

# Red Cloud Chief.

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RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA

A temperance crank must be a corn dodger.

The whir-r-r of the alarm clock is an eye-opener.

Poverty may be a blessing, but only when it clings to our enemies.

It is said that many a model woman earns a living by trying on cloaks.

When a man is hungry he doesn't waste much time reading the bill of fare.

The best kind of local government is founded on the wrecks of political machines.

The late General Lawton didn't depend upon the typewriter or the newspaper interview for his heroism.

The new bankruptcy law appears to be inviting some rather complete smash-ups from the most unexpected quarters.

It is said that there is now \$5 in money to every person in the United States. How many of us can fork up that amount.

One enterprising newspaper reporter can generate more railway rumors in one day than the magnates can deny in an entire week.

There is a strong suspicion in rational quarters to the effect that the belligerency of the Boers doesn't require any special recognition.

The cautious persons doesn't feel that his position in society is secure until his nose instinctively turns up at the mention of the names of "people in trade."

Phillips Brooks said, in the last Thanksgiving sermon he preached: "I defy a man to put his finger upon any page of history when it was clearer than it is today that man has something to do with his brethren and that they are his brethren. Yes, it belongs to nations, too. No nation dare act in sublime selfishness." Whether the restraining motive be high or low, the fact of greed, envy, hate, under some control, is a ground of hope for individuals and governments.

Inspector-General Breckinridge, reporting to Secretary Root, suggests the employment of officers returned from foreign service, and unable to perform other duty, as professors of military science at military colleges. There are many indications that the reign of peace is yet far off, and until the millennial sun chases away the martial clouds that brood over every land it may be wise to instruct the youth of the country betimes in military drill and discipline. A defensive force will always be necessary here as elsewhere, and this plan offers congenial and easy tasks to men whose health has been injured in their country's service, and promises to provide at least a framework on which to build up an efficient force to meet any national emergency.

The father of the Countess Schimmelman, now in this country doing evangelistic work, ranked in Denmark second in wealth to the king. The countess has sold hundreds of precious family jewels in order to carry on her charities among the hungry and needy. General Gordon was once asked the secret of his ability to do certain benevolences. He confessed reluctantly that he "gave his medals." For his services in quelling the Taiping rebellion, the Emperor of China conferred on him a magnificent gold medal, and this, his most precious possession, Gordon gave anonymously to the Widows' Relief Fund, after first obliterating the proud inscription. Do not our own experiences with our "medals," whatever they be, suggest that lesser personages are often satisfied with lesser sacrifices for their fellow-men.

In one of his most beautiful and affecting poems Longfellow mentions some of the achievements of men who have reached the age of fourscore years. Such a summary, if complete, would support the poet's assertion that old age as well as youth is opportunity. Worthy of a place in the list is the service to the civilized world by Theodor Mommsen. Past the limit of eighty years, his energy has survived in a remarkable measure, and he has published a new work on Roman criminal law, which will supplement his authoritative contributions to the knowledge we possess of the general subject of Roman law. Work, under proper conditions, has a preservative influence. What if he had laid down his pen when he reached his threescore and ten? There are many chances that he would not now be living.

It is noted in the report of a leading charity that "the general distribution of good wages to the industrial classes naturally enables them to live more liberally and inclines them to lend more assistance to relatives and acquaintances less fortunate than themselves." Thus the benefits of general prosperity filter down to the lowest conditions of humanity. There is no telling the amount of relief which passes from the poor to the very poor.

The hour of triumph will surely come to the man who hustles.

# KAISER IS INCENSED

## Orders Sending of Strongly Worded Protest to England

### WROUGHT UP OVER STEAMER SEIZURES

Emperor Learns that Overhauling is Not Due to Blundering Naval Officers But to Headquarters' Instructions—Demands Reparation.

The seizure of the German Imperial mail steamer General has considerably aggravated the situation at Berlin, and the indignation against England is intensified. The government is still earnestly endeavoring to preserve correct official relations, but England will do well to hasten to make the amende honorable to Germany.

On absolutely reliable authority the Associated press learns that Emperor William is now thoroughly aroused by the repeated seizures of vessels, not one of which, he has been assured, is guilty of carrying contraband. He regards the seizures as a high-handed proceeding, which England would not have dared to undertake if the German navy were more powerful than it is.

His majesty is said to be particularly incensed, because information has reached him showing that the seizures were not due to the blundering of naval officers, but to strict orders from headquarters, which the officers are merely carrying out. He has, therefore, instructed Count von Buelow, the foreign secretary, to demand exact and full reparation for the outrage done to the German flag.

No answer that is considered satisfactory has yet been received from London, and according to advices at Berlin none is expected for several days yet. The news of Thursday has induced the German government to make a new and more strongly worded protest to London.

Indignation meetings have been called by branches of the colonial society. The German press, with hardly an exception, thunders against England. Even the semi-official Berliner Post says:

"It cannot be denied that the indignation aroused by the willfulness of the seizures by British commanders is spreading in wider and wider circles."

### BATTLE MUST COME SOON

Ladysmith Cannot Hold Out Much Longer—Buller to Move.

From a source which has many facilities of gaining inside news from South Africa, the Associated press learns that Colonel Pilcher's occupation of Douglas is regarded as merely the first step of General Methuen's carefully matured plans to outflank the Boers. According to this authority it is probable that Colonel Pilcher, in conjunction with General Buller's force from the Modder river, will proceed to the rear of those intrenchments, which now prevent General Methuen from proceeding to Kimberley. Colonel Pilcher has only about forty miles to travel before he achieves this end, and if this understanding is correct an attack by General Methuen and a determined effort to relieve Kimberley may be expected any day.

There is a deepening sense of anxiety respecting Ladysmith, whence most disheartening reports of the prevalence of sickness are received. General White reported a list of nearly twenty deaths from enteric fever and dysentery and seventy-one serious cases in the hospital. Dr. Jameson has all he can do in that fever nest. It is evident that the garrison cannot hold out long, and that Sir Redvers Buller will not allow many days to pass before striking a blow.

Since Commandant General Joubert's return to the front the cannonade of Ladysmith by the Boers has been much livelier. Between December 18 and December 29 four shells killed one officer and thirteen men and wounded thirteen officers and eleven men.

### REVIVAL OF MUD VOLCANOES

Peculiar Result of a Recent Earthquake Shock in California.

Reports received at San Diego, Cal., from the back country show that the recent earthquake was the cause of a number of strange happenings. The mud volcanoes on the desert near the Colorado river have become active after a long rest and are now spouting mud again. The natural gas wells near Yuma are also, in working order since the heavy quake. They have been lighted and the glare at night can be seen for many miles.

A correspondent from Moosa writes that a number of fissures were made in the ground at that place, twenty or more feet in length.

### Will Fight With Boers.

Two hundred and sixty men have signed an agreement at Butte, Mont., to go to South Africa and serve in the Boer army. They are Irish-Americans, German-Americans and French-Americans. Only men between twenty and forty and without anyone dependent on them were enlisted.

### FOR REFORM IN SPELLING

Chicago University Will Adopt the New System.

The university of Chicago will use and advocate the new spelling. By a vote of twenty to eighteen the university congregation placed itself on record as favoring the use of the reformed spelling adopted by the national educational association. The vote implies the use of reformed spelling in a number of magazines and papers issued under the auspices of the university.

# CONGRESSIONAL CHAT

Not Easy to Settle.

United States Ambassador Choate visited British Premier Salisbury at the foreign office for the purpose of making the first official representations on the subject of the Delagoa bay flour seizures. Mr. Choate received no definite reply, as the premier informed him that the British government had not yet arrived at any decision as to whether or not foodstuffs were contraband of war. But Lord Salisbury assured Mr. Choate that the commercial rights of the United States would be equitably considered and that a decision in this important matter would be received as soon as possible. The interview was brief.

### Boers Willing to Treat.

There is reason to believe that the Transvaal government has only recently requested this government to use its good offices to bring an end to its war with Great Britain, says a late Washington dispatch. The proposition came through the American consul at Pretoria. No answer has been given by the state department and unless Great Britain intimates that she is desirous of the president exercising his good offices there is reason to believe that he will not comply with the Boer request.

### Plums for First District.

Two more plums have fallen to First district parties. Rufus Clark, son of W. H. Clark of Lincoln, gets a \$75 a month appointment in the house. Fred Miller of Falls City, census director, gets an allowance of \$75 per month for clerk hire and \$15 per month for office rent. After thus successfully shaking the tree Mr. Burket attended to the shipping of 1,833 more volumes to the Lincoln public library.

### Resolution of Inquiry.

In the senate Wednesday Mr. Allen presented a resolution calling upon the secretary of the treasury for all letters between the treasury department and the National City bank and the Hanover bank of New York and also all agreements made between the treasury department and those banks concerning the deposit of funds, etc. Mr. Aldrich objected to present consideration and the resolution went over.

### Whedon Banking Bill Introduced.

Congressman Burket has introduced the "Whedon banking bill" in the house. He has also introduced a bill to pension W. C. Willoughby of Lincoln, and handed in the resolution passed by the Nebraska beet sugar society in favor of better protection to the sugar industry of the country.

### Panama Commission.

The commission appointed by President McKinley, under an act of congress, to determine the most feasible and practicable route for a canal across the Isthmus of Panama, will sail on Saturday next for the scene of its labors by a steamer of the Atlas line.

### To Pension Mrs. Stotsenburg.

Senator Allen has introduced a bill regulating the manufacture of filled cheese, oleomargarine and adulteration of foods; also for a pension of \$50 a month for the widow of Colonel Stotsenburg of the First Nebraska, who was killed in the Philippines.

### McLaurin to Return.

At Jackson, Miss., the democratic caucus unanimously nominated ex-Gov. A. J. McLaurin for the long term United States senatorship.

### Cole's Case.

At Boston a special grand jury has been called to investigate the case of Charles H. Cole, charged with the embezzlement and misappropriation of funds of the Globe National bank while its president.

### NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

Andrew Carnegie has given Davenport, Ia., \$50,000 for a public library.

Ex-Governor W. O. Bradley will be the republican nominee for United States senator from Kentucky.

The American knit underwear association has agreed to advance prices 12 1/2 cents a dozen.

At St. Paul, Minn., a wreck occurred on the Chicago & Great Western road and seven people were injured.

The state department has received notice of the death at Naples of United States Consul A. C. Studor of Sorrento.

France has no disposition to embarrass Great Britain, and will extend the modus vivendi regarding Newfoundland.

Albert B. Hilton, son of the late Judge Hilton, has applied in the United States district court at New York to be freed of his debts.

Hollanders of Grand Rapids, Mich., forwarded \$3,708 to Holland for the widows and orphans of the Boers killed in South Africa.

The St. Paul (Minn.) stock exchange has drawn up and forwarded to Washington a formal protest against the passage of the Tawney bill for taxing oleomargarine. It is claimed that its passage would damage live stock interests to the extent of several millions annually.

Until all danger of a spread of the plague now prevailing in Honolulu is past transports bound for the Philippines will not stop there as has been the custom.

Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Southwell were found dead in bed at their home in Austin, having been asphyxiated by natural gas, which they used for heating purposes.

A ten million cubic feet gas well has been struck four miles east of Findlay, O. This is the greatest gas well in Ohio since the famous Karg well was started ten years ago.

# IT IS FAR REACHING

## Supreme Court Opinion Affects Many Nebraska Cities.

### INVALIDATES THOUSANDS OF BONDS

Declaration That Hastings Charter is Invalid Affects Beatrice, Grand Island and Fremont—Decision is Receiving Close Attention.

The supreme court decision in the case of Foxworthy vs. the City of Hastings promises to be more far-reaching in its effects than would at first appear. The declaration that the charter under which Hastings is now operating is invalid, affects not only Hastings, but Beatrice, Grand Island and Fremont, and will invalidate thousands of dollars' worth of bonds issued by these cities.

Under the charter law of 1883 city clerks are not allowed over \$300 per annum salary, and it is declared that all sums in excess of that amount can be recovered. Under this same law the mayor received no pay for his services. Salaries paid out on this score are also said to be recoverable. The decision would, in effect, invalidate every act performed by city officials in all these years while the cities have been supposedly operating under the amended charter law of 1885. The decision is receiving the closest attention of the citizens of Hastings generally, as well as members of the bar.

### SUES THEM FOR DAMAGES

An Express Driver Sues Company for False Arrest.

George W. Archibald, a former driver for the Pacific Express company, who was recently acquitted in Judge Baker's court at Omaha on the charge of stealing a \$3,000 package entrusted to his care, has filed suit in the district court against the express company, asking \$10,000 on account of the humiliation and business injury suffered by him as a result of his arrest on the charge of stealing the money.

The safe out of which the money was supposed to have been stolen and which was delivered to Archibald for transfer to a railroad depot, the money being consigned to a bank at St. Paul, remains in Judge Baker's court room where it was submitted as evidence in the case.

It is stated that Archibald was in financial distress when arrested and that he could not raise money with which to retain counsel until he had enlisted the aid of his father, who lives in Iowa. He now appears on the streets without an overcoat and it is said that he is too poor to buy one. The theory advanced by the prosecution was that Archibald took the money from the safe while he was en route with it to the depot. Archibald made a bold denial and won his case.

### CASE IS NOT PROSECUTED

Avoca Man Who Was Charged With Assault Is Discharged.

Louis Fehnstock, Missouri Pacific agent at Avoca, who was arrested charged with criminal assault upon his hired girl, Lillie Parker, had his preliminary hearing, says a Plattsmouth dispatch, and owing to the absence of prosecution he was discharged. County Attorney Root did not put in an appearance, as he could not get his witnesses in time, and had notified the justices of his inability to be ready for the hearing. He threatens to investigate the matter thoroughly and have Fehnstock rearrested if warranted by the facts. Miss Parker claims that a banana given her by Fehnstock was dropped, and rendered her helpless to protect herself when the alleged assault was committed.

### Miss Thomas Asks Damages.

Miss Etta Thomas, a niece of General "Joe" Wheeler, began suit in the superior court at Chicago against William H. Fahrbey, asking \$100,000 damages for alleged breach of promise to marry. It is charged that Fahrbey, who is treasurer of a large patent medicine manufactory and said to be wealthy, has been engaged to Miss Thomas for over four years, but that recently he broke off the engagement on the grounds that his parents desired him to marry another woman. Miss Thomas' father is said to be the owner of large interests in coal mines near Peru, Ill.

### A Dead Letter.

Auditor Cornell has received a letter from the dead letter office, but a warrant for \$3 is missing. The warrant was in payment of bounty on wild animals and was made out in the name of James Johnson of North Platte. The letter was mailed to North Platte and then to the dead letter office, but the warrant was not enclosed when it reached Auditor Cornell.

### Farm Home Burned.

The family residence of John Price, at Smartville, was totally destroyed by fire, together with practically all its contents. A defective flue is the supposed cause. Insurance light.

### Member of First Nebraska Dead.

Word has been received at Central City by relatives and friends of Frank Bursel that he died in the Methodist hospital in Omaha. Mr. Bursel was a member of Company A, First Nebraska, and saw much hard service in the Philippines. His death was caused by disabilities contracted during the war.

### No Abatement in Epidemic.

There is no abatement in the scarlet fever epidemic in Columbus, and the cases are taking a much more severe form than was anticipated. The disease has claimed still another victim.

# BROOKS IS FROM TEXAS

Resented a Negro's Familiarity and Attempted to Shoot Him.

A harnessmaker named Brooks was arrested and lodged in jail at Hastings from attempting to shoot Dixie Taylor, a negro bootblack. As Brooks was leaving a restaurant Dixie spoke to him. Brooks pulled a gun and making the remark that he was from Dallas where they shot "niggers" for speaking to white people, snapped the trigger. The cartridge failed to explode and Brooks was prevented from making a second attempt. A warrant was sworn out charging him with attempting to commit murder.

### To Test Free High School Law

The case instituted to test the constitutionality of the free attendance high school law has been appealed by the Havelsok high school. In the district court of Lancaster county the law was declared unconstitutional. In another county the district court held the law valid. The supreme court will be asked to have the law advanced. The Nebraska state teachers' association is interested in the law and at the last meeting of that body \$100 was voted from the treasury to assist in prosecuting the appeal.

### FIRE AT ST. EDWARDS

Nebraska Town Has Quite a Dismal Conflagration.

At St. Edwards a fire broke out in the store room at the corner of Second and Beaver streets, occupied by Abood Bros' general store. Before the fire was checked it had destroyed the whole of Abood's stock and the adjoining building, occupied by F. C. Peterson's general store, and nearly all the household furniture of August Anderson, who lived over Peterson's store. The latter building was new, having been built last season. Peterson saved a portion of his stock of goods, but in damaged condition. Both buildings belonged to August Anderson. The buildings were insured for \$1,600 or \$1,700. Mr. Peterson was insured on stock to the amount of \$1,500.

### A BIG FIRE AT ORLEANS

The Damage Done Will Exceed the Sum of Ten Thousand Dollars.

At Orleans a fire started at 6 o'clock Sunday evening in the frame building belonging to James McGreachen and occupied by Mike Delaney as a saloon, from a gas line stove explosion. The saloon, the general merchandise store of McGreachen, the drug store of Ferguson were consumed, buildings and stocks complete. James McGreachen's insurance is \$1,000. P. T. Ferguson's insurance on stock is \$3,500. The frame building occupied by Ferguson belonged to Mabel Olson and was also insured.

### Newspaper a Hundred Years Old.

Joseph Boyer of York has in his possession one of the original issues of the Ulster County Gazette, published at Kingston, Ulster county, Pennsylvania, January 4, 1800, which contains the announcement of George Washington's death, and a description of the funeral. It also contains many interesting articles pertaining to the news of those times, and the advertising columns offer many inducements to the people, such as "ashes taken in trade," "peas in exchange for wheat," etc. A negro wench and one-half of a sawmill are offered to any person inclined to purchase. Mr. Boyer prizes this paper very highly, having been handed down to him from his great-grandfather, an old revolutionary soldier.

### Changes in Auditor's Office.

Auditor Cornell has appointed Phil H. Kohn of Wayne county as bond clerk at a salary of \$1,000 a year. Mr. Kohn is a democrat and the democratic state central committee asked for his appointment on the ground that Wayne county had never been represented among the office holders at the state house. James Whittaker was promoted by the auditor to insurance clerk at a salary of \$1,200 a year. Leon Crandall, recently appointed by the auditor, will take the position of recorder at \$1,000 a year.

### Cobbey Thinks Charter Affected.

J. E. Cobbey, author of Cobbey's consolidated statutes, is of the opinion that the Beatrice city charter is affected by the decision in the Foxworthy case. Ex-City Attorney Pemberton thinks differently. City Clerk Burke says that under the old system the councilmen were all elected at large, but had to be residents of the ward they represented.

### Competition Too Strong.

The British Fire Insurance companies doing business in the United States, according to the financial expert of the London Daily Chronicle, had a bad year in 1899, the competition being so hot that it is getting doubtful whether it is worth their while to attempt to get business in the United States.

### Booming North and South Road.

Business men and farmers of Arborville are quite enthusiastic over the coming of railroad here from the south. Two surveys have already been made. Besides voting bonds individuals are subscribing as high as \$1,000 each.

### Gear Will Succeed Himself.

Senator John Henry Gear was renominated by the republicans of the Iowa legislature in joint caucus at Des Moines. A. B. Cummins' name was not presented because defeat was inevitable. Senator Gear was therefore nominated without opposition. The senatorial election will take place on Tuesday next.

### Barry's Wife Ill.

Adjutant General Barry was called home last week by the illness of his wife. Word reached the state house Monday that she was improving.

# WAS CRUEL PARENT

## Evidence in the Nelson Murder Case at Kearney.

### REASON WHY SON KILLED HIS FATHER

Incensed at Abuse of Small Brother, He Clubbed the Old Man to Get Even—Did Not Intend to Kill—Cagon Investigating Murder.

The coroner's jury has been impaneled and at present is investigating the murder of C. M. Nelson, which occurred November 5, and which was unearthed Sunday last, when his body, minus the head and one arm, was found in a ravine about 200 yards from his home.

But three persons have been examined, the two sons of Nelson and S. A. Grahnt, an uncle of the murdered man's wife. The youngest son told of the manner in which his brother had killed his father, and how they had taken away his body after the deed had been done. It is claimed that the father had always treated the boys in a very brutal way; that a day seldom passed when one was not knocked down and beaten. In the short time before Nelson was killed he had knocked his seven-year-old son down with a club, and threatened the older one.

The deed was committed at the water tank about dark, when Nelson and his oldest son were doing the evening work. The son was watering a cow, when his father came down to where he was, and upon stepping over was struck upon the head with a fork handle and killed instantly.

The son says he did not intend to kill his father, but was mad because his small brother had been beaten, and wished to even up things by returning the blow. When he found that his father was dead he procured a rope and tied it around his feet, harnessed a horse, as he says, and dragged the old man over the hill and covered him up. The boy says Grahnt was present when the crime was committed and knows all about it. This Grahnt denies, and he is trying to prove that when the deed was done he was in a saloon in Kearney.

Coroner Dr. Bennett explained to the jury from a medical standpoint the left side of the skull found near Nelson's house, and showed that the head had been eaten off by pigs, as also was the arm. Several witnesses were called to testify that Grahnt was in town at noon and dusk, when the deed was committed, and was therefore not a party to the tragedy. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict that C. M. Nelson came to his death by being hit head with a pitchfork in the hands of his son, Theodore Nelson.

District court will convene January 28, at which term Nelson will be tried.

Coroner Bennett of Buffalo county had a number of men out at Nelson's farm hunting for the arm and remainder of the head that was missing when the body was found. Ten small pieces of bone were found, all of which belonged to the skull. Part of them were in the hog lot and the remainder around the barn. The search will be continued until the whole body is found.

### TRAINS MEET AT A SIDING

Collision of Burlington Passengers at Atlanta.

Passenger trains Nos. 1 and 2 collided at Atlanta Monday. Fortunately no one was seriously injured. Atlanta is the passing point and it is difficult to find out just how it happened that the two engines collided on the main track near the entrance of the siding. The engine of No. 7 was derailed and the pilot smashed on the other train. The passengers were shaken up quite lively and some of the train men and mail clerks received minor cuts and bruises. W. P. Server, who travels for Fairbanks, Morse & Co., fared the worst of the passengers, as he was thrown up against a chair, striking the arm with his side. No. 1 was run back to Holdrege and the train was delayed while the wreck was cleared up, which took some five or six hours. The east-bound train was backed up to Oxford and run around by Red Cloud to Hastings.

### Will Ask for Mandamus.

County Attorney Shields of Douglas will go before the supreme court next week when it convenes, and ask for a writ of mandamus to compel Albyn Frank to comply with the law regarding the fees of the district clerk's office. If the supreme court can be persuaded to take original action in the case the delay incident to appeal proceedings can be avoided and the constitutionality of the law quickly determined.

### Farmer Drops Dead.

While loading hogs into a wagon, Henry Hall, residing four miles east of Bladen, dropped dead. Mr. Hall has been afflicted with heart trouble, which, however, was not thought to be of a serious nature. He was a well-to-do and highly respected farmer. He leaves a wife and several children.

### Sneak Thieves at Orleans.

Orleans has been infested with some light-fingered gentry for the past few nights, many residences having been entered and occupants disturbed, with slight losses reported so far. The residence of A. M. Beersford was entered and \$39 taken from the pockets of Mr. Beersford's trousers. The residence of Thomas Lorimer was entered with no loss; also the cellar of W. R. Beddes. There is no clue to the perpetrators so far. The citizens are being aroused and effort will be made to bring the culprits to justice.