

NEBRASKA NEWS

DEMENTED WOMAN KILLS SANATORIAN ATTENDANT.

THREW ACID INTO HIS FACE

Attendant Was Asleep at the Time—
Woman Said He Was Trying to
Murder Her Family—
Other News.

Irene Nickel, a demented woman at the Bailey sanatorium, near Lincoln, studied her sleeping nurse and poured carbolic acid down the throat of J. Gallogly, an attendant who was asleep at the hospital, so that he died three hours after the poison was administered. The coroner's jury found that the man had come to his death by having carbolic acid thrown into his face and that the Bailey sanatorium was exonerated from any blame.

The woman wore handcuffs through the entire act. She rose in the early morning, went to the bed of the young man, who she thought was murdering her family, and she was determined to stop it. She said in her testimony that she debated whether she should take the poison herself or give it to the man. She decided that if she took the acid the killing would still go on but if she killed him it would stop at once, and her family would be safe.

Mr. Gallogly was sleeping in an adjoining room. He was lying on his back and his mouth was partly open. The woman took the poison from the chest and in the awkward way one would throw the contents of a bottle if both the hands were tied, she threw it on the face of the sleeping man, a part of the liquid going into his mouth and the rest on other parts of his face. He started from the bed and removed a part of the acid from his mouth by expectorating vigorously. His face and neck were badly burned besides parts of the body where the acid touched.

Irene Nickel lives at Alvo. She is said to come from a good family. Her folks thought that a few weeks at the sanatorium would restore her to her normal health. Her people did not like the idea of sending her to the state insane asylum. She has been in Lincoln for several months.

Kicks on Pure Food Law.

E. H. Stearns, attorney for the Great Western Cereal company of Chicago, called on Food Commissioner J. W. Johnson to protest that the Nebraska food law is in contravention of the state and federal constitutions, in that it appears to prevent the sale of cereals and a dish in a sealed package. The law prevents the giving of prizes and gifts with food stuff and Commissioner Johnson has ruled that a dish enclosed in a package of breakfast food is a prize prohibited by the state law. The manufacturers say this ruling is wrong. They assert that it is simply a matter of the sale of "so much oats and so much dish" at a fixed price, that the purchaser pays for the oats as well as the dish and has a right to make such a purchase.

Dies From Injuries.

John McLaughlin, the Burlington fireman who was run over by a train in the Ashland yards, died in Lincoln. The injury to his left leg necessitated its amputation above the knee. He was twenty-two years old. He has been in the employ of the Burlington but a short time and at the time of the accident he was a fireman on a switch engine in the Burlington yards at Ashland. He was helping some of the brakemen make up a train of ice cars and was in the act of opening one of the gates at the yards when the train caught him, mangling the left leg from the middle of the thigh downward and cutting off the toes of his right foot. Besides, he had an arm broken.

Appoints Dr. Osborn.

The official announcement has been made of the appointment of Dr. Frank Osborn, superintendent of the institute for feeble-minded youth at Beatrice. C. C. Husted, representing the governor, and Secretary of State Junkin, representing the board of public lands and buildings, will leave for Beatrice to check over state property and oversee the transfer of the same from Superintendent Johnson to Dr. Osborn. Land Commissioner Eaton and Private Secretary Dimery were in Kearney to perform the same service at the industrial school for boys. Mr. Hayward has been succeeded by Prof. Sherman, late superintendent of the Columbus schools.

BAD STORM AT LIBERTY.

Lightning Strikes Livery Barn and Causes Considerable Damage.

The neighborhood of Liberty was recently visited by one of the worst electrical storms in a long time. The livery barn operated by J. L. Draucker was struck by lightning and entirely consumed. No horses were burned but nearly all the other equipment was destroyed. The building was owned by W. H. Richards and was insured for \$50. Draucker had some insurance but not nearly enough to cover his loss.

Ben Maxwell's barn, one mile north of Liberty, was also burned, being struck by lightning about 11 o'clock.

Three carpenters who were sleeping in the barn, C. A. Ripley, Roy Houseman and Ed Buckley had a narrow escape, but managed to get out. All the contents of the barn were saved except the hay. Loss will probably reach from \$300 to \$500.

A barn on the premises of John Mallica west of town was also burned together with one horse and two stacks of oats.

A heavy rain of about two inches fell during the night and was of great benefit to the corn.

Big Partition Sale of Land.

The large tract of lands known as the Richard Williams estate, and located in Saunders county around Cedar Bluffs, was sold at referee's sale, in partition, upon order of the district court for the county. There were 13 eighty-acre tracts, or ten hundred and forty acres, which brought the fancy price of \$111, the lowest, to \$152, the highest, per acre. The homestead was sold to the widow for \$150 per acre, and the eighty acres adjoining brought \$152 per acre. These facts and figures indicate the value placed upon Saunders county lands by farmers of the community.

Hastings Teacher Hurt.

Miss Agnes Meston, teacher in the fifth and sixth grades, Hastings, met with a serious accident while visiting with relatives at North Platte. In alighting from a buggy at that place Miss Meston sustained a fall which resulted in the fracture of both bones of one leg just above the ankle joint. Although her injuries are not regarded as dangerous, it will necessitate the appointment of a substitute in the west ward school for several weeks. The school board has been notified of the accident and the matter has been referred to the teachers' committee with the power to act.

Marshal Faces Trial.

John Schmidt, village marshal of Glenville, was tried at Clay Center before County Judge Palmer and a jury on a charge of assault and battery preferred by Mr. Fred Freitag. The trial resulted in a disagreement. The difficulty grew out of a previous day's transaction in which Schmidt accused Freitag with preventing an arrest. Freitag shows unmistakable signs of rough treatment, but is not dangerously hurt.

Boys Are Released.

Olin Gumm, "O. A." Cooper, Floyd and Ralph Shaffer, the four Humboldt lads accused of robbing the department store of Boyd & Lyford, were held by Judge Fallstead to answer in district court for the offense, but were released on their personal recognizance, with the understanding that their parents would be responsible for their appearance in district court at the proper time.

Appoint New Superintendent.

The board of county commissioners of Johnson county has appointed M. H. Carman, of the Cook neighborhood, as county superintendent of schools to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Superintendent Byron E. Dill. Mr. Dill will go to Wilber this week, where he has been elected superintendent of the city schools.

Race Horse Drops Dead.

Sir Townsend, a trotting stallion, owned by George Townsend, of Tecumseh, fell dead in a race at the county fair in Tecumseh. A ruptured blood vessel was the cause. Sir Townsend had a record of 2:24 1-2 and Mr. Townsend refused \$1,000 for a half interest in him this summer.

Indians Leaving For School.

Valentine has been full of Indians as there are about one hundred young men and women leaving for school. Part of them will go to Rapid City and the rest to Carlisle Indian school. The most of them arrived in town accompanied by their relatives, who camped around town.

Sent Objectionable Letter.

Information has been received at Blair of the arrest in Milwaukee of Clate Sager, aged nineteen, who is charged with sending an objectionable postal to Miss Kate Brooks, of Blair. The arrest was made by postal inspectors, who have been on the lookout for the sender of the postal for some time.

PUZZLE—FIND A GOOD TRUST.



THE QUEBEC BRIDGE FALLS

Ninety Workmen Went Into the River with Wreckage.

Structure Had Been Seven Years Building—Was to be Longest Span In The World.

Quebec, Quebec.—A section of the new bridge across the St. Lawrence river five miles below this city collapsed late Thursday carrying scores of bridge workmen and mechanics into the water. It is estimated that the loss of life is at least 60 and may exceed that number by 20.

The bridge was about a mile and a half in length and half of it, from the south shore to midstream, crumpled up and dropped into the water. Ninety men were at work on this section of structure and the whistle had blown at 5:30 for the men to quit work for the day when there came a grinding sound from the bridge midstream. The men turned to see what had happened and an instant later the cry went up, "The bridge is falling." The men made a rush shoreward but the distance was too great for them to escape. The fallen section of the bridge dragged others after it, the snapping girders and cables booming like a crash of artillery. Terror lent fleetness to the feet of the frightened workmen as they sped shoreward, but only a few of them reached safety before the last piece of iron work on the south shore was dragged into the river. Near the shore the wreckage of the bridge did not go below the surface of the water and eight workmen who remained above water were rescued and taken to the hospital at Levis.

The Quebec bridge was begun about seven years ago and it was to be finished in 1909. Subsidies had been granted by the federal and provincial governments and the city of Quebec, and the estimate cost of the work was \$10,000,000.

Montreal, Quebec.—The Quebec bridge was remarkable in that it was to be the longest single span cantilever bridge in the world, the length of span in the center being 1,800 feet, or 200 feet longer than that of the Fifth bridge at present the world's longest single bridge span.

Iowa State Fair Damaged.

Des Moines, Iowa.—A windstorm struck the Iowa state fair grounds here early Thursday morning causing damage estimated at \$100,000. A live wire was blown against the Knabenshue airship and captive balloon, setting fire to them and totally destroying both. The big tent of the International Harvester company was blown down and the exhibit ruined by heavy rain and fire.

Japanese City Burns.

Hakodate, Island of Yezo, Japan.—Fire broke out Monday morning in the flimsy native structures of this seaport and before it could be got under control nearly 70 per cent of the city was in ashes.

Garfield Back In Washington.

Washington, D. C.—Secretary Garfield returned Monday from his two months' tour of inspection of the public land states. He will remain three or four days and then go to Ohio for a vacation.

ASK PRESIDENT'S HELP.

Striking Telegraphers Will Send Him Petitions—The Companies Have Wire Troubles.

New York, N. Y.—An appeal is to be made to President Roosevelt by the leaders of the telegraphers' union to take some action looking to a termination of the present telegraph strike. It is the plan, according to an announcement made Wednesday, to first have the appeal signed by representative business men and then to forward it with the signatures to the president.

Chicago, Illinois.—Criminal prosecution of railroad telegraph operators who, out of sympathy with the striking commercial men, are causing extensive trouble on the wires, is threatened by officials of the telegraph companies.

Superintendent Cook of the Western Union company declared Wednesday that a detective would be placed in every office in the country, if the interference with the wires assumed such proportions as to make that course necessary. The Western Union controls the wires on practically every railroad in the country and its commercial business, in many instances goes through the railroad offices.

Since the beginning of the strike it is said that trouble with the wires has caused more inconvenience than has the lack of operators.

Schwab is Optimistic.

New York, New York.—Charles M. Schwab is optimistic over the steel and iron situation. He sees no reason for discouragement, much less pessimism. He said in an interview that his optimism was based on the observation that during the 30 years in which he has been identified with the steel and iron business there has been a constant increase in that business almost year by year, and therefore there will be no stoppage now.

Coal for the Warships.

New York, N. Y.—Orders for 36,000 tons of coal to be distributed along the route of the battleship fleet from the Atlantic to the Pacific coast were reported Thursday to have been given to four New York coal firms by the government. It was stated that 125,000 tons of coal will be needed to carry the fleet to the Pacific and five shipments to ports where the warships will call are already under way.

More Plague Cases in Frisco.

San Francisco, California.—Since June 18, nine cases of bubonic plague have been discovered here and seven deaths have occurred. The federal authorities have sent a marine hospital surgeon here and coasting vessels are being inspected by quarantine officers. The health officers say there is no cause for alarm.

Competition for Standard.

New York.—Arrangements have been completed for the organization of a \$50,000,000 American syndicate, according to announcement published Monday, which plans to develop several million acres of oil lands in Mexico.

Japs Decorate President Fallieres.

Paris, France.—The Japanese ambassador, M. Kurino, Thursday, in behalf of the Japanese emperor, formally bestowed the Order of the Chrysanthemum upon President Fallieres, who came to Paris from Rambouillet especially for the occasion.

AIRSHIPS BEHAVED WELL

Trial of Two Machines at Berlin Demonstrated Good Qualities.

They Spent Most of the Day in the Air Arising and Descending at Pleasure.

Berlin, Germany.—The military dirigible balloon and the parseval airship spent virtually the whole of Tuesday in the air the aeronauts are highly pleased with the achievements of the two ships. They both displayed trustworthy maneuvering qualities. A large gathering of military and civil observers witnessed the flight. The military airship made a number of short voyages including a trip to Spandau and return and executed complicated flights in every direction over the parade ground. This airship then descended in order to take up the chief inspector of the transportation of troops, who desired personally to test the capacity of the balloon.

In the meanwhile the parseval airship had undertaken a journey which lasted more than two hours, directly against a strong wind. She made excellent progress, the motor worked well and the balloon answered her helm with the greatest facility.

Both airships landed at a late hour Tuesday evening precisely at the same moment and on the exact spot whence they had ascended. Sailing together side by side for a short distance before they came to the ground they presented a unique spectacle.

We Will Know Later.

Caracas, Venez.—Commenting upon the Venezuelan decision in the New York and Bermudez company case by which the company is fined \$5,000,000 for participation in the Matos rebellion, the government newspaper, El Constitucional says: "It now remains to be seen if the state department (at Washington) will again convert itself into the protector, defender and tutor of adventurers who have confessed their guilt and who are legitimately chastised by the legislature of all civilized nations, including the United States, where there abound sentences perfectly analogous to that now suffered by the guilty company in the Venezuelan court."

Has Harnessed the Sun.

Philadelphia, Penn.—By using the principle of the common hotbed, by which farmers grow fresh vegetables in winter, Frank Shuman, engineer, inventor of wire glass, and chemist, believes he has solved the problem of converting the heat of the sun into power at such a low cost that its commercial use is near at hand. He is now running an engine that gets its power from the sun.

Want Pullman Cars Unlocked.

Topeka, Kansas.—Notice was sent to the Pullman Car company Tuesday by the state board of railroad commissioners, that it is the wish of the board that the Pullman company arrange matters so that the passengers may be admitted to and carried on dead-head Pullman cars at the usual Pullman rates instead of sending those cars through on crowded trains, locked and empty.

Railroads Earned More.

New York, N. Y.—The gross earnings of the railroads of the United States in 1906, according to the 40th annual number of Poor's Manual, issued Wednesday, made the enormous increase over 1905 of \$234,442,516. The net earnings increased, \$104,728,224. This was done in spite of a heavy increase in operating expenses due to higher wages and increased cost of material.

Frisco Meteor Wreck.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Fast Frisco train No. 409, known as the Meteor, which left St. Louis at 2:30 Wednesday afternoon, ran into an open switch near Tulsa, I. T., at an early hour Thursday morning and was wrecked. One mail clerk and two passengers were seriously injured.

Nebraska to the Gulf.

Lincoln, Nebraska.—In a letter to the secretary of state, Civil Engineer Edward T. Roemer of 177 East Ninety-third street, New York City, declared Thursday that the capital for a railroad from the northern part of Nebraska to the Gulf of Mexico is practically secured.

To Merge Farmers' Elevators.

Minneapolis, Minn.—A big merger of farmers' elevators in Minnesota is to be formed at a meeting called to take place in Minneapolis September 5 by presidents and managers of several elevators throughout the state.

Kubelik Coming Again.

New York, N. Y.—Daniel Frohman, who first brought Jan Kubelik to America, announces another American tour for the violinist, beginning in this city November 10.