

The Chief

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At the age of 104 a Kentucky man took Paris green. Bet that the local paper called it a rash act.

But if we should stop eating meat what would we do for leather and the other by-products of the bovine?

The shah of Persia is master of the situation in Teheran, but doesn't know just how long he'll hold the job.

Englishwomen are getting splendid practice. They will know how to run an election if they ever get the ballot.

This year's crops will be worth \$8,000,000,000, exclusive of the amateur lettuce and radish-growers' harvest.

Minister Wu says that he is going to live 200 years, in which time he probably hopes to find out all he wants to know.

In the case of the Cossacks there is no evidence that the free and untrammelled life of the steppes inculcates an appreciation of other people's liberty.

A Chicago woman is charged with stealing a set of teeth. This is one of those rare morsels for the members of the paragraphs' union to chew on.

Several Columbus men are anxious to sell their fingers at \$300 each. A story once came out of the Klondike that a thirsty, but flush, prospector paid \$4,000 for three fingers.

How some of the small boys who live along the wharves in seaport towns will envy the accomplished gentleman who as an expert is testing the tobacco to be purchased for the navy!

If Betsy Ross didn't make the first flag the story is about as harmless a piece of fiction as ever crept into history and we see no reason for taking up any valuable time proving that it isn't so.

A Virginia lady has just obtained a divorce from a bogus "lord" who has several other wives scattered throughout the country. In our opinion he has reason to suspect that she did not marry him for love alone.

One of the lady lecturers declares that men who wear starched collars are fools. But would the lady lecturer approve if the men were to go around with their shirts cut low or their arms showing through open-work sleeves?

A New York landlord has reduced his rent because of hard times. The men think him a good landlord, but the women are withholding judgment until they find out what he intends to do about papering the front parlor and the back bedroom next fall.

The Master Car Builders' association which has just closed a session at Atlantic City, adopted a report made by a committee after careful investigation and urging numerous improvements designed to secure better ventilation of passenger cars. The demand for fresh air and more of it is becoming insistent.

A young man in Kentucky complained that a girl had imprisoned him against his will in her parents' home for four days and forced a ring on his finger in attempts to get him to marry her. Apparently, there are getting to be strenuous times this particular leap year, but masculine gallantry should not force lone femininity to such extremes.

The discontinuance of the old Fulton street line of horse-cars in New York city was chronicled by a newspaper correspondent with an amusing comment. "In some ways," he said, "this line was the best in the city. For one thing, it was entirely destitute of the straphanging evil. In the first place, nobody would trust the straps, and in the second place, most of the patrons walked."

Members of a Chicago ministers' meeting were solemnly warned by one of their number against the demoralizing influences of summer hotels and the dangers incident to vacations generally. Then the meeting adjourned until September with this program: "Vacation Experiences and Fish Stories," scheduled. When those fish stories have been told that sermon on the bad effect of vacations may need to be repeated.

The new Cunard line steamships, Lusitania and Mauretania, built under an arrangement with the British government by which the company is to receive an annual subsidy of \$750,000 if the ships maintain an average speed of 24 knots an hour in fair weather, have proved their ability to keep up the required speed. The British government pays the subsidy to encourage the building of fast ships, which may be used by the navy in case of need.

After all the trouble and publicity attending the search, discovery and transportation here of the body of Paul Jones it is hardly creditable to the name of the nation to have his body lying neglected without honorable sepulture because there is lack of money for constructing the permanent crypt. This country is rich enough to complete the task of honoring the man whose services meant so much in the war for our independence. To relegate his body to the same obscurity and neglect from which it was rescued would be a national disgrace.

NEBRASKA POINTERS

STATE NEWS AND NOTES IN CONDENSED FORM.

THE PRESS, PULPIT AND PUBLIC

What is Going on Here and There That is of Interest to the Readers Throughout Nebraska.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shively and Edward Fassel, victims of the tornado in Fillmore county in June, are all able to be out, although Mrs. Shively is lame, and her husband's face is still bandaged. As soon as they are able, they will go east to have his nose treated. Mr. Shively's watch, which was in his pocket, was badly dented and the fob was gone.

While Thos. Bower, Jr., living near Ainsworth, was hauling hay the wind blew a barn door shut and caught Bower's head. Two pieces of his skull were taken out above the left eye at the hospital. He may not live.

Rev. Emanuel Hartig, who has been pastor of the St. Benedict Catholic church of Nebraska City since 1861, has been sent to Ateshson, where he will enter the St. Benedictine home. He has become quite feeble and had to be replaced by another priest.

F. M. Hall of Lincoln has accepted the invitation to be chairman of a committee to select an artist to make the Abraham Lincoln monument to be erected on the statehouse grounds by popular subscription. Mr. Hall was selected because of the great experience he has had in matters of this kind and because of his knowledge of artists and their work.

C. C. Jones of Beatrice has recovered his two greyhounds which were stolen from the kennel. The dogs were found with a farmer near Pickrell and arrests are liable to follow.

James Brott, an old resident of Beatrice, was arrested by Sheriff Trade on the charge of bootlegging. A Masonic lodge has been established at Franklin.

State Superintendent McBrien says he knows of no school houses in Nebraska that have been abandoned because of want of teachers.

Western Douglas county farmers have at last arrived at the conclusion that the only way to successfully combat and correct the existing bad conditions is by an efficient drainage system, and to this end they are preparing to organize themselves into drainage districts.

The York County Telephone company, one of the largest independent companies in the west, has purchased the copper trunk independent toll lines between Columbus, Seward and Grand Island, and is going to build to Ravenna, Neb., and other points.

There is great activity at all the stone quarries and sandpits along the Platte river between Ashland and Plattsmouth. Full forces of men are at work at all of the Louisville and South Bend quarries and many carloads of crushed stone are being shipped daily. The Burlington sand dredges have been at work constantly since the high water receded along the Platte.

Nearly 1,500 people attended the third day's session of the Wayne chautauqua, held at the Assembly grounds. Gov. Hanley of Indiana was the principal speaker.

The peach crop in Pawnee county surpasses all expectations and the quality is excellent.

While raking hay George Funk, a well known young farmer living northwest of York, was thrown from the rake and one of the steel rake teeth entered the left leg, tearing the tendons and causing a fracture of the bone.

The Hastings chautauqua was a success financially and otherwise. York will soon have an \$80,000 post-office building that will be strictly up to date and one of the latest and most beautiful modern structures of its kind in the west.

Deputy Game Warden Hunger ran up against an experience out in Loup county which nettled the state two fines, where only one had been contemplated. It was a case where the complaining witness after sticking the defendant, became the defendant in the same case, and also got stuck.

The one-year-old baby of Mr. and Mrs. Platt of Tecumseh fell from a second story window but was not severely hurt.

Rev. Sturdevant of the Baptist church at Tecumseh desires to go to another field and asks that his resignation be accepted.

Passenger train No. 15, west-bound, picked up, between Dawson and Salem, a stranger lying alongside the tracks with his legs cut off. The man was of middle age and evidently a tramp, who, it is thought, fell from a passing freight on which he was stealing a ride and was injured by the wheels of the train.

Bill Hazard, who was in jail at Bancroft for horse stealing, made his escape. Two of his pals appeared at the jail, and with guns held up the guard and forced him to open the cell door and let the prisoner out. A reward of \$100 is offered for his recapture.

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NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

Items of Greater or Lesser Importance Over the State.

Old settlers of Nemaha county will hold their picnic August 5th.

The son of L. Young fell from a horse, receiving injuries from which he died.

Farmers who have commenced threshing around Herman report an uneven yield.

Threshing outfits in operation find the yield of wheat very satisfactory and the grain of good quality.

Peter Goldberg had the third finger of his left hand torn off while attempting to tie a horse to a post in Kennard.

The state insurance department has refused a license to enter the state to the Fraternity Reserve association of Oshkosh, Wis.

Two lawyers in a Beatrice court came to blows in a dispute, one of them receiving a knockout blow. His assailant was fined \$10.

While shocking cats on the farm of George Robertson in Washington county, Frank Roper was bitten on the hand by a large rattlesnake.

A. H. Jensen of Fremont took morphine with suicidal intent. His recovery is doubtful. Family troubles seem to have been the cause of the act.

While in bathing at Capital Beach, a pleasure resort near Lincoln, Henry Hauschildt, Jr., and Joe Orlofsky, each 12 years of age, were drowned. Both bodies were recovered.

A traction engine belonging to John Seakin exploded on the farm of M. C. Cassin near Columbus. Mr. Seakin was badly scalded, but is thought to be not dangerously so.

The bankruptcy proceedings involving the property of M. A. Chandler, who went out of business in Central City a year ago have been finally adjudicated at 41 cents on the dollar.

Napoleon Walbridge of Tecumseh has been taken before the local board of insanity and adjudged a fit subject for the dispensation treatment. He was taken to the Lincoln asylum.

The T. B. Hord Grain company will put in an elevator in Columbus that will store 200,000 bushels of grain and get ready to handle the large crops of grain that Platte county has raised.

G. R. Mavis of Columbus has invented and patented a concrete tie, which has been approved by street railway companies of Lincoln and Omaha. He has orders for large numbers.

The beautiful shade trees which usually grace Sidney at this season are largely becoming denuded of their foliage. The devastator is the little green worm which thrives upon maple trees and their cousins.

The county commissioners have put several large forces of men to work in the various parts of the county to replace and repair the bridges injured or taken out by the heavy storms of the past month.

The present harvest in Saunders county shows that winter wheat is running much better than was at first expected. In Sarpy county there is a general average of 39 bushels to the acre, all of which tests high.

Sheriff Class Menck of Washington county went to the Minnesota to bring back John Eames, a young man whose home is in Chicago, wanted in Nebraska for obtaining \$50 from the Blair National bank under alleged false pretenses.

Lightning struck at O. L. Spire's farm about eight miles northwest of Ainsworth and killed two cows and calves, one horse and crippled another, and the rain and hail destroyed eighty acres of corn.

The Farmers' Independent Lumber company, the only independent lumber company in York county, notwithstanding the great fight put up on them by the other lumber yards, have declared a 10 per cent dividend.

Myrtle Walkup, who committed suicide in Colorado Springs, had lived with her parents in Saunders county on the farm, where she was born. She had been in Colorado suffering from a nervous disease for several years.

The quarterly report of the births and deaths in Cuming county for the quarter ending June 30, as compiled by the State Board of Health, contains the gratifying information that the births exceeded the deaths by sixty-six.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bright, who have been teaching school in the Philippine Islands for the last three years and who used to be principals of the school in Winside, returned from their trip and their many friends were glad to see them back.

T. H. Tolle of Otoe county filed a complaint with the board of commissioners on insanity, charging his daughter, Miss Sue Q. Tolle, with being insane. The board had a hearing of the matter and declared the young lady is all right mentally.

The Commercial club of Hartington is arranging to celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the town of Hartington on September 18. September 18, 1883, town lots were sold, and the erection of buildings was commenced on the open prairie in Cedar county.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK

Most Important Happenings of the Past Seven Days.

Interesting Items Gathered From all Parts of the World Condensed Into Small Space for the Benefit of Our Readers.

Miscellaneous.

Attorney General Bonaparte has decided that national banks in Oklahoma cannot take advantage of the state law under which deposits in state banks are guaranteed.

The second debate between Senator Long and Joseph L. Bristow in the campaign for United States senator from Kansas occurred in Topeka the other day before an audience of 2,500 persons.

Floods in the vicinity of Florence, Col., caused by a cloudburst, caused a property loss estimated at \$100,000.

Henry Larson, a fireman on the steamship Horda which just arrived in New York from La Guna, Mexico, was taken to the Swineburn Island hospital with a well-developed case of yellow fever.

One man was killed and 25 others injured, some fatally, in a riot between Italians and Slavs at Gates, Pa.

As the result of bush fires, Fernie, British Columbia, is completely wiped off the map. Five thousand persons are reported homeless and without food. The conflagration is said to be the greatest which ever visited Canada and ranks only with the San Francisco disaster. Many people have perished in the flames.

A 15-year-old boy has been arrested at Cartersville, Mo., and has confessed to starting many fires in southwest Missouri. At the time of his capture he was trying to set fire to a woman's clothing. The boy had served a term in the Missouri reform school and was out on parole. He is considered irresponsible.

For 20 days during the month of July the jail at Macon, Mo., was without a tenant. The saloon licenses of the county expired on July 1.

One man was killed and one fatally injured in a wreck on the Rock Island railway at Blake, Mo.

Farmers of Douglas county, Kan., are doing their plowing at night to avoid the heat.

Mayor Wells of St. Louis has refused to sign the public utilities bill passed by the city council. He gives as a reason that it was not passed legally.

Suits were filed in Missouri, Kansas and Texas simultaneously in an effort to dissolve the alleged lumber trust recently formed in St. Louis. The suit was to have been filed in Oklahoma at the same time but was prevented by Gov. Haskell. The states will exchange the evidence gathered when the trial of the case comes on.

J. B. Case of Abilene, Kan., its president, has issued the call for the annual session of the Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress to meet at San Francisco on October 7 to 10.

Gen. Drain, president of the American Rifle association, was robbed in London of two medals recently won at the match at Bisley.

The conference at Lenox, Mass., between Attorney General Bonaparte and leading government prosecutors resulted in the unanimous decision to push the cases against the Standard Oil company and to seek to get a revision of the decision of the circuit court of appeals at Chicago in which the fine of \$29,000,000 against the oil company was reversed.

An unknown man fired at an Ohio river steamer on which Judge William H. Taft was a passenger at Cincinnati. Several of the shot struck a woman passenger.

Thomas Tootle, aged 89, millionaire, pioneer merchant and banker of St. Joseph, Mo., is dead.

The Chinese steamer Ying King foundered in a typhoon near Canton, China, and 200 Chinese were drowned. Only 12 of those on the vessel at the time were rescued.

Two Italian smugglers were arrested in New York charged with having brought in \$5,000 worth of the finest grades of silk wearing apparel and drapery concealed in mattresses.

The Peoples party executive committee has decided to issue a challenge to William J. Bryan for a joint debate with their candidate, Thomas E. Watson, upon the issues of the campaign.

Stockholders for all the railroads in Arkansas have applied to Judge Vandeventer at St. Paul for an injunction restraining the Arkansas officials from enforcing the railroad rate laws of that state. The hearing is set for August 28.

Joy Wright and George Fogis, members of the Nebraska City company of the National Guard of Nebraska, were drowned while bathing in the Platte river at Ashland.

Henri Farman, the French inventor, is to exhibit his aeroplane privately to President Roosevelt in the near future. Mrs. Ralph Harris, wife of a Kansas City livestock dealer, and her three-year-old son were drowned in Walloon lake, Mich.

A negro accused of attacking a white girl was burned at the stake by a mob of 6,000 persons at Greenville, Texas.

In a riot between strikebreakers and street car employes at Elgin, Ill., one man was fatally injured and several others badly hurt.

A party of Sioux Indians got on a tear while giving an exhibition at Kilgore, Neb., and smashed every window in the hotel.

While playing with a shotgun at Rensselaer, N. Y., opposite Albany, Frank Burdock, a 15-year-old boy, shot and killed his 19-year-old sister.

Kansas holders of stock and annuity certificates in the Great Western Agency company held a meeting in Topeka and adopted a plan to try and get control of the stock and assets of the company now in the hands of receivers.

The valuation of all property in Kansas for assessment purposes is \$2,451,766,715 according to the figures of the state tax commission.

The June floods this year cut short the potato crop in the Kaw valley fully 60 per cent.

Chairman Mack of the Democratic national committee has announced his various campaign committees. David R. Francis of Missouri is chairman of the advisory committee and J. G. Johnson of Kansas is secretary.

Twenty-three men were entombed by a cave-in in a mine at Coal Creek, B. C. Twenty of them were later taken out alive after hard work by the rescuers.

President Roosevelt held a conference at Sagamore Hill with Gen. Wright and Secretary Bishop of the canal commission on conditions in the canal zone and on the relations of zone to the Panama republic.

Holland is preparing to send a battleship to Venezuela to reinforce the warship already in those waters.

The members of the Irish-American team who are visiting Ireland received a hearty welcome at Dublin. A reception was held at their hotel at which Joseph Devlin, a member of parliament, delivered an address of welcome.

The executive council of Iowa has issued a certificate of nomination to Congressman J. A. T. Hull, which makes him the regular nominee of the Republican party.

The California limited train on the Santa Fe was recently wrecked at Wakarusa, 12 miles west of Topeka, Kan. The engineer was killed and the fireman and a woman passenger dangerously injured.

State-wide prohibition was defeated in the Texas primary by a majority of upwards of 50,000 votes.

Gov. Haskell of Oklahoma was defeated in his attempt to prevent Attorney General West from bringing suit to restrain the Prairie Oil & Gas Co. from laying pipe lines in public highways in the state.

The Japanese privy council has passed the trademark and copyright treaty between America and Japan.

The Independence party national convention at Chicago nominated Thomas L. Hisgen of Massachusetts for president and John Temple Graves of Georgia for vice president. An attempt to bring the name of William J. Bryan before the convention by a Kansas delegate nearly caused a riot, and quiet was only restored after the offender had been escorted from the hall.

Cardinal Gibbons of Baltimore was received in audience by the pope on his arrival in Rome.

Ezra Butler McCagg, a prominent citizen of Chicago since 1847, is dead aged 82 years.

On the advice of his physician Lord Roberts has canceled his Canadian tour and will sail for home immediately.

William J. Bryan and Gov. Sheldon have been elected honorary members of Lincoln Typographical union.

Dr. Shelby L. Knox, a physician of Springfield, Mo., is dead from ptomaine poisoning.

Representative James S. Sherman will be formally notified of his nomination as vice president at his home in Utica, N. Y., on August 18. Senator Burrows will make the address on behalf of the committee.

John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers is to devote his entire time in the future to the trade agreement department of the National Civic Federation.

Gov. John S. Little of Arkansas has been placed in a sanitarium at St. Joseph, Mo. He is suffering from acute melancholia.

Wade H. Ellis, attorney general of Ohio, has been offered the position of first assistant attorney general of the United States. He has asked for time to consider the appointment.

Gene S. Waterbury of Emporia has been elected as the Independence party's national committeeman for Kansas to succeed J. I. Sheppard.

James H. Budd, ex-governor of California and widely known in Democratic circles, is dead at Stockton.

Mrs. Estella M. H. Merrill, formerly widely known as a newspaper writer, under the name of Joan Kincaid, is dead at her home in North Cambridge, Mass.

G. Winthrop Sands, a stepson of W. K. Vanderbilt, was killed in a motor car accident at the country seat of Mr. Vanderbilt, near Paris.

Mrs. H. W. Burkett, mother of Senator Burkett of Nebraska, is dead at Glenwood, Ia., after a long illness.

Charles H. Moyer has again been elected president of the Western Federation of Miners.

John W. Gates is to spend \$1,000,000 in constructing at Port Arthur, Tex., the finest golf links in the world.

A cow maddened by the heat gored a three-year-old child named Labouff to death at St. Joseph, Mo., the other day.

Maj. H. I. McCrea, an ex-paymaster in the navy, died on a train while en route from Washington to Pittsburg, Pa.

Mr. Taft has returned to Hot Springs, Va., from Cincinnati where he will remain until the opening of the campaign in September.

MASS OF FLAMES

CROW'S NEST PASS COUNTRY, MANITOBA, SWEEPED BY FIRE.

WIDE DISTRICT DEVASTATED

Fully a Hundred Lives Known to be Lost—Territory of One Hundred Square Miles All Aflame and Fighters Helpless.

As a result of bush fires the town of Fernie, B. C., is wiped off the map as a child cleans a slate. Michel, fourteen miles distant, is in flames, and the fate of Hosmer, Olsen and Sparwood, intervening towns, is in doubt, they being cut off from all communication. Over 100 lives are known to have been lost, seventy-four of them in Fernie. A territory of 100 square miles in extent is a seething mass of flames. Through it are scattered hundreds of lumbermen and prospectors, so that the actual loss of life will not be known for days. The properties of the Canadian Pacific and Great Northern railways are destroyed, the bridges and rolling stock being in such condition that it is impossible to enter or leave the burned area.

The inhabitants of the towns have fled to open districts in the vicinity in the hope of safety. The railway companies have placed all available trains at their disposal, and unless there is a change of wind the whole of the Crow's Nest Pass country will be left to the flames. The conflagration is the worst which has ever been witnessed in Canada and ranks only with the San Francisco disaster. For the past month forest fires have been raging in the mountains of the Elk river valley country, but they have not been considered serious. Saturday morning a heavy wind sprang up from the crest of the mountains to the west of Fernie. They ran down the west side and early in the afternoon the flames appeared over the mountain side, and before a fire guard could be organized had entered the town. Within an hour the town was doomed and the inhabitants sought safety in flight, leaving their all behind them. The only buildings remaining are six small shacks on the banks of the Elk river, the offices of the Crow's Nest Coal company and the Fikes Woodware company. The offices of the Canadian Pacific railway and the Great Northern are gone, together with all of the rolling stock in the yards, the sleeping car Osceola being the only car left. One hundred cars of coke, the property of the Great Northern are gone and the stock piles of coal and coke holding about half a million tons are in flames. It is feared that the fire may get in the mines themselves, several of which are open in the neighborhood. This will mean incalculable damage. The whole of the valley is underlaid with coal. The fire is following the crest of the mountain chain above Sparwood, eating down into the valleys on either side. It is traveling at a tremendous rate. There are thousands of mines and prospectors' claims in the track of the fire, all of which are in peril.

Fire-fighting apparatus is of no avail for the air is filled with fragments of burning wood, and sheets of flame seem to leap ahead of the conflagration as though the air itself was in flame. The heat is intense, and many of the fire fighters have gone down ahead of it.

DEFICIT FOR JULY IS LARGE.

Government Expenditures Run Far Over Receipts.

The monthly statement of the government receipts and expenditures shows that for July, 1908, the total receipts were \$52,170,000 and the expenditures \$77,035,000, leaving a deficit for the month of \$24,865,000, as against a deficit for July, 1907, of \$16,901,534. This month's deficit would have been over \$30,000,000 but for the payments in discharge of the Central Pacific railroad's indebtedness to the government, which during July amounted to about \$5,500,000. During July, 1908, the receipts from customs aggregated over \$8,000,000 less than for July, 1907, and internal revenue about \$100,000,000 less.

The monthly statement of the circulation of national bank notes shows that at the close of business July 31 the total circulation amounted to \$692,088,991, which is an increase for the year of \$88,693,105, and a decrease for the month of \$6,244,926.

Small Hope for Pettibone.

An operation performed Saturday at Denver on George A. Pettibone, formerly a member of the executive board of the western federation of miners, showed that he is suffering from cancer, and the physicians in attendance agreed that his life could not be saved.

Four Negroes Lynched.

Four negroes, Virgil, Tom and Rob Jones and Joe Riley, were taken from jail at Russellville, Ky., early Saturday and hanged to a tree on the edge of town. No shots were fired by the mob which was composed of about fifty men and the people of the town knew nothing of the affair until daylight revealed the four bodies dangling from a tree just outside Russellville on the Nashville pike. The victims were members of a lodge, and at a meeting recently they approved of the murder of James Cunningham, a white farmer, by his negro tenant.