word was received at Harrison that the horse belonging to John I. Davis, which had been stolen on the night of November 5, from Davis' barn in that place, had been seen east of Edgemont, S. D.

A complaint was drawn and filed by Deputy County Attorney Schurr and Sheriff Lyon and Mr. Davis immediately started for Edgemont, driving overland. The thief was captured at Hot Springs, S. D.

Rev. Chas. H. Dahns, pastor of the Congregational church at Pierce, has resigned his charge and will leave the first of December for Buffalo, Wyo., where he has accepted the pastorate of the Congregational church.

Fire destroyed the dwelling house on the farm of Samuel Reich, about ten miles north of West Point. Mrs. Reich, upon going upstairs, discovered one of the beds on fire. She promptly gave an alarm, but assistance came too late, the house, together with its entire contents being totally consumed.

DATE SET FOR EXECUTION.

District Court Rules in the Frank Barker Case.

Lincoln—Once more Frank Barker, murderer, has heard the court fix the date for his execution. January 17, 1908, has been named. Barker visited the Lancaster court house again in custody of Warden Beemer and a guard, to listen to the ruling of the court on the motion of Attorney F. G. Hamer for a new trial in the insanity inquiry instituted in Barker's behalf before Judge Frost. Once, a jury hearing arguments and the evidence in this case had disagreed. Again, a jury before which a stronger case in Barker's behalf had been presented found the prisoner sane. Attorney Hamer moved for a new trial, and this motion was overruled. Then Attorney Hamer moved that the court find that it had no jurisdiction to set the date for execution, but that his essential proceedings, if Barker must hang, must await the action of the governor in issuing to the warden of the penitentiary, a warrant. This later motion the court overruled and set the date for the execution sixty-nine days distant.

The case will be taken to the supreme court. Judge Hamer has ordered the court reporter to prepare a bill of exceptions. Judge Frost intimated if because of the heavy work ahead for the court reporter, it would be found impossible to get the bill of exceptions before the supreme court in time, that he would protect the attorney and his client in some manner.

SHELDON MEETS STOCKMEN.

Talk With Members of the South Omaha Exchange.

Omaha—Governor Sheldon considered with the South Omaha live stock exchange the advisability of co-operating with the national government to secure sanitary live stock quarantine regulations. The governor has evinced a desire to consider the matter on the broadest possible basis and whatever lies within his power of promoting the great live stock interests of his state. It is understood the governor is discussing the advisability of entering into formal co-operation with the federal government in the matter of quarantine regulations. It is within the power of the governor to assume this attitude. This action makes it possible for the federal inspectors to take charge of those matters which especially concern interstate quarantine regulations.

Platte County Mortgage Record.

Columbus—During the last week there were filed in County Clerk Graf's office five farm mortgages, amounting to \$19,200; four farm mortgages released, \$8,700; six city mortgages filed, amounting to \$3,100; one released, \$2,500; total increased indebtedness was \$11,100. The total number of transfers of real estate for the week was eleven and the amount of money or its equivalent that changed hands was \$50,941.50.

Widow Gets \$11,000.

Omaha—Eleven thousand dollars was awarded to Mrs. Jane Baldwin, widow of Henry D. Baldwin, by a jury in the federal court. Mrs. Baldwin had brought suit for \$30,000 against the Rock Island railroad for the death of her husband, acting as its administrator. The suit was brought under the laws of Iowa.

Wealthy Ranchman Ends Life.

Chadron—Charles Augustine, a wealthy ranchman, shot and killed himself at his brother's home, ten miles from Chadron. His brother, working in the yard and barn, heard no noise, but came in and found his brother dead. No cause is assigned.

Antics of Ineane Man.

Plainview—Marsh Van Dover, a demoralized character, living east of town created considerable stir here by demanding possession of the Security State bank, and ordering the postmaster to close up the government's business.

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INCREASE IN RATES DENIED.

Commission Holds Grain Switching Charges Are High Enough.

Lincoln—The state railway commission denied the petition of the Omaha roads to raise the switching charges on grain, but granted permission to lower one rate to correct an inequality. The commission is of the opinion there is considerable discrimination in the Omaha switching charges of all kinds and that an inquiry should be held to determine what they are in order that the commission may issue an order correcting them. It is probable that such a hearing will be held at some time in the near future.

Lee Smith Has Prize Ear of Corn.

Fort Calhoun—Lee Smith of De Soto has proven to the agricultural world that he can raise corn that no man need ever be ashamed of. In a world-wide contest Mr. Smith took second prize for largest ear of corn. Recently, Mr. Smith picked an ear of corn from his field that made his prize ear look small. This ear had twenty-eight rows of kernels, with sixty kernels in each row. This is the largest ear of corn known to have been picked from Nebraska fields to the present time.

Bilked by Locating Agent.

Fremont—Last spring a couple of Fremont laboring men filed on Kinkaid homesteads in Broken Bow district, which were shown them by a land agent, for a consideration of \$15 each. Before the six months expired both went up there to build houses and got ready for their families to move, and employed a surveyor to locate the corners. The tracts were found to be seven miles from the lands shown them by the locating agent and they will not homestead any land this year. The agent was out when they called.

HIS FIRST SAMPLES DISTRIBUTED.



LOUISVILLE WALKS AGAIN

SECOND STREET CAR STRIKE IN SEVEN MONTHS.

Partial Service Furnished Without Much Disorder—Hundreds of Strike-Breakers Arrive.

Louisville, Ky. — For the second time in seven months Louisville is suffering from a street car strike, the 850 union employes of the Louisville Railway company having walked out early Friday morning.

The first day of the strike, however, was not marked by anything approaching the disorder that attended the strike last April, and when the partial service furnished during the day was discontinued at nightfall only 20 arrests had been made, virtually all of them for "disorderly conduct," which charge covered mainly the throwing of an occasional brick or jeering at the nonunion men.

The company operates, on a normal basis, between 600 and 700 cars. It was announced by the officials that when service was suspended Friday evening they had 40 cars running. Only about a dozen cars were run during the morning, and only a few passengers were carried during the day. The service was suspended in order to give the police a rest, the entire force having been on duty for over 24 hours.

Five hundred strike-breakers arrived during the day from Chicago and Indianapolis, and 200 more were expected. Adding to these the 200 nonunion employes who did not go out, the company officials claim they have almost a full force and will give practically a normal service. The strikers claim to have won over a number of nonunion men during the day. All talk of mediation or conciliation has been abandoned and the affair is regarded as a finish fight by the public as well as by the strikers and company officials.

ILLINOIS PROPERTY VALUES.

Results of Work by State Board of Equalization.

Springfield, Ill. — The state board of equalization, which has been in session ten days after the limit allowed by law, adjourned Wednesday morning. The report of the railroad committee shows a total assessment of railroads in Illinois to be about \$100,000,000, an increase of \$5,000,000 over 1906. The assessment on capital stock of corporations in the state is \$10,608,100, about \$2,000,000 less than the assessed valuation for 1906. This is explained by the fact that the tangible stock of Chicago corporations has been assessed at a much higher valuation by the local assessors than last year.

In 1907 the total equalized value of personal property in Illinois is \$246,819,650. The total equalized value of lands is \$371,994,086. The total equalized value of lots is \$439,898,662. The equalized value of personal property, lands and lots in 1907 is \$1,138,822,398, compared to \$1,015,653,662 in 1906.

Sabbath Breakers Indicted.

Kansas City, Mo.—The grand jury Tuesday night returned 149 additional indictments against persons charged with violating the state law which forbids labor on Sunday. The indictments are against 38 persons, 14 of whom are charged with selling intoxicants on Sunday. All the indicted persons will be arrested and compelled to give bond within 48 hours.

D. M. Ferry, Seed Man, Is Dead.

Detroit, Mich. — Dexter M. Ferry, head of one of the greatest seed firms in the United States, which bore his name, and prominent in local business enterprises, was found dead in bed at his home here Monday.

Mrs. Mathis, Song Writer, Dies.

Los Angeles, Cal.—Juliette Estelle Prescott Mathis, 38 years old, a writer of songs and verses, formerly a resident of Illinois, died here Thursday at the home of her son, Frank C. Prescott.

State Papers Lost in River.

Ottawa, Ont.—Photographs and official data secured by the international boundary surveyors the past summer in their work of delimiting the Alaska line have been lost by the upsetting of a canoe in the Bradford river.

Killed and Maimed by Blast.

Columbus, O.—Two men were killed and three or four injured Wednesday in an explosion of the Hercules nitroglycerin factory at Bradner, in Wood county. The factory was demolished.

FRANTZ SULKS IN HIS TENT.

Oklahoma Governor Refuses to Help Install His Successor.

Guthrie, Okla.—Frank Frantz, governor of Oklahoma territory, would not participate in the ceremonies Saturday incident to the inauguration of Gov.-elect Charles N. Haskell and the Democratic state ticket.

His attitude became known when the executive committee in charge of the affair invited him to appear in the first carriage in the parade at the side of his successor. He refused emphatically. Urged to take some part in a feature of the inauguration, he insisted that he did not wish to be connected in any manner with the ceremonies.

The governor's attitude was the result of charges made during the recent campaign for state officers by Haskell. The territorial executive took particular exception to a speech delivered at Shawnee, in which the Democratic gubernatorial candidate made a personal attack on his rival.

AFTER A "GROCERS' TRUST."

Colorado Attorney General Attacks an Alleged Combine.

Denver, Col.—Attorney General William H. Dixon began an action under the common law in the Denver district court Thursday with a view to breaking up the so-called grocers' trust, operating in Colorado.

The Retail Merchants' Association of Colorado and its branches in 63 cities and towns of the state, the Denver Jobbers' association, the Denver Retail Grocers' association and about 20 jobbers are named as defendants and injunctions are sought to restrain them from arbitrating, from fixing prices and from refusing to sell supplies to retail grocers unless they charge the prices fixed by the alleged trust. The complaint alleges that the prices of foodstuffs have been maintained 20 per cent. higher than they would have been if there had been no trust.

HARRIS SUED FOR \$20,000.

Ex-Treasurer of Pennsylvania Accused of Accepting Bribe.

Pittsburg, Pa.—The most surprising of the many sensations which have developed since the failure of the Enterprise National bank of Allegheny, in 1905, occurred Wednesday when Thomas Rinaker, receiver of the defunct institution, entered a suit in assumpsit in the United States district court against ex-State Treasurer of Pennsylvania Frank G. Harris, claiming \$20,000 with interest from October 22, 1902.

This sum, it is charged, was paid Harris by Cashier Clark of the bank, as a bribe for his part in permitting the promoters of the Pennsylvania Development company to use the funds of the Enterprise bank and the state.

Bryan Says He Will Accept.

Lincoln, Neb. — Through the editorial columns of The Commoner William Jennings Bryan declares he will not seek nor ask for the nomination for president, but if it is the desire of the rank and file of the party that he should have it, he would accept it cheerfully.

Toledo Woman Burned to Death.

Toledo, O.—Mrs. George Decker, aged 25, died at a hospital here Thursday night of burns received in an explosion at her home.

Can't Advance Night Phone Rates.

Lincoln, Neb.—Seven days ago all the telephone companies in Nebraska asked permission of the railway commission to advance night rates to the day schedule. The commission Friday refused to grant the permission, and received assurance that the advance would not be attempted.

Post Office Safe Is Robbed.

Spartanburg, S. C.—The safe in the post office at Seneca, S. C., was blown open Thursday night and \$800 in stamps and \$290 in currency taken.

Phipps to Build Concrete City.

New York—Henry Phipps, the wealthy steel manufacturer, who in 1905 gave \$1,000,000 for the erection of model tenements in New York city, is greatly interested in the possibilities of the two family concrete houses planned by Thomas A. Edison, the inventor, and which, it is claimed, can be built within 12 hours at a cost of \$1,000 to \$1,200. He has recently visited East Orange, examined Mr. Edison's models and talked with the inventor regarding his plans. Phipps plans to build a city of concrete.

BARNEY IS A SUICIDE

LATE HEAD OF KNICKERBOCKER TRUST COMPANY KILLS SELF.

PUTS BULLET IN BODY

Deed of New York Financier Attributed to Distress of Mind Over Loss of Fortune and Standing.

New York—Charles Tracy Barney, the deposed president of the Knickerbocker Trust company, and until recently a power in the financial world, shot and killed himself Thursday in his home. His loans with the bank, it is said, are amply secured, and when he was forced from its presidency he was, to all intents and purposes, eliminated as a factor in banking circles.

What ill effects his unexpected taking off might have had on the financial situation generally had long since been discounted. In distress of mind over the dissipation of his private fortune and the loss of high standing among business associates, intimate acquaintances find the hidden drift that broke his health and reason.

Much of his personal wealth might have been saved. At the time that Barney was dying at his home at East Thirty-eighth street and Park avenue, and surgeons probed for a bullet that, misdirected by a nerveless hand, had entered the body below the heart, a handful of friends at a downtown office were concluding an arrangement by which the loose ends of the banker's many enterprises were to be gathered up and financed by a stock company which, if not wholly successful, would at least rescue from the wreckage sufficient to insure the promoter's future financially. The conference broke up at the announcement that Mr. Barney was dead.

Mr. Barney, who was in his fifty-seventh year, shot himself early in the day, while alone in his chamber at the rear of the second floor of his home. The bullet entered below the heart and lodged under the left shoulder blade. He died about 2:30 o'clock after suffering intensely.

Bank Cashier a Suicide. Kansas City, Mo.—J. B. Thomas, cashier of the Bank of Albany, of Albany, Mo., a prominent Democratic politician and former grand master of the Masonic Order of Missouri, committed suicide at the Midland hotel in this city Friday, leaving no message to explain his action.

There is no evidence that the affairs of the Bank of Albany are involved in the tragedy, the surviving officers having asserted emphatically that they knew of no reason for the suicide of Cashier Thomas.

Thomas registered at the hotel at 8:30 o'clock Thursday night and went directly to his room, and was not seen alive again by the employes of the hotel. When no response was given to repeated knockings on the door, a carpenter forced an entrance. Thomas was found dead in the bathroom, fully dressed, with a bullet hole in his right temple and clutching a pistol in his hand. The coroner decided that he had been dead several hours.

Thomas was 60 years old and had been cashier of the Bank of Albany since 1880. Before that time he had held several important political offices and he had continued to take an active part in politics. His son, Claude Thomas, is cashier of a bank at Gravity, Ia., and a daughter, Mrs. Dr. Stapleton, lives at La Harpe, Kan. His widow is living.

The other officers of the Bank of Albany are: C. H. Kent, president; J. L. McCullough, vice president, and M. O. Motheshead, assistant cashier. The bank has a capital stock of \$40,000, and a surplus and undivided profits amounting to \$20,000, according to its last statement.

Friends of the dead banker at Albany stated that he had suffered much mental anguish of late because of unfortunate personal business ventures.

SETS ASIDE MURDER VERDICT.

Judge Scores Jury in the William Shimmel Case.

Grand Haven, Mich.—A jury Friday found William Shimmel guilty of the murder, 18 months ago, of Martin Golden, a storekeeper at Dennison, but Circuit Judge Padgham immediately set aside the verdict and severely scored the jury, declaring the evidence, which was entirely circumstantial, did not in any way warrant the verdict. The judge released Shimmel on \$500 bond.

Outburst on Sun's Surface.

Oxford, Eng.—A remarkable outburst on the sun was observed by Prof. Amban, director of the Radcliffe observatory, at 11:45 Friday morning. An immense flame shot up at the rate of over 10,000 miles a minute until it reached a height of 325,000 miles. At ten minutes past 12 it broke into fragments and disappeared.

Lost Pay Roll of \$22,000 Is Found.

Trinidad, Col.—The \$22,000 worth of checks for the miners of the Carbon Coal & Coke company, which were lost a few days ago from the stage that runs between Longdale and Cokedale, were found by boys and returned to the company.

Hamburg Broker Kills Himself.

Hamburg.—J. Ballin, a stock broker and a brother of Albert Ballin, director general of the Hamburg-American Steamship line, committed suicide with a revolver Friday.

Peace Conference Opens.

Washington.—In the red room of the bureau of American republics the peace conference of the Central American republics convened Thursday. Senator Luis Anderson, of Costa Rica, was chosen as permanent president.

Vote to Keep Exposition Open.

Norfolk, Va.—The directors of the Jamestown exposition Thursday accepted a committee report favoring keeping the exposition open next year provided \$300,000 can be raised by popular subscription.

CONFESSES HE WAS A SPY

ENSIGN ULMO, OF FRENCH NAVY, ADMITS GUILT IN COURT.

Anti-Semitic Paper Asserts Magistrate Has Proof of German Admiral's Complicity.

Paris.—Ensign Ulmo, who was arrested last month at Toulon charged with being a spy, confessed his guilt Thursday when confronted in court with the original of a telegram which he had filed at Toulon, addressed to an agent of a foreign power.

The dispatch had been written in a disguised hand and was not signed, but before handing it in to the clerk Ulmo absent-mindedly made a correction in his own handwriting and gave his own name to the clerk in compliance with the regulations requiring the name of a sender of a telegram.

Ulmo told the magistrate that the foreign power in question had refused his offers to sell information on the ground that the price he asked was too high.

The Libre Parole declares that the connection of Admiral Stegel, the German naval attaché here, who has just been recalled, with Ensign Ulmo, has been established by documents which are now in the hands of M. Leydet, the examining magistrate, who is inquiring into the charges against Ulmo. The paper adds that their correspondence was carried on through Hebrew intermediaries, but that a personal meeting between Ulmo and Stegel occurred in Paris last August, and that Stegel's recall was due to the fact that he was compromised.

WALSH'S SIDE IS STATED.

Attorney Ritscher Makes Opening Speech for Accused Financier.

Chicago.—Assistant United States District Attorney Fletcher Dobyns completed his statement of the case of the government against John R. Walsh, on trial for alleged misapplication of funds of the defunct Chicago National bank, of which he was president, at noon Thursday. In the afternoon Attorney E. C. Ritscher of counsel for Walsh made his opening speech in defense of the financier.

In the course of his address Mr. Ritscher said it was probable that it would be charged by the prosecution that loans in excess of 10 per cent. of the capital stock had been made to certain companies. He said that this was a violation of the banking laws, but did not constitute a criminal offense. Nearly every bank violated the rules, he said, and violations were countenanced by the comptroller.

Here he was interrupted by Attorney Dobyns. Mr. Dobyns objected and was sustained by Judge Anderson, who said:

"I can't see why one violation of the law excuses another. Even if all of the banks violate this section that cannot be pleaded here."

SHIPYARDS TO BE CLOSED.

American Shipbuilding Company Begins Laying Off Its Men.

Cleveland, O.—At a meeting of the directors of the American Shipbuilding company here Thursday it was decided to retrench, in view of the uncertainty of the general financial condition, by shutting down practically all of its plants along the great lakes at once and deferring the usual dividend upon the common stock of the company.

At Lorain, where 1,800 men are employed, 1,000 were discharged, and Friday night most of the remaining 800 will be let go. At Bay City, Mich. 400 men were let out. The Detroit and Wyandotte yards will not be closed for the present. At South Chicago and at Superior, Wis., hundreds of men will be taken from the payroll.

INDIAN BATTLE TALE FALSE.

Denied by Superintendent Shelton, of Ship Rock Ute Agency.

Ute Agency, Ship Rock, N. M.—Superintendent Shelton, of the Ute Indian agency at this place, positively denies the report sent out from Durango, Col., that another battle took place Tuesday between the disaffected Utes and the United States troops. The report had it that six Indians were killed by the soldiers. Superintendent Shelton further states that all of the disaffected Utes are now under arrest at Ship Rock.

Train Kills Father and Son.

Greencastle, Ind.—Harry Waters, aged 45, and his son Walter, aged 22, were struck by the fast mail train on the Vandalla Friday and instantly killed at the village of Almeda, two miles east of here.

Alexander Fries, Chemist, Is Dead.

Cincinnati.—Alexander Fries, head of the firm of Alexander Fries & Bro., New York and Cincinnati, and one of the most eminent chemists of the country, died here Thursday night.

Woman Burglar Is Sentenced.

Chicago.—Mrs. Evelyn Romadka, the Milwaukee woman burglar, was sentenced to the Joliet penitentiary for an indeterminate period of from one to 20 years Friday by Judge Brentano on her plea of guilty to the charge of burglary.

Young Civil Engineer Is a Suicide.

Topeka, Kan.—Louis H. Krehl, a young man apparently about 24 years of age and a civil engineer on the Rock Island railroad, shot himself in the head Friday.

Six Men Killed by Train.

Milwaukee.—Six men were killed at South Milwaukee Wednesday night when a fast Northwestern train plowed across a grade crossing near the station. All of the killed were workmen at a nearby factory.

Parsons, Kan., Has \$200,000 Fire.

Parsons, Kan.—Fire that threatened the entire business district of the city destroyed \$200,000 worth of property Wednesday afternoon. The fire originated in a barn where boys were smoking cigarettes.

BRIEF NEWS NOTES FOR THE BUSY MAN

MOST IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE PAST WEEK TOLD IN CONDENSED FORM.

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