

NEBRASKA NEWS

EVERY DAY A BIG DAY

Condensed Information of Happenings in State

SHELTON FARMER DROWNS HIMSELF

In Found Face Downward in a Pond of Water—Circumstances Surrounding the Case Point to Self Destruction—Other News Notes

J. S. Smith, a prominent young farmer living two miles northwest of Shelton, Neb., was found dead in a fish pond on his farm and circumstances surrounding the case indicate that he committed suicide. Smith was troubled with insomnia and occasionally had strokes of epilepsy. One of these attacks occurred Saturday night, and after breakfast the next morning he asked his wife where the gun was, saying he wanted it to shoot a rabbit in the yard. She, however, had been suspicious that he might in one of his spells, do himself injury and had hidden the gun. She refused to tell where it was, and he went out and that was the last seen of him alive, his wife supposing he had either gone to town or was about the place.

About 11 o'clock a neighbor called and inquired for Mr. Smith, and on a search of the premises his clothing was found on the banks of the pond. Upon further search Smith's body was found face downward in the bottom of the pond. As the water was only three feet in depth it was thought he had committed suicide, and this theory was borne out by the finding of a bottle in his clothing containing a small amount of arsenic. A physician who was called found indications of poisoning.

Smith was about thirty-five years old and leaves a wife and two children. He was well fixed financially, owning a farm of two hundred and forty acres, which was well stocked and with no indebtedness.

The new road shaft being sunk by the town and Nebraska coal company at Jackson, Neb., is already down twenty feet on its lands near there. The shaft is being bored with three-inch pipes, that will suffice for a depth of 1,000 feet. In two weeks the construction of a shaft from the Willmar & Sioux Falls railroad to the mine will be begun. A company capitalized at \$100,000 has already been formed to build an electric line from the mines to the combination bridge.

The fourteen-year-old son of W. H. Redmond, living two miles north of Kenesaw, Neb., was found behind his father's barn with a bullet wound in the head and a thirty-two caliber revolver lying by his side. The boy died shortly after being found. The boy was very fond of practicing with firearms and it is thought the shooting was merely accidental.

John R. Cox, a prominent business man of Plattsmouth, Neb., was stricken with apoplexy while seated at the supper table. He has since been unconscious and his left side is paralyzed. The attending physician has slight hopes for his recovery.

The midsummer meeting of the central wheat association which was to have been held on August 15 to 16 at Council Bluffs, Ia., has been postponed until August 22 and 23. M. L. Atken, of Lincoln, is president of the association, W. H. Howland, of Kansas City, is vice-president, and Otto Pomeroy, of Vanhook, S. D., secretary and treasurer.

If Governor Savage and Adjutant General Colby have their way the brigade of Nebraska national guardsmen will participate at Fort Riley, Kan., in company with regulars. The report that the government is willing to bear a portion of the expense is erroneous. Adjutant General H. C. Corbin, in his letter of invitation, says this cannot be done, and he regrets it.

HERE AND THERE

Fire attacked the big grain elevator at Chicago owned by John J. Badener & Co., at Seventeenth street and Wabash street and did a damage of \$75,000 to elevator and stock.

The body of Mrs. George Wolf, of Chippewa Falls, Wis., who has been missing since June 27, was found in the sand four miles south of the city. Her husband is under suspicion.

Posses have started from several points in eastern Washington to intercept outlaw Tracy, who is supposed to be in the sheep country south of the Great Northern railway, where an effort will be made to surround him.

While the little son of William Buskirk, of near Plattsmouth, was helping his father in the harvest field, riding on the binder and keeping the grain from logging, he caught his left arm in the big chain on the rear of the binder. The arm was terribly crushed.

Lottie Russell was killed and Max Peters dangerously wounded by J. C. McCaslin, a prominent mining man, at Seal Lake City, Utah, who then committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. Peters and Miss Russell are said to have taunted him about his domestic troubles.

On Tejon street, Colorado Springs, R. R. Taylor, a pioneer, and proprietor of a book store, shot and killed Frank L. Shader, a railroad brakeman. Taylor surrendered, but after declaring that his act was justified, refused to talk about the shooting of Shader, who was his brother-in-law.

Secretary Furnas Gives out Some Information About the Fair

Secretary Furnas of the state fair says that insofar as entries of exhibits are concerned, they were never so crowded and overflowing. The demands for space are equally great and promise more than to keep up with entries. Under the new rule of the board of managers, exhibitors are required to make all applications for stalls, pens, and space direct to superintendents of classes. Owing to the fact that the superintendents live in different parts of the state, until these officials open their offices in Lincoln, the volume of demand for space for exhibits is not readily at hand. Superintendent Leonard of the swine class has already reported more pens sold than were on the grounds last year. To meet this condition the board is building a new hog barn.

Every day of the fair will be a good day. Monday, September 1, will be Lincoln day, and it is hoped that the citizens of Lincoln will make it a memorable day in attendance for all exhibits will then be in place, fresh and attractive, in fact it will be one of the very best of all days for sight seeing. Wednesday will be fraternity day and great preparations are in progress to make this the binner day in attendance. Friday will be another great day. This is down on the list as fruit day and in addition to the great display fruit will be given away, as Secretary Furnas put it, by the sled load.

KANSAS NEWS

Fusion at Atchison
An Atchison, Kan., dispatch says: The populist and democratic county conventions assembled here August 2. The democrats invited the populists to abandon their organization and work with the democrats in the future as one party. The populists, after recommending the nomination of Peter Laughlin, populist, as representative to the legislature from the county district, and of Miss Ina Martin for county school superintendent, accepted the invitation of the democrats and adjourned to the democratic convention to participate as democrats. All the populist leaders were in the populist convention. The nominations of B. P. Wagener for representative from the city district and of Peter Laughlin for representative from the county district are unanimously agreed upon.

Book Trust in Kansas
It is understood that the American Book company will fulfill the requirements of the recent order of the supreme court of Kansas by paying the statutory fee and taking out a permit to do business in the state. This done, its agents will distribute books under its contract with the state text book commission. Its state agents in Topeka today received four cartloads of books from its Cincinnati house, but they will not be sent to sub-agents until the company complies with the law.

Out on Bond
The preliminary hearing of Dr. A. B. Ryno, at Galva, Kan., under the charge of shooting Miss Maud Holmes, was held before Justice Whitney. The defendant waived the preliminary hearing and his counsel asked that he be admitted to bail which was granted by the justice in the sum of \$5,000. Miss Holmes was able to attend the trial, assisted by her sister. Her broken right arm is still bandaged with splints and her face and neck show the effects of the gunshot.

John L. Totten, of North Ottawa, Kan., a contractor, died as the result of an injury received from blasting a well. Totten consented to set off a blast for a neighbor. He put in the blast and dropped burning paper into the well. He was looking into the well when the explosion occurred and was struck on the head by a rock.

TAKES IT TO HEART

General Jacob H. Smith Thinks Punishment Severe

A San Francisco, Aug. 2, dispatch says: Gen. Jacob H. Smith, who returned last Friday from Manila, will spend several days in this city, and then go to his home in Portsmouth, O. Speaking on the subject for the first time since his arrival, General Smith said his forced retirement from the army was an unwelcome surprise. He did not expect more than a reprimand as a result of the verdict in the court-martial. General Smith said he had always tried to do his duty and conduct himself as a soldier. Some natives of Samar, he said, are nothing but savages and cannot be treated like civilized people. They all would resort to the most barbarous methods of warfare at times. Instances of the torture and slaughter of American soldiers are very numerous. "Anyone of my commands knows that they were not unduly severe with the natives. I have always tried to conduct my campaigns according to military regulations."

A Manila, Aug. 2, dispatch says: While cholera is decreasing in Manila, the reports received from the provinces show a large number of cases and deaths. Last Saturday there were sixty cases and 525 deaths from cholera in the provinces. Since the outbreak of the epidemic there have been throughout the archipelago a total of 21,480 cases of cholera and 16,105 deaths. It is believed that many cases were not reported, and the total number of cases is estimated at 2,000. Forty-eight Americans and eighteen Europeans have died in Manila since the outbreak.

Judge Phillips of the federal court, at Kansas City, has issued a temporary injunction restraining the officers and members of the retail clerks' national protective association and the journeyman tailors' union from enforcing their boycott on a Kansas City clothing firm. Patrolling the sidewalk in front of the premises was stopped by order of the court. The cause of the trouble was the refusal of the firm to comply with the demands of the union to close the store at night.

Among other fishing stories, Neosho Falls records the capture of a Rainbow trout.

IN A SAD PLIGHT

Ashland Youth Mentally Unbalanced From Worry

ROAMING THE FIELDS AND TIMBER

Flees at Sight of Friends Who Desire to Capture Him and Give Him Care—Was Fearful of Losing His Job With Railroads

A young man by the name of Russell Whitaker, who has lived in Ashland, Neb., for many years went crazy the other day. He has been living with his mother, a widow, and has been working for the railroad. For some weeks his health has not been good and he seemed to fear that he would not be able to work and would lose his job. Saturday a note was found that he had left, saying that when the note was discovered he would be dead. The neighbors in the east part of town started out to find him and after awhile discovered that he had gone out like a wild man and had run out into the country. His friends have spent several days trying to capture him. He is hiding in corn fields and in the ravines and heavy brush and timber along the Platte river. He runs like a deer from the sight of man and although the seekers have been within a few feet of him he was too speedy and escaped, getting away in a corn field. The matter is worse from the fact that he has a pistol. Fortunately the weather is warm and he finds apples, grapes and fruit to supply him with food. It is troubling his friends to know how to capture him and also as to what may happen to him in his terror and illness. He is a young man of good habits and well liked by all who know him.

PACKERS IGNORE COURT

No Change Noted in Exchange of Prices Among Them
A Chicago, Ill., Aug. 4, dispatch says: A syndicate of attorneys representing the alleged beef trust today prepared for the filing of a demurrer to the bill by virtue of which the federal court issued an injunction to prevent the packing houses from conspiring to manipulate the market. The contents of the demurrer were made public. It is a general demurrer and traverses every allegation in the bill. Insufficiency, unconstitutionality of the anti-trust law and a denial of the right of the courts to compel the packers to produce their books for inspection, are alleged in addition to the general denial to the truth of the charges made in the bill. The packers claim the right to quote prices to agents and regulate prices at their respective headquarters. So far as the injunction has been operative there has been no apparent effect on the methods of the packers. As soon as the demurrer is verified by the different defendants it will be filed.

WILL SHOOT TO KILL

Militia at Shenandoah, Pa., Furnished Cartridges
No renewal of Saturday night's attack on the soldiers' camp by the strikers was made Sunday night at Shenandoah, Pa., notwithstanding that night was the time fixed, according to rumors, for a concerted attack. Outposts were thrown around the camps in addition to the sentries, but they were not disturbed. The troops are now supplied with ball cartridges and are instructed to shoot to kill and investigate afterward, if more trouble like that of Saturday night occurs.

Two attempts were made Sunday night to get at the horses of the Eighth regiment. Each time they were detected and fired upon by sentinels, but escaped. The officers think they proposed to maim the horses.

NEW POLICE BOARD

Governor Savage Selects One for the City of Omaha

Governor Savage, Monday last, settled the long-standing trouble in police circles in Omaha, by the appointment of a brand new set of fire and police commissioners. The men chosen by the governor are William J. Broatch, Joseph W. Thomas, Carl C. Wright and Lee Spratlan. These appointees immediately presented their official bonds each in the sum of \$5,000, took the oath of office and proceeded to elect Mr. Broatch president pro tem.

A peremptory writ of mandamus was sworn out by the board for the keys in the possession of President William Kierstead of the old board. Under the law the governor must recognize the principal political parties in making the appointment. He chose two republicans and two democrats. The mayor is also a member of the commission by virtue of his office.

Throw Dynamite in Water

Arb McDonald dropped a stick of dynamite from a boat into the Maquoketa river for the alleged purpose of killing fish. The dynamite exploded directly under the boat and McDonald was blown to atoms. John Raiston and Peter McCabe, who were in the boat with McDonald, had narrow escapes. They will have to stand trial for violating the game laws.

To Enlarge the Navy

Efforts will be made during the next session of congress to increase the limit of the enlisted strength of the navy from 25,000 to 40,000 men. This recommendation will be made by Rear Admiral Taylor, chief of the bureau of navigation, in his forthcoming annual report. Although 25,000 men are sufficient for the present needs of the service, that number will not be large enough to supply the full complement of ships under construction and those which congress will authorize in the next few years.

STATE GUARD WILL CAMP

Two Regiments to Go to Ft. Riley, Kan., in the Fall

Adjutant General L. W. Colby, acting under direction of Governor Savage, accepted the invitation of Adjutant General H. C. Corbin to send state troops to the military maneuvers at Fort Riley, Kansas. This means that the Nebraska national guard will indulge in an encampment with regular troops and under the direction and inspection of expert officers of the regular army. This information will be hailed with delight by the guard, as it had been reported that no annual encampment would be held this year, owing to lack of funds. General Colby says the regular per diem would be paid the officers and men, but they may be obliged to do as they have in the past, wait on the pleasure of the legislature for a part of their pay. A total of about \$4,900 remains in the guard funds.

JUSTIFIES HIS ACTION

Secretary Root Maintains He Did Right in Discharging Miss Taylor

The answer of Secretary Root to the suit of mandamus filed against him by Rebecca J. Taylor to compel him to reinstate her, has been prepared and will be filed in the district supreme court at Washington. The secretary contends that the laws of civil service were not violated; that Miss Taylor was discharged for just cause, and that the correspondence between her and the secretary before her dismissal shows that she had every opportunity to make a defense of her conduct. Miss Taylor was a clerk in the war department and was discharged by Secretary Root because she wrote a letter to a local newspaper, severely condemning the president's policy in the Philippines.

Still Complain

Complaints continue to be filed with the department of justice to the effect that the Sherman anti-trust law is being violated by the anthracite coal shippers. On account of the lack of evidence furnished the department has decided not to take action; but if proper complaints are filed it is stated that legal proceedings will be instituted. It is apparent to the authorities that coal will reach an exorbitant figure during the winter, and much suffering will result unless something is done to cause a break in the price. But the administration cannot bring a suit for the dissolution of a trust, the existence of which is surmised, but which it is unable to prove.

Nurse Sues for Assault

Marie Benne, a professional governess, of New York city, has brought suit for \$50,000 damages against Harold Hartshore, the ten-year-old son of Joseph Hartshore. She alleges that a year ago, while employed to care for and educate the boy, he assaulted her by kicking and beating her, and that since then she has suffered much physical and mental distress and was made permanently unable to pursue her profession.

Send Patients to Coast

Forty employees of the Wabash railroad, who have been in the hospital at Peru, Ind., were sent on an excursion to San Francisco with the Knights of Pythias train Monday. This is an innovation in the case of patients. Nurses went with the men and will watch closely the effects of the ride and the change of climate on the several diseases with which the men are affected.

Montana Has Earthquake

An earthquake visited Missoula county Monday evening, says a Helena, Mont., dispatch, causing slight damage. It lasted about two seconds, vibrations being quick and short. At Bonner, one of the large dynamos at the electrical plant was shaken from its adjustment. At Clinton the shock was quite severe, the operator reporting that several old buildings collapsed.

Victory for Johnson

The circuit court at Cleveland, O., has dissolved the injunction recently issued by Judge Caldwell, restraining the city council from granting public service franchises, and especially those giving the low fare street railway company the right to use the streets. Mayor Johnson fought the injunction suit, and, as a result of his victory the low fare line will probably be constructed as soon as possible.

White Men for Roustars

On two big Cincinnati and Memphis steamers, says a Metropolis, Ill., dispatch, on their way down the Ohio river, was witnessed the spectacle of white men working as roustars, a sight, river men say, not seen since long before the war. The negro roustars are all striking, not so much for higher wages, as because of the hot weather and heavy shipments which deprive the roustars of much rest.

Raising Ransom Money

Ellen M. Stone, the returned missionary, spoke at the Winona assembly hall at Warsaw, Ind., August 4. She told of her long captivity among the Bulgarian brigands, describing many hardships endured by herself and Mrs. Tsilka. It was her desire, she said, to earn enough money by lecturing to pay back her share of the ransom money.

Death Claims Southern Veteran

Commodore Joseph Edward Montgomery, a veteran confederate commander, who, during the civil war, almost succeeded in capturing General Grant, died Monday morning at the home of his son in Chicago. He was a great friend of Jefferson Davis and the most expert fresh water sailor in the confederate navy. He was born at Carrollton, Ky., in 1817.

Anthrax has been discovered among cattle at La Crosse, Wis. Many animals are dead and others dying.

A HEAVY HARVEST

Corn Now Safe From Harm and Yield Will Be Immense

STALKS ARE OF PRODIGIOUS GROWTH

Estimates of the Yield Vary From 240,000,000 to 300,000,000 Bushels—What the Crop Bulletin Says About It—Other News

Corn is a crop, and a big one at that, beyond all peradventure in Nebraska for the year of 1902. The weekly bulletin issued today by the Nebraska section of the United States weather bureau says as much and every bit of information that can possibly be gleaned all point to an enormous harvest of the cereal that, more than all others, contributes to the prosperity and content of the Antelope state. The stalks, fed by the incessant rains, have attained a growth almost prodigious, white tales of single plants bearing a half dozen ears have become frequent. A single ear to each stalk means a fair crop and the average of two to three that promises to prevail for the present season conveys an idea of what a corn harvest is in store.

Estimates of the yield vary from 240,000,000 to 300,000,000 bushels; if the latter it will be the greatest harvest in the history of the commonwealth, and if the former, or even slightly less, it forecasts a continuance of the prosperous times which have kept Nebraska in the forefront in the contest of commercial development. The bulletin, in summarizing crop conditions for the past week, says: The past week was warm and dry. The daily mean temperature has averaged two degrees above normal in the eastern counties and five degrees above in western.

The rainfall has generally been light, although a few heavy local showers have occurred. In the small area covered by these showers the rainfall ranged from one to more than two inches, but over most of the state it was less than half an inch. The past week has been the most favorable one of the season for stacking, thrashing and haying; except in the small areas where heavy showers occurred rapid progress was made with this work. Oats are cut in the southern portion of the state and the harvest is well advanced in the northern portion; the crop is generally good and in some places a very large yield is reported. Threshing of winter wheat is progressing slowly; the yields are quite uniformly large, but the quality was damaged by the rains during harvest time. Corn generally has continued to grow unusually well, but in a few southwestern counties more rain would be beneficial; corn is earing heavily, and, as a whole, promises an exceptionally heavy yield.

BURLINGTON TRAIN HELD UP
Two Masked Robbers Blow Express Car Near Savanna, Ill.
A Dubuque, Ia., August 5, dispatch says: Two masked men held up the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy limited north-bound train two miles north of Savanna, Ill., at 11:30 last (Tuesday) night. They cut off the Adams express car, forced the engineer to run up the track and then blew up the car. The robbers had put torpedoes on the track and when the torpedoes exploded the engineer quickly brought the train to a stop. One man boarded the engine and ordered the engineer to go ahead, while the other man cut the express car from the train. The trainmen hastened to Savanna and gave the alarm. A posse of officers and citizens, heavily armed, hastened to the scene. The limited is said usually to carry heavy and valuable express matter. It is reported that the robbers secured about \$20,000.

EDUCATOR DIES

President Beardshear, of Iowa Agricultural College, Dead

Prof. W. M. Beardshear, president of the Iowa state agricultural college at Ames, died Tuesday morning after an illness of a month as a result of nervous prostration, with which he was stricken at the late convention of the national educational association at Minneapolis. He was president of the association. Mr. Beardshear had been president of the Iowa state college eight years, prior to which time he was superintendent of schools in West Des Moines, and before that was president of Western college at Tama, Ia.

FOREIGN FLASHES

The Brynhild won the race for the king's cup at Cowles. The Meteor III finished second and the Glory finished third. King Victor Emmanuel of Italy has contributed 100,000 lire to the restoration of the Campanile of St. Marks, which collapsed July 14. The Osservatore Romano says that at the request of Russia, Bishop Zwielowicz, Catholic bishop of Vienna, Russia, has been removed from his diocese.

KANSAS MAN APPOINTED

John B. Richardson Goes as Consul to Honduras

A Washington, D. C., August 5, dispatch says: The president has appointed John B. Richardson, of Kansas, United States consul at Utiilla, Honduras. Mr. Richardson was recently appointed consul at Port Limon, Costa Rica, but declined that office on account of the climatic conditions of the place. Hunter Charp, of North Carolina, has been commissioned by the president as interpreter of the United States consul at Kobe, Japan.

STEAMER GOES DOWN

Sinks in Lake Erie—Seamen Struggle to Save Themselves

About thirty miles northeast of the port of Cleveland, O., Monday night the steamer Seguin collided with and sank the freight steamer City of Venice. The Venice sank almost immediately and four of her crew were drowned. The survivors were taken to Cleveland by the Seguin and the City of Chicago, which stood by to aid the struggling seamen. There were no passengers. The Venice was a wooden iron-ore carrier, bound for Buffalo with a cargo. The Seguin was an iron lumber carrier. The boats came together in the darkness, the iron boat striking the wooden one a little forward amidships and shearing a great hole below the water line, and she went down in a short time.

Girl Has Hard Experience

Miss Whalley, an English girl, staying at a hotel at Zinal, Switzerland, is the survivor of a terrible experience in the mountains. She started alone Saturday to walk to St. Luc and missed her way. She did not return Sunday morning and a rescue party went out. She was found on Monday in the hills, 400 yards above Ayer. She had broken her ankle, but had crawled a long distance in spite of the injury. She spent two cold nights in the mountains without food or shelter and suffered greatly, but, thanks to a strong constitution, she is recovering rapidly.

Dr. John Gordon Selected

Dr. John Gordon, D. D., has been elected president of Tabor college. He has been acting president for a year, and for one year prior to that was a professor in the college. Dr. Gordon was the founder of Westminster Presbyterian church of Omaha, was one of the founders of the Omaha theological seminary and for eight years was a professor in that school. He was educated at Western university of Pennsylvania, at Yale university and also at the Union theological seminary.

Horse Goes Mad

Dr. Robert Damerell, of Red Cloud, Neb., lost his valuable driving horse Monday. The animal was driven to Blue Hill, twenty miles north, and returned, and was so affected by the heat that it became violently mad, running head foremost into everything near by. It finally made a broadside charge on the barn, butting through it. The horse's skull was so badly fractured in this collision that it was deemed advisable to shoot the animal.

Socialist Convention

A delegate convention of the socialist party of the Sixth Nebraska congressional district is hereby called to meet at 2 p. m. of Saturday, August 30, 1902, in the city of Broken Bow. The object of said convention is to perfect permanent organization, to nominate a candidate for congressman from said district and to transact any other business that may properly come before said meeting. The basis of representation is one delegate for every five votes or fraction thereof cast for Miss Bertha Wikie, socialist candidate for regent in 1901, which gives the various counties the following number of votes: Banner 1, Blaine 1, Box Butte 3, Boyd 3, Buffalo 9, Brown 1, Cherry 3, Cheyenne 1, Custer 11, Dawes 4, Dawson 5, Deuel 1, Garfield 1, Greeley 2, Grant 1, Holt 5, Hooker 1, Howard 3, Keya Paha 3, Keith 1, Kimball 1, Lincoln 5, Logan 1, Loup 1, McPherson 1, Rock 1, Sherman 5, Sheridan 1, Scotts Bluff 2, Sioux 1, Thomas 1, Valley 1, Wheeler 1. Total 82. J. C. L. WISELY, Temporary Chairman. Sargent, Neb., Aug. 1.

THE NEWS CONDENSED

The high school building in Forest, Ill., was struck by lightning and burned to the ground with its entire contents. Loss, \$10,000; insurance, \$6,000.

George W. Johnson, aged forty-five, one of the wealthiest men of Lexington, Mo., was shot and killed by chicken thieves, whom he surprised in his hen house.

Mrs. Joe Banks, wife of a farmer near Benton, Miss., has presented her husband with four bouncing babies, two girls and two boys, and all are doing well.

Twelve boys, sons of American and European merchants and missionary residents in China, died of ptomaine poisoning at the China inland mission school, Che Foo, on July 7, as a result of eating chicken pie.

The Eclair, Paris, declares the vatican to be still preoccupied with the possibility of President Loubet's visiting King Victor Emmanuel of Italy, and, rather than risk a rupture with France, the pope would, says the paper, receive the president even if he visited the king.

At a session of the national retail butchers' association in Washington a resolution was adopted requesting the federal government to abolish the duty on all cattle and live stock. A copy of this resolution will be sent to the various officials of this government.

A heavy windstorm that swept over St. Louis, Mo., wrecked two of the four towers of the varied industrial building, in course of erection at the old fair site. The towers were 200 feet high. The damage is not yet estimated, but a representative of the exposition company said it would be several thousand dollars.