

## NEBRASKA NOTES

Cherry county has a resident named Daniel Webster.

Two cars of grain were wrecked in the Rock Island yards at Beatrice recently.

Peter Jansen has sold his 2,000 acre ranch in Jefferson county for \$150,000.

The Atlantic canning factory at Fremont has shut down for the season.

Competitive squad drills will be a feature of the national guard at Lincoln.

Chicken thieves have been operating around Beatrice the last few days with considerable success.

Fred W. Leftert of West Point is dead. He was 63 years old and had lived in West Point for forty years.

A Nebraska pioneer named Dederman died recently at Norfolk leaving 102 descendants, fifteen being his own children.

J. A. Stahl, county superintendent of Cuming county is scouring the country for teachers. Cuming county has a shortage of ten.

H. A. Haskell has been elected to the directory of the Bee Publishing company to fill the vacancy made by the death of Edward Rosewater.

The new steel bridge over the combination ditch east of Tekamah has been completed. This will save the farmers a distance of two miles.

Noah Crandall of Bassett, was killed while riding homeward by the accidental discharge of a gun, held by a hunter who was in the buggy with him.

A swarm of bumble bees recently stopped threshing work on a farm near Oakland. The swarm came out of an old straw stack and attacked men and horses.

About a week ago a farmer named Magnus Nelson left his team in a stable at Fremont. It has not been called for since. There were groceries and meat in the wagon.

The mortgagees have foreclosed on the plant of the Gage County Herald and took possession of the office. The claims against the plant amount to \$3,000.

A new Methodist church has been dedicated at Shelton. The building cost \$3,000 and more than half of this was subscribed the day of the dedication when Governor Mickey spoke.

George Payne of the Capitol hotel, Lincoln has been tried for refusing to allow a negro to play billiards in his pool room. The matter was taken under advisement by the court.

Henry Benson, a young man residing near Ong, Neb., died recently having been operated on for appendicitis two days before. He was 17 years of age and had been sick but a short time.

The sugar beet harvest has opened at Sutherland and the yield promises to be enormous. From fifteen to twenty tons of beets to the acre will be harvested, giving the growers returns as high as \$100 to the acre.

The Arlington roller mills has been sold to parties from Kearney, Neb. It has been announced that the mill would start just as soon as the papers were signed transferring the property.

Richard Blaco a prominent old settler of Kennard, died from a stroke of paralysis caused by injuries received. One day while returning home he fell from his horse and fractured his skull, from the effects of which he never recovered.

J. M. Robatham's large barn in Plattsmouth has been consumed by fire. In the building was a large quantity of hay and grain and a valuable stallion. The loss was only partially covered by insurance. The fire is supposed to have been of incendiary origin.

After lying helpless for four days their legs imprisoned in mud and without food or water, two horses belonging to Henry Shark, of Nebraska City were released from the bottom of a ravine near the city. The team ran away and were not found for several days. When placed on solid ground the horses were unable to stand until they had been fed.

According to late figures, Nebraska this year will have the largest crop of corn ever raised in the state. Reports from over the state estimate a yield of between 42 and 45 bushels to the acre, and the total crop is expected to reach 275 million bushels, against slightly over 260 million bushels last year. The increase in average of wheat, corn and oats over that of last year is 500,792 acres, of which 368,419 acres are in corn.

## KNOCK PREACHER DOWN

### MAN FINED FOR GAMBLING AT UTICA SLUGS PREACHER

#### Makes a Vicious Assault—Attack Result of Grand Jury Investigation and Arrest of Call Ragan

UTICA, Neb.—Rev. W. M. Lorimer, who is pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city, was attacked on the streets by Call Ragan, who knocked him down several times with his fist and not being contented with having struck him, finally kicked him. The trouble was the result of the grand jury investigation. Ragan was brought up for gambling and was fined in the neighborhood of \$105. Ragan immediately after the assault went before a justice of the peace and pleaded guilty and paid a fine of \$5 and costs.

#### Shooting After Argument

CHICAGO.—Two men were shot and another man severely wounded in a saloon in Hammond, Ind., as a result of an argument over the respective merits of Battling Nelson and Joe Gans, the prize fighters. Ferguson Lauden, a machinist of Hammond did the shooting. The dead men are Paady Golden, 55 years of age and James Blemm, a porter in the saloon where the shooting occurred.

John Bellamy, a detective, who interfered while the shooting was in progress, was shot in the leg.

Golden and Lauden had been discussing the Gans-Nelson fight for some time, when both men became angry and used abusive language. At last, in a rage, Lauden drew a revolver and fired twice at Golden. As Golden fell Lauden shot Blemm twice. At this point Bellamy interfered and was shot in the leg. Other persons in the saloon at the time dropped to the floor and escaped the bullets.

Golden was shot in the leg and abdomen, died while being taken to a hospital. Blemm was hit in the chest and stomach and died shortly afterwards. Lauden made his escape after the shooting.

#### Quick Sands Keep the Dead

KINGFISHER, Okla.—The Cimarron river has fallen eight feet from the stage at which it weakened the Rock Island bridge, when part of train No. 12 went into the river, but the smoking car is still six or seven feet under the surface, and an attempt to explore it will not be made until later. It is not known positively how many persons were in the smoker when it fell. Conductor Thomas says there were at least nine and he believes that three escaped. B. P. Nicholson, who escaped from the smoker, says there were at least ten persons in the car and that persons with whom he had talked are missing. Mr. Nicholson escaped from the rear door of the smoker. The car filled with water as he clambered to the upturned end and he broke a vestibule glass door to make an exit. Escape of persons known to have been riding in the front end of the smoker, separated from the rear door by a partition, is thought to have been an impossibility. No bodies have been recovered. Herman E. Sells, aged 3 years, son of Mrs. Kate Sells, of Payne, O., died today from acute pneumonia, as a result of inhaling muddy water.

#### Arrested As Blackmailer

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—William H. Ritter, of Denver, Col., a former member of the St. Louis house of delegates, who wrote Governor Folk recently volunteering to come here and testify regarding the handling of boodle money when he was a municipal lawmaker, was arrested at Hannibal, Mo., while on the Burlington train enroute to Denver. The arrest was made at the instigation of Circuit Attorney Sager, who telegraphed the Hannibal authorities to intercept and hold Ritter on the charge of blackmail.

It is charged by Circuit Attorney Sager that Ritter attempted to extort money from R. M. Snyder of Kansas City, by threatening to testify that Snyder gave him boodle money to distribute when the Central Traction bill franchise was voted upon. The case against Snyder was dismissed and Ritter, who had come here from Denver and kept his whereabouts secret, was returning to Denver when intercepted. He was brought back to St. Louis and placed in jail. Eugene Sweeney, who was identified with the Central Traction deal was a promoter and who conferred with Ritter previous to the latter's departure was also arrested and placed in jail. They will be held pending inquiry into the case.

## WRECKS THE TOWN

### TERRIFIC EXPLOSION OF DYNAMITE AT JELICO, TENN.

#### AT LEAST TWELVE DEAD

#### FIFTY INJURED AS A RESULT OF THE ACCIDENT

#### Every Business House in the Town Either Totally Wrecked or Badly Damaged—Presence of Militia Has Been Requested to Restore Order

JELICO, Tenn.—The council of Jellico, Tenn., called upon Governor Cox to send a company of state militia from Knoxville to do guard duty and otherwise assist in rehabilitating the town. An inquest over the dead, who number twelve, has begun.

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—General Manager Evans of the Louisville & Nashville railway has been advised by wire that from the best information obtainable, the explosion at Jellico was caused by three men shooting at a mark on the car. The car contained 400 cases of high explosives and was consigned to Clearfield, Tenn. The Louisville & Nashville freight office at Jellico was wrecked and all of the clerks injured.

#### Found Guilty of Peonage

CAPE GIRARDEAU, Mo.—The jury in the Smith case returned a verdict of guilty against M. Smith and Charles M. Smith, jr., and the five tenants on their farms on the eleventh count of the peonage cases.

The eleventh count of the forty-four indictments refers to John Reed, the negro who was with Roosevelt in Cuba and escaped from the shack on the Smith farm by sawing his way through the floor at night. He was the strongest negro witness for the government. Sentence has not been pronounced. Judge Krum filed a motion for a new trial.

Judge Polloc overruled the motions for a new trial and an arrest of judgment and then pronounced sentences as follows:

Charles M. Smith, three years and six months in the penitentiary at Fort Leavenworth, Kas., and a fine of \$5,000 and costs; Charles M. Smith, jr., two years in the penitentiary and fine of \$5,000 and costs; Ben Stone and Ben Fields, each one year and six months and \$100 fine; W. Lee Rogers and William Woods, each two years and six months and \$100 fine; Floyd Woods two years and six months and \$100 fine.

Under instructions from the court James Smith and Rex Smith were acquitted.

#### Abolish Use of Opium

PEKING.—As a result of the combined recommendations of the Chinese commissioners, who recently made a tour of the United States and Europe, and Yuan Shi Kai, commander-in-chief of the forces, and Tang Shao Ki, vice president of the board of foreign affairs, an edict has been issued, ordering the abolition of the use of opium, both foreign and native, with a decade. The edict strongly condemns the vice and commands the council of state to devise regulations for the enforcement of the prohibition against opium smoking and the cultivation of the poppy.

Government troops have suppressed a revival of "boxerism" in Shan-Si province. "Boxer" organizations had been formed in several towns in the neighborhood of Sopingfu, of the same men who participated in the uprisings of 1900.

#### Marines at Cienfuegos

WASHINGTON.—The navy department has received a dispatch from Commander Fulham, of the Marietta, at Cienfuegos, saying that 225 marines had been landed there from the cruiser Dixie, which had sailed immediately thereafter for her original station at Monte Cristi, Santa Domingo.

The Cleveland, which arrived at Havana has been ordered to proceed at once from that place to Cienfuegos to take the place of the Dixie. When she arrives there Commander Newton, of the Cleveland, by reason of superior rank, will succeed Commander Fulham of the Marietta, in charge of the naval forces.

Captain Albert R. Couden, commanding the battleship Louisiana which also arrived at Havana is now in command of the naval forces at that point by reason of his seniority. It is expected that the battleship New Jersey will arrive very soon at Havana, though nothing has been heard reported from her on her way down the coast.

## MANY HAVE DROWNED

### LOSS OF LIFE AT HONG KONG IS DECLARED TO BE HIGH

#### Property Damage to Colony Estimated at Twenty Millions of Dollars—Second Storm Follows but is of Less Violence

HONG KONG.—The full extent of the catastrophe is not yet known, but conservative estimates place the number of Chinese who lost their lives at 5,000, and the total of the material damage to the colony at twelve million dollars.

Reports of disasters at sea are constantly being received here. The steamer Albatross with 150 passengers on board foundered near Futanmen pass. Only six passengers and two of the crew were saved. They swam ashore. The steamer Hong Kong also was lost and the entire crew is missing. The steamer Ying Fat, from Samschun, foundered and 1300 passengers and ten of her crew are missing. Only two of the crew are known to have been rescued.

#### Ask Prosecution of Smith

SALT LAKE CITY.—Parley P. Christensen, county attorney of Salt Lake county, was cited to appear in the criminal division of the state district court before Judge Armstrong and show cause why he should not direct the issuance of a warrant for the arrest of Joseph F. Smith, president of the Mormon church, on a charge of sustaining unlawful relations with one of his live wives.

The citation was issued on the petition of Charles Mostyn Owen, who has been active in gathering testimony against Senator Smoot in the proceedings before the United States senate committee on privileges and elections. Recently Owen appeared before a justice of the peace and swore to a complaint making a statutory charge against President Smith. The complaint was based upon the fact that on May 21 last President Smith's forty-third child was born to Mary T. Schwartz Smith, the Mormon president's fifth wife, at her home in this city.

As witnesses to the fact the complaint cited the four other wives of President Smith and several apostles and leaders of the Mormon church including Senator Smoot and Governor Cutler.

Under the law the warrant could not be issued except on the approval of the county attorney. The complaint was permitted to rest in the county attorney's office without action but it was commonly understood that there would be no prosecution of the Mormon president by direction of the county attorney. Friends of Mr. Christensen charged that the filing of the complaint was an attempt on the part of the anti-Mormons to embarrass him in his candidacy for the republican nomination for congressman.

#### Train Men Caught in a Wreck

DAYTON, O.—As the result of the wreck between the southbound regular excursion train train No. 3 and a northbound freight train on the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton railroad several miles north of Dayton several persons are reported killed, but their names could not be learned. It is reported that the engine was overturned and that three persons were caught under the locomotive and fatally burned. A large crowd was attracted to the scene and every means was employed to relieve the suffering of the injured. Only five passengers were aboard and none was injured. Engineer Smiley of Dayton was killed and his first man Joe McCurdy, of Lima, was fatally injured.

#### Killed By Automobile

CINCINNATI.—In a wreck of Charles Schwab's automobile at St. Martin de Croix, France, J. G. Schmidlapp, president of the United Savings and Trust company of this city, was seriously injured, and his daughter Charlotte, killed, according to a cablegram received here. Mr. Schmidlapp, who is widely known in financial circles throughout the country, was touring France with his daughter and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Ault in an automobile belonging to Charles Schwab, former president of the United States steel corporation. Seven years ago Mr. Schmidlapp's wife and another daughter were killed in a railway wreck in this country.

The report from Marseilles says that while Mr. Schmidlapp and daughter were touring in Provence in an automobile, the car collided with a cart on the road. Miss Schmidlapp sustained fatal injuries and died within an hour after the accident. Mr. Schmidlapp had a rib broken and the automobile was wrecked.

## RACE WAR IS ON

### MOB AT ATLANTA, GA., IS HUNTING DOWN NEGROES

#### Number Beaten To Death

#### THREE KNOWN TO BE KILLED AND PERHAPS A SCORE

#### Called From Street Cars While on Way Home—The Outbreak Follows Attempted Assaults On White Women

ATLANTA, Ga.—Four attempts at assault on white women by negroes within or near the limits of the city wrought white citizens here to a high pitch of excitement. The assaults of the day followed two others of a similar nature within the week and at least half a dozen others within the last two months and finally brought a climax.

At midnight Governor Terrell issued an order calling out eight companies of the Fifth infantry and one battery of light artillery. This order was not issued until three negroes had been killed and fifteen taken to the hospitals, five of whom will die. These include only those cases of which the police have official knowledge. The local newspaper men claim the number of dead is larger.

#### Mob Begins Work Early

The mob began its work early in the evening, pulling negroes from street cars and beating them with clubs, bricks and stones.

Negro men and women riding to their homes after the work of the day were ruthlessly torn from the cars or attacked on the streets. In a few cases negroes retaliated during the early part of the night, but after 10 o'clock they were scarce in public places. The fire department was called out to disperse the mob on Decatur street, a street most frequented by negroes, and for a time seemed to hold the crowd at bay. The police reserves were called out and will hold the situation until the troops can be mobilized. The mob seems to lack leadership and this doubtless prevented greater slaughter.

Assaults on white women by negroes were made within the city limits. Mrs. F. Arnold, in the western part was attacked in the yard behind her home and escaped by screaming for help. Mrs. Chaffin, living near the soldiers' home was attacked in a similar manner. A posse is searching the woods for her assailant. Seven similar attacks on white women by negroes have occurred this week in or near Atlanta.

#### Find Body Cut To Pieces

NEW YORK.—A burlap bag stamped with the name "Z. K. Mano" a strip of a woman's skirt and an oil cloth table covering bearing a rude sketch of the landing of Columbus, are the only immediate clues to the perpetrator of a revolting murder committee.

The dismembered body of a man apparently an Italian, wrapped in the burlap bag was accidentally found in a hole twenty-four feet deep forming a part of an excavation at 60 West Thirty-sixth street, where an addition to a brewery is to stand. The discovery was made by the day watchman and later a systematic search by the police resulted in finding the parts of a man's legs from the knees down and the arms and hands. These were wrapped together in a newspaper of the date of September 10 and bound about the bundle was a strip of a woman's skirt. All was neatly and securely tied with a string, suggesting deliberate preparation. This latter bundle was found under a covering of hay in a freight car at Thirty-sixth street and Eleventh avenue. The car was unloaded of a shipment of horses. The head and the thighs of the man are missing.

#### Dependent, Committed Suicide

TEKAMAH, Neb.—Ben F. Dill, a farmer, aged forty-four years, committed suicide at his home eight miles southeast of Tekamah by shooting. He went out of the house in the morning about 6 o'clock to perform the usual duties about the place, apparently in his ordinary spirits. He returned to the house at 9 o'clock and went to his bedroom when his wife heard the report of a gun. Rushing into the room, she saw her husband lying on the floor in front of the bed with blood flowing from a wound in the forehead. The jury found that Mr. Dill shot himself while temporarily unbalanced mentally. The testimony showed that he looked on the dark side of things.