

News from Over the State

Last Capital National Dividend.

The last dividend to be declared by the Capital national bank at Lincoln was received by the state treasurer Friday. It was for 71-100 of one per cent. and amounted to \$1,678.27. This leaves the state out \$220,000, it having received from the bank in the neighborhood of \$43,000. The first payment out of the assets of the bank was made September 12, 1900, amounting to \$23,636.18, or 10 per cent. The second payment of five per cent., totaling \$11,818.09, later in the same year, and a third dividend of two per cent. was turned over November 30, 1901, amounting to \$4,727.23, making with the last payment a gross sum of \$41,860.42 which the state had received out of the immense sum lost. In addition the state treasury is a loser by the amount of the interest which would have been received on the sum during the period which has elapsed since the failure, January 21, 1893. The sum which was lost in the bank was placed there by J. S. Bartley, at that time the state treasurer, and it was greatly in excess of the statutory percentage as determined by the capital stock of the bank, which was \$200,000, or less than the amount deposited, whereas under the statute it was allowable to deposit only 30 per cent.

Stallion Trampled Him to Death.

A. M. Nicklas, an old resident of Pender, was trampled to death in a horse stall by a Hambletonian stallion. Returning home at an unusually late hour, he, in company with a neighbor, went to the barn to feed his horses, carrying with him a lantern. He stepped into the stall, where he dropped his lantern, which frightened the horse, which plunged, knocking Mr. Nicklas down and crushed his chest and bowels in a frightful manner.

Woman Dies on Train.

Miss Margaret Stinger, of Nebraska City, died on a Union Pacific train while en route from Rising City to Lincoln. Miss Stinger was apparently in the best of health when she boarded the train at Rising City, but upon her arrival at Valparaiso she began to cough severely and the train was held until a physician could be called. The girl died, however, a few moments after the arrival of the doctor.

Robinson Stays in Prison.

The life sentence of James Robinson, of McPherson county, convicted of murder, is confirmed by the supreme court. He was charged with the murder of Elmer Thayer on June 20, 1902. One of the contentions of the defense was that the crime was committed in Arthur county and that the two counties never were legally consolidated, but the court holds otherwise.

For Safe Keeping.

S. T. Bullis, George Keeler and Thomas Murray, alias Gray, were taken to Omaha in charge of Sheriff Bauman and Phipps, of Burt county, and held there for safe keeping. The men are charged with having blown open the Lyons bank and robbing it of \$2,650.

Gage County Man Wants Children.

An application for a writ of habeas corpus was filed in district court at Beatrice by J. Alfred Johnson, who alleges that his two children, Beulah and Effie Johnson, are unlawfully restrained by their grandmother, Mrs. Laura Terry, who resides near Pickrell.

Creighton Gives More.

John A. Creighton has deeded, without reserve, to Creighton university, one of the principal Catholic universities of the west, downtown business blocks valued at \$250,000. In all, Count Creighton has given to the institution in cash and valuable property about \$750,000.

Competition Stirs.

The prospective erection of a monumental freight depot at Omaha by the Maple Leaf road has spurred the Burlington to the construction of an expensive terminal freight depot.

Unnatural Father.

Henry Charler, a Russian at Lincoln, has been arrested on complaint of his wife and 15-year-old daughter, who charge him with having improper relations with the daughter.

Fireproof Curtain for Theater.

The management of the Parmele theater at Fremont has purchased a new asbestos fire-proof curtain. The other scenery in the building will also be made fire-proof.

Street Car Killed Blanken.

David Blanken, a stockman of Deshler, was killed by a street car at St. Joseph, Mo.

New Mill for Fremont.

The Royston Milling company has been organized at Fremont to erect a mill of 800-bushels-a-day capacity.

Well-Known Hotel Man.

E. L. Eno, a well-known hotel man, is dead at Fremont.

Over Six Million Trust Funds.

State Treasurer Mortensen has just completed a compilation of the investments of the money in the various trust funds of the state, which make a total of almost \$6,000,000, and upon the receipt of the \$100,000 worth of Massachusetts state bonds will make the total investment over that amount. The investments are divided up this way: Permanent school fund, \$5,442,954.88; agricultural endowment, \$295,735.82; permanent university, \$112,601.71; normal endowment, \$63,586.99. The treasurer has on hand bonds to the amount of \$4,165,551.18 and warrants to the amount of \$1,749,325.92. At present there is in the permanent school fund \$84,662.43, and about \$43,000 will be collected on the call recently sent out for \$50,000. This money will go to pay for the Massachusetts bonds. With the school lands in the state and the bonds and warrants it is estimated that the total trust funds, should they be converted to cash, would reach the gratifying sum of about \$11,000,000.

Drunken Man Frozen to Death.

Frozen and almost unrecognizable by his mother and friends, with his overcoat drawn tightly about his swollen face, his arms wrapped tightly across his breast and his whole frame crouched into a position which would indicate that he had tried, during his dying moments, to fight off the frost which crept into his heart and stopped its beating, the rigid form of Walter R. King, a young man well-known in Norfolk, was found in a dungeon-like vault at an unused creamery, where he is supposed to have lain since Christmas. Behind him on the floor was a little overturned tin lid containing ashes of a fire which he had kindled in trying to keep himself warm. He had crawled into the room on Christmas morning, under the influence of liquor, and had evidently gone to sleep.

Highland Ditch Will Be Built.

The Highland ditch case, which has attracted attention in this county and so much contention in the courts of late, was decided in favor of Washington county by Judge Lee Estelle. This case was brought into court by the attempt of Nelson Morris and others to secure an injunction to prevent the county board from proceeding with the construction of the ditch. The ditch is to be 11 miles long, commencing opposite Herman and emptying into the Missouri river opposite Blair and one-half mile below the railroad bridge. The estimated cost is about \$40,000.

Celebrate Golden Wedding.

M. and Mrs. A. L. Snow, two of Beatrice's oldest and most highly respected citizens, celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary recently. A ceremony similar to the one performed 50 years ago when the couple were united was observed. After congratulations were received by those present the venerable couple were presented with \$50 in gold as a token of esteem. Mr. and Mrs. Snow located in Gage county 37 years ago.

Gets One More Trial.

Gov. Mickey entertained a delegation of Burt county people who came to intercede on behalf of a paroled convict named Yeager, living at Decatur, who was reported to have broken his parole by engaging in a row with one of his neighbors. Gov. Mickey agreed to let him have another trial and he went back to Burt county in custody of the person to whom he is paroled.

Big Hunt, But No Wolves.

The farmers and sportsmen generally of the north part of Clay and south part of Hamilton county, have enjoyed several wolf hunts this winter, but Saturday was the most extensive one of all, when four townships of 12 miles square were covered and about 700 to 800 men took part, each one fully armed for the conflict, the result being a disappointment.

Widow of William B. Porter.

Mrs. Deborah Naylor Porter, a pioneer resident of Nebraska, died of pneumonia at her home in Council Bluffs. Mrs. Porter was the wife of William B. Porter, who came to Nebraska in 1856, settling at Plattsmouth, from which point and Omaha he was for many years engaged in the freighting business.

Islanders Want a Bridge.

Residents of the large island south of Grand Island are again petitioning the county board for a bridge across the Platte south of the city, in order that they may give their children school facilities without compelling them to ford the smaller streams and in order to more easily market their produce.

City to Vote on Municipal Lighting.

By a unanimous vote the Lincoln city council adopted an ordinance submitting to popular vote a proposition to issue bonds in the sum of \$65,000 for the erection of a municipal electric lighting plant, to be operated in connection with one of the city's pumping stations.

Restrictions for Teachers.

Even this early talk of legislation to be enacted by the legislature has begun and the school-teachers are among the first on the grounds. Notwithstanding that it has not been many months since school districts in the state were crying for any kind of an instructor, just so she would promise not to get married, should the law contemplated be enacted it would make a dearth of teachers such as this year has not witnessed. It is the intention of those interested in the welfare of the minds of the youth of the state to have a law passed that all applicants for certificates, before standing an examination, shall have secured normal school training or training in some school similar, in addition to the academic course. As planned now applicants for a third grade certificate shall have attended a normal or similar school for at least one term; applicants for a second-grade certificate shall have attended for at least two terms and applicants for a first-grade certificate shall have attended for at least one year. It is contemplated, however, that the law shall not be effective for two years after it is passed in order that teachers can adapt themselves to the new conditions.

Threats to Extort Money.

Great excitement prevails in southwestern Gage county over a bold attempt at robbery. Mrs. Prible, a widow living on a farm three miles southwest of Odell, received a letter commanding her to leave \$1,000 at a certain point under penalty of death to herself and family in case she failed to obey orders. Upon receipt of the letter Mrs. Prible notified her two sons and an effort was made to capture the supposed robber. A sack containing paper was placed at the point designated, by young Prible, but as he deposited the sack supposed to contain the money he was promptly ordered to run back by the would-be robber, who made his escape. Bloodhounds from Beatrice were used to hunt down the author of the letter and much excitement prevails in that section.

Gives Attorneys a Chance.

A decision of the supreme court of such importance to attorneys, handed down at the sitting just concluded, is that which gives the right to lawyers employed on a contingent fee to prosecute error proceedings in the name of the client when the latter refuses to pay the fee. It is said that it is not unusual for clients to employ attorneys on a contingent fee to compromise with the other party to the litigation and thus stop proceedings without paying the attorney his fee. The effect of this opinion, it is said by attorneys, will be to put a stop to this practice, as it gives the attorney authority to move right along without the aid or consent of the client.

Questions Anti-Gambling Law.

The constitutionality of the law relating to gambling is now questioned. The law making gambling a penitentiary offense was an amendment passed by the legislature of 1887, the original law providing a penalty or a fine or imprisonment in the county jail. Inasmuch as the amendment was passed through both houses of the legislature and signed by the governor under three distinct titles with absolutely no record of how the titles became changed, gives the enemies of the law a hope for believing that their contention that the law is invalid is correct.

Programmes for Teachers.

Preparations for the meetings to be held March 29 to 31 by the four teachers' associations of the state are about completed and most interesting programmes have been prepared for each. The meetings will be held as follows: North Nebraska at Columbus, Central Nebraska at Aurora, Southeast Nebraska at Beatrice and Southwest Nebraska at McCook. State Superintendent Stetson, of Maine, will make a circuit of the meeting places and will address each association, as will Superintendent Fowler. Frank Roberson will lecture before the Aurora meeting.

Cruzen Has Enough.

A. R. Cruzen, late collector of customs in Porto Rico, was in Washington recently and with Senator Millard called on Secretary Shaw previous to his return to Nebraska. Mr. Cruzen said that he had no excuses to offer as to the occurrences which brought about his resignation. Secretary Shaw expressed the best wishes for Mr. Cruzen's future. Mr. Cruzen stated that he had had all the office holding he ever wanted, but that this would not deter him from going back to Nebraska and helping those who wanted office.

Puts an End to Faithful Servant.

Fred Riggert, a prominent German, residing in Fremont, hired a man to kill the old family horse, which had been in his possession for upwards of 25 years and was between 35 and 40 years old. For three years the old fellow has done nothing but stand in the stable and eat hay. Instead of killing the horse the man sold him to a trader. Mr. Riggert replevined the faithful animal and hired another man to kill him, who did the job at once.

RUSSIA REJECTS OUR CONSUL.

Secretary Hay Informed That Edwin V. Morgan Will Not Be Permitted to Serve at Dalny, Manchuria.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Secretary Hay has been informed that Edwin V. Morgan will not be granted an exequatur by the Russian government authorizing him to act as United States consul at Dalny. Mr. Morgan is now on his way from Washington to his post. He will sail from San Francisco and touch at Yokohama, at which point the state department will be able to advise him a month hence what course to pursue. This decision on the part of the Russian government was not altogether unexpected, but it is nevertheless the subject of grave consideration by the state department officials.

It is explained that the reason for Russia's action is purely military, the army officers desiring that there shall be no foreign officials upon the Liaotung peninsula during the progress of hostilities.

Germany Will Police Wei Hsien.

Shanghai, Feb. 20.—It is reported at Wei-Hsien (the most important city in the province of Shan Tung) that Germany has secured the right to inaugurate a uniform police system in all the cities of Shan Tung. The Chinese received the announcement favorably.

Germany Increasing Her Forces.

Berlin, Feb. 20.—In considering an item in the foreign office budget providing \$3,500,000 for expenses in the far east, including the maintenance of the German troops at Kiao-Chou, Shan Tung province, and in Chi-Li province, China, some of the members of the reichstag appropriations committee objected to the expenses as being unnecessary burdens. Foreign Secretary Von Rittschhoffen confidentially communicated to the committee certain information about far eastern conditions, and he added in the public session that Germany had 1,939 men, including non-combatants; Great Britain, 2,725; France, 1,718; Japan, 1,287 and Italy 771 men in China. The present force in Chi-Li province, the secretary explained, was really too weak to maintain internal order, while the 600 reserves in Kia-Chou were a slender precaution for the preservation of the neutrality of that district. This was no time, he added, to weaken German representation diplomatically of militarily in the far east.

Censorship on Some News Abolished.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 20.—The Russian government yesterday abolished the censorship on all news and other telegrams going abroad with the exception of the ordinary war censorship during hostilities. The lifting of the embargo, which has existed for generations, on the free transmission of news from the Russian empire, came as a direct result of consideration of the subject by the czar himself, and in some respects this abolition is regarded as the most important act since the emancipation of serfs.

SHAFROTH'S STATEMENT.

The Congressman Who Resigned Denies That the Frauds in His Election Were Committed Mainly by Women.

Washington, Feb. 20.—Former Congressman John L. Shafroth, of Colorado, who resigned his seat because of election frauds in Denver, denies that these frauds were committed mainly by women. In an interview yesterday Mr. Shafroth said:

"Of the persons implicated, very few were women, not more than one in ten at the outside. The frauds were committed in the lowest part of Denver, where not many women live. The incident was not characteristic of the women voting in Colorado and it is preposterous to make it an argument against female suffrage. Everybody knows there are bad women as well as bad men, but what would any good man think if it were proposed to take his vote away from him because a few bad men somewhere had cheated at an election. In Colorado, the women vote as generally as the men, and fraud is much rarer among them. As a rule their election methods are honorable and the influence of woman suffrage on the state has been distinctly for good."

KILLED BY BOLO MEN.

Lieut. Macrae and Seven Privates Overwhelmed by 500 Fanatics on the East Coast of Samar.

Manila, Feb. 20.—Lieut. Macrae and six privates of the constabulary have been killed by a bolo rush of 500 fanatics while patrolling the east coast of the island of Samar. Private Saloman, of the Fourteenth cavalry, stationed at Jolo, has also been killed by bolo men.

Small-Salaried Employees Must Not Marry.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—There was posted in the Corn Exchange national bank a notice which reads, in substance, as follows: "Employees of this bank receiving a salary of less than \$1,000 a year must not marry without first consulting the bank officers and obtaining their approval." Officers of the bank say that their official action was not taken to discourage matrimony under proper circumstances, but that it was foolish for a man to attempt in Chicago to support a wife, to say nothing of a family, on less than \$1,000 a year.

PAID HOMAGE TO HANNA.

Cleveland Was a City of Mourning on Friday—Thousands Unable to See the Body.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 20.—Cleveland was again a city of mourning Friday. Business was practically suspended and a large proportion of the population paid homage to the memory of their distinguished fellow citizen, Senator Marcus A. Hanna. Just four weeks ago Senator Hanna left his home city for the national capital happy in the thought of his triumphant re-election to the highest legislative body in the land. His one ambition then as he himself stated was to give to his country a season of uninterrupted service.

The last rites over the body were held in the afternoon at St. Paul's Episcopal church. During the solemn service, Cleveland was a silent city. Nearly all business was suspended. Street railway and steam road traffic on every line in the city was stopped for five minutes from 1:00 to 1:05 o'clock. People generally in all parts of the city bowed their heads in reverence for a brief space of time at that hour. Thousands who were unable to view the remains of the dead senator as they lay in state in the Chamber of Commerce auditorium flocked to the church doors to witness the conveying of the black casket, bearing the remains of the senator into the church. There they stood with bared head and moistened eyes as the cortege moved into the edifice where the last earthly tribute was paid the dead.

Admittance to the services at the church was by card and limited to 800; the seating capacity of the auditorium.

The body, accompanied by the family, pall-bearers and Bishop Leonard, proceeded slowly out Euclid avenue to Lake View cemetery, where a final farewell of the dead was taken in Wade Memorial chapel. The services consisted simply of a prayer by the bishop. The body was deposited in a crypt in the chapel to await burial at the pleasure of the family.

BOOST PRICE OF WHEAT.

Grain Men Fear That Far East War Will Not Be Confined to Russia and Japan.

Chicago, Feb. 20.—Attended by excitement not often equaled, wheat advanced nearly four cents a bushel. The grain pits on change were from start to finish a scene of almost continuous pandemonium. The long coveted goal in speculative trading, "dollar wheat," was made a mere reminiscence, May delivery selling as high as \$1.03 a bushel.

The sharp advance was due to fear that the war would not be confined to Russia and Japan. Bulges of over a cent on the Liverpool and Berlin markets were the immediate factor. The scarcity of wheat suitable for milling purposes was an additional element of strength. Trading was exceedingly active, the aggregate of business for the day being enormous.

Advances were also made in other speculative articles, notably in provisions. Pork for May delivery jumped up 5 1/2 cents a hundred pounds.

"EXTREMELY QUIET AFFAIR."

Associated Press's Ironic Reference to the Burning of Glencoe Bays at the Stake in Arkansas.

St. Louis, Feb. 20.—A special to the Republic from Cressett, Ark., says: "Glencoe Bays, a negro, who was charged with shooting and killing J. D. Stephens, a prominent white farmer, on last Wednesday, was burned at the stake by a mob, half a mile from the Stephens plantation, in this county. Bays made a full confession just after he was captured, admitting that he had premeditated killing Stephens. He laughed when asked how he wanted to die, saying it made no difference to him, as he knew full well his hour had arrived. The mob was extremely quiet and was composed of Ashley county farmers, both white and black."

GREEK LABORERS KILLED.

Explosion of Two Cars of Dynamite 88 Miles West of Ogden Causes the Deaths of 24.

Salt Lake City, Feb. 20.—A special to the Herald from Ogden says that two cars of dynamite attached to a work train on the Ogden Lucin cut-off of the Southern Pacific railroad exploded with terrific force late yesterday afternoon, at Jackson station, 88 miles west of Ogden, killing at least 24 persons, injuring as many more and destroying a large amount of company property. A large proportion of the victims were Greek laborers.

Cleveland Indifferent to What Bryan Says. Princeton, N. J., Feb. 20.—"I don't care any more about what Bryan says than the wind that blows. I'm sure it does not bother me any. Let him talk," said Grover Cleveland yesterday when asked what he thought of Bryan's remarks in taking exception to what Cleveland said recently in an article in the Saturday Evening Post.

Ardmore Has \$15,000 Fire.

Ardmore, I. T., Feb. 20.—A block of frame business houses burned here last night. The loss is \$15,000. The fire originated in the merchandise store of Kahn & Roß.