

# NEBRASKA IN GENERAL

## WANTED TO OWN THE FARM.

**Why Borchers Boys Murdered Their Stepfather in Cold Blood.**

**COLUMBUS**—Excitement over the disappearance of Gerrard Borchers from his home near Humphrey was greatly increased by the report that the skeleton of a man supposed to be Mr. Borchers was found in the remains of a straw stack on his farm, burned since he left home. All the flesh, except a part of one foot, was burned from the bones and one of the bones of the leg was broken.

Later—Herman and August Borchers, two of the three boys who were brought to Columbus by Sheriff Byrnes to answer to the charge of murdering their stepfather, Girhard Borchers, and cremating his remains in a strawstack at their home near Humphrey, are in jail pending preliminary hearing. John, the youngest boy, was permitted to accompany his uncle, George Borchers, to the latter's home near Humphrey, the officers considering him innocent of real complicity.

It is now said that the hoped-for acquisition of the farm prompted Herman, the 14-year-old boy, to plan the crime, and that they believed themselves proprietors of the place is evidenced by the fact that two days after the tragedy and before the discovery of the cremated remains, the boys drove to Humphrey and ordered a windmill to be put up on the farm, remarking that as their father had disappeared, they thought they would fix the place up.

It has come to light that the two older boys, commonly known as stepsons of the deceased, were in reality the illegitimate offspring of the deceased mother by a German before her removal from the old country. It is also said that the father of the boys was an unprincipled scoundrel and it is thought that the depravity manifested by the boys was inherited from the father.

Confession of the crime is this: That about 9 o'clock Friday morning the father was sitting in the kitchen reading a newspaper, when Herman slipped in and placing the gun within two feet of his father's head fired with deadly effect. After having done the shooting he proceeded to the barn, harnessed a team, hitched to a plow, and plowed a fire line around an old straw stack which stood about twenty rods from the house. Then he went back to the house, fastened a rope around his father and dragged him out into the straw stack. Then Herman hitched to the plow and plowed up to the house, covering the stains of blood. The boy then hitched the team to the wagon and got a load of fresh straw and piled it on the body and cremated it with the exception of one foot, which was the only portion of the body left.

## IT LOOKS MUCH LIKE FRAUD.

**Land Entries in Nebraska May Be Cancelled.**

Washington dispatch: The interior department has suspended, with a view of cancellation, a large number of alleged fraudulent land entries in Nebraska made by soldiers' widows, who, it is charged, have entered into an agreement for the transfer of the lands to cattlemen. W. N. Lesser of Iowa, a special agent, whose headquarters have been for several years at North Platte, Neb., has been suspended in connection with these proceedings.

The action follows an investigation that has been quietly conducted in Nebraska by Colonel John S. Mosby, the former guerrilla leader, who is now a special agent of the general land office. The exact extent of these operations is not disclosed, but so far as known there are about forty-five or fifty of them, each entry being for 160 acres. The government recently has been enforcing its regulations for the removal of fences erected by cattlemen on public lands, and an effort to validate as far as possible the land now occupied by cattlemen. Under the law soldiers' widows have a right to make entries of public lands without any residence requirements, but they are required to make improvements and cultivate the lands.

It is understood that the women who made the entries are mostly Chicago people, who were influenced to take these steps by the agents of cattlemen, with the agreement to transfer the land to the latter by leases with the right to purchase it.

**Walnut Stumps Become Valuable.**  
Walnut stumps have assumed an unlooked-for value in Tennessee, where an Indiana firm has been buying all that it can lay hands upon. The stump of a tree felled several years ago consequently brought more than its trunk and branches formerly did. The uglier and knottier the stump the better the price. It is said that the stumps are used in making veneering material used in the manufacture of high-grade furniture.

## BRIEF NEWS NOTES.

Burglars got into L. C. Weber & Son's drug store at Arlington. The safe was blown all to pieces and about \$60 in money and \$4 in jewelry taken.

The Beatrice canning factory has put up 15,000 bushels of apples this year and recently sent five cars of canned corn to New York in one shipment.

The \$10,000 libel suit brought by Mrs. Martha Daniels against Hammond Bros., publishers of the Fremont Tribune, has been dismissed by the plaintiff and the cost paid by her.

One day last week an elderly widower named Thomas, who has been residing on his farm ten miles southeast of Fremont, was found dead in bed. His demise is attributed to heart disease.

The Catholics of Battle Creek and vicinity are making great preparations for the dedication of their fine new brick church at Battle Creek. The building is 37x76, with all modern conveniences.

L. W. Holland of Osceola was found one mile west of Ogalalla by section men with both legs cut off below the knee. He was enroute to San Francisco with a car of chickens and fell beneath the cars.

James Babbit, a young man who has been in the employ of the Union Pacific railway at North Platte for some years, became despondent and attempted to end his life with a dose of carbolic acid. Medical assistance saved him.

The "woman in black" has made her appearance on the back streets of Falls City again, always appearing after dark. "It" molests no one but woman and girls, by following them. Women are afraid to venture out after dark alone.

The following are the farm and city mortgages filed and satisfied in Saunders county for the month of October: Farm mortgages filed, 9; amount, \$8,000; satisfied, 22; amount \$22,208.41; city mortgages filed, 10, amount, \$3,909.99; satisfied, 20, amount, \$11,723.94.

Charles Margeleth, an old settler of western Nebraska, killed himself at a school house ten miles north of North Platte. He went from his farm to the school house, pulled off his boots and shot himself through the heart with a revolver. He had been acting queerly of late.

While Ovid Lemise and a Mr. Dyer of Polk county were stacking straw for a neighbor, who was threshing, the machine was stopped from some cause and the two men commenced scuffling in play. Both fell to the ground, a distance of only five or six feet. Dyer was not hurt in the least, while Lemise sustained injuries to his spinal column which resulted in his death.

The Fremont Commercial club has adopted a resolution expressing its sense that the action of the Union Pacific Railroad company in causing a grain elevator to be erected on its line at Mercer Siding, a new station just east of that place, is an encroachment on the city's legitimate territory. The Union Pacific officials will be notified of the sentiment of the club.

Two suspicious appearing men arrived in Stanton and were taken into custody by Sheriff King after they had disposed of a \$12 suit pattern for \$3. Later it was learned that a store at Norfolk had been broken into and robbed the previous night. The men proved to be the ones wanted and Madison county officers took charge of the prisoners.

Clasped in each other's arms, lying on the floor of the pastor's study in the German Baptist church in Omaha the other day Oscar Bernades, janitor of the church, discovered the dead bodies of Rev. W. C. Rabe, pastor, and Augusta Busch, a missionary. An open gas jet attached to a small stove, and a room full of gas, told the cause of death. The asphyxiation is supposed to have been accidental.

A mail sack which was lost off passenger train No. 6 about August 12, a few miles west of Exeter, was found by a farmer in a small pond. Diligent search was made for the sack at the time of its loss and it was thought to have been destroyed by someone. The sack contained a number of letters. The strap on the sack was cut, but the mail matter had not been molested, which was in bad condition and thoroughly soaked.

Seth P. Mobley, chief of the consular and statistical department for the United States in Manila, formerly editor of the Independent of Grand Island, Neb., was in Omaha the other day making preparations for return to his official post in the Philippines. Mr. Mobley is greatly pleased with his personal affairs and conditions in general in Manila and asserts that American influence has wrought a wonderful change and will produce a still greater change for the better in Manila.

## THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

and Kansas City

SOUTH OMAHA.

**CATTLE**—There were not enough corned steers to tell much about the market, but for the week the tendency of prices has been downward. The market, though, has been very uneven all week, and owing to the big break at Chicago during the last two weeks buyers have been very bearish. The cow market did not show much change here. Buyers went around and bought up practically everything in the yards at steady prices. The market has been in very satisfactory condition all the week. There were only a few stockers and feeders in sight yesterday, so that prices on anything good held just about steady. As compared with the close of last week the desirable grades are fully steady, while the common stuff, if anything, is a little easier. The cattle weighing from 850 to 1,000 pounds are now in the best demand. There has been a good demand all the week for western beef steers, and the market may be quoted firm. The quality of the offerings, though, has been decidedly on the common order. Western feeders are also firm, if good, but weak if common. Range cows are strong to 100 lbs. higher where the quality is desirable.

**HOGS**—There was a liberal supply of hogs, and as all other points were quoted fully lower the market declined about a like amount. The local demand, though, was in good shape, so that the market was quite active, and practically everything offered was disposed of in good season. There was very little change in the market from start to finish and the trains arrived in better season than usual. The bulk of the sales went from \$6.50 to \$6.75, with the long string at \$6.55. Choice light and butcher weight hogs sold from \$6.60 to \$6.65, while the common and heavy packing grades sold from \$6.50 down.

**SHEEP**—Quotations: Good to choice yearlings, \$3.75 to \$4.00; fair to good, \$3.50 to \$3.75; good to choice wethers, \$1.50 to \$1.75; fair to good wethers, \$1.25 to \$1.50; choice ewes, \$2.75 to \$3.00; fair to good ewes, \$2.25 to \$2.50; good to choice lambs, \$1.75 to \$2.00; fair to good lambs, \$1.50 to \$1.75; choice native lambs, \$5.00 to \$5.50; feeders wethers, \$2.75 to \$3.00; feeder yearlings, \$2.50 to \$2.75; feeder lambs, \$2.00 to \$2.25; cull lambs, \$1.50 to \$1.75; feeder ewes, \$1.25 to \$1.50; cull ewes, 75c to \$1.25; stock ewes, \$2.50 to \$2.75.

## KANSAS CITY.

**CATTLE**—Stockers and feeders dull and weak; cows steady; quarantine slow and barely steady; whole export and dressed beef steers, \$6.50 to \$7.25; fair to good, \$2.25 to \$2.45; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$2.75; western fed steers, \$2.50 to \$2.75; Texas and Indian steers, \$3.50 to \$4.25; Texas cows, \$2.25 to \$2.50; native cows, \$1.75 to \$2.00; native heifers, \$2.50 to \$3.00; canners, \$1.00 to \$1.25; bulls, \$1.25 to \$1.50; calves, \$2.50 to \$3.00.

**HOGS**—Market opened 2-4c higher, closing steady, with yesterday's advance lost; top, \$6.65; bulk of sales, \$4.50 to \$4.75; heavy, \$4.50 to \$4.75; mixed, \$4.50 to \$4.75; light, \$4.50 to \$4.75; yorkers, \$5.00 to \$5.25; pigs, \$5.00 to \$5.25.

**SHEEP AND LAMBS**—Market steady; lambs weak and lower; native lambs, \$3.50 to \$3.75; western lambs, \$3.00 to \$3.25; fed ewes, \$3.10 to \$3.25; native wethers, \$2.00 to \$2.25; western wethers, \$3.00 to \$3.25; stockers and feeders, \$1.50 to \$1.75.

## NIEGENFIND TO BE HANGED.

**Judge Overrules Motion of Attorney for New Trial.**

**PIERCE, Neb.**—In the district court here Judge Boyd heard the arguments for a new trial in the murder case of Gottlieb Niegenfind, the murderer of Albert Breyer and Anna Peters.

The argument was presented by George T. Kelly, attorney for Niegenfind. After hearing the argument Judge Boyd refused to grant a new trial. He then sentenced Niegenfind to hang by the neck until he is dead, on March 13, 1903.

## CHURCH EXTENSION FUNDS.

**Methodist Committee Continues the Work of Distribution.**

**PHILADELPHIA**—The general committee of church extension of the Methodist Episcopal church, in session here, continued the apportionment of the church building fund among the 126 conferences. Some of the apportionments made were:

Colorado, \$4,000; Arizona, mission, \$500; Arkansas, \$550; Austin, \$750; Black Hills, \$500; Blue Ridge, \$675; California, \$4,000; California, German, \$375; Central German, \$7,800; Central Illinois, \$2,000; Central Missouri, \$700; Central Swedish, \$800; Columbia river, \$4,000; Dakotas, \$2,800; Des Moines, \$3,000; East German, \$4,000.

## The Colorado Legislature.

**DENVER**—The incoming legislature, according to the latest returns, will be constituted as follows: Senate—Democrats, 24; republicans, 11. House—Democrats, 29; republicans, 36. Total on joint ballot—Democrats, 53; republicans, 47. Should the republican majority in the house unseat the fifteen democrats elected in the Arapahoe district, as proposed, the legislature on joint ballot will be: Republicans, 62; democrats, 38. 38.

## Indicted on Two Counts.

**SIOUX CITY, Ia.**—Rev. C. B. McKay, a Methodist minister at Mapleton, Ia., who has been in jail for two weeks at Onawa, charged with assault upon Ida Kraft, 14 years of age, and seduction of her sister, Clara Kraft, aged 16 years, was on Friday indicted in both cases by the McCook county grand jury. He waived preliminary hearing and in default of \$1,000 bail was returned to jail until his trial.

# THE WEEKLY PANORAMA

## OUR MINISTER TO HAYTI.

**Hon. W. F. Powell Has Shown Both Tact and Cleverness.**

Our minister to the republic of Hayti, Hon. W. F. Powell, has had an interesting and diversified experience in political life.

One of the most exciting incidents of his diplomatic career occurred three or four years ago, when the alleged German citizen, Emil Lueders, was subjected to indignities by the local authorities of Port au Prince.

The German minister got very much wrought up at the time, and was threatening the government of Hayti with all sorts of punishments, but while he was talking about warships and dynamite, Minister Powell was quietly and courteously interceding with the government for the release of Lueders, as an act of courtesy toward the United States.

As a result of his intercession Lueders was freed and the threatened rupture with Germany averted. At the same time the incident established a precedent virtually asserting the protective policy of the United States over small American states.

This is only one of many services



that our tactful representative to Hayti has rendered to his own and other countries.

## ATTRACTED TOO MANY VISITORS.

**Shadow Portraits of McKinley and Roosevelt Painted Out.**

So much annoyance has been caused by the crowds that have visited the capitol to view the shadow portraits of McKinley and Roosevelt, that the pictures have been painted out. Samuel Allison, the artist who decorated the famous brick columns in the pension office, and who outlined the two portraits of the presidents in Statuary Hall by means of cracks and veins in the imitation marble, seriously objected to their removal, but the capitol authorities thought the drawing power of the pictures as mere curiosities was too great. There have been more visitors at the capitol during the past week than during any similar period since congress adjourned, and the presence of the crowds who came to see the shadow pictures greatly inconvenienced the workmen who are engaged in remodeling the interior of the building. The authorities assign as an additional reason for their removal of the portraits that they are undignified, their value as works of art being over-balanced by their attractiveness as curiosities. — Washington correspondence in Cleveland Plain-Dealer.

## OVERSTUDY CAUSES A SUICIDE.

**Chicago Schoolgirl Gives Up Unequal Struggle With Ill Health.**

A long search for Miss Peterson, a Chicago schoolgirl, came to an end when her body was found in the Lincoln park lagoon. Her friends are confident that she committed suicide while her mind was deranged from overstudy in Northwest division high school, from which she disappeared after leaving letters indicating that she intended to kill herself. Her health had for some time been failing, and on this account she was unable to keep pace with her companions in her studies.



**Oldest Anglican Bishop.**  
Bishop Clark of Rhode Island enjoys the distinction of being the oldest Anglican bishop in the world. He belongs to a family distinguished in the religious annals of America. One of his brothers, Rev. Dr. Rufus Clark, was for many years pastor of the First Reformed church at Albany, N. Y. Bishop Clark himself began his ministerial service as a Presbyterian, but only remained in that denomination one year. He was made bishop of Rhode Island in 1854.

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC EYE

## HE BELIEVES IN ADVERTISING

**Col. Pope Ascribes Blame for Falling Off in Bicycling.**

One man who believes that business success is dependent upon advertising is Col. A. A. Pope, prominent among the officials of the American



Bicycle company. "The cessation of advertising killed the bicycle business, and the way to revive it is to resume that same important matter," says Col. Pope. In one year the latter expended \$500,000 in this sort of publicity. In 1877 Col. Pope organized the Pope Manufacturing company, which started a year later with an output of fifty wheels. Now the company employs a capital of upward of \$20,000,000, covers ten acres of floorage in its factory at Hartford, Conn., and besides an army of skilled mechanics engages the services of 2,000 selling agents. Col. Pope gained his title in the war of the rebellion, entering the service as a private at the age of 18 years and receiving his discharge with the rank of lieutenant-colonel. He served under Burnside, Grant and Sherman.

## FORCED TO LEAVE WELLESLEY

**Daughter of Booker Washington Goes to Lesser Institution.**

Booker T. Washington's daughter, who recently was reported to be do-



ing well at Wellesley college, has now, it transpires, been forced to leave the institution and go to Bradford academy. It is said she failed in music. While Miss Washington was taken up and made much of by the Northern girls at the college, her reception by girls from the South was, it is declared, of a nature to give the faculty some embarrassment.

## FROM STAGE TO PULPIT.

Bishop Potter officiated at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, New York city, at the ordination to the priesthood of Rev. Walter E. Bentley. Until ten years ago Dr. Bentley was an actor, having played in most of the Shakespearean roles, and at the present time is a diligent student of the great English writer. Mr. Bentley was playing in Boston when he happened to drop in to hear Phillips Brooks preach, and was so impressed that he felt called to enter the ministry.

## O'REILLY TO SUCCEED FORWARD

**Will Be Surgeon-General of the United States Army.**

Col. Robert M. O'Reilly, it is announced at the war department at Washington, is to succeed Gen. W. H. Forward as surgeon general of the



United States army. Col. O'Reilly won his rank and much distinction in the civil war. He will have many years to serve before his enforced retirement on account of the age limit.

# OF PUBLIC INTEREST

## EARTH A GOOD TRANSMITTER.

**Conveys Sounds of Bombardment Over a Hundred Miles.**

A curious instance of the transmission of sound through the earth was noticed by two French engineers at Kef. On July 22 they happened to be in an excavation in a volcano in the Dyr Mountains which has been extinct from time immemorial.

The altitude of the excavation was about 3,400 feet above the sea level. Suddenly they heard the sounds of heavy cannonading, the reports following at regular intervals. Returning to Kef a day or two later, they read in the papers that in the course of some naval maneuvers the French fleet on the day and at the hour at which they had heard the reports had been engaged in bombarding Bizerta. The sound, therefore, must have been transmitted through the earth from Bizerta to Dyr, a distance of somewhat over a hundred miles.

## HONORED BY IOWA KNIGHTS

**O. M. Gillette Chosen Grand Chancellor by Pythian Lodge.**

O. M. Gillette, who has been chosen as grand chancellor of the Knights of



Pythias of the state of Iowa, has been a member of the grand lodge of that domain since 1884 and has served on many of the grand lodge committees. He was born in 1850 and came to his present home in Independence in 1866 and in 1875 was admitted to the bar. A few years later he served as county clerk and at the expiration of his term engaged in the banking business, in which he has been engaged ever since.

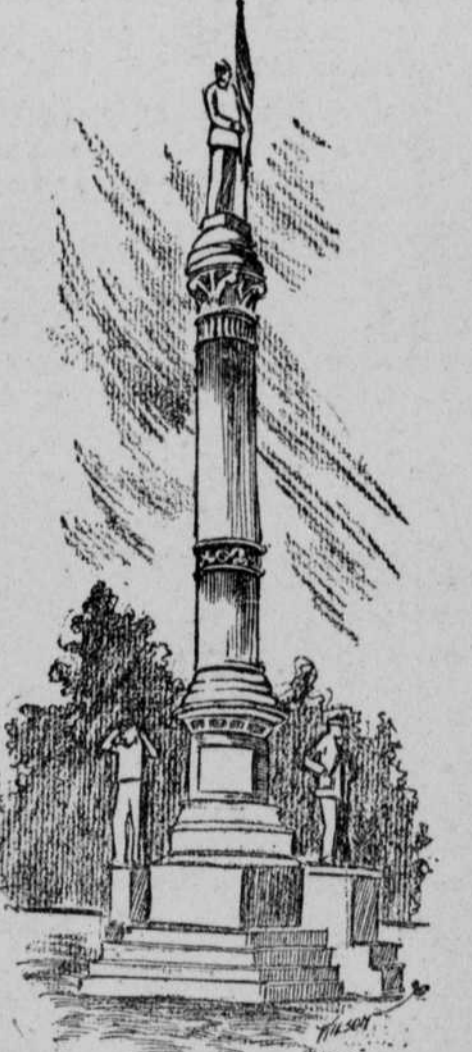
## Paper Chrysanthemums.

"No, it's no particular secret, though I'll not tell you the name of the acid we use," said a fair maker of paper flowers in reference to the deftly shaded chrysanthemum she had just finished. "Oh, yes, it's the shading that makes them so true to life. Without that they'd look decidedly crude and artificial. Each and every petal—and there are a few in each flower, I can tell you—has to be dipped in acids of varying strength to shade it down to the palest tint required; and then I curl it as carefully as any coiffeur ministering to a belle. One good thing is that my beauty can't cry when I pull, as I'm likely to now and then. See, there's the finished flower. I wger it would fool Flora herself if she happened in here while inspecting her autumn output."—Philadelphia Record.

## TO BOTH BLUE AND GRAY

**Imposing Memorial to Be Erected on Chickamauga Battlefield.**

The imposing memorial soon to be erected on the battlefield of Chick-



mauga in memory of the Union infantry regiment and the Confederate battery of Marylanders who participated in that historic engagement, is a handsome granite shaft, simple in design, its soldier significance marked with the figure of an infantry picket at its pinnacle. The memorial is presented by the state of Maryland out of an appropriation made by the last legislature.