

# The Chief

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Castro needs a little primary instruction as to who we are.

War balloons are beginning to make battle-ships look old fashioned.

Persians now have the massacre fever. Oh, civilization is spreading, all right.

If Anna Gould's marriage should turn out happily, how surprised everyone would be!

The world-wide steel trust is warned not to give cause for an alteration of vowels in its name.

There are some people who didn't even look at their money after reading of the ten-dollar counterfeit bills.

A celebrated ornithologist says that butterflies are the best actors in the world, and he was not speaking of summer girls, either.

A New York woman committed suicide because she couldn't pay her rent. Some people go to extremes in trying to fool the landlord.

The board of education in Shanghai, China, has decided to punish the teachers of schools who report that some of the students are too bad to be educated.

A New York thief was arrested, tried, convicted, sentenced and started for prison within 24 hours. However, he is permitted to take his time about serving his term.

Commander Peary knows now who the candidates of the great political parties are, but he will have to wait until next summer to find out who has been elected.

Now that wireless telephone messages have been successfully transmitted over 12 miles between Newark and New York, the future of wireless telephony seems bright.

The newest and finest passenger steamer has a telephone in every stateroom, thus enabling passengers who are seasick to call one another up and describe in detail all their symptoms.

Latest disclosures of the inhuman treatment of prisoners in Yekaterin, St. Petersburg, are convincing that the worst had not been previously told about darkest Russia. But surely there is no worse to come.

Peary's last expedition northward is being referred to as "a race to the pole." If only there was a general belief that he will cover the complete stretch of the racetrack the game would be more exciting.

This proposition to give every horse employed in the postoffice department a 30 days' summer vacation further illustrates the comparative luxuriousness of working for Uncle Sam even on a modest salary. He's easy.

The shortest time around the world is claimed to have been made by Lieut. Col. Burnley Campbell, who left Liverpool on May 3, 1907, and on his return landed at Dover on June 13, 1907, covering the circuit in 40 days and 19 1/2 hours.

Prof. George E. Palmer of Harvard university in a recent lecture said in substance: "The scientific world swung to Darwinism and then swung back; the religious world swung over to the scientific position, and is swinging back."

The queen of Spain has made a quick recovery, and has left her room, while the new baby, now aged three weeks, takes his first promenade in the gardens of La Granja. The first thing we know, the youngster will be riding a pony and driving his elder brother to do stunts over the garden wall.

The meanest man in the world has been arrested in New York on the charge of cheating poets. He not only stole their songs, but also the money they sent with the verses in a prize competition. A man who would defraud a hardworking union poet should be made to read all the poetry he received.

A well-known French physician has written a long article upon the usefulness of tears, but he fails to note the fact that they often procure for a woman her own way when dealing with hard-hearted man. No woman who uses her ability to cry aright will agree with the person who speaks of "useless tears."

The following advertisement appears in a Hungarian journal: "Experienced person has opened a school for all those who desire to perfect themselves in the art of being humorous. Dry intellectual humor taught, as well as ordinary witticisms of daily life. Demonstrations in practical jokes if desired." Here's a great opportunity for the editor of London Punch.

Once every three years the Sunday school field is surveyed at a convention which brings together delegates from all over the world. The latest has but just closed at Louisville, Ky. Figures given there are so surprising as to be almost incredible, if they were not so well authenticated. For example, during the last three years there has been an increase in the membership of the Sunday school in North America of 1,000,000 pupils, the financial resources have doubled, and 1,000,000 additions have come by way of the Sunday schools.

## 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.

Four business firms in Tecumseh were victims of forged checks.

The Presbyterians of North Platte will erect a \$19,000 structure.

Railroads leading to Lincoln did a big business on Bryan notification day.

The chief of police of Nebraska City has resigned and gone into the saloon business.

The gas company of Beatrice will hereafter pay taxes on \$52,500, instead of \$35,950.

The mayor of Grand Island wielded the big stick, discharging a number of policemen.

Chicken thieves have of late been operating quite successfully in the vicinity of Gresham.

Catholic churches in Nebraska City will merge and build one fine structure to accommodate all of them.

Nebraska City's chautauqua this year was a great success, the attendance being double that of last year.

\$1,850 worth of grain raised and threshed from one quarter section of land is the record made by J. L. Titterton, a young farmer a mile from Cairo.

A large party from Wymore went to San Louis valley to be present at the land drawing there. About seventy-five in that place have invested in the land scheme.

Howard Toncray, a former Fremont boy, is lying at the point of death in a Denver hospital as the result of the drunken escapade of Daniel Delaney of Denver.

The coroner from Wahoo was called to Rescue to hold an inquest over the remains of an old Bohemian by the name of Anton Veleha, about sixty years of age, who had died suddenly from ptomaine poisoning.

The Western Union Telegraph company of Nebraska City was ordered to move its lines from the principal streets and take down all poles. Suit has been instituted to enforce the order.

J. T. O. Stewart of Omaha, a traveling representative of the coming national corn show in Omaha, has been in Johnson county working up interest in the show. Mr. Stewart says something like \$75,000 in prizes will be given for the best corn.

James Burke and Frank Smith, strangers, who came to Central City to attend the reunion, are in jail pending the investigation of a robbery that occurred on the grounds. The sum of \$65 and a couple of watches were stolen.

James Brott of Beatrice, who was arrested some time ago on a charge of bootlegging and discharged for a lack of evidence, has filed a suit for \$5,000 damages against members of the civic league who caused his arrest and imprisonment.

Fred Helus of Hershey postoffice, on his farm seven miles south of Hershey, raised twenty acres of winter wheat that threshed out forty-four bushels to the acre. His neighbor, Charles Meinke of the same place, raised twenty acres of winter wheat that threshed out forty-one bushels to the acre.

The initial meeting of the Nebraska Travelers' association, an organization that is the outgrowth of the South Platte Hustlers' association, will be held in Prospect park, Hastings, September 18 and 19. The travelers' association is purely a fraternal order and has no insurance feature.

Lon Tuttle of Palmer has perfected a machine for cutting the grass along unballasted railroad tracks, which has been tried with the greatest success by the B. & M. It is built similar to a mowing machine with a five foot sickle, and the wheels and axles were taken from a handcar. One horse draws it with ease, and it does the work of many men.

The main program of the State Teachers' association meetings at Lincoln, November 4, 5 and 6, is nearly complete. Wednesday, November 4, will be taken up with the exercises of the superintendents' and principals' association, which is a part of the main association. These exercises will be unusually varied and interesting this year.

In order that his funeral may not be too elaborate and unnecessary expense involved, D. S. Gardner, a farmer living near Archer, has purchased his coffin. The cost of the casket which he selected and ordered reserved for him is \$50. He explains that he did not care to go above this amount, because he wished his sons to have as large an inheritance as possible, and did not care to have money wasted on an expensive funeral.

The Wahoo Chautauqua closed with Capt. Hobson as its drawing card.

The Farmers' elevator at Benedict is one of the successful and prosperous farmers' elevators in Nebraska which has been doing a most profitable business for several years. Its success is due principally to the fact that the farmers and stock holders are in earnest and are assisting the officers to make it successful. The farmers have had a great deal to contend with as elevator after elevator owned by trusts and large corporations have purchased houses at Benedict, but there is no dissension among the farmers.

## NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES.

Items of Greater or Lesser Importance Over the State.

Nebraska City has made its annual tax levy 8 per cent lower than last year.

United Brethren at Shelby have laid the corner stone for their new church.

The farmers' elevator at York has proved to be a highly successful investment.

Big political guns, it is said, have not drawn well at Nebraska Chautauquas this year.

Barneston, Gage county, is now without a saloon, whereas old boozers are in a sullen state.

Alnsworth had a hail storm that made smithereens of twenty-seven lights in the school house.

Out in Deuel county they are getting forty bushels of wheat to the acre and corn appears the best ever.

Elmer Duncan, a young man about twenty-three years of age, was arrested at Beatrice charged with bootlegging.

Many eastern people are this year visiting relatives and friends in Nebraska and are delighted with the state.

A half-section of land two and a half miles west of Hemingford was sold for \$25 per acre. This same sold for \$3 per acre four years ago.

At Fremont preparation is being made for the opening of the new \$60,000 Young Men's Christian association building during the week ending September 14.

As evidence that Dodge county land is not declining in value witness the sale last week of a 400-acre tract in Pleasant Valley township at the rate of \$110 per acre is chronicled.

John Frerichs, of Gage county, a prominent German farmer, was kicked in the stomach by a horse and seriously injured. While his condition is serious, it is thought he will recover.

Elmer, aged 18, and Charles, aged 20, sons of David James, were drowned in the river six miles below Nebraska City. The family resides at Minorsville. They had gone in swimming.

Miss Mary Booking was killed at Lorton by a Missouri Pacific train as she was making a crossing. The road had allowed the weeds to grow so high that approach of the trains could not be seen.

Old friends and neighbors of the Pioneers and Old Settlers' association of Hart county have been invited to attend the sixth annual reunion and picnic, which is to be held in Tekamah, August 22.

Division of Knox county is being agitated again, the plan being to divide the county east and west, and a petition asking for a vote on it this fall will soon be presented to the county board for consideration.

Jay Webster, age eighteen, a son of Al Webster, a farmer living about fifteen miles north of Tekamah along the river, was drowned in the Missouri. He was a good swimmer, but never rose after he jumped into the river.

August 25 and 26 the Northwestern Nebraska Dental society will meet in Hastings for its semi-annual meeting. This society is one of the strongest in the state, comprising about twelve counties and the cities of Grand Island and Kearney.

Many Beatrice people read with regret regarding the removal of Union Pacific headquarters from Beatrice to Marysville, Kas. The company employs about 150 men in Beatrice and the Commercial club will do all in its power to prevent such a change.

Practically every section of land in Sioux county is now filled and has a bona fide resident on it. Before the Kinkaid law was passed this land was all the range of a few cattle companies. The entrymen are raising splendid crops of all kinds on the land, which has similar soil to eastern Nebraska, and relinquishments are hard to buy at any price.

Ingersoll Bros., who are sinking a deep well for Gilbert E. Hanks on his farm south of Nebraska City, are down to a depth of 1,000 feet and have struck several traces of oil and they have encountered a number of layers of shale, which is encountered above oil fields. Their well is dry and expect to go the depth of 2,000 feet. Mr. Hanks is not bringing for oil, but is after a big flow of artesian water to supply his home and farm.

The Omaha Corn exposition has arranged to hold an agricultural congress during the exposition this winter. Plans are made for a number of noted speakers. Among them will be: William J. Bryan, Zeferino Dominquez of Pueblo, Mex.; Judge H. E. Deemer of Red Oak, Ia.; Judge of the supreme court of Iowa; Governor Cummins of Iowa, Editor Henry Wallace, Governors Buchtel of Colorado, Hoch of Kansas and Sheldon of Nebraska.

Spill, a Beatrice pacing horse, purchased some time ago by C. H. Dixon, has been doing some fine work since being taken east. The other day he was third in the 2:08 pace at Kalamazoo, Mich., the time of the heats being 2:02, 2:06, 2:03 1/2, 2:06.

The record price for land values in Cuming county was reached a few days ago in the sale of a quarter section in Beemer township owned by T. C. Kirk to Benjamin Martin of Illinois at a price of \$22,000 for the quarter, or \$140.62 per acre. This is the highest price ever obtained in Cuming county for ordinary agricultural land.

## 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.

Fire at Oklahoma City destroyed the Lee hotel, one of the finest in the city, and other buildings. The loss is estimated at \$250,000.

The riot at Springfield, Ill., was continued in defiance of the state troops. The entire negro section of the city was given over to the flames and the frenzied mob even went so far as to storm the capitol building and several bullets entered the windows of Gov. Deneen's office in which the executive sat, but he escaped injury.

Rev. D. P. Roberts, pastor of a negro church in Chicago, advised his congregation to arm themselves and be prepared to resist mob violence.

The new \$4,000,000 west Nebish channel at Saulte Ste. Marie, Mich., has been opened to traffic.

Kansas City bank clearings for the second week of August were the largest on record with one exception. They amounted to \$39,205,257.

Capt. P. C. Hains, son of Brig. Gen. P. C. Hains, shot and killed William E. Annis, editor of Burr McIntosh's Monthly at Bayside, L. I. He accused the editor of breaking up his family.

A scandal was recently caused in eastern army circles by Mrs. Hains' actions with Annis while her husband was absent in the Philippines.

A three-year-old son of James Magerell of Holton, Kan., was killed by eating ice cream. No trace of poison was found.

The town of Palco in Rooks county, Kansas, was recently partly destroyed by fire. The loss is estimated at \$25,000.

The telephones in three directions out of Salina, Kan., were recently put out of commission by an electrical storm. A soaking rain accompanied the storm.

The survivors of the Fifth Kansas cavalry will hold a reunion at Kansas City in October. Gen. Powell Clayton of Arkansas, who commanded the regiment, is to be the principal speaker.

The "miracle" wheat exploited in an article in the Saturday Evening Post is denounced as a fake by agricultural authorities of Kansas.

The six Chinamen recently captured in a freight car at Herlington, Kan., have been ordered deported.

Two persons were killed and six injured by the explosion of a balloon in London. The balloon, owned by Capt. Lovelace of the New York Aero club, was being prepared for an ascent when the accident occurred.

Springfield, Ill., was in the hands of a mob recently bent on wreaking vengeance on the negro inhabitants because of an assault committed on a white woman by a negro. Gov. Deneen ordered out several companies of militia to preserve order. The homes of many negroes were looted and the owners beaten. Several persons were severely injured and a boy of 14 was killed.

The next convention of the supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias, will be held in Milwaukee, Wis.

The United States and England have reached a satisfactory agreement regarding the New Foundland fisheries for 1908.

The Chicago Great Western railway has withdrawn its notice of a cut in grain rates filed a few days ago.

Sergt. Maj. Belyea and Master Electrician Jones attached to the military force at the Presidio, were killed in an automobile accident in San Francisco.

Mrs. Duke, wife of the millionaire tobacco manufacturer, was convicted at Chicago of passing a worthless check on a hotel.

Chairman Hitchcock and Arthur I. Voris held an all-day conference with Judge Taft at Hot Springs, Va., recently. After the conference it was announced that Mr. Taft would make no political speeches outside Cincinnati during the campaign.

Six persons were killed and 18 others injured in an explosion on board the French school ship Couronne off Les Salins d'Hyeres. The breach of a gun blew out while recruits were receiving instructions in handling it.

One thousand Chinese soldiers stationed near Wu Chow, mutinied, murdered their commander, his secretary and clerk and pillaged the village. They then joined the rebels in the mountains.

Mrs. Catherin Stucker, a widow of St. Charles, Mo., was taken from her bed to a lonely spot and brutally treated by a gang of men for whom the authorities are searching. She is now in the county hospital suffering from the result of her experience. She is not expected to recover.

More than 50 motor cars and taxicabs were destroyed in a garage fire in Chicago. The total loss is placed at \$500,000.

A mechanic's lien has been filed on the aeroplane brought to this country from France by Henri Farman by a New York firm.

A receiver has been appointed for the Gold Hill Copper company of North Carolina. The concern is capitalized for \$5,000,000.

Every presidential candidate has been invited to take part in the reception in New York on August 29 to the American Olympic athletes.

A meeting of railroad employes was held in St. Paul recently to organize an association to fight legislation hostile to the railroads.

The Prohibitionists are planning to make a vigorous fight for the vote of South Dakota for their national ticket.

"Sonny" Bridge, a professional motor cyclist, was instantly killed while testing a machine on the track at Paterson, N. J.

The Baldwin airship made a flight at Fort Myer which broke all records in this country. For two hours it flew back and forth over the course. It now becomes the property of the war department.

The Philippine army has selected Pittsburg as the place for holding their reunion next year.

During the recent race riot at Springfield, Ill., E. W. Chaffin, the Prohibition candidate for president, was injured by being struck on the head by a brick.

The meeting of the Commercial Travelers' Interstate Prosperity congress in New York was interrupted by a parade of the "army of unemployed," under the leadership of Alexander Berkman, a confessed anarchist. The police dispersed the paraders.

A score of young men and young women on horseback invaded Sagamore Hill and held President Roosevelt up for a contribution to the Nassau hospital at Mineola.

More than \$1,000,000 was paid the Canadian Pacific strikers by the railway company the other day. The amount was wages due to the time of the strike.

While making an experiment in alighting after a successful flight at Lemans, France, Wilbur Wright's aeroplane was considerably damaged. Mr. Wright was not injured.

Mistaking him for a robber, Sheriff Thomas shot J. M. Crisp a merchant of Arapahoe, Ok. Crisp may recover.

The International Typographical union in session at Boston voted to hold the next convention in St. Joseph, Mo.

Twelve thousand persons from all parts of the country marched in the annual parade of the Eagles at Seattle.

At the first day's session of the St. Louis grand jury five men were indicted for frauds committed at the recent primary election.

The American Federation of Catholic societies has adjourned to meet in Pittsburg, Pa., next year.

Chicago was visited by a heavy electrical and rain storm recently. Lightning destroyed electric feed cables cutting off light and power. Many basements in the downtown district were flooded.

Kootenai, Idaho, a town of 300 inhabitants, was entirely destroyed by a forest fire the other day. A lumber mill valued at \$200,000 was among the property burned.

A heavy storm visited the camp of instruction at Fort Riley, Kan., blowing down many tents and flooding the camp. The headquarters tent was struck by lightning and several men knocked down but no fatalities resulted.

The campaign for the nomination for governor of Kansas cost Cyrus Leland a little more than \$6,000. Mr. Stubbs is reported to have expended only \$3,713 for the same purpose.

Personal.

Mr. Taft has made plans for a week's fishing in Lake Erie before he goes to Cincinnati.

James M. Harper, president of the Bank of Conway Springs, Kan., and one of the wealthiest business men in Sumner county, is dead.

Dr. C. B. Kennedy, one of the oldest and most widely known residents of Parsons, Kan., died recently while attending the funeral of an old friend at Erie.

Prof. Chatelaine, a well known teacher of Omaha, died recently from the excessive heat.

A. R. Spofford, librarian of congress for 33 years, is dead at Holderness, N. H.

Tony Pastor, the widely known theatrical manager is dangerously ill at his home in Elmhurst, L. I.

Gen. Fred Funston has arrived at Fort Leavenworth to assume his duties as commandant of the army service school.

Ira D. Sankey, the singing evangelist and companion of D. L. Moody for many years, is dead in Brooklyn, N. Y., aged 63 years.

Ex-Senator Roger Q. Mills, of Texas, recently underwent a surgical operation at the Johns Hopkins hospital in Baltimore. He is improving.

It is now reported that Senator Long of Kansas will go into the cement business at Medicine Lodge after the completion of his term in the senate.

The Typographical union of Lincoln, Neb., tendered a banquet to G. H. O'Sullivan of Lowell, Mass., at which the principal speaker was William J. Bryan, who recently became a member of the union.

Gra. Emily Haines Harrison, a nurse and spy for the union forces during the Civil war, and widely known in Kansas, is dead in the Bickedyrke home, Ellsworth, aged 87 years.

Referee in Bankruptcy W. E. Blair of Pittsburg, Pa., has adjudged Harry K. Thaw a bankrupt.

William J. Bryan was formally notified of his nomination for the presidency of the United States by the committee from the national Democratic convention at Lincoln, Neb. Representative Henry D. Clayton of Alabama made the notification speech and Mr. Bryan accepted the nomination in an address outlining his position on the various issues of the campaign. The ceremonies were short and simple and were of a non-partisan nature.

## ACCIDENT ON STEAMER.

Boiler Explodes Killing One and Injuring Many.

Mrs. Isabel Labonte of Traverse City, Mich., was killed and a score of passengers were injured Monday by the explosion of the boiler of a passenger steamer Leelanau bound from Leland to Fouché on Carp Lake. Carp Lake lies in the northern Michigan resort district, being located in the peninsula jutting northward between Lake Michigan and Grand Traverse Bay.

Having only aboard pleasure seekers bound for Traverse City to attend a wild west show the little steamer was plying along the narrow lake with a steam pressure of eighty pounds, trying to make up the time that had been lost in the earlier stages of the trip.

As she was passing Bluff the engineer discovered a loose bolt in the engine and shut off steam to remedy the defect. It was while he was working at the loose bolt that the explosion occurred. The boiler gave way with a crash, tearing off the top of the engine and demolishing the pilot house and the forward upper works of the steamer. Mrs. Labonte was sitting near the pilot house conversing with her brother, Charles Mosier, captain of the boat, and was blown far out into the water, terribly mangled.

CABLE IS FIFTY YEARS OLD.

Semi-Centennial of Under Atlantic Communication.

Monday was a notable day in the history of submarine telegraphy. Just fifty years ago, on August 17, 1858, the first cable message was sent across the Atlantic. The message was ninety words, from Queen Victoria to President Buchanan. It took 67 minutes to transmit. Today some 23,000 words are sent by cable between America and Europe each year and the various lines have a capacity of 100,000,000 words. But it was the little message sent fifty years ago that afforded the first tangible proof that one of the greatest attempts of man in the field of science had succeeded. In the early days it cost \$100 to send a message across the Atlantic. The cable companies made a charge of \$5 a word, and the minimum amount of words to be transmitted was fixed at twenty. Recent developments in cablemaking and operating, combined with healthy competition between cable companies, have proved instrumental in bringing down the cable tolls.

DEATH CHEATED BY DOCTORS

Laudanum is Pumped From Despondent's Stomach.

A traveling man who registered at the Hampton hotel at Holdrege, Neb., as F. L. Zeigler, from Lincoln, who was selling credit registers, attempted suicide Monday morning by taking laudanum and was only prevented from succeeding by the timely action of N. C. Jones, manager of the hotel, who summoned all the available doctors in town at the time, who pumped out the poison and saved his life. From a letter which he possessed it was shown that there were some domestic troubles which preyed on his mind, and these, coupled with one fact that he was discharged from his position are given as the cause for his attempt. He gave Mr. Jones the check for his baggage, which consisted of sample machines, and told him to keep them until his hotel bill was paid, and after delivering the check, took the laudanum while Jones was looking at him.

Accepts Baldwin Balloon.

The army airship board Monday declared that Captain Baldwin's dirigible balloon had met all conditions entitling to the amount agreed upon for its purchase. The board calculated that the airship had maintained an average speed of 13.75 miles per hour while in the air two hours and one minute and 50 seconds, this speed being slightly more than one required 70 percent of the maximum speed of 19.61 miles per hour. Captain Baldwin will receive \$5,375.00, which is 5 percent less than the amount he would have received had he reached a maximum speed of 20 miles.

Bank Surrenders Charter.

The Enid, Okla., National bank, capital stock \$100,000 and deposits \$800,000, one of the largest banks of the state, Monday liquidated, surrendered its national charter and reorganized under the state guaranty law. Ten other national banks take out state charters in order to take advantage of the state guaranty law. This action is taken in accordance with the recent ruling of the comptroller of the currency forbidding national banks to get the benefit of the law.

Chautauqua Tent is Wrecked.

Pawnee City, Neb., was visited by a hard rain storm about 4 o'clock Monday morning, accompanied by high wind. The large assembly tent of the Redpath chautauqua was almost totally wrecked, the wind being so strong as to snap off the center pole, creating a loss of \$750. The only other loss was sustained by Fred Woods. His large new barn, forty by sixty feet on his farm four miles north of Pawnee being blown off the foundation and completely wrecked. Loss, \$5,900 half covered by insurance.

Was One of Mob.

"I am one of those who helped to lynch William Donagan at Springfield, and I believe I am going insane," was the statement of Charles Gadin at the office of the superintendent of the Bartonville asylum at Peoria, Ill., Sunday. "We stamped him in the face; we cut his throat; and then put a rope around his neck. That's what it took to kill him." Gadin said that he formerly was a member of the Thirty-second United States volunteers in the Philippines and has a sister at the asylum. He was placed under guard.