

## Wonderful Career of Cecil Rhodes

In 1871 a young Oxford undergraduate, broken in health by consumption, left England in charge of his brother, with the despairing hope that in the highlands of Natal his life would be prolonged.

Two years later he had been restored to health. He had laid the foundation of a meteoric career that has won for England the south half of the African continent and gained a unique place in the history of the British empire.

Romance has been outclassed by the life of Cecil Rhodes. There was no project too great for his ambition and he firmly believed in the maxim that "a man can get anything he wants, if he only wants it enough." The great struggle now going on in South Africa is the direct outcome of his gigantic plans for the overthrow of all control save that of England, and the welding together of the inhabitants under the Union Jack. He lived to see the vision almost realized.

One of the most gigantic railway schemes ever thought of was the Cape to Cairo railway, which Mr. Rhodes determined to construct. His wonderful powers were exerted on Kaiser William of Germany, who, after a conference with him, gave permission to build the road over a part of the German possessions in Africa. No other opposition of importance has been met. The road is projected to run through the interior of the continent.

Rivers must be leaped, swamps drained, morasses made solid, and mountains bored through. Hostile tribes and deadly climates have to be

The race for Matabeleland began and Oom Paul Kruger was defeated in it by Rhodes.

His soldiers streamed through Bechuanaland and Mashonaland. He found Mashonaland harried by the Matabeles and sent a machine gun expedition against them.

This resulted in thousands of dead savages and the absorption of Matabeleland. The Mashona people were left to till the soil in peace.

Finally the dominion of his company, which is the dominion of Rhodes, extended all over "Rhodesia." He had kicked out the Portuguese and shot out the natives, and his empire was safe. In this aggression he was backed by the Cape Colony government, because it believed that he intended to make of Cape Town the political and commercial center of the "United States of South Africa."

Germans, Boers and Portuguese were claiming the country. Mr. Rhodes believed that the domination of an oligarchy of Dutchmen who resisted natural expansion was doomed. Later on he acted.

In 1890 Mr. Rhodes became premier of Cape Colony, which office he held for five years. Under his rule German ambition and designs had been baffled by him single-handed and a vast territory gained for his native land. The iron rule of the Dutch premier in the Transvaal bore heavily on the English settlers. Rhodes became their champion.

That he was connected with the Jameson raid into the territory of the Boers is no longer doubted. Its failure gave the Boers the opportunity to prepare for a struggle with the English when it should be backed by the government.

Rhodes never expressed regret for the attempt.

He declared that he had proof that the Pretoria government had been intriguing with Germany.

While the Boer war was raging Mr. Rhodes was shut up in Kimberley, while the Boers besieged the place. It is said that if they had captured him a ransom of \$10,000,000 would have been demanded, in case his life was not declared forfeited.

A reward of £5,000 was offered for his body, dead or alive. To the Orange Free State officials and the Transvaal his personality and ambitions were hateful to the last degree. Mr. Rhodes' escape is well known.

An Englishman wrote of Rhodes: "He has the face of a Caesar, the ambition of a Loyola, and the wealth of a Croesus." As to his ambition and wealth there can be no doubt. Rhodes had the scholar's brow and the steely blue eyes and thin lips of the man of indomitable will.

Like all successful men he battered down opposition and forced his ideas on those by whom he was surrounded. Those ideas, however, were not narrowed to self, but as broad in their scope as national British aspirations. If England ever succeeds in planting a second America on the soil of Asia she will owe that treasure to the fact that the young Oxford graduate was driven from home by the ravages of dread consumption. His subsequent adventures will ultimately become fabulous.

### The "Hop Congress."

Those bright youngsters who serve as pages in the house of representatives at Washington have formed what they call the "hop congress." They call it so because the members put in their time during the sessions of the real house hopping around from desk to desk on errands for the legislators.

The "hop congress" assemblies at 9:30 o'clock in the morning, before the genuine members are at their desks, and its deliberations are carried on with as much dignity and precision as is the real thing which assembles at noon. Page J. H. Hollingsworth of New York is the speaker of the miniature congress and he dispenses his rulings from the chair which Speaker Henderson occupies later in the day. He emphasizes his remarks by pounding the same marble slab that Speaker Henderson pounds. Mr. Payne's desk is occupied by the chairman of the junior ways and means committee and Mr. Dalzell's by the leader of the committee on rules. The pages have a sergeant-at-arms and a clerk of the house and recently legislation reached such a stage that it was found imperative to have a Major Pruden to deliver messages from the president.

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## AS THE WORLD REVOLVES

### MONUMENT TO BARON KETTLER.

Honor Awarded to the German Minister Killed at Pekin.

The Baroness Von Ketteler, formerly of Detroit and widow of the German minister killed at Pekin, has invited several friends to attend the unveiling of the monument to her husband in Berlin. The baroness has personally



Baroness Von Ketteler, superintended the erection of the shaft.

The marriage of Miss Ledyard to Baron Von Ketteler on Feb. 24, 1897, was one of the greatest social events in the history of Detroit. Owing to the fact that the baron was a Catholic a special dispensation from the pope was necessary, after which the wedding was solemnized.

### Cranberry Growing.

Cranberry growers of the United States had for their credit last year a crop of 1,000,000 bushels. Of the varied industries that have shown unusual results there are none with a more notable record, for the crop of 1900 was 569,000 bushels. These facts mean that the owners of the cranberry bogs will have received, when the crop is fully marketed, nearly \$1,700,000. Cranberry raising is an industry which, despite the popularity of the fruit, has commanded small attention from others than those directly interested. Capital is an absolute necessity to engage in it successfully, as a productive bog costs from \$300 to \$500 an acre to bring to a state of profitable bearing.

### PLANS WHITE HOUSE FUNCTIONS.

Major McCawley Has Charge of State and Social Entertainments.

Major Charles L. McCawley, who has been specially detailed to arrange and superintend state and social entertainments at the white house, is planning some elaborate functions for the season.

Major McCawley first leaped into fame by leading Miss Alice Roosevelt



Major McCawley. out to dance at the ball at which she made her debut.

This honor has fallen to him also at each subsequent entertainment of the kind.

### Trust in Fancy Horses.

Few of the wealthy members of trusts who are buying high-class horses at Lexington, Ky., are aware that a trust controls the blue grass horse market.

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### Dwarfs in French Draft.

The dwarfs as well as the giants are caught in the net of French compulsory military service, and the last conscription has brought out a recruit of very diminutive size. His name is Francois Finas, he comes from Montmellan, his height is 3 feet 3 inches, he weighs only 4 stone 3 pounds, he cannot carry a flag or keep step with his comrades, but trots after them as they march through the town. It remains to be seen whether the medical officers will reject this warrior as unfit.

### TAXING RAILROAD PROPERTY.

State Board of Equalization Ready for Assessments.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 7.—The State Board of Equalization will meet next month to make the annual assessment of railroad, telegraph and telephone property for purposes of taxation. The law requires the work to be completed on or before May 15, or as soon thereafter as a majority of the board shall have made and determined the valuation of the property of the various companies.

Several reports on valuations have already been received at the auditor's office, but with one exception they show no material change from the figures of last year. The St. Joseph & Grand Island railroad was assessed last year on a valuation of \$583,485, while this year the valuation, as returned by the company, is \$445,190. It is shown by the report that only a portion of the rolling stock of the company is included in the list of taxable property, the stock being divided as to Nebraska in proportion to the mileage within the state. Last year all of the rolling stock was assessed by the board.

The Kansas City & Omaha railroad shows a decrease in total valuation since last year from \$503,480 to \$502,295. The Pullman company values its standard sleeping cars at \$104,122.43 and its tourist cars at \$8,628. Last year the standard cars were assessed at a valuation of \$99,041.53, and the tourist cars at \$7,621.49.

### THE RHEA MURDER CASE.

A Grave Question Comes Up for Consideration.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 7.—The action of the supreme court on Rhea's motion for a rehearing has left open for dispute the grave question of whether or not a man committing murder during the perpetration of a robbery can be convicted of murder in the first degree. Rhea, with other men, entered a saloon in Snyder, Neb., and demanded all persons therein to throw up their hands. One of the trio then rifled the cash register of its contents and during the commission of the robbery Rhea shot and killed Herman Zahn, the keeper of the saloon. A third man remained on the sidewalk in front of the saloon and participated in the robbery by preventing the bartender from escaping through the window. The evidence, it was maintained by the state's attorneys, showed conclusively that robbery was intended.

The statute under which Rhead was convicted and sentenced to be executed was severely questioned as to the provision which was held by the attorneys for the state to provide for conviction in the first degree where it was shown that the murder was committed during the commission of a robbery. The contention was supported by Judges Sullivan and Holcomb. In a memorandum filed by Judge Sedgwick the opposite position is taken. The expression of Judge Sedgwick will be one of the grounds upon which the plea for executive clemency will be made.

### Boy Loses a Leg.

FULLERTON, Neb., April 7.—Rush Ford, a son of J. H. Ford of this city, while hunting with a companion, Clyde Reynolds, was accidentally shot by the latter in the leg. The wound is of such a nature as to necessitate amputation of the leg below the knee.

### Beet Sugar Factory Astir.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., April 7.—It is announced that the Grand Island factory of the American Beet Sugar company will be operated this year and that new machinery for the extraction of sugar from syrups will be added to the plant during the summer.

### Winter Wheat Outlook.

ASHTON, Neb., April 7.—Winter wheat looks fine. A large acreage was planted last fall. Very little spring wheat has been sown this spring. Farmers are now busy sowing oats.

### Old People Wed.

GLENVILLE, Neb., April 7.—The event of the season occurred here when Harm R. Schmidt, aged 76 years, and Mrs. Wubke Steenblock, aged 72 years, were united in marriage. The grandson of the groom drove the team which took them to Clay Center, where they were made one, the groom not feeling able to control a livery team because of his age. Judge Palmer tied the knot and the old people were warmly congratulated.

### Shoots Himself in the Head.

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., April 7.—Alex Henderson, who recently came here from Omaha to work in the Union Pacific blacksmith shop, killed himself by shooting himself in the head with a revolver. He was suffering from some trouble which caused him extreme pain in the head, and at times made him blind, and it is thought he committed the rash act while temporarily insane from the effects of his malady.

### SMALLPOX IN THE STATE.

Number of Cases in Each County Reported by Doctors.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 5.—Dr. Geo. M. Brash, secretary of the board of health, filed a report from physicians throughout the state, giving the number of smallpox cases found during the month of March. The total number of cases reported was 826, as against 764 for February, indicating that the disease is spreading instead of decreasing. In some counties there is an increase and in others the decrease is great. The following shows the number of cases reported in February and March:

| Counties.  | Feb. | Mar. |
|------------|------|------|
| Adams      | 20   | 4    |
| Antelope   | 13   | 5    |
| Burd       | 1    | 4    |
| Boyd       | 1    | 4    |
| Butler     | 3    | 3    |
| Cass       | 8    | 11   |
| Cedar      | 48   | 86   |
| Chase      | 1    | 1    |
| Chayenne   | 1    | 2    |
| Clay       | 13   | 14   |
| Colfax     | 3    | 1    |
| Cuming     | 1    | 1    |
| Custer     | 1    | 5    |
| Dakota     | 12   | 4    |
| Dawes      | 12   | 7    |
| Dawson     | 1    | 1    |
| Dixon      | 6    | 15   |
| Dodge      | 6    | 6    |
| Douglas    | 189  | 257  |
| Fillmore   | 1    | 1    |
| Furnas     | 16   | 6    |
| Gage       | 43   | 49   |
| Hall       | 4    | 5    |
| Hamilton   | 20   | 20   |
| Holt       | 17   | 13   |
| Jefferson  | 1    | 4    |
| Johnson    | 14   | 8    |
| Kearney    | 7    | 5    |
| Keya Paha  | 6    | 12   |
| Knox       | 9    | 1    |
| Lancaster  | 77   | 71   |
| Lincoln    | 1    | 1    |
| Madison    | 12   | 11   |
| Merriam    | 1    | 1    |
| Clay       | 1    | 1    |
| Nemaha     | 19   | 4    |
| Nuckolls   | 8    | 18   |
| Otoe       | 2    | 3    |
| Pawnee     | 1    | 1    |
| Phelps     | 1    | 1    |
| Pierce     | 7    | 5    |
| Platte     | 2    | 11   |
| Richardson | 10   | 2    |
| Saline     | 1    | 2    |
| Sarpy      | 21   | 9    |
| Saunder    | 23   | 23   |
| Seward     | 6    | 23   |
| Sheridan   | 1    | 1    |
| Stanton    | 24   | 5    |
| Thayer     | 2    | 13   |
| Thurston   | 3    | 1    |
| Washington | 2    | 1    |
| Wayne      | 10   | 10   |
| Webster    | 14   | 8    |
| York       | 1    | 1    |
| Total      | 764  | 826  |

### REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Called to Meet at Lincoln on Wednesday, June 18th.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 5.—Following is the text of the republican convention call issued by State Chairman H. C. Lindsay:

Republicans of the state of Nebraska are hereby called to meet in convention at the Auditorium, in the city of Lincoln, on Wednesday, June 18, 1902, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the following offices, to be voted for at the next general election, to be held in the state of Nebraska, November 4, 1902, viz.: One governor, one lieutenant governor, one secretary of state, one auditor of public accounts, one treasurer, one superintendent of public instruction, one attorney general, one commissioner of public lands and buildings, and for the transaction of such other business as may regularly come before said convention.

The basis of representation of the several counties in said convention shall be the vote cast for Hon. Samuel H. Sedgwick for judge of the supreme court, at the regular election held on November 5, 1901, giving one delegate for each 100 votes or major fraction thereof so cast for the said Samuel H. Sedgwick, and one delegate-at-large for each county.

### Farmer Saves the Train.

TRENTON, Neb., April 5.—Burlington train No. 12 was saved from being wrecked by a farmer living two miles west of town, who stopped it from running on a burning bridge. It is supposed the train was set on fire by an early morning train. The section men and train gang were immediately sent out and soon had the bridge in such shape that trains could pass over it.

### Farmer Parts With Money.

BEATRICE, Neb., April 5.—Robert Pretzer, who lives about five miles northwest of the city, was swindled out of \$150 by lightning rod agents. It was the same old story. Pretzer signed a contract for \$27 worth of fixtures for his barn, but discovered later on that he had been duped right, and had to put up \$150. Mr. Pretzer is still looking for the agents who got his coin.

### Norse Endangers Man's Sight.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., April 5.—Edward Meredith, a farmer eight miles southwest of town, was kicked in the head by a horse and it is thought he will lose the left eye.

### Commits Suicide at Seventy.

RED CLOUD, Neb., April 5.—William Manigraime, southwest of Blue Hill, committed suicide by hanging himself in the barn. He was 70 years old.

### THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations from South Omaha and Kansas City.

#### SOUTH OMAHA.

Cattle—There was not an over-supply of cattle for this time of the week, but packers failed to take hold with as much life as usual and a slow, weak market resulted. Sellers were not willing to take off much from yesterday's prices, and as a result it was late before the pens were cleared. A good proportion of the pens were consisted of beef steers, and the quality was exceptionally good. In fact, some of the salesmen considered the quality the best today of any day this year. Buyers started in from the first to pound the market and were bidding fully a dime lower than yesterday, and in some cases more. Cow stuff was in as good demand as ever and sold at fully steady prices. The better grades in particular commanded fully steady prices, and in some cases sales were made that looked higher. There was not enough change in the prices paid for bulls, veal calves and steers to be worthy of mention. Stockers and feeders of good quality sold freely at steady prices, as compared with yesterday, but the common kinds, and especially common stockers, were as much of a drag on the market as ever, and prices were certainly no more than steady.

Hogs—There was a fairly active demand for good weight hogs, and the market on such kinds was steady to strong. The light hogs, however, were rather slow sales, and if anything were a shade lower than yesterday. The range of prices was not much different from yesterday, and the bulk of all the sales went from \$6.50 to \$6.75. Heavy hogs sold largely from \$6.70 to \$6.90, and as high as \$6.85 was paid. The medium weights went from \$6.65 to \$6.70, while the lighter loads sold from \$6.45 down. The bulk of the offerings was disposed of in good season.

Sheep—There was not a heavy run of sheep and lambs and packers took hold quite freely and bought up what was on sale at very satisfactory prices. Lambs in particular sold well and if anything were a little higher than yesterday. As high as \$6.70 was paid for some Colorado, which looked higher than yesterday's market. Sheep and yearlings mixed of only fair quality sold up to \$5.65, and ewes brought \$5.15. Clipped yearlings sold as high as \$5.50.

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Cattle—Market steady to 10c lower; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$6.40-6.55; fair to good, \$5.60-6.40; stockers and feeders, \$3.50-5.10; western fed steers, \$5.00-6.55; Texas and Indian steers, \$5.00-6.55; cows, \$3.50-5.25; native cows, \$3.50-6.00; heifers, \$4.00-6.40; canners, \$2.50-3.50; bulls, \$3.50-5.00; veal calves, \$4.50-5.75.

Hogs—Market 10c lower; top, \$7.00; bulk of sales, \$6.40-6.85; heavy, \$5.80-7.00; mixed packers, \$5.25-6.90; light, \$6.45-6.85; pigs, \$3.50-4.10.

Sheep and Lambs—Market strong to 5c higher; native lambs, \$5.50-6.50; western lambs, \$6.40-6.50; native wethers, \$5.50-5.80; western wethers, \$5.40-6.75; yearlings, \$5.00-6.25; ewes, \$4.50-6.25; stockers and feeders, \$3.50-5.25.

### MISS STONE SAILS FOR HOME.

Will Begin Lecturing in Aid of Missions Upon Arrival.

LONDON, April 5.—Miss Ellen M. Stone, the American missionary, sailed for New York on the Hamburg-American line steamer Deutschland, which left Southampton today. Her departure from London was quiet. She was accompanied by R. S. McClure and R. S. Baker. She will begin lecturing, in aid of the missions, almost immediately after her arrival in the United States. The rest which Miss Stone had in England has improved her health, though she was obliged to refuse countless invitations to speak before religious and other bodies. Mr. Choate, the United States ambassador, and Mrs. Choate are greatly interested in the missionary. They entertained her at the embassy at tea Thursday, where Miss Stone gave the diplomatic party a graphic, yet simple, account of her experiences.

### McKinley Funds to Herrick.

CLEVELAND, O., April 5.—Judge William R. Day, president of the McKinley Memorial association, has made a request that all contributions to the memorial fund be forwarded to Myron T. Herrick, treasurer, at Cleveland.

### Driven Out of Hayti.

KINGSTON, Jamaica, April 5.—A second batch of Haytian exiles arrived here today from Jaemel, Hayti. The government of that republic is ordering scores of suspected conspirators to leave the country.

### Eddyville Women Smash.

LEXINGTON, Neb., April 5.—Twelve women, followers of Mrs. Carrie Nation, heavily veiled, raided a joint at Eddyville, smashing the large mirror and other furniture and destroying several cases of liquor.

### Fall on Sidewalk is Fatal.

WINSIDE, Neb., April 5.—Mrs. M. J. Steiner of Pierce, Neb., who fell on a defective sidewalk in Winside, died from the effects of her injuries.

### Dumont on the Way.

LONDON, April 5.—MSantos Dumont, the Brazilian aeronaut, was a passenger on the Deutschland for America, sailing today.

### Cholera in Manila Prison.

MANILA, April 5.—Two cases of cholera have occurred in the Bulbid prison. Consequently all the prisoners there have been discharged and will be taken to a detention camp, which has been quarantined. The total number of cases of cholera reported here, up to noon yesterday, is 140, and there have been 115 deaths from the disease. In the province thirty-two cases of cholera and nineteen deaths have occurred up to date.



Cecil Rhodes.

overcome. Rhodes estimated that 50,000 lives would be sacrificed in the construction. It would require an army of 500,000 workers. Rhodes' transcontinental telegraph line is even now being built.

Mr. Rhodes was born July 7, 1853. He was one of seven brothers. His father was a country parson, Rev. Francis William Rhodes, at one time vicar of Bishop Stortford, Herts.

The man who controlled the destinies of Africa and who has been called the most active man in the world, never had time to get married. For all that he was a highly polished man and shone in woman's society. It may be that with a wife his gigantic plans would have sunk to the cares of the family man and the course of history might have been changed by so slight a cause.

When the two brothers arrived in Natal they first went on a cotton plantation. Then the rush to the diamond fields of Colesburg kopje, now known as Kimberley, began, and the young men went to the mines and laid out claims.

As a miner young Rhodes swung the pick and dabbled in the blue mud for diamonds. In a surprising short time he won health and fortune, too. With health and strength the ideas of the dreamer became widened. Wealth to him was but a means by which to rise to higher things. But it was absolutely necessary.

He secured a majority of the stock of the great De Beers mine, with its \$1,000,000 capital. Other properties were secured until at last every mine in the Kimberley district was united in the De Beers Consolidated, with a capital of \$20,000,000 and a revenue that has been phenomenal.

The English government had not been called into his plans thus far. Meantime Rhodes was establishing his political influence at Cape Colony. He secured the complete confidence of Sir Hercules Robinson, the governor. He impressed him with the boundless prospects ahead in the settlement of Africa.

### CECIL RHODES' HOME.



Front of Grootes Schuur, Rondebosch, Near Cape Town.