

News from Over the State

Yield of Wheat and Corn.

The labor bureau has completed its tabulation of crop reports. The table, compiled in the office, shows the corn crop to be 169,693,965 bushels; wheat, 43,660,318 bushels; oats, 66,619,505 bushels; rye, 10,105,701 bushels. The report by counties follows:

County	Wheat	Corn
Adams	1,536,321	1,650,012
Antelope	211,711	2,400,907
Banner	31,581	90,579
Blaine	998	135,156
Boone	359,608	2,799,246
Box Butte	19,328	140,223
Boyd	135,771	1,139,823
Brown	87,200	779,402
Buffalo	1,286,325	3,348,827
Burt	210,691	2,591,623
Butler	1,009,795	3,500,782
Cass	388,265	4,321,496
Cedar	139,900	3,051,271
Chase	83,400	721,867
Cherry	51,834	538,412
Clay	2,048,816	2,790,004
Colfax	247,036	2,317,419
Cuming	537,305	3,036,992
Custer	917,805	6,485,363
Dakota	179,057	1,223,246
Dawes	90,468	136,778
Dawson	1,434,288	2,679,235
Deuel	27,545	238,167
Dixon	199,484	2,469,348
Dodge	310,369	3,028,312
Douglas	29,024	2,105,179
Dundy	40,970	806,667
Fillmore	1,540,264	3,419,985
Franklin	1,066,530	1,961,008
Frontier	1,128,515	2,454,452
Furnas	1,690,314	1,986,544
Gage	1,482,968	5,659,752
Garfield	23,821	265,859
Gosper	950,718	1,457,698
Grant	76,314	244,123
Howard	547,781	22,875
Jefferson	727,240	2,040,192
Johnson	510,720	2,748,461
Kearney	1,634,450	2,035,236
Keith	32,027	2,234,483
Keya Paha	61,364	216,637
Kimball	12,125	673,394
Knox	174,259	17,079
Lancaster	571,204	2,439,115
Lincoln	222,699	4,619,412
Logan	20,040	1,415,500
Loup	73,187	282,071
Madison	236,820	215,369
McPherson	163,751	2,789,952
Merrick	283,688	1,820,756
Nance	599,183	2,516,042
Nemaha	923,540	2,034,788
Nuckolls	689,091	2,977,652
Otoe	320,720	5,943,317
Pawnee	47,124	2,553,842
Perkins	1,700,240	363,356
Phelps	166,875	2,216,340
Platte	724,644	3,236,375
Polk	810,188	2,038,512
Red Willow	1,555,870	1,561,651
Richardson	313,820	2,798,283
Rock	7,611	398,608
Saline	1,148,900	2,344,656
Sarpy	25,860	1,610,898
Saunders	468,074	4,929,815
Scott's Bluff	27,501	89,992
Seward	898,691	3,370,723
Sheridan	171,625	367,694
Sherman	129,065	1,889,189
Sioux	17,175	63,300
Stanton	158,726	2,244,396
Thayer	1,018,094	3,212,131
Thomas	132,344	70,167
Thurston	132,344	1,572,675
Valley	398,090	2,201,775
Washington	276,304	500,052
Wayne	366,188	2,888,648
Webster	1,032,475	2,272,958
Wheeler	355,231	355,231
York	1,628,100	3,469,171
Totals	43,660,318	169,693,965

Jansen Need Not Pay.

By the affirmation of the judgment of the lower court in the case of the Corn Exchange national bank against Jansen, Peter Jansen, of Jefferson county, is better off by \$8,000 or \$10,000 than he might have been. Some years ago Mr. Jansen was inveigled by a Chicago board of trade man to invest in margins. He lost heavily, some \$40,000 or \$50,000 and paid as far as he was able. He was pushed by some of the holders of his notes and in self defense refused to pay them on the ground that the transaction was gambling. The Corn Exchange bank of Chicago was the holder of some of these notes and in the attempt to collect on them met with defeat in the district court. The supreme court holds that dealing in options constitutes a contract that cannot be enforced at law because tainted with the vice of gambling.

Colby Makes a Deposit.

Former Adj. Gen. Colby has turned over to Gov. Mickey \$2,482, of which \$200 is to cover any shortage that may be found. The remainder represents the warrant cashed by Gen. Colby to pay for blankets taken from the adjutant's office and used at the penitentiary.

Fremont Gets Canal News.

The news of the letting of the contract for the construction of the Fremont power canal has stirred up more enthusiasm among business men at Fremont than has existed since the old boom times. The canal will be about 2 1/2 miles long. It starts at the Platte river near Linwood and runs parallel with the river almost due east, at a point directly south of Fremont at the mouth of Elm creek. For some distance after leaving the Platte it follows along the bottom lands, then extends into the bluffs. As far as possible and along the last end of its route it follows natural water courses. Only a few ravines have to be crossed, but as the general surface of the country south of the Platte is much higher than the river itself, the bottoms of these are lower than the level of the canal. It crosses the right-of-way of the Lincoln branch of the Northwestern about half a mile north of Cedar Bluffs, then, turning slightly to the south, reaches Elm creek, following that stream to its mouth near the west bridge across the south channel of the Platte. A better natural location for a dam than the mouth of this creek cannot be found. For a distance of a quarter of a mile the creek flows at the bottom of a deep wooded ravine, the sides of which are from 60 to 90 feet high and very steep, in places almost perpendicular. The ravine is only a few feet wide at the bottom. The dam, which will be placed at the mouth of this creek, will hold back an immense volume of water, extending back over hundreds of acres of land. The fall will be about 100 feet, which will give sufficient pressure to run the most powerful machinery for generating electrical power, and there is ample space at the mouth of the creek for an enormous power plant.

Cupid and Money Mixed.

D. Frank Rice, an energetic farmer, is a prisoner at the city jail in Lincoln because Mrs. Franklin Ready charged him with using Cupid and much hot air to separate her from almost \$1,000 during the past two years. She brought the charge because after their wedding day had been repeatedly postponed, so the woman said, D. Frank announced that what was intended would never be and that henceforth a stone wall would rise up between them when they met on the streets. Before the stone wall got a start, however, Mrs. Ready saw that \$900 and some odd rise up immediately she told her troubles to the police. The man in the case said he never at any time said he intended to marry the woman nor had he ever thought of such a thing. According to the woman she and Frank became lovers about two years ago, when she first struck Lincoln, and had been such ever since. One day she said Frank mixed up a lot of love words with a tale of woe that he needed a little money to pay off a little bill and he got it. Then the stories became more frequent until finally all the alimony she had secured from her first husband had vanished, then she asked Frank to carry out his promise to marry her and Frank balked.

Dietrich's First Trial January 4.

United States Senator Charles E. Dietrich, accompanied by Gen. John C. Cowin, his attorney, appeared before Judge Munger in the United States circuit court at Omaha on Saturday and was arraigned on the indictments returned against him November 16 and December 17. To the indictment charging him with profiting by leasing a post office building to the government, Senator Dietrich pleaded not guilty, and to that charging him with conspiracy and bribery he refused to plead. In the latter counts, which were those returned November 18, in which he is charged, jointly with Postmaster Jacob Fisher, of Hastings, with conspiracy and bribery in connection with Fisher's appointment, Gen. Cowin informed the court that the defendant would attack the sufficiency of the indictment. Trial on the conspiracy and bribery indictments was set for January 4. Assistant District Attorney Rush vigorously objected to that date and asked for four weeks in which to prepare the government's case. The time, however, was reduced to two weeks.

Boy Frozen to Death.

Mrs. Patrick Murphy, living near Stuart, sent her ten-year-old boy on horseback to a neighbor's a couple of miles distant on an errand. Two hours later the horse returned home without the boy. Mr. Murphy was away from home and the mother, being alone with smaller children, was unable to give the alarm until next morning. A search was instituted at daylight and the boy was soon found, lying dead by the roadside. The theory is that he was thrown from his horse and so badly stunned that he froze to death before regaining consciousness. There was no sign that he had struggled or made any effort to get up.

MONEY FOR THE SCHOOLS.

State Superintendent Fowler Distributes \$255,485, on a Basis of 67 Cents for Each Pupil.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 19.—State Superintendent Fowler has made his report of the apportionment of school moneys. The counties have divided among them \$255,483.48, which is 67.893 cents per pupil for a total number of 376,303. The money was derived from these sources: State tax, \$68,771.94; interest on school and saline lands sold, \$42,791.27; interest on school and saline lands leased, \$56,348.48; interest on United States bonds, county bonds and school district bonds, \$67,682.82; interest on state warrants, \$18,038.34; fish and game licenses, \$1,847; embalmers' balance, \$8; less warrant No. 5525 for \$4.37. Following is the report in detail:

County	No. of Scholars	Am't Due.
Adams	7,930	\$ 5,283.92
Antelope	4,722	3,205.90
Banner	253	171.77
Blaine	171	116.10
Boone	4,434	3,010.38
Box Butte	1,662	1,128.33
Boyd	3,350	2,274.42
Brown	1,253	859.70
Buffalo	7,909	5,369.66
Burt	4,527	3,073.52
Butler	5,629	3,821.70
Cass	7,478	5,077.04
Cedar	5,058	3,434.93
Chase	927	629.37
Cherry	1,815	1,232.28
Cheyenne	1,603	1,088.33
Clay	5,510	3,740.91
Colfax	4,334	2,942.48
Cuming	5,609	3,898.12
Custer	7,849	5,328.92
Dakota	2,329	1,581.23
Dawes	1,835	1,245.81
Dawson	4,477	3,039.57
Deuel	696	472.54
Dixon	4,079	2,769.36
Dodge	7,686	5,273.25
Douglas	42,002	28,516.42
Dundy	869	589.09
Fillmore	5,467	3,711.71
Franklin	3,480	2,362.68
Frontier	2,919	1,981.89
Furnas	4,003	2,717.75
Gage	10,542	7,157.28
Garfield	873	592.71
Gosper	1,805	1,225.47
Grant	209	141.90
Greeley	2,580	1,751.64
Hall	5,938	4,031.49
Hamilton	4,945	3,357.31
Harlan	3,195	2,169.18
Hayes	899	610.36
Hitchcock	1,594	1,082.22
Holt	4,797	3,256.83
Hooker	153	107.27
Howard	4,233	2,873.91
Jefferson	5,333	3,620.73
Johnson	4,086	2,774.11
Kearney	3,581	2,431.25
Keith	660	448.09
Keya Paha	1,158	786.20
Kimball	287	194.85
Knox	5,862	3,979.89
Lancaster	22,072	14,985.34
Lincoln	3,933	2,670.23
Logan	345	234.23
Loup	582	395.14
Madison	6,290	4,270.47
McPherson	112	76.91
Merrick	3,127	2,123.92
Nance	2,914	1,978.40
Nemaha	5,049	3,427.92
Nuckolls	4,363	2,962.17
Otoe	7,188	4,880.15
Pawnee	4,221	2,865.76
Perkins	507	344.22
Phelps	3,545	2,406.81
Platte	3,444	2,338.24
Polk	6,538	4,438.55
Red Willow	4,027	2,734.05
Richardson	3,414	2,317.87
Rock	6,689	4,541.36
Sarpy	1,146	778.05
Saline	6,679	4,534.57
Saunders	3,127	2,120.01
Seward	5,483	3,743.72
Scott's Bluff	1,141	774.66
Sherman	3,831	2,610.29
Sheridan	1,833	1,258.06
Sherman	2,631	1,820.21
Sioux	507	344.22
Stanton	2,734	1,856.19
Thayer	5,291	3,592.22
Thomas	207	140.54
Thurston	2,106	1,429.83
Valley	2,896	1,966.18
Washington	4,692	3,124.44
Wayne	3,772	2,560.92
Webster	4,025	2,732.69
Wheeler	483	327.92
York	6,283	4,265.72
Totals	376,303	\$255,483.48

Another Move in Blair Case.

York, Neb., Dec. 21.—At the county courthouse here another chapter in the famous Blair case was enacted, when Miss Beulah Thomas, the prosecuting witness in the case of criminal assault against John Blair, the Arberville farmer, was taken from her parents and placed in the charge of Sheriff Brott until the case comes up next month in the district court. No one will be allowed to talk with her except on a written order from the judge.

New Roundhouse Is Occupied.

Norfolk, Neb., Dec. 21.—The new 16-stall roundhouse at the Northwestern yards, where \$250,000 has been expended this season, is now completed and the old structure is practically abandoned and will be torn down.

FOR CATHOLICS.

Archbishop Quigley Says the State Should Pay for a School System Controlled by the Church.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—"The new world was discovered by Catholics and the cross was planted in the name of the church. We cannot get it out of our heads that Catholics will yet claim the new world again." This was expressed by Archbishop James E. Quigley in an address before the Roman Catholic Woman's league. The archbishop declared that the security of the national constitution increases proportionately with the increase in the number of Roman Catholics. He urged the establishment of a subsidiary system of the public schools for the benefit of the Roman Catholics. "This system for the benefit of the minority," said the speaker, "should be paid for by the state, but controlled by the church." Finally, he characterized the rule requiring candidates for public school-teachers to have normal school training to be nothing more nor less than "tyranny" and "oppression."

RED CLOUD NEAR DEATH.

Celebrated Sioux Indian Chief, Almost Blind and Feeble of Mind, Cannot Last Long.

Pine Ridge, S. D., Dec. 19.—Red Cloud, the celebrated Sioux Chief, is dying in a tepee in a corner of the



CHIEF RED CLOUD.

yard surrounding the little wooden house which the government built for him here years ago. He is 85 years of age, almost blind, scarcely able to hear and so secluded in mind and feeble his death is likely at any hour.

Illuminating Gas Killed Six.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Six persons were asphyxiated by illuminating gas Saturday night and the coroner concluded that the cases were all accidental. In most instances a window was open in each room in which gas was escaping and the coroner called attention to the fact that it is popularly supposed a fatal result cannot ensue when fresh air also has entrance.

Agent Can Be Prosecuted.

Topeka, Kan., Dec. 20.—The attorney general has rendered an opinion to the effect that where C. O. D. liquor packages are not ordered by the consignee, but are turned over to him by an express agent, the agent can be prosecuted for violating the prohibitory law.

Sentenced for Harboring a Criminal.

Guthrie, Ok., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Katherine Wyatt, indicted by the grand jury on the charge of harboring W. W. Montgomery, a criminal, pleaded guilty to the charge and was sentenced by Chief Justice Burford to two years in the territorial penitentiary at hard labor.

Lived More Than 105 Years.

Worcester, Mass., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Honoretta Marshall, of Webster, is dead in the Worcester hospital for the insane at the age of 105 years, 4 months and 12 days. She was believed to be the oldest woman in Massachusetts and was a remarkable character.

The Bank of Kennard Robbed.

Kennard, Neb., Dec. 21.—Three men robbed the Bank of Kennard. They stole \$3,000 in cash and escaped. The safe was blown open with nitro-glycerine and wrecked. After the robbery the men stole a team and wagon and started in the direction of Omaha.

Crow Will Recupate in California.

St. Louis, Dec. 21.—Attorney General has started for Redlands, Cal., to recuperate his health. He is accompanied by his physician. Mr. Crow, it is announced, is suffering from nervous prostration and the effects of la grippe.

Colombian Troops on the Move.

Panama, Dec. 21.—News was brought last night by the steamer Martinique from Savannah that two battalions of Colombian troops have left Savannah for Quiddo.

Fire at Georgetown, O.

Georgetown, O., Dec. 21.—Fire yesterday caused a loss of \$100,000 to the stores of J. W. Wirth, of Hoppel Brothers, and of William H. Hannon and to Miller's saloon and cafe.

United Christian Party.

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 21.—The Christian party has issued a call for its national mass convention to be held in St. Louis on May 1 and 2 to nominate a candidate for president.

HAD ONLY ONE LUNG.

Young Man Who Recently Died at Brookings, S. D., Had Most Unusual Displacement of Internal Organs.

Brookings, S. D., Dec. 19.—Surprising results have developed at a post mortem examination of the body of William Allison, 21 years old, who died after ten days' illness, apparently from inflammation of the stomach. The young man several times during his illness said that he had been poisoned and to satisfy the family a post mortem was held. The surgeons were astonished to find upon making an incision that there was a most peculiar displacement of the internal organs. The operators found an opening through the diaphragm and a dilated stomach, nearly three times normal size, completely filling the left side of the thoracic cavity, taking the place of the left lung. There was no left lung, only a small rudimentary lung, about one inch thick and three inches square. The heart was located on the lower right side of the thoracic cavity extending parallel and next to the spinal column between the second and fifth rib. The right lung was not normal size. There is no question but the anatomical malformations of the different organs had existed from infancy.

RAILROAD STATISTICS.

Government Bureau Reports Gross Earnings for the Year of \$1,890,150,679 on 201,457 Miles of Line.

Washington, Dec. 19.—The annual report of the interstate commerce commission was made Friday. The preliminary income account for the year ended June 30, 1903, shows railway returns for 201,457 miles of line, which is approximately 98 per cent. of the entire mileage in the United States. Gross earnings for that year amounted to \$1,890,150,679, or \$9,382 per mile of line. Operating expenses aggregated \$1,248,520,483, or \$6,197 per mile, leaving net earnings of \$641,630,196, or \$3,185 per mile. Fifty-three million dollars in taxes are not included in this statement of operating expenses. Compared with the previous year the net earnings are greater by some \$34,000,000 and stock dividends are greater by nearly \$10,000,000. In 1897 the gross earnings averaged only \$6,122 and operating expenses \$4,106 per mile of line.

MAY GET MR. ZIEGLER.

Rumor That President Roosevelt Will Advise Gov. Odell to Honor Gov. Dockery's Requisition.

Washington, Dec. 19.—President Roosevelt will advise Gov. Odell, of New York, to honor the requisition for William Ziegler, the baking powder millionaire, which has been asked for by Gov. Dockery, of Missouri, at the instance of the Cole county grand jury. This action means that the extradition of Ziegler will assume a national aspect. This determination of the president was taken at the suggestion of Congressman Vandiver, who is managing the gubernatorial campaign of the circuit attorney of St. Louis, Mr. Folk.

WILL GO TO THE ISTHMUS.

If the Conditions at Panama Continue Gen. Elliott Will Be Given a Field Command.

Washington, Dec. 19.—After a conference yesterday between Secretary Moody, Rear Admiral Taylor, chief of the bureau of navigation, and Brig. Gen. George Elliott, commandant of the marine corps, it was decided that if present conditions on the isthmus of Panama continue Gen. Elliott will sail for Colon on the Dixie from Philadelphia, when that vessel goes south with the battalion of marines, which has been ordered assembled at Philadelphia for dispatch to the isthmus.

JUMPED TO SAVE LIFE.

Twelve Girls in the Fifth Story of a Dayton Building Faced Suffocation—Two Will Die.

Dayton, O., Dec. 19.—To escape death by suffocation 12 girls leaped from the fifth-story windows of the Canby building, several of them landing on the roof and skylights of a one-story building below. The others were caught by Dr. Lambert, who by breaking the force of their fall, saved probably six lives. The flames originated in the basement of the building and the dense smoke went up the elevator shaft, quickly filling the upper floors. Of the injured two will die and the others were seriously hurt.

College Students Die in Fire.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 19.—Four persons are known to have been killed and perhaps 30 others injured, 19 of them fatally, in a fire here last night which consumed the Central Tennessee College for Young Negro Women, a department of Walden university. It is possible that the ruins may contain the bodies of other victims. The property loss is estimated at \$25,000.

\$100,000 Fire at a Coal Mine.

Lincoln, Ill., Dec. 19.—The South Shaft coal mine