

# NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

## Special Session Nov. 11.

Lincoln, July 22.—Senator E. J. Burkett said he recently received a letter from Secretary Loeb in which it was stated it is the president's intention to call a special session of congress on Nov. 11.

## New Road Soon to Start.

Omaha, July 20.—Prospects are fair for the sale of the bonds of the Omaha and Nebraska Central railroad within the next two or three weeks. Joseph Baker of Hastings, treasurer of the road, is in New York to negotiate the flotation. The road will run from Omaha, through Wahoo, Aurora and intervening cities, to Hastings. Right-of-way to the extent of 120 miles has been secured. If the sale of the bonds is made within a month, it is said grading will begin at several points along the line early in the fall.

## Fined for Beating Baby.

Minden, Neb., July 22.—Martin Fleckenstein, pastor of the German Lutheran church, was arrested and fined upon the charge of assault and battery upon his own seven-months-old child, which he admitted he had repeatedly slapped or spanked because it cried too much. People passing his home on the opposite side of the street as well as his nearest neighbors have noticed the matter for several days and concluded it was time to stop it, hence the arrest. He pleaded guilty and was fined \$10 and costs.

## Nebraska's Corn Crop.

Omaha, July 20.—The Union Pacific has completed an estimate of the acreage of the corn crop for Nebraska. The revised figures show that at present there are 6,500,000 acres of corn cracking along under the present hot spell, which is about 500,000 more than the acreage for last season. The acreage for winter and spring wheat will run over 2,000,000 acres. Both wheat crops are to be banner crops in both Kansas and Nebraska. The quality of the wheat in Nebraska is the best that this state ever produced.

## Reinforcements for Linevitch.

St. Petersburg, July 26.—Reinforcements for General Linevitch are steadily being forwarded. The Thirteenth army corps, the headquarters of which are at Smolensk, will leave for the front next week.

## Secretary Taft at Yokohama.

Yokohama, July 25.—The steamer Manchuria, with Secretary of War Taft and party on board, arrived here this morning.

## No Right to Interfere.

Lincoln, July 24.—Driven almost to desperation by the many calls made upon him by alleged reform leagues, clubs, societies and others who desire executive interference with local affairs Governor Mickey appealed to Attorney General Brown for an opinion as to just how far he could go in such matters. The appeal that broke the camel's back came from Falls City, where there is to be a street fair next week. Members of the Women's Christian Temperance union and others wrote the governor asking him to compel the officers to enforce the law and they made out Falls City to be a very wicked place indeed. Mayor Leyda of Falls City, however, said no Sunday baseball had been played there for a month and that all saloons were closed on Sunday. The opinion of Attorney General Brown is to the effect that the governor has no right to interfere with local affairs and he can only remove those officers whom he himself appoints.

## MORE LAND FENCERS ARE UP.

### Five Nebraska Cattlemen Charged With Illegally Enclosing Territory.

Omaha, July 25.—Information was filed in the United States district court against H. B. Reed on the grounds that he had illegally fenced 3,000 acres of land, and against Adam Miller, Clarence M. Miller, Charles Miller and William O. Miller for fencing 18,000 acres of public lands included in the United States forest reservations in McPherson county. Capiases were ordered issued for the arrest of the accused parties and they will be taken before the United States commissioner at North Platte for arraignment.

The cases against these parties have been worked up since the conviction of the Krause brothers of Sheridan county under the direction of United States District Attorney Baxter and Special Assistant Attorney Rush by Special Land Agents DeFrees, Chambers and Dixon.

The appropriation of the public domain by Reed and the Millers is materially different from that of the Krauses and the Bartlett Richards cases, from the fact that the lands appropriated by Reed and the Millers is land not subject to entry and is part of the land upon which the national government is making its forest and timber growing experiments. The offense is consequently regarded as more flagrant than that of the Krause brothers. Criminal proceed-

ings are to be instituted against the accused parties at once.

District Attorney Baxter said: "This is but the beginning of cases against the cattlemen for repeated violations of the order of the department of justice to take down their fences. We shall prosecute these cases to the fullest extent of the power given us by the government."

## Edward W. Nash Is Dead.

Omaha, July 24.—Edward W. Nash, president of the American Smelting and Refining company, one of the most prominent citizens of Nebraska and the west and an important factor in national commercial centers, died at his residence after an illness of two months.

## Homer Saloonkeepers Released.

Omaha, July 24.—The motion for a new trial in the saloon conspiracy case of the United States against Ennis and Luikhart, the Homer saloonists, has been granted by Judge Munger and the case dismissed. The dismissal was made on the grounds of the decision of United States Supreme Justice Brewer in the Heff case, coming up from Kansas, wherein it was held that Indians holding allotments of lands were regarded as citizens of the United States and that they were entitled to all the privileges and immunities as such.

## Lightning Plays Havoc in Cass.

Eagle, Neb., July 24.—Lightning struck a barn on the premises of Jesse Hardnock, near here, causing the structure to burn to the ground. About 200 bushels of grain, some harness and several head of hogs were destroyed. On the premises of Matt Donovan, five miles south of here, four head of horses were killed by a bolt of lightning. Mr. Donovan's boys, who were in the barn at the time, were severely stunned. A number of wheat stacks belonging to Mr. Luff, residing eleven miles southeast of here, were also set on fire by lightning and one of them burned.

## Gold Nugget Found in a Duck.

Columbus, Neb., July 22.—For the second time in five years gold has been found in this county. Adam Gessler, living about fifteen miles west, killed a couple of his tame ducks a few days ago. In the craw of one of them he found a nugget of gold, worth about \$1.70. His ducks run in a small stream which empties into the Loup and it was there that the fowl picked it up. A similar instance happened a few years ago one mile this side of Gessler's. The matter will be investigated and the bottom of the small stream thoroughly dredged and prospected.

## HILL WILL BUILD INTO OMAHA.

### Great Northern Magnate Decides Not to Ignore the Gate City.

Omaha, July 26.—The Great Northern will build into Omaha. This assurance was made to the Omaha Commercial club by G. H. Crosby, freight traffic manager of the Burlington, acting as representative of the Hill interests in the Ashland cut-off matter. Mr. Crosby specifically pledged the club two things. He gave assurance that a Great Northern line would be built into Omaha from some point on the Ashland cut-off, which would make Omaha in the direct line of freight and passenger traffic from Kansas City to Sioux City. The second point pledged by Mr. Crosby was that the Great Northern would not disturb the present status of freight rates. He said the company had no inclination to disturb existing conditions, and even if it had it would be disastrous to the company in bringing on a rate war.

## NEBRASKA CROP CONDITIONS.

### Week Warm, With Plenty of Rain, and Corn Makes Good Growth.

Lincoln, July 26.—Weekly bulletin of the Nebraska section of the climate and crop service of the weather bureau for the week ending July 24, 1905: Although the first days of the week were very warm, the mean daily temperature for the week averaged two degrees below normal. Showers occurred in nearly all parts of the state during the last week. Threshing of winter wheat has progressed rapidly during the last week and the reports continue to indicate an excellent crop. The oat harvest has progressed rapidly in southern counties, where it is now nearly completed, and threshing has commenced. The quality of oats is excellent and the yield fair. The oat harvest is just beginning in northern counties. Haying is generally in progress, with a heavy crop being secured in good condition. Corn has grown rapidly and is now beginning to tassel generally. It is about one week later in tasseling than in an average year. Apples are dropping badly. Potatoes have been damaged by dry weather in some localities. A little plowing has been done.

## Eight Charred Bodies Recovered.

Houston, Tex., July 26.—The fire in the Texas company's tanks at the Humble oil fields is practically extinguished. The charred remains of eight persons have been found and the search still continues.

## Wings of the Morning.

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in favor of the latter course, although it entailed lifting all the refuse out of the hole. To save time, therefore, he carried his mining tools into the open, placed in position the cheval de frise long since constructed for the defense of the entrance, and poured water over the remains of the fire.

This was his final care each night before stretching his weary limbs on his couch of branches. It caused delay in the morning, but he neglected no precaution, and there was a possible chance of the Dyaks failing to discover the eagle's nest if they were persuaded by other indications that the island was deserted.

He entered the hut and was in the act of pulling off his boots when a distant shot rang sharply through the air. It was magnified tenfold by the intense silence. For a few seconds, that seemed to be minutes, he listened, cherishing the quick thought that perhaps a turtle, wandering far beyond accustomed limits, had disturbed one of the spring gun communications on the sands. A sputtering volley, which his trained ear recognized as the firing of muzzle loaders, sounded the death knell of his last hope.

The Dyaks had landed! Coming silently and mysteriously in the dead of night, they were themselves the victims of a stratagem they designed to employ. Instead of taking the occupants of Rainbow Island unawares they were startled at being greeted by a shot the moment they landed. The alarmed savages at once retaliated by firing their antiquated weapons point blank at the trees, thus giving warning enough to wake the seven sleepers.

Iris, fully dressed, was out in a moment.

"They have come!" she whispered. "Yes," was the cheery answer, for Jenks face to face with danger was a very different man from Jenks wrestling with the insidious attacks of Cupid. "Up the ladder! Be lively! They will not be here for half an hour if they kick up such a row at the first difficulty. Still, we will take no risks. Cast down those spare lines when you reach the top and haul away when I say 'Ready!' You will find everything to hand up there."

He held the bottom of the ladder to steady it for the girl's climb. Soon her voice fell, like a message from a star: "All right! Please join me soon!"

The coiled up ropes dropped along the face of the rock. Clothes, pick, hatchet, hammer, crowbars and other useful odds and ends were swung away into the darkness, for the moon as yet did not illumine the crag. The sailor darted into Belle Vue castle and kicked their leafy beds about the floor. Then he slung all the rifles, now five in number, over his shoulders and mounted the rope ladder, which, with the spare cords, he drew up and coiled with careful method.

## [TO BE CONTINUED.]

## Break in the Honeymoon.

Omaha, July 20.—The honeymoon of Harry DeLacey, alleged representative of the United States Investment company, and his former stenographer, Lulotte Scheer of Harvard, Neb., whom he had married an hour before, after a week's acquaintance, was cut short by his arrest at the Grand Hotel, Council Bluffs, charged with passing worthless checks on several Omaha merchants, including one for his wedding ring. The bridegroom is in jail here and the bride was taken home by her sisters.

## THE IRISH PEASANT.

### His Hospitality Is Only Equaled by His Courtesy.

The especial characteristic of the Irish peasants, according to Frank Mathew, in "Ireland," is an old-fashioned courtesy. They are all sure, he asserts, that they are descended from chiefs, and their manners are ruled accordingly.

Take shelter in any hut on the mountains, and you will be greeted as if its inmates had been longing to see you. This will not be due to the fact that you seem prosperous; indeed, you would be even more graciously welcomed if you were in rags. Nor is their courtesy only exhibited when they are hosts. Once when I was exploring the Burren of Clare a ragged old woman seated by the wayside accosted my equally ragged driver. "Excuse me, sir," she said, "but did you happen to meet a loaf on the road?" "Deed then, ma'am," said he, bowing respectfully, "and I'm sorry I did not." "Who was she?" I asked him when we had driven out of her hearing. "Deed then, and I don't know," said he. "Tis some poor soul that has lost her loaf and will be goin' to bed hungry tonight." On another occasion an aged man, clad in knee breeches and a swallowtail coat,

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addressed me as I was climbing a path in Connemara. "I am thinkin', sir," said he, "that you are Mr. John Blake." "Well, sir," said I, "you are thinking wrong." "Well, sir," he answered solemnly, "says I to myself as I saw you come up the side, that is Mr. John Blake, and if 'tis not, says I to myself, 'tis a fine upsthandin' young man he is, whoever he is." Now I am convinced that he knew I was a stranger, but was not that a charming way to suggest that I should sit beside him on the low ferny wall and discuss the ways of the world?

## BORROWED PLUMES.

### How an American Became a Man of Mark in Russia.

Andrew D. White's first diplomatic experience was as an attaché at St. Petersburg at the time of the Crimean war. The war brought to Russia many American adventurers. "One man who came out with superb plans," Mr. White says, "brought a militia colonel's commission and the full uniform of a major general. At first he hesitated to clothe himself in all his glory, and therefore went through a process of evolution, beginning first with part of his uniform, and then adding more as his courage rose.

"During this process he became the standing joke of St. Petersburg, but later, when he had emerged in full and final splendor, he became a man of mark; indeed, so much so that serious difficulties arose. Throughout the city are various corps de garde, and the sentinel on duty before each of these, while allowed merely to present arms to an officer of lower rank, must, whenever he catches sight of a general officer, call out the entire guard to present arms, with the beating of drums.

"Here our American was a source of much difficulty, for whenever any sentinel caught sight of his gorgeous epaulets in the distance the guard was instantly called, arms were presented and drums beaten, much to the delight of our friend, but even more to the disgust of the generals of the Russian army and to the troops, who thus rendered absurd homage and found themselves taking part in something like a bit of comic opera."—Exchange.

## The Sequel.

"When I saw her last she seemed to have fallen in love with him." "Oh, yes, but that was some time ago. She's suing him now for breach of promise." "Trying to get damages for the fall, eh?"

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