

Nebraska Notes

Between 400 and 500 new dwelling houses have been erected in Omaha this season.

Nearly forty cement crossings and more than three miles of cement sidewalk represent the season progress in that line in Fremont.

The Nebraska state institution for the blind opened at Nebraska City with fifty pupils enrolled for the coming year.

A large barn on the farm of L. F. Pomeroy, near Germantown, was burned. The loss is about \$1,000; insurance, \$500.

Extraordinary catches of black bass are reported from the neighborhood of Nebraska City. One man caught fifty-two the other day.

Mrs. John Jahnke, an aged woman, the wife of a well known farmer of Logan precinct, Dodge county, died at the farm home of diabetes, from which she had suffered for many years.

F. Z. Brandt, Joe Birdsong, and Joseph Halley were sentenced to one year in the penitentiary, having pleaded guilty in the district court of burglary, and L. McCormick to one year for forgery, at Grand Island. All were caught in the several acts and no trial resulted.

Mrs. Laura Bell, wife of James D. Bell, died suddenly at Fremont while at the breakfast table. Heart disease is assigned as the cause of her death. She was fifty-nine years of age and had lived in Fremont for twenty-two years.

It. The knee was the first part uncovered and was taken for a stone. They knocked pieces out of the leg and a chip from an arm before the nature of the substance was discovered. They estimate the weight of the petrified man at from 600 to 700 pounds.

The Salvation army has ordered a retreat from Fremont. It established a post there seven years ago and has kept up the attack ever since, but the enemy proved too strong. Interest died down and collections dwindled. Finance is one of the vital things in spiritual as well as in other wars.

Will Nelson, a youth employed in the Tribune bindery at Fremont had a narrow escape from death. He caught his shirt sleeve in a pulley and was jerked up in the air. A fellow employe caught him and prevented him from getting into the machinery. His shirt and suspenders were pulled off him before he could be released.

Nine-year-old Rost Ferber of Ponca, Neb., was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, her entire body in the grip of a paralysis popularly known as St. Vitus' dance. Her every muscle writhes and twitches, utterly beyond her control. Her malady came upon her shortly after she had been shaken by Miss Douthitt, her teacher at Ponca. Mrs. Ferber threatens suit, declaring the punishment unwarranted and cruel. A more likely explanation, however, the doctors say, is that the disease approaching the girl was not able to control herself as orderly, and the reprimand was enough of a shock to bring on the attack. Physicians say it is often brought on in that way.

An alleged petrified man has been dug up on the Dayton Compton farm, three miles south of Waterloo, in the Iron Bluffs district. Murray Schwartz, Andrew Ruan and W. Shawl of the county surveyor's force, found the body while digging for a section corner post. They believe it is the remains of a man buried about four feet below the surface in a low place, where water often stands. The features are those of a white man in their judgment and the body is perfect, except for the injuries received in digging it up. They noticed a place under the heart which looks as though it might have been a bullet hole. Mr. Compton now has possession of the body, which he claims, but the surveyors hope to get

Not long since a young gentleman of Dakota invited his best girl to go buggy riding. This in itself is nothing strange, but the aforesaid lady has bright golden hair. When the young man drove to her parental home the bunch of loveliness stood in the door all ready for the contemplated drive. The young fellow, seeing her, called out: "Hello! Ready!" The door slammed and he is still wondering what on earth got the matter with the girl.

Guy Toulouse, the local promoter of the petroleum prospect on the Klaus farm, south of the Platte river, says that work on the well will commence within two weeks. Up to the present time nothing more has been done than to take surveys of the land and sign up contracts with the owner. A 20-year lease has been secured on twenty acres of the Klaus land. By the terms of the lease it will become necessary for the holders to sink a well not less than one hundred feet in depth before the first of next January or forfeit a, their further rights thereto. Mr. Toulouse says he has interested an Omaha coal and gas company in the prospect and this company has promised to conduct the prospecting to the depth of at least five hundred feet.

The comptroller of the currency has approved the application of Otto D. Stallard, J. K. Tuloss, L. Chapman, W. H. Study, S. C. Tucker and W. H. Sproul to organize the People's National bank of Sedan. Capital, \$25,000.

Henry Kuhr, living east of Mead, has a curiosity in a calf a year old. The heart, a perfectly formed organ, is in the throat instead of in the place where it belongs. The beat of the heart can be plainly seen a short distance away and the pulsation can be plainly felt on close examination. He has had an offer for it from parties who expect to place it on exhibition.

THREE SHIPS SUNK

Russian Ships Put Out of Action at Port Arthur.

RUSSIANS TAKE OFFENSIVE

General Kuropatkin in the Field Personally Directing Advance of the Great Russian Army.

It is reported at Tokio that the Japanese recently centered a fire from the land positions and from the fleet blockading Port Arthur on the west harbor with the object of destroying the Russian fleet and succeeded in sinking three vessels, the names and characters unknown. The failure of the Port Arthur fleet to make a sortie is creating the impression that the Russians intend destroying their ships just before the fall of the fortress in preference to taking the risk of a sortie.

The emperor has issued a brief rescript urging the Japanese people to exercise patience and steadfastness in pursuance of the war. Its text is as follows:

"Since the outbreak of the war our army and navy have demonstrated their bravery and loyalty, while both officials and people have acted in unison in support of our cause.

"Success so far has attended our cause, but its ultimate accomplishment being yet far distant, it is necessary to be patient and steadfast in pursuance of our action and thus aim at the final accomplishment of our purpose."

The mystification of the last ten days regarding the exact situation is cleared up by the knowledge that the Russian army is taking the offensive and explains the puzzling Mukden dispatch of the Associated press reading:

"Something unusual is in the wind. A great bustle is now noticeable. The streets are thronged with hurrying crowds and innumerable cars and pack mules."

A Russian victory will only be certain when the Russians re-enter Liao Yang. It is necessary to study the Japanese dispositions, telegraphed to the Associated press, in order to appreciate General Kuropatkin's task. The Japanese armies are prepared to meet the Russians, and the advance of the latter is expected to develop quickly. The decisive movement of the campaign is close at hand.

General Kuropatkin is in the field personally directing the forward movements of the army, which, it is understood, is divided into two strong columns, moving on each side of the railroad whence they will draw their supplies, their flanks being assured by no less than 150 squadrons of Cossacks. The Russians are operating along a front of between forty and forty-five miles, extending from Kaonton pass to Bentsiaputze on the east and across the Hun river to the left bank of the Liao river on the west. They are taking every precaution against possible counter-attacks, throwing up entrenchments as they advance southward. Field Marshal Oyama, however, has not yet shown a disposition to strongly hold its outer positions. The evacuation of Bentsiaputze left the flank of the Japanese position at the Yental mines unprotected and news of the abandonment of the mines is, therefore, hourly expected.

The Japanese appear to be concentrating their forces in the fortifications formerly occupied by the Russians on the right bank of the Taitse river, which are exceedingly strong and they have an equally good defense north and south. The Japanese retired from Bentsiaputze almost without a struggle, fearing that General Mistchenko's Cossacks would surround the position and cut them off.

Denver Trophy in Lincoln

Chief Game Warden Carter of Lincoln is receiving the congratulations of his friends and admirers over his winning of the Denver Post trophy, the silver cup for which the devotees of the shot gun have contested all over the west the last year. Mr. Carter won the cup at the shooting tournament at Broken Bow and it now is in Lincoln, where it will remain for at least thirty days, during which time those sportsmen who believe that they can shoot a little better than the game warden will be given an opportunity to challenge and to enter the contest for the cup which Mr. Carter proposes to hold at the grounds of the Lincoln Gun club early in November.

Catch of Robbers Discovered

While school children were playing in the garret of the Engleman school building, located about three miles west of Grand Island, they found a double barrel shotgun, seventeen razors and a pair of lady's slippers. The articles were hidden in the garret during the night, as the children played there the day before. It was reported to the police and sheriff, but upon inquiry it was found that nothing of the kind had been stolen in this or nearby towns.

TWENTY-SEVEN KILLED

Terrible Head-End Collision on Missouri Pacific Line.

Twenty-seven persons were killed and thirty injured, some of them fatally, in a head-on collision, two miles and a half east of Warrensburg, Mo., between the second section of Missouri Pacific passenger train No. 30, which left Wichita, Kan., at night for St. Louis with the World's Fair excursionists, and a heavy westbound extra freight train. The collision occurred in what is called "Dead Man's bend." Both engineers and both firemen saw the danger and jumped.

According to the local office of the Missouri Pacific, the engineer of the freight was to blame for the wreck, having forgotten his orders. He had been ordered to wait on a siding at Knob Noster, just east of Warrensburg, but neglected to do so. The trains met at a sharp curve.

Both trains were running at a good rate of speed when the wreck occurred. Dawn had hardly begun to break and neither crew were aware of the approach of the other train until they were almost upon each other. The sleeping passengers were hurled in every direction. The most of the killed were in the forward coach which was well crowded with passengers.

The spot where the wreck occurred was in a narrow cut and this fact, with the darkness added to the difficulty of the situation. The greatest confusion ensued after the first lull followed the crash and the groans of the injured were added to the escaping steam of the wrecked locomotives.

The train crew, with the exception of Brakeman Sidel, escaped miraculously, the engineers and firemen sustaining only minor hurts.

The injured were taken to Sedalia and dead to Warrensburg.

BANK HOLD-UP CONFESSES

Saloon Keeper Who Robbed Lady Cashier Weakens and Tells.

Karl Karrer of Council Bluffs, who was arrested charged with holding up Miss Frances Flood, temporarily in charge of the bank of Treynor, Ia., and robbing the institution of \$1,700, made a confession to Sheriff Canning, and returned to him a greater part of the stolen money. Just what the amount was the sheriff refuses to state, saying that part of the sum taken had been turned over to another person. The sheriff secured the confession from Karrer after a severe "sweating," and then took his prisoner to Treynor where he said the money was located. On arriving at his home Karrer asked his wife to turn the money over to the sheriff, which she did. The bank officials say that \$1,522 is missing, but Karrer says that so near as he could count the money he secured it amounted to \$1,415. The discrepancy has not yet been accounted for.

TERMINALS DISTRIBUTED.

Important Ruling by the Supreme Court in Two Local Cases.

In two cases, one affecting the taxation of railroad terminals at Omaha, and another the Burlington bridge across the Missouri river at Rulo, the supreme court of Nebraska upheld the constitutionality of the unit system of valuing and taxing railroads. This system was incorporated in sections 39 and 40 of the old revenue law and similar provisions were made a part of the new revenue law.

A writ of mandamus to compel the Omaha city board of equalization to reconvene and assess locally the railroad terminals at their full cash value was denied by the court, Judge Silas A. Holcomb writing the opinion. In the Rulo bridge case the opinion of Commissioner Roscoe Pound was adopted by the court. This opinion holds that the provisions of the former revenue law embodying the unit system of taxation for railroads are constitutional.

CORNHUSKERS BEATEN

High Altitude and Beefy Coloradans Too Much For Nebraskans.

After one of the most closely fought struggles in the annals of the gridiron, Nebraska was defeated at Boulder, Col., by a solitary touchdown and a single goal. This took place in the first fifteen minutes of play and during the remainder of the game the Nebraskans shovled the ball time after time within the shadow of Colorado's goal.

Altitude, a drizzling rain and ill luck was against the visitors. At the critical moments the Colorado giants stiffened into a wall of adamant bone and muscle and remained immovable against Nebraska's plunges and assaults.

In all Nebraska advanced the ball 240 yards while the Colorado men carried it 90 yards.

Probably Arm Can Be Saved.

A young man named Bodine, who lived several miles from Osceola had a severe accident. He was placing a loaded gun in the wagon, and had hold of the barrel with the muzzle toward him. The hammer got caught, and Mr. Bodine received the whole charge in his right arm near the shoulder, making an ugly looking wound, and tearing the muscle, but the bones were not injured and the physicians say that the arm can be saved, though it may take a long time to heal the wound.

LA FOLLETTE WINS

The Wisconsin Supreme Court Decides in His Favor

HIS TICKET IS "REGULAR"

The Court Insists on Its Jurisdiction and Hands Down an Unusually Important Ruling—Other News

The supreme court of Wisconsin has decided the La Follette ticket regular. Three judges, Marshal, Dodge and Winslow, were for La Follette, while Chief Justice Casaday dissented. The opinion will be filed later by Justice Marshal.

After setting forth the facts alleged in the complaint and in the answer filed, the decision is:

"What the real right of the matter in dispute might be found to be, were this court permitted to disregard the decision of the special tribunal and investigate and determine the merits of the controversy from that standpoint, it has no right to decide or suggest. Duly constituted authority having spoken within its jurisdiction, it must be conclusively presumed here to have spoken rightly.

"By the court: Both the motion of plaintiff and that of the defendant are denied and the cause is dismissed for want of sufficient facts appearing to constitute a cause of action."

At the Wisconsin state convention, held May 18 last, 1,000 delegates were given seats. Of these 108 were contested. Of the uncontested delegates 515 1/2 were for La Follette. The state central committee, being of La Follette sympathy, seated but forty-three contested "stalwart" delegates, giving La Follette a majority. The "stalwarts" charged unfairness, bolted, nominated a separate ticket and went into the supreme court to compel the secretary of state to put the "stalwart" ticket in the regular republican column on the official ballot.

The decision of the supreme court of Wisconsin declaring the La Follette ticket to be regular was read with great interest by politicians in New York.

MAKE A TEST CASE

New Law Regarding Selling Business to Be Tested

Can a man who has agreed to stay out of a certain line of business for a length of time, without becoming liable, re-enter that field of enterprise before the time expires? That is the question of Nebraska law which is to be tested at Springview, Neb., by a newspaper man. L. A. Wilson, editor of the Herald, at that point, has filed suit for \$2,000 against William N. Skinner because it is alleged Skinner sold the Herald and his own good will to Wilson a few years ago and agreed in writing not to re-enter the newspaper business there for ten years; further agreeing to forfeit \$2,000 in case he did re-enter.

Last spring Skinner, who is now president of the Citizens' National bank, began to publish the Keya Paha County News in the name of his wife, Pearl Skinner. He openly solicited. Wilson wants the \$2,000. Now Skinner has sold the paper to a third party. During the summer Skinner became involved also in a libel suit for \$3,500.

Accident at Dedication

While Rt. Rev. Thomas D. Beaven, Roman Catholic bishop of Springfield, Mass., was laying the corner stone of St. Stanislaus parish church at Adams, a floor collapsed, precipitating 150 persons into the basement. A dozen persons were injured, several seriously. Bishop Beaven and several of the priests assisting him were slightly hurt.

Some seven thousand persons attended the ceremony and about two hundred were seated or standing on the floor which covered the newly made basement. Just as the bishop was about to lay the stone, a section of the flooring, dropping twelve feet and carrying with it the bishop, the clergy and about 140 others.

In the confusion that followed many were trampled upon and half suffocated.

Saloons are Whole Thing

It has been discovered that Bartonville, where the asylum for incurably insane is located, is the only incorporated town in the United States that does not have to levy municipal taxes. The population of the town is 300 and it collects \$4,000 annually in saloon licenses.

Repaid for Her Kindness

An interesting climax to a romance of the Nebraska insane asylum has appeared in the filing of a will by which one of the nurses is to inherit \$3,500 worth of property, including life insurance. It was the will of Jonas Holm. Evalyn Brenelle is the beneficiary. They were engaged to be married, when a short time ago the young man was taken with the typhoid fever. Miss Brenelle nursed him night and day until the hour of his death.

WILL HAVE TO TREAT

The Norfolk People Want a Banquet Served to Them

Norfolk has a banquet due from Commissioner Follmer of the Nebraska state board of public lands and buildings. The banquet is due because the new state hospital for the insane, now in course of construction at this place is not yet finished.

Last spring the people of Norfolk and of northern Nebraska got scared at the way things were looking and began to ask the board nervous questions. "That institution is going to be built," replied the board. "Now, I'll tell you what I'll do," said Mr. Follmer. "If that asylum isn't done by October 1, I'll give a banquet to the whole town."

Although the buildings are not complete, the work is progressing quite rapidly and will soon be ready to care for patients.

TO COMBAT TUBERCULOSIS

Discussed at the St. Louis Meeting with Great Interest

Preventive legislation was the subject which opened discussion at the second day's session of the international congress on tuberculosis at St. Louis. The speakers told of ways and means that might be enforced through legislation for the prevention of the infection and spread of consumption. The papers presented and ensuing discussions dealt with legislation compelling state and national government to closely inspect not only public buildings and vehicles of transportation, but also tenement districts and schools. It was also advanced that beneficial results would be attained by the segregation of the tubercular insane in asylums and hospitals. The session was opened with an address by the Hon. Clark Bell, LL. D., member of the New York bar, and discussion followed his address.

CABBAGE WORM ALL RIGHT

There is Such a Parasite, but Said to be Perfectly Harmless

Some days ago Drs. Wilson and Marnell of Nebraska City sent to Prof. Henry B. Ward, geologist of the state board of agriculture, a specimen of the "cabbage snake," about which so much has been said by the papers and the people, for they have been found in a number of cabbage patches. They were a long gelatin mass and considerably alive. They were in the heads of large cabbages. Prof. Ward says that they are probably the genus mermis, which has been reported a number of times from vegetable material and is one of the common pseudo-parasites. They are perfectly harmless and have been known in various parts of the state almost every year when considerable wet weather prevails.

Cotner Was Outclassed

The Doan college "Tigers" played their first football game of the season at Crete, Neb., on the college athletic field before a fair sized crowd and rolled up the score of 51 to 0 against the sons of Cotner university. Doan expected to beat Cotner, but considering the fact that the field was very muddy and heavy and that the Cotner team was not found to be quite so easy a proposition as last year, it was quite a question as to how large a score Doane could roll up. Last year on a good field Doane made 55 to 0 against Cotner and if the field had been in equally good condition Saturday and there had been time to have completed the second half the score would have been near the hundred mark.

Restrain a Merger

Vice Chancellor Pitney, in an order made in Jersey City, N. J., and filed, restrained the proposed meeting at Jersey City for the carrying out of the merger of the American Tobacco company and Consolidated Tobacco company, pending a disposition of the rule to show cause granted by Vice Chancellor Pitney, and which is returnable at Newark.

Got a Change of Venue

In the Iroquois theater trial Business Manager Thomas J. Noonan and Stage Carpenter James E. Cummings were granted a change of venue to another county. The ground was that on account of prejudice a fair trial could not be had in Chicago.

Japan Wants 30 Warships

From information received in San Francisco by prominent Japanese it is evidently the purpose of Japan to take immediate steps toward increasing her fighting efficiency to a very considerable degree. It is stated that the Japanese government has determined to place contracts for some twenty warships to be completed as early as a date as possible. It is further stated that the greater number of these ships are to be constructed in this country and that several will be built in San Francisco.

CAME TO SATISFY GUARDIAN

Sole Object of Young English Girl's Visit to America.

A good-looking girl who gave her name as Florence Gray arrived from England in the White Star liner Oceanic last week and returned with the same vessel. She came to satisfy the whim of a guardian who controls her inheritance and who had asserted that she must first pay a visit to this country before he would turn over the money which he held in trust. She could have her allowance, but the main sum he would withhold until she attained her majority. On arriving she told her story—said she had no interest whatever in this country, had merely come here to gratify a whim of her guardian, and if they would allow her to stay on the island until the Oceanic sailed and certify that she had actually been here she would be much obliged. When the Oceanic sailed she waved a careless good-bye to New York.

WAS HAND OF DESTINY.

Admiral Dewey at First Had No Ambition to Be Sailor.

In connection with the conclusion of Admiral Dewey's fiftieth year of service in the navy it is recalled that it was not his desire that he should go to Annapolis. One day he noticed in the county paper when he was a lad in Vermont a paragraph announcing that there was a vacancy in the academy for the congressional district in which the Deweys lived. The lad went to his father and, thinking most unselfishly of his brother, said: "Father, here is a place for Charles. Why not send him to the naval academy?" The father replied: "No, it is not the place for Charles, but for you, George." And in a fortnight letters had been exchanged which secured the appointment for the future admiral, who made his first appearance in Annapolis on Sept. 23, 1854.

WOULD EXPLORE THE ARCTIC.

Prince Henry of Orleans Seeks Possession of Steamer Fram.

Prince Henry of Orleans, head of the house which claims the French throne, intends to make a voyage in search of the north pole next year. He has asked the government of Norway for permission to hire the



PRINCE HENRY OF ORLEANS

Arctic steamer Fram, in which Dr. Nansen made his voyage to the frozen seas for the purpose of an expedition in 1905.

It is understood the admiralty will require that Capt. Otto Sverdrup, the former commander of the Fram, shall command the vessel if the government agrees to the proposition of the duke.

RICH MEN IN POLITICS.

Tammany Hall Has Large Number in Its Membership.

For several years Tammany Hall in New York has been trying to enroll under its banner young men of means and it has met with considerable success. The idea is to secure youthful adherents who, while ambitious of political preferment, have money enough to put them beyond necessity of making a living out of politics. How well the wigwag managers have succeeded in this effort is shown by the recruiting of such men as Harry Payne Whitney, Congressman Francis Burton Harrison, the nominee for lieutenant governor; James W. Gerard; Stewart Melly Brice, son of the late senator; Cambridge Livingston; Jack Beresford, a nephew of the late Lord William Beresford; Richard T. Wilson, Jr.; Edward A. Crownshield; Reginald Rives, and numerous others.

Divided Service With Mormon.

Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis, who occupies Henry Ward Beecher's old pulpit in Plymouth church, divided a funeral service in Brooklyn the other night with a Mormon elder. The services were held over the body of aged Charles D. Juchau and his wife, who died within twenty-four hours of each other after fifty years of wedded life. Mrs. Juchau had been an attendant of Plymouth church for nearly forty years and Rev. Dr. Hillis officiated at the funeral service in her behalf. When he had gone John G. McQuarrie, the president of the eastern states mission of the Latter Day Saints (Mormons), to which denomination Mr. Juchau had belonged, took charge of the service.

Wants His Salary Reduced.

Rev. Joseph Lucecock of the Asbury M. E. church, Milwaukee, has notified the executive board of the church that he wants his salary cut from \$1,200 to \$1,000. The reverend gentleman, who went to Milwaukee from Covington, Ky., not long ago, says he takes this action because he does not think the church can afford to pay the larger salary. Incidentally he accuses Rev. Otis A. Luce, former pastor, with whom he exchanged pulpits, of having misrepresented the financial condition of the church.