

GATES ARE NOW OPEN

First Greater America Colonial Exposition Opens with Elaborate Ceremonies.

IS BETTER THAN LAST YEAR

Enthusiastic Crowds Testify to Success of the Big Show and Praise Omaha Enterprise—Many Attractions and More Are Constantly Being Added.

Promptly on time the gates of the First Greater America Colonial Exposition were opened on the morning of July 1, and the last great educational enterprise of the 19th century is now well under way.

The grounds cover about two hundred acres and are arranged in four sections, or divisions. The most important section is the Grand Court of Honor, where the principal buildings are grouped around the lagoon. East of the Court lies the Bluff Tract, the

also be found the agricultural exhibit, which promises to surpass anything of the kind ever seen in the West. The principal buildings have been changed but little except to improve here and there, and to brighten up and add a few finishing touches to exteriors. More important changes have been made in the landscape gardening. The general plan followed last year has not been changed but it has been added to and vastly improved.



LAGOON AND FINE ARTS BUILDING.

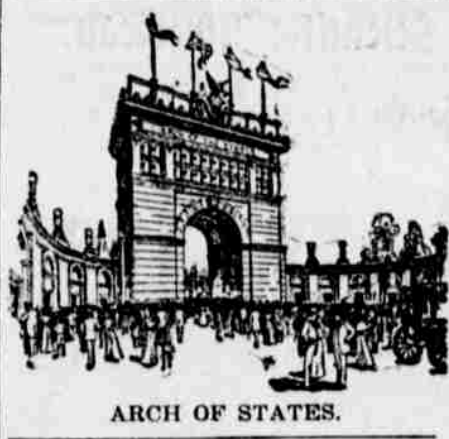
southern part of which is arranged as a park, with stretches of green sward, avenues of shade trees, and plants of flowering plants and shrubs. In this tract stands the Horticultural Building, given over to the display of fruits and flowers, and in front of which is a large aquatic basin almost filled with water-lilies and other blooming plants.

by the people of the north and west. This is especially true of the Florida plants, and also of the Hawaiian collection, several cars coming from those islands. In addition to the plants already on the grounds there has been over 250,000 new plants set out this year.



ADMINISTRATION ARCH.

flora of the Philippines, Cuba, Porto Rico and the Hawaiian Islands have been tastefully grouped, and will show the resources and vegetation of our colonial possessions. This is one of the interesting exhibits of the exposition.



ARCH OF STATES.

Then a lawn of several acres has been added and the whole resown with seeds, making the several tracts rich with grasses, flower-beds, and foliage. A rare musical treat is in store for visitors to the exposition of 1899. From the opening day there will be a succession of grand concerts by the most famous musical organizations of the world.



GOVERNMENT BUILDING.

north end of the Bluff Tract will be found East Midway with its Streets of Cairo and other attractions. Across the viaduct comes the West Midway with all that the name implies. Beyond on to the north, is the lake for the fireworks, and further west the half-mile race-track and the Indian Congress. On this north section will

is recognized as the greatest cornet virtuoso of America, and each member of the band is a famous soloist. In September the Hawaiian Government Band is expected, and other famous organizations will give concerts during the latter part of the exposition. Among these might be mentioned the Indian Boys' Band.



COLONIAL EXHIBITS BUILDING.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA

CONDENSATION OF IMPORTANT NEWS ITEMS.

Short and Pithy Paragraphs Which Tell of What Has Happened or Will Happen in Our Commonwealth—The News Briefly Summarized.

Thursday, July 13.

The barn of Gus Menck at Grand Island burned. Loss, \$300.

A large number of business blocks and residences are being built in Grand Island.

The Western Trust and Investment company has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state.

While she was cooking a meal, the clothing of Mrs. L. E. George of Syracuse caught afire and the woman was painfully burned.

The bucket shop cases at Hastings have resulted in an ordinance assessing \$25 per month occupation tax on business of that character.

Mina Clark, an inmate of the Lancaster county poor farm, has been examined and declared of unsound mind. She was once before in an asylum.

Lee Young of Alliance lost the sight of one eye and is disfigured for life as the result of a premature explosion while blasting at a grading camp.

The 9-year-old son of Tom Bronson of South Omaha had both legs badly burned by falling into a ditch in which there was burning rubbish and manure.

William Bales was buried at Alliance yesterday. He was brought from Gillette, Wyo., where he drank horse medicine in the night supposing it was whisky.

The coroner's jury at Omaha has held Charles Moore responsible for the death of John De Molins, the Frenchman assaulted by a gang of saloon toughs several days ago. The evidence tended to show that Moore struck the blow which knocked the Frenchman down and resulted in a fractured skull.

Sunday, July 16.

Governor Poynter has received word from the First Nebraska from Yokohama that the health of the regiment is good, and that it expects to reach San Francisco on the 28th of July.

The plant of the Tekamah Canning company, erected about 15 years ago, but never successfully operated, has been sold to St. Joseph parties who will locate it in some Missouri town.

Harry Anderson, who was accidentally shot at St. James, Cedar county, on the Fourth, while polishing the target at a shooting gallery, died in a Sioux City hospital, to which he had been removed to have the bullet extracted.

J. E. Hontz, collector of internal revenue at Omaha, has completed his report of collections for the year ending June 30. The total amount collected is \$3,428,079.28, which is a round million in excess of 1898, and two million in excess of 1897.

Many Adams county farmers are threshing their wheat from the shocks and all report a yield nearly as good or equal to that of last year. It is running from twenty to twenty-five bushels per acre, and of excellent quality. All this grain that is being threshed now is being hauled to the elevators and will go into the market. It is bringing fifty-five cents per bushel.

Monday, July 17.

Trouble in the Sterling team has resulted in its disbanding.

The post office at Farnam was robbed the other night of goods to the value of \$450.

The past week has been favorable growing weather for crops in the western part of the state.

The corn and oats crop of Nemaha county are in fine condition and bid fair to be record breakers.

At a ball game at Sutton, John Bender, catcher for the Sutton club, was knocked insensible by a ball bat and fears are entertained for his recovery. McCormick, of the Verona club, struck at a ball and swung his club around too far.

A little daughter of John Bidwell, a former living south of Sutton, was crushed to death beneath the wheels of a wagon loaded with corn. The team was started up and it was not noticed that the little one was standing on the spokes of the hind wheel. She was thrown beneath the wheel and her head was crushed.

At Holdrege Fred Yeager was accidentally shot by his sweetheart, who, taking up a revolver, playfully commanded him to throw up his hands. He made a joking answer and she pulled the trigger, not knowing the gun was loaded, as it has always been the practice to draw the cartridges when the revolver is not in use. Mr. Yeager's life is despaired of. The girl's name is Anna Strohm, aged 16.

Tuesday, July 18.

Two hundred brands have been filed with the state brands committee.

William Molesworth an Omaha bricklayer, killed himself with a revolver. He had been drinking heavily.

Captain J. H. Culver of Milford, who commanded a troop in Griggsby's rough riders, has received an appointment as captain in the Thirty-second regular army regiment now in process of formation at Leavenworth.

Claud Head of Company G, First Nebraska, has reached San Francisco. Young Head was a lugger and was severely wounded at the fall of Manila. His name was among the list of killed cabled to this country at the time.

The secretary of state has received a deed for the Milford soldier's home.

Sunday closing of saloons in South Omaha was not a success last Sunday.

Governor Poynter has decided to retain J. B. Jones as grain inspector at Omaha.

Henry Schultz, aged seventy-seven, of Bruning, committed suicide by hanging.

The Monarch Acetylene Gas company of Omaha have filed articles of incorporation.

A large number of cattle are going mad near Wymore from the effects of dog bites received nearly a year ago.

Ed Hill, a Swedish laborer, fell from a third story of a lodging house on Farnam street, Omaha, fracturing his skull and causing death.

The Bartley bond case has been decided favorable to the state and attorneys for the bondsmen say it will be taken to the supreme court.

A telephone company has been organized at the town of Johnson, and its articles of incorporation have been filed with the secretary of state.

At Norfolk the dropping of a buggy pole caused a runaway in which Mrs. Herman Gall received a broken arm and Mr. Gall and daughter were badly bruised.

Edward F. Austin of Fremont, now in the Philippines, has received a mysterious message stating that his name is not Austin, but Sullivan, and that he was stolen from his home in Trinidad when but two years. He has a father, brother and sister now living at Trinidad, and will look them up.

Wednesday, July 19.

Dr. F. A. Butler of Harvard has been sued for damages and malpractice by W. F. Flynn.

John P. Yeager, who was accidentally shot at Holdrege last Sunday, was buried Tuesday afternoon.

The Royal Oaks, a fraternal insurance company of Omaha, has been refused a license to do business in the state.

The weather bureau reports the past as cool with showers in nearly all parts of the state, and crops in fine condition.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. E. Herrick of Hastings drank gasoline and twenty minutes later died in great agony.

Spreading of the rails caused nine cars of merchandise to be wrecked on the Union Pacific two miles east of North Platte.

A musician's wife at the exposition grounds in Omaha and Hagenback's lion tamer were arrested for violating the moral code.

Hong Wah's laundry at Hastings was raided by the police and some opium and a couple of pipes were found. The Chinaman got \$25.00 and costs for running an opium joint.

Write pouring some rabbit metal into some machinery at the Hebron mills, Amos Shafter and Thos. Carter were badly injured by the explosion of the pent up gas in the cavity they were filling.

Judge F. P. Ireland, referee in bankruptcy at Nebraska City, was assaulted by Samuel Meridith on account of some of the judge's decisions. The matter will be taken to Judge Munger of the United States court.

HAVE FIGHT WITH OUTLAWS.

Sheriff Killed and Members of His Force Hurt.

EAST LAS VEGAS, N. M., July 19.—Meager details were received here yesterday of a pitched battle between a sheriff's posse and the gang of outlaws who held up a Colorado and Southern passenger train at Folsom, N. M., a few days ago. The affair occurred near Cimmaron. Sheriff W. J. Farr, a member of the posse, was killed. Mr. Farr lived at Walsenburg, Col. Cimmaron is situated inland from telegraph lines.

Deputies Love and Smith of Springer, N. M., was probably fatally wounded.

W. H. Reno, chief of the secret service department of the Colorado & Southern railway was also wounded. The robbers were uninjured. They escaped to the hills. Another posse was organized at Cimmaron and is now in pursuit of the robbers.

Imported Negroes Stampede.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., July 19.—The Georgia negroes imported to Ishkooda mines to take the places of strikers, have stampeded as the result of the assassination of one of their number and the wounding of four others Saturday night. Another lot of Georgia negroes, about 200 in number, arrived last night and were taken to Ishkooda, but, when they were informed of what had happened, they, too, commenced to leave.

A Growth of 4,500 in the Macabees. PORT HURON, Mich., July 19.—The eighth biennial review of the supreme tent, Knights of the Macabees, opened this morning with 45 delegates in attendance. The report of the supreme commander shows a net increase in membership during the biennial period of 43,455.

In Chicago.

The landlady rapped on the table for attention. "Gentlemen, I suppose you are patriotic?" "We are!" came the hearty response. "And you all love your native soil?" "Couldn't love it better," came in chorus. "I am glad to hear it, for you must surely enjoy the few grains of sand that refused to part company with the strawberries."

School Children Fed Free.

In every school in Paris there is a restaurant where free meals are served to the children who are too poor to pay for them.

MERRITT MAY BE SENT BACK

A Possibility of the Superseding of General Otis.

PRESIDENT CONSIDERING IT.

The President's Recent Conference With the Former Commander at Manila Recalled—No Violation of Military Precedent is Involved.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—The President is said to be considering the advisability of sending Major General Merritt to the Philippines to succeed General Otis in command there. The strong light thrown upon the conduct of the campaign by the statement of the correspondents, it is thought, establishes that General Otis has not comprehended the real situation in the Philippines and that the President should send another officer to conduct the campaign when the rainy season terminates. When General Otis was sent to the Philippines it was subordinate to General Merritt, one of the three major generals of the regular army, and a most accomplished soldier and skillful general. Public exigencies required Merritt to leave Manila to attend the sessions of the Paris peace conference, and thus General Otis was put in command.

In addition to Merritt are Major General Miles and Major General Brooke. These three officers outrank Otis and there would be no violation of military precedent or usage if one of the senior officers should be sent to relieve General Otis.

It will be recalled that General Merritt was invited here a few days ago and that he had a conference with the President. There are intimations that one of the objects of this conference was to consider the proposition to send Merritt back to the Philippines to command the reinforced army.

NOT TO ASK OTIS ABOUT IT

The War Department Will Discharge the "Round Robin."

WASHINGTON, July 19.—It was stated at the war department to-day that no attention whatever would be paid to the "round robin" of the Manila correspondents. The protest was not sent to General Otis and it is said he will not be called upon for an explanation. In addition to this it was intimated that very encouraging news had been received from the Philippines and the situation was much better than had been generally believed.

The advice which the President received from Manila yesterday, which have given so much comfort and encouragement to the members of the cabinet to whom they were communicated, had a bearing rather upon the political than the military situation, though there is naturally a very direct connection between the two at this time. The commission, or at least so much of it as remains at Manila since the departure of President Scherman and Admiral Dewey, has been unrelaxing in the effort to restore the confidence of the natives and aid military operations by inducing military defections among Aguinaldo's followers. Some progress has been made; more, it is said, than the public is acquainted with, for not only have the United States authorities been able to secure unqualified adhesion of the natives of the more important islands outside of Luzon in the Philippine group, but even in that island they have steadily encroached on what was regarded as purely insurgent territory and are arranging for the establishment of full civil governments in some of the provinces of the island wherein Aguinaldo has heretofore been strongest.

The cabinet meeting to-day was long, and the members, after it adjourned, were more reticent than usual. It was ascertained the decision was reached to allow the "round robin" matter to drop. At an informal conference held at the White house the subject was thoroughly discussed and such a policy agreed upon. This, it is stated, was confirmed at to-day's cabinet meeting. Officially the matter will be ignored and General Otis will be allowed to treat it as he may deem best.

DEAD IN AN OHIO COLLISION.

Three Men Killed on the Norfolk & Western—The Cause Not Known.

PORTSMOUTH, Ohio, July 19.—A head-on collision between passenger train No. 3 and a through freight occurred on the Norfolk & Western railway today at Haverhill. The dead are George Sloan, Coal Grove, freight engineer; George Egbert, Portsmouth, passenger fireman; — Perfinger, Kenova, flagman.

The wreck occurred in a heavy fog on a short curve west of Haverhill. Both trains were running at high speed. The two engines, twenty freight cars and the baggage and express cars were wrecked. The cause of the accident has not been determined.

REBELLED AGAINST TAGALS.

Philippines in Three Provinces Have Asked American Aid.

MANILA, July 19.—The natives of the provinces of Albay, South Camarines and North Camarines are endeavoring to throw off the domination of the Tagals. It is reported that there has been fighting between the people of the provinces named and small bands of Tagals who were quartered upon them, running the local governments, and that the people in question are willing to declare allegiance to the United States.

FIVE KILLED IN KENTUCKY.

Outbreak of an Old Feud Brings Many Deaths.

LONDON, Ky., July 19.—A report has reached here of the outbreak of another feud in Clay county by which five men lost their lives yesterday. The dead are said to be: Robert Philpot, Ed Fisher, Aaron Morris, Jim Griffin, Hugh Griffin.

These fatalities resulted from a pitched battle fought near Little Goose creek, three miles from Manchester.

The feud dates back nearly two years. On Christmas, 1897, James Philpot was killed by Aaron Morris, but before he died he shot and killed William Bundy, a friend of Morris. The Morrises and Griffins were closely affiliated. Since then, the two factions have been very bitter, and it has been aroused recently by the White-Baker hostilities. The Philpots, who are the strongest faction in the mountains, numbering about 750 voters, openly espoused the cause of the Bakers, while the Griffins took sides with the Whites.

The battle began at about 9 o'clock and raged fiercely for ten or fifteen minutes. When it was over it was found that the five men mentioned above had been killed outright, three of the belligerents were seriously wounded, while Pete Philpot was the only one on either side to escape injury. Granville Philpot is said to be one of the most seriously wounded. He is a Union veteran, having lost a leg at Stone river. He is an ex-member of the Kentucky legislature, and is said to have killed three or four men. Ed Fisher, who is reported dead, was another man with several nicknames in his name. He was but 23 years old, but was said to have killed three men.

The story of this battle caused consternation here, notwithstanding the fact that serious trouble has been expected to break out among the mountaineers of Clay county ever since the assassination of Tom Baker several weeks ago. An effort was at once begun to secure deputies to go to the seat of the trouble and attempt to restore quiet, but up to a late hour there had not been enough responses to make up a force that would command respect. The situation at Manchester is deplorable. Since morning, the place has been in a state of terror, scarcely anyone daring to venture out of doors. Business is suspended and the residents are momentarily expecting a renewal of hostilities.

CORBIN DEFENDS CENSOR.

Adjutant General Declares the Public is Kept Well Informed.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—Regarding statements that cable dispatches received in Washington and other news regarding the war had been censored contrary to the usual custom, Adjutant General Corbin said:

"Yes, these complaints have been brought to my notice; a word of explanation is perhaps due the country, no less than the department. The enormous amount of work the office has been called upon to perform has taxed to the limit the endurance of the clerks, who, by the way, are as competent as any that can be found anywhere. Complaints were made by several of the assistants and clerks that our clerks were being annoyed and their time taken from legitimate work by direct application for information from people in no way connected with the office or the public service.

"As a matter of protection to the public interests and good administration, the circular of June 23 was issued. The censure of the so-called censored press is without just cause; and evidently under misapprehension of facts.

"There has been no information received from General Otis that has not been given to the press promptly on the bulletin board in the hall of this office; every fair minded representative of the press will bear witness to this statement. What would the manager of any one of the complaining newspapers say if information concerning the business of the paper was inquired for of the printers rather than at the business office of the paper? This is a case exactly in point.

"The standing instructions of the President and secretary of war are that the public shall be given all information we receive. This has been done and will continue to be done. Of course, plans of campaigns that would be of help to Aguinaldo and other Filipinos have not and will not be promulgated, but all facts of events transpired have been given in fullness."

Men Need Warm Clothing.

WASHINGTON, July 19.—President McKinley received a telegram from San Francisco yesterday saying that the Oregon troops at the Presidio were without overcoats and were suffering from the weather and in danger of pneumonia. The dispatch stated that, having just returned from a tropical climate, they could not withstand the cold and that there were plenty of overcoats in the quartermaster's department. President McKinley directed that such clothing as was necessary for the comfort of the troops be issued to them.

Oil Laden Ship Burns.

HALIFAX, N. S., July 19.—The Standard Oil company's tank steamer Maverick, which arrived Saturday from New York with a cargo of oil, is sunk in the harbor. She was taken to her pier in Bedford basin and the pumping of the oil from the ship's hold to the oil tank on the shore was commenced, a six-inch pipe connecting the tanks. During the pumping the pipe burst and the oil flowed down into the engine room and was ignited. The steamer's crew made efforts to subdue the flames which followed, but were obliged to leave