

Red Cloud Chief.

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Some people pass their good resolutions on the first reading.

A fool speaks without reflecting and a mirror reflects without speaking.

It doesn't cost anything to be polite, and it often pays enormous dividends.

A man has the same kind of respect for a bully that he has for a mule's heels.

No man ever tries to argue with his wife after two years of wedded happiness.

The man behind the red nose has knocked out Alabama's proposed dispensary law.

There are times when Jim crow car legislation savors strongly of jackpot statesmanship.

The change in Chinese emperors would make a job for the coroner in almost any other country.

Whenever the demand for kisses exceeds the supply a young man is always anxious to establish a balance of trade.

An individual whose ideas are vague as to his own duties usually has very clear ideas as to the duties of his neighbors.

Should France and Germany intervene in the Transvaal controversy the act could not fail to arouse the Irish or Senator Hoar.

If a collision could be arranged between the one-eyed mountaineers of Kentucky and the three-card mountaineers of Chicago, it would be worth going miles to see.

Admiral Dewey has had all sorts of experience in boats, but something different will come to him when he takes that proposed trip over Chicago's all-mud route to the Mississippi.

Four American steamers designed for the Pacific trade are each to be 730 feet long, with a capacity of 22,000 tons. Some of the builders say the transoceanic liners of the future will be 1,000 feet long.

Spain has nobly vindicated in honor and wisdom in deciding to renew and maintain the treaty relationships which subsisted between that country and the United States before the war. Spain means, that is to say, to make the best of its altered circumstances, turning its face toward the light instead of sulking in the shadows. "From the frying pan into the fire" is one of Spain's own proverbs, which happily it does not intend to adopt as its rule of conduct.

The Puerto Rican problem presents some difficulties. Under the colonial system of Spain, the islanders enjoyed certain commercial privileges, in sending their products to Spanish markets, which they have now lost without receiving any compensating advantage from their connection with this country. The result has been great poverty and distress. If the products of Puerto Rico were to be admitted to our great markets free of duty, it would please the islanders, but displease many of the tobacco and the sugar-raisers who are afraid of this competition. In these circumstances the proposal has been made in Congress to levy upon Puerto Rico goods one-half of the regular rates of duty. Whether Congress has a right to levy upon them any duty is a much disputed constitutional question.

The Brazilian minister to the United States has been endeavoring to encourage the importation into this country of Yerba mate or Paraguay tea, to take the place to some extent of Chinese tea. Yerba mate is a stimulant used generally throughout South American countries. Most Americans who visit Southern countries become fond of the drink, though it seems doubtful if it will ever take the place of tea in this country. Our consul-general at Rio Janeiro in a report to the state department recommends its use, however, as an excellent stimulant and nerve tonic. "It is pre-eminently a temperance drink," he says, "and the temperance societies in the United States could do a very useful work by helping to popularize it. Yerba mate, has all the stimulating and sustaining qualities of Chinese tea or of coffee, without the detrimental effect caused by their constant and excessive use—affection of liver and kidneys, irritation of the nervous system, etc.—and it is very cheap. The great masses in Uruguay and Argentine, including the famous gauchos (cowboys) of the pampas, who drink it constantly instead of water, tea or coffee, hardly ever use alcoholic stimulants. Intoxication is a rare occurrence there.

There are now, according to the war department's report, 10,343,152 American citizens eligible for military duty. These figures, coupled with the widespread knowledge of American progress diffused during the recent Spanish war, are enough to make embattled Europe think twice and crawl into a cavernous hole before attempting such an undertaking as combat with the giant of the new world.

A man never fully realizes the wonderful patience his wife has until he gets sick and has to be waited upon.

AGGRESSIVE MOVE

General Joubert Takes Action to Outflank British.

MARCHING WITH SIX THOUSAND MEN

Boers Gain a New Position—Point of Vantage Gives Them View of Enemy

—Apprehension at Pietermaritzburg as to Next Movement.

It is rumored at Durban, Natal, that General Joubert is marching with a column of 6,000 men to outflank General Buller.

A London dispatch dated February 12 says: The Pietermaritzburg correspondent of the Daily Mail, telegraphing yesterday says: "The Boers have occupied Bloey's farm, south of the Tugela, which is under an hour's ride from Chieveley, and have turned the homestead into a hospital. On the farm are hills commanding both bridges over the Tugela as well as Forts Wylie and Molyninx, and Ladysmith is obtainable."

"There is much apprehension here regarding the Boer movements, and the authorities are on the alert."

Attempt to Hold up a Train.

An attempt to hold up a south-bound passenger train on the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railway was made a mile north of Perry, Okl. Some one pulled the bell cord and the train was slowing down when the engineer noticed several masked men standing near the track. The engineer opened the throttle and the train dashed by the would-be robbers, who made a futile attempt to board it. Officers are in pursuit of the robbers.

New President for Eureka.

At a meeting of the board of trustees of Eureka, Ill. college, Prof. R. E. Heironymous was chosen president to succeed Dr. J. H. Hardin, whose resignation is to take effect in June. Professor Heironymous has for several years filled the chair of English language and literature in Eureka college, and for two years was vice president. During the past two years he has been in California.

A Fifty Year Sentence.

John R. Haines, a Topeka, Kas., railway ticket scaler, has been found guilty of murder in the second degree of killing Charles G. Watson, a bartender, in November last at Kansas City, Mo., and his punishment fixed at fifty years in the penitentiary. The man had been life-time friends. Watson was formerly a wealthy Cincinnati lumber merchant, but lost his money.

Accepts His Resignation.

A Guthrie, Okl., dispatch says: The resignation of Harper S. Cunningham, territorial attorney general, has been accepted by Governor Barnes. This resignation has been in the hands of the governor since April 3 last, when the territorial senate refused to confirm Mr. Cunningham's nomination on account of charges made against his administration.

Over Seven Thousand Out.

Seven thousand workmen who have been engaged on buildings in course of construction in Chicago quit work Saturday. This act, it is asserted, marks the real beginning of a war between labor and the contractors which will suspend building operations in Chicago for a period, the end of which no one sees.

Barrow Not Insane.

Warden Johnson of Sing Sing prison, New York, says that George W. Barrow, who last June was sentenced to fourteen years and ten months in state prison for participating in the kidnaping of Marion Clarke, is not insane, as has been reported. Barrow, who has been ill, is much better and will not be removed to an asylum.

Plague Outlook Better.

Surgeon General Wyman has received the following telegram from Angel Island, California, concerning the plague situation at Honolulu: "Carmichael reports February 2, no cases since 25th, outlook encouraging, seventy-four hundred people in quarantine Stansfield arrived."

Fire at Brooklyn Navy Yard.

Building No. 7, in the Brooklyn navy yard, occupied by the electrical department, was destroyed by fire. The loss is \$100,000, equally divided between the building and machinery. The fire is supposed to have been caused by a defective electric light wire.

A Family Asphyxiated.

Martin Jordan, an engineer, his wife, Mary, and their five-month-old boy were asphyxiated by gas in their home at Forty-third street and Stewart avenue, Chicago. A leak in a pipe in the basement filled the house with gas, and when found the victims had been dead several hours.

Fire at Worcester.

Fire in the Gilman block at Worcester, Mass., occupied by the National Biscuit company, gutted the building, doing \$60,000 damage.

Turkish Minister Arrives.

All Feeroub Bey, the Turkish minister to the United States, arrived in New York on La Gasogne and left at once for Washington. He was accompanied by his wife and sister-in-law, who were dressed in Turkish fashion.

Shot From Ambush.

J. Seutz, a wealthy St. Louis county, Mo., wine-grower, was shot from ambush and mortally wounded, while seated near a window reading a paper, at his home near Clayton.

MASKED ROBBER IS KILLED

Attempts to Hold Up a Saloon and is Shot Down.

A lone robber, well dressed, with money in his pockets and with a ribbed silk mask to cover up his features, was shot and killed in C. H. Woerner's park pavilion, 1839 West Madison street, Chicago, Ill. by Frank Barum, an Oak Park lawyer, and Edward Sommerfeldt the bartender. Besides Sommerfeldt and Barum there was only one other person in the saloon when the robber entered. The robber commanded them to throw up their hands. Resistance was offered, and in the struggle the robber fired twice at his victims, one of the bullets taking effect in Sommerfeldt's arm. Barum then managed to wrench the revolver from the robber. Sommerfeldt in the meantime had secured his revolver and both he and Barum fired several shots at the robber, who fell dead at their feet. The police were notified and the body of the hold-up man was removed to the morgue. In the pockets of the dead man were found \$165. Barum and Sommerfeldt were not arrested.

HE ADVOCATES PEACE

England, If Victory Comes, Will Have Hard Task Ahead.

The London Daily Chronicle has published a long disquisition upon South African affairs from S. O. Conwright-Schreiner, who advocates peace overtures to Great Britain. He says: "I am convinced that if the two republics had a sufficient guarantee that their independence would be respected, the Transvaal would grant a five year retrospective franchise, the burghers would retire to their own countries and the war would cease immediately."

These views, coming from a kinsman of W. P. Schreiner, the Cape premier, will probably excite much comment. Mr. Conwright-Schreiner points out that the Dutch outnumber the English colonists, and that if local self-government continue to exist it will be in the control of a large and exasperated anti-British majority firmly imbued with the conviction that the war was forced on the Boers.

GOOD RELATIONS RESTORED

Trouble Over the Bluefields Incident is Averted.

The small speck of trouble that existed in the relations between the United States and Nicaragua owing to the extortion of double duties from American merchants in Bluefields last summer by General Torres, has been removed. The United States government protested at the time and the Nicaraguan government placed the money collected as excess duties by its agents in the hands of the British consul at Bluefields, pending a determination of its rights in the matter. It is understood that the Nicaraguan judiciary, to which the matter was submitted, has now reached the conclusion that, in this particular instance, the money should be returned to merchants.

TEXAS MURDERER LYNCHED

Mob Completes Work Which Jury by Acquittal Begins.

A Port Arthur, Tex., special says that James Sweeney, white, was lynched at that place for murdering Charles Crumbach, a laborer in a cotton mill over which Sweeney presided as foreman.

The murder occurred February 1. Sweeney was indicted and at his trial at Beaumont was acquitted. When he returned to Port Arthur a mob met him at the depot, took him up town and hanged him to a telephone pole.

Sheriff Langham of Beaumont has arrested "Jack" Martin, a fellow workman of Crumbach's, who is believed to have been a ringleader in the lynching.

STEAMER GIVEN UP AS LOST

Russian Dredger Missing With Nineteen Aboard.

A dispatch dated London, February 9, says: The new Russian steam dredger Delovant, which left Clyde December 21 for Odessa, is overdue and has been given up as lost. It is surmised she foundered in the channel. There were nineteen persons on board.

Threatens to Retaliate.

At a meeting in Chicago of freight representatives of western lines to consider the ultimatum recently handed down by the eastern lines in regard to prorating on west-bound business, a committee was appointed to map out a plan of action. The western roads declare that the return to the methods the eastern lines recently adopted, scheduled for March 1, would result in unbearable discrimination against Chicago in favor of St. Louis. If the eastern roads refuse to prorate with the western roads on west-bound business it is said the western lines will retaliate by refusing to handle their eastern connections business.

Wants a Divorce.

Edith Guilford filed her petition in district court at Nebraska City, asking for a divorce from her husband, Lyman Guilford, on the ground of extreme cruelty. She asks for alimony and the custody of the minor children.

Shock of Operation Kills.

George Brown, an old soldier of York, died while an operation was being performed on his left arm to remove an abscess. The operation was being done without the use of anesthetics and the shock of the knife threw him into convulsions, death ensuing in a very short time. Deceased was a member of Company G, Forty-eighth Illinois, and served a term as councilman a few years ago.

Dr. J. T. Miller has been appointed a pension examining surgeon at Holdrege, Neb.

A FIGHT IS COMING

Lord Roberts Prepares For Early Movement.

IS NEARLY READY FOR THE BATTLE

Tells Correspondents to Preserve Patience—Work in Plenty Very Soon—Relief of Kimberley the Supposed Project—Other News.

A London, Feb. 13th dispatch says: Lord Roberts has gathered 35,000 men, with whom, according to the best military opinion in London, he purposes turning the left of the Magersfontein lines near Jacobsdal, entering the Free State, compelling Gen. Cronje to raise the siege of Kimberley and thus make his first step to Bloemfontein.

Yesterday Lord Roberts announced the appointment of General Sir Henry Colville, hitherto commander of the guards brigade, to the command of the Ninth division, which is being formed, and will consist, probably, to a great extent of colonial troops. General Colville will be succeeded by General Reginald Pole-Carew.

Lord Roberts tells correspondents that when he gets down to business they shall have ample opportunity to send the news. His chief press censor yesterday issued new rules, and in future all written communications are to go unchecked. Only telegrams will be censored. For the next few days little news is likely to get through, but later there will be more freedom. Thus says the censor, and the clause may be interpreted to mean that something is about to happen.

HE ABSOLUTELY REFUSES

Governor Taylor Will Not Sign the Louisville Agreement.

"After mature deliberation and conference with my friends from every section of the state I have concluded to allow this controversy to take its due course, vigorously contesting every inch of ground and upholding the rights of the people to the uttermost. If those rights be destroyed, the responsibility for that destruction must rest with those who sit in judgment."

"It is due to say that the eminent gentlemen, my friends, who secured the propositions resulting from the Louisville conference, acted in perfect good faith, from the highest motives of patriotism, and did the very best they could."

"WILLIAM S. TAYLOR, GOVERNOR OF KENTUCKY."

The above proclamation has been issued by Governor Taylor and according to his oral statement at the time of its issuance embodies all he desires to say concerning his position at the present time.

The decision not to sign the agreement was reached after he had been in conference for over two hours with fully 150 prominent republicans from all over the state.

Orders were issued to General Collier to prepare for the departure of the troops, and all have gone home with the exception of enough to be a peace guard.

Word was at once sent to the members of the republican legislature now in session in London that the next session would be held in Frankfort, and a prompt reply was received.

The action of Governor Taylor returns the gubernatorial fight to the exact position it occupied on the day following the Goebel assassination, with the additional complication that there was but one legislature and one governor in fact, whereas there are now two claimants for the position, and two separate bodies, each claiming to be the lawmaking power of Kentucky.

M'KINLEY MAY LEAD PARADE

Grand Army Veterans Hope to Have Him at Encampment.

It is expected that President McKinley, mounted on horseback, will lead the last great parade of veterans of the Civil war that will ever be given. Commander-in-chief Albert J. Shaw of the national encampment, G. A. R., has appointed him as an aide-de-camp on his staff, and among others he will receive the regular official order to appear in the big parade of the Grand Army to be held during the national encampment in Chicago next summer. Of course the organization will have its regular encampments after this one, but there is a feeling that next summer's event will be the last really great and notable one. The president is a member of the organization, and will be the guest of Chicago during the entire week and the governors of several states will be present.

Closing in Upon Bogota.

There are persistent reports at Kingston, Jamaica, that the Columbian insurgents are closing in upon Bogota for the purpose of forcing a crisis, which the government is anxious to avoid on account of the disaffection among the military, as well as in the civil service. The end, however, is thought to be very near.

Bold Looting of a Bank.

The bank of Henry D. Bowman, at Las Cruces, N. M., was robbed by two men, who held up the employees at the muzzles of revolvers. The cashier was forced to open the safe and the men took all the available cash, amounting to \$3,000. Then they quickly left the building, mounted their horses and rode toward the Oregon mountains, fifteen miles away. Twenty minutes later Sheriff Garrett and five others took the trail and it is believed that the outlaws will be rounded up in a short time.

MOLINEUX FOUND GUILTY

Jury Says He Murdered Mrs. Katherine J. Adams.

A New York, February 10 dispatch says: After deliberating seven and a half hours the jury returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree against Roland B. Molineux, charged with the murder of Mrs. Katherine J. Adams by poison, on December 28, 1898.

Bartow S. Weeks, counsel for the defense, made the usual motion and Recorder Goff adjourned court until February 13, when he said he would hear the motion and sentence the defendant.

From the time the jury went out at 3:15 p. m. the crowd in the court room watched the door through which they had left the court in silent expectation. The jury came in shortly after 9 o'clock to ask for exhibits of handwriting and again at 10:30 they came in for instructions. Fifteen minutes later they again entered and this time it was apparent they had reached an agreement.

The names of the jury were read and the clerk said:

"Gentlemen of the jury, have you agreed upon a verdict?"

"We have," replied the foreman.

"The jurors will please rise. The defendant will rise."

"What is your verdict?"

"We find the defendant guilty of murder in the first degree."

Molineux's counsel asked for a poll of the jury. Each jurymen agreed with the verdict rendered by the foreman. The recorder then announced that he would hear the motion and sentence the prisoner on Friday next.

FINDS CAUSE TO HOLD THEM

Government Contractors Favored by Carter to Be Rearrested.

United States commissioner Shields, after an extended examination, has decided that there was probable cause to hold John F. Edward and William Gaynor and Benjamin D. Greene, the members of the Atlantic Contracting company, alleged to have been favored by former Captain Oberlin M. Carter in the Savannah river and Cumberland Sound improvement work and indicted in Savannah, Ga., for conspiracy and having defrauded the government to the amount of \$575,000. The contractors are out on bail but they will be rearrested and taken before Judge Brown at New York, when the application for a warrant for removal to the Georgia district will be applied for.

HOUSE TO HOUSE CANVASS

Adherents of W. C. T. U. Bound to Save the Temple.

That the adherents of the W. C. T. U., whose rallying cry has been from the first "Save the temple," has not given hope of accomplishing its original object is shown by the fact that a house to house canvass of Chicago with a view to obtaining the necessary purchase money has begun. Mrs. Matilda B. Carse and friends are at the head of this new plan to buy the graceful structure as a memorial to the late Francis E. Willard. The work will be, however, under the personal supervision of Mrs. Mary H. Rossiter of New York, who arrived in Chicago last week.

BANK CASHIER IS ARRESTED

Charge Lodged of a Misappropriation of Bank's Funds.

Robert E. Spencer, the cashier of the banking firm of R. D. and Robert E. Spencer, which filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States court at Hartford, Conn., recently, with liabilities at \$105,000, has been arrested on a criminal charge, alleging the misappropriation of funds. The papers which were served allege the misappropriation of the specific sum of \$600. Spencer was released on bonds of \$1000.

To Investigate Riots.

The house committee on military affairs has issued twenty-five subpoenas for the investigation in the Idaho mining riots which federal troops under General Merriam suppressed. The investigation is to begin February 26. Mr. Sovereign of the Knights of Labor, and other representatives of labor organizations were among those subpoenaed.

Heaten to Death.

At Cherry Station, Tenn., just across the Kentucky line, Jim Gordon, a negro farmhand, enraged because Mrs. George Rollins, a highly respected white woman, refused to give him some money, savagely attacked her and cut her throat with a butcherknife. Her screams were heard by her husband, who shot the negro twice and beat out his brains with the gun. Mrs. Rollins died in a few minutes.

Murdered at Council Bluffs.

Charles B. Jones was murdered at his room in Council Bluffs, Ia., by his mistress, a negro, who is said to have shot him through the head. The amazon says he shot himself. She is in jail. Jones was a leading colored politician. He had been paying attention to an Omaha girl. The police think jealousy was the motive.

Killed in a Slate Quarry.

Eli Leabolt, aged twenty-one years, was instantly killed and Abraham Vehl seriously injured in a slate quarry at Slatington, Pa. A heavy stone was being hoisted when the chain broke.

Winds Up Its Affairs.

Edward F. C. Young, receiver of the National Cordage company of New Jersey, having wound up the affairs of the corporation has applied for a discharge, which was granted by Judge Lacombe.

KILLS DESPERADO

Viret Hawkins Shot by the Sheriff of Clay County.

THE MEN MEET ON THE TRAIN COACH

Cash of Give or Take and Officer First to Act—Tragedy Follows a Long Chase After Notorious Leader of a Thieving Gang.

Viret Hawkins, a desperado, was shot and killed on a St. Joe & Grand Island train which had just pulled out of Davenport. The shooting was done by Sheriff Secord of Clay county and was the windup of a day's chase after Hawkins. It occurred in the smoking car and followed the refusal of Hawkins to surrender. Knowing the desperate character of the man he was dealing with the sheriff lost no time in shooting. When the shot was fired Detective Franklin of Lincoln was drawing his gun on the man, intending to shoot. The sheriff fired first, the shot passing through Hawkins' heart and he fell limp and lifeless between the seats.

Twenty shots were fired at Clay Center in an attempt to arrest Viret Hawkins, known as Smoky Jack, one of the men arrested in connection with the theft of poultry at Hastings. Hawkins was under bond, but his bondsmen desired to have him rearrested and the bond cancelled. A detective and a deputy sheriff went to the home of Hawkins to make the arrest. They were met by shots and the shooting became general, but no one was injured. Hawkins escaped on horseback without coat or hat. A posse started in pursuit. W. A. Sumner, who was with the officers, was not slightly with a butcher knife which a woman in the house threw at him.

Detective Franklin and Sheriff Secord finally located Hawkins on the train.

They expected him to get on the baggage end of the car, but he did not. They left the baggage room in the car to take a seat in the smoker and just as they passed through the door the sheriff exclaimed:

"Throw up your hands, Hawkins!"

"D—d if I will," was the reply, and Hawkins made a move for his gun which he was keeping within easy reach on the seat.

The sheriff fired and Hawkins died within a few minutes. He never uttered a word after the shot was fired. He entered the car unnoticed and was watching the other door of the car.

The death of Hawkins results from an attempt of Detective Franklin to arrest and punish a gang of thieves who have been causing serious losses to the farmers of Clay county for the past two or three years.

NATIONAL BUTTERMAKERS

Secretary Sudendorf Opens Headquarters in Lincoln.

Secretary E. Sudendorf of the national buttermakers' association has arrived in Lincoln and opened headquarters at the Lincoln hotel. He will remain at the headquarters until the big show opens February 19.

Secretary Sudendorf was soon buried in business. He finds time, however, to look after all the details of the forthcoming meeting. At present he is busy taking care of the entries made by creameries that will compete for the large prizes. One hundred prize tubs have already arrived. It is impossible for the secretary to estimate the number that will be on exhibition or the number of people who will be present. One special train has been arranged for to bring delegates from the far east. The train will contain seven or eight cars and will arrive on the 19th.

Secretary Wilson, at the head of the department of agriculture, has promised to come. At first there was doubt about his ability to be present. Among the distinguished dairymen who will attend are ex-Governor Hoard of Wisconsin, ex-Governor Norman J. Coleman of Missouri, Professor Keeker of Minnesota and Major Bowler, dairy food commissioner of Minnesota.

THE NEW AUDITORIUM

Lincoln Citizens Open Their Big Convention Hall.

Lincoln citizens to the number of several thousand took part in the opening of the auditorium last Thursday evening, and the affair, though somewhat cosmopolitan in its character, was a most brilliant one, and thoroughly enjoyed by those present. Thus did Lincoln open for future use one of the most useful and indispensable buildings a city like it could possess, and it is a pleasing thought to know that it is a perfect structure in every detail, practically free from debt, and will stand as a monument to the energy and public spirit of the young and old business men, and to the generosity of Lincoln citizens.

Omaha Doctor a Suicide.

Dr. Robert Schneider of Omaha went over to Council Bluffs and shot himself dead in the hotel there.

Honor Worthily Restowed.

Nebraska City feels highly honored by the election of William H. Hayward to the colonelcy of the 2nd regiment, N. S. G., to succeed Colonel Campbell, and feels that it is an honor worthily bestowed on a young man who will fill the position with grace and honor the office.

Twenty Days Overdue.

The Glasgow steamers State of Nebraska and Ethiopia, nineteen or twenty days out, respectfully, have not yet been sighted.