

NEBRASKA NEWS

W. J. SLOAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHARGE OF MURDER.

SENTENCED TO LONG TERM

Says He Killed Frank Herman Near Grand Island in Early Part of Last Summer—Other State News.

W. J. Sloan confessed at Grand Island to the murder of Frank Hermann, in Hall county, pleaded guilty to murder in the second degree and was sentenced to fifteen years in the penitentiary. Hermann's decomposed body was found in a straw stack about the middle of June last. Officers worked diligently on the few clues that were available and finally arrested Sloan, who was a worker in a construction gang. Sloan finally admitted the killing, but stated that Hermann first came at him with the iron bolt with which Hermann said he killed his victim.

COMMISSIONER FREE TO ACT.

Federal Court Refuses to Restrain It From Naming Rate.

In a memorandum opinion Judge T. C. Munger of the United States circuit court in Lincoln denied the request of the railroads that the temporary restraining order dissolved during the recent session in Omaha be continued in force pending an appeal. The railroads secured a temporary restraining order enjoining the railway commission of this state from mailing to the Burlington, Northwestern, Union Pacific and the Missouri Pacific "any copies or copy of any order reducing the rates for the transportation of corn, wheat and flaxseed, and from in any manner giving any notice" to the roads named reducing the rates for the transportation of corn, wheat and flaxseed in the state. On the hearing held in Omaha the case was argued at length by attorneys of the railroads and for the state and the order dissolved by the court. Then the railroads, to perfect their appeal, asked that the temporary order be continued in force during the pendency of appeal. This the court denies. While the case decided applies only to the Burlington, by agreement made at Omaha during the hearing, any order made in the Burlington case will apply to the four roads named. A similar application for a temporary restraining order, made by the Rock Island and Grand Island roads, is yet to be considered.

KILLED BY ELEVATOR FALL.

Mistake by Another Hurls Workman to Sudden Death.

Frank Van Horn was killed by the breaking of a cable on an elevator in the Cooper-Cole building on South Tenth st., Lincoln, and the consequent fall into the basement of the man and the elevator cage. Death was not instantaneous, the injured man living more than two hours after the fall. In fixing this difficulty the cable had been left too short on the drum, and the elevator weight struck too soon in its ascent to allow the elevator to come clear down. To remedy this Van Horn had gone up in the cage to fasten it to the upper bracing with block and tackle, while the cable was lengthened on the drum. Someone wanted to lower the cage slightly, and pulled the control rope. But he pulled the rope the wrong way and the cage already close to the roof, rose violently and struck sharply. The new cable parted at once and the heavy cage dropped through to the basement. Van Horn was thrown out of the cage striking on his side on a pile of gas pipe that was heaped in the basement.

FATAL SHOOTING AT FALLS CITY.

Quarrel Between Negroes Has Possible Murder as Result.

As a result of a quarrel Chersa Wilson, colored, porter at Demers & Rule's barber shop, Falls City, was shot and killed by another colored boy, Clyde Ellington. No one witnessed the deed, but after the shooting Ellington walked into the National hotel and said to Proprietor Spence: "I have got my man and wish to surrender." The sheriff was called and Ellington put into jail. He will be given a preliminary hearing Saturday morning. The young men were each about twenty years of age and had always borne good reputations in the community.

After a Fire or Wind

Loss you need the money. Friends may sympathize but if you want a company which pays cash try the Farmers and Merchants Ins. Co., established since 1885. Over a million dollars already paid to patrons.

FIRE DAMAGES COLLEGE.

Fremont Educational Institution Suffers Severe Loss.

October 14 Fremont Normal college was damaged by fire to the extent of about \$45,000, due to a defective flue, the blaze starting in the attic and spreading rapidly over the main building and to the east and west wings.

The fire department worked hard to stay the progress of the flames, but was not successful until the building had been pretty heavily damaged.

Volunteers helped to save furniture and fixtures. Among the things that were carried out were \$10,000 worth of pianos. Practically all of the fine furniture in the apartments of Mr. and Mrs. Clemmons was saved.

The insurance carried was \$20,000. Plans for reconstruction are already under way.

BADLY HURT IN A FIRE.

School Teacher at Elmwood Jumps From Upstairs Window.

The modern \$5,000 farm residence of the late Z. P. Earl, five miles north and two miles west of Elmwood, was totally destroyed by fire, thought to have originated from the furnace. Nothing was saved but piano, parlor carpet and some clothing.

Miss Edna Miller of Elmwood, who teaches in the Zoos district, boarded at the Earl home, and was terribly injured by jumping from an upstairs window, a distance of twenty feet, falling on the cement walk, where she was discovered soon after, when a ladder was being taken to her window. Miss Miller was called in plenty of time to get out of the house, but evidently remained to put on most of her clothing.

SERIOUS RESULT FROM FIRE.

Small Blaze at Hastings Ends in Injuries to Two Men.

At Hastings a silk skirt containing gasoline took fire at Edgett's pantorium. Sam Edgett was seriously burned about the throat and face and was badly bruised by jumping fifteen feet to the stone walk below. Jay Hollister, who was also in the room, jumped from a window and fell in such a way as to dislocate his right hip. Serious bruises on his head resulted in unconsciousness and it is feared his skull is fractured. One arm was fractured. But little damage was done by the fire.

A LIVE WIRE.

Western Fire Ins. Co., Lincoln, First to Settle and Pay Losses

In an Oxford, Neb., conflagration, where property to the amount of \$100,000 was destroyed on October 7. Cash within forty-eight hours. No discount. This demonstrates the advantage of placing your insurance in a live Nebraska company right on the ground ready to settle and pay losses in full without delay and without discount. Why send your money out of the state?

Baking Powder Under Food Law.

Food Commissioner J. W. Johnson has changed his recent ruling that baking powder does not come under the provisions of the pure food law. He finds upon examining the law that any article entering into the making of food comes under the provisions of the law. Therefore he has reversed his ruling and will require baking powder to be branded net weight. "I do not think this reversal of my ruling," said Mr. Johnson, "is as bad as if I had first held baking powder comes within the law and then after consulting with its manufacturers had ruled that it does not come under the law. It is possible that I may have to change rulings from time to time."

Young Woman Found Insane.

Miss Daisy Wilson, aged 18, was tried by the insanity commission at Fremont, and was found to be a fit subject for the insane hospital. Miss Wilson, who is the daughter of a farmer who lives near Ames, left home ten days ago and went to Evanston, Wyo. She labored under a peculiar fancy that she had been bequeathed some railroad stock on the Pacific coast, and she had started for San Francisco all alone. Her parents, after searching for her for several days, learned that she was in the custody of the authorities at Evanston, where her peculiar behavior had resulted in her detention. She was brought back to Fremont.

Grand Island Merchants to Close.

An agreement has been signed by thirty-five of the retail merchants of Grand Island to close their stores at 6 o'clock p. m. excepting on Saturdays, when the closing hour shall be 9 p. m. The ten days before Christmas are excepted. This is a reduction of half an hour on all days excepting Saturday and of about an hour on Saturdays. The movement is the result of a visit to the city, and conference with some of the merchants by Commissioner of Labor J. H. Ryder

AN EVIL THAT IS ALWAYS WITH US.



Uncle Sam—"Just as I'm getting in a pleasant and sane state of mind that darn fellow bobs up and gets me loco."

CARNEGIE HERO AWARDS

Twenty-Four Persons Were Rewarded for Bravery.

Andrew J. Hodger, Santa Fe, Kan., Was Given a Gold Medal and \$5,000.

Pittsburg, Pa.—The regular fall meeting of the Carnegie Hero commission was held Friday in the Carnegie building, this city, and Friday night F. M. Wilot, the secretary, announced that 24 persons through the county had received awards for bravery. The number is the largest in the history of the commission. With the awards 125 persons have been benefited by the hero fund, and 1,121 persons have refused either money or medals.

The largest award to be made was a gold medal and the sum of \$5,000, given to Andrew J. Hodger, 45 years old, Santa Fe, Kan. Mr. Hodger, who is county superintendent of schools, made a heroic rescue. Two men, Joseph King and William Nunn were caught by a cave-in of sand while at the bottom of a deep well at Pierceville, Kan. Nunn was suffocated and King slowly dying. Notwithstanding the fact that another cave-in seemed sure within a short time, Mr. Hodger was lowered into the well and succeeded in saving King and recovering Nunn's body. The night following the rescue there was another fall of a ton or more of sand.

The money awarded Mr. Hodger is to be used in educating his four children.

Geronimo Gives Advice.

Collinsville, I. T.—Leading the way in a huge red automobile to the pow-wow grounds one-half mile east of Collinsville Thursday afternoon, Geronimo, war chief of the Apaches and United States prisoner of war addressed 1,500 Indians who are attending the big celebration here, advising them to adopt the ways of the white man, become educated and study the Christian religion. He spoke in his native tongue and interpreters translated his address into the language of other Indian tribes and into English. Lighted by scores of campfires, with hundreds of Indian braves bedecked in paint, feathers and gaudy blankets participating, the war and stomp dances, presented a scene as in the days when Lo was alone in the wilderness.

President Shot a Bear.

Staboul, La.—A later arrival from Bear Lake brings the information that the president shot the bear he killed Thursday as it came out of the cane-break near the camp. The animal had been chased for half a day by Ben Lilly and a negro assistant who followed close upon the heels of the hounds. It fell after the first shot, which was planted just back of the shoulder. The animal weighed 375 pounds, which is considered large for bears in this vicinity.

Drop Fight on Kansas Liquor Law.

Washington.—The supreme court of the United States was informed Tuesday by counsel that a compromise would doubtless be reached in the case pending involving the constitutionality of the Kansas liquor law. It was stated that the fight to test the constitutionality of this law would be given up and that the only question to be determined in the cases filed was as to the severity of the sentences which have been imposed for violations.

COPPER CORNER COLLAPSED.

The Heinz Interests Suffered Serious Loss—Shrinkage in Value of Securities.

New York.—Sensations followed each other in rapid succession in the financial district Thursday as the result of the collapse of the projected corner in United Copper and the suspension of a prominent brokerage firm Wednesday.

The firm of Otto Heinze & Co. was suspended on the stock exchange.

F. Augustus Heinze, the Buffalo copper magnate, resigned the presidency of the Mercantile National Bank of New York. The Amalgamated Copper company at its director's meeting cut its quarterly dividend from 2 per cent to 1 per cent.

The directors of the Boston and Montana Copper company declared a quarterly dividend of \$6 in place of a former dividend of \$12.

The state savings bank of Butte, Mont., of which the Heinzes are the principal stockholders, suspended.

The tremendous shrinkage in the value of securities in Wall street is shown by the following comparison of Thursday's low prices with the high quotations reached last year:

	Low price Thurs.	High price 1906.
Amalgamated Copper.....	49	138 1/4
American Smelting.....	69	174
A. T. & S. F.....	78 1/2	110 1/2
C. M. & S. F.....	113	199 1/2
Great Northern.....	118	248
Missouri Pacific.....	51	106 1/2
National Lead.....	38 1/2	95 1/2
New York Central.....	100	156 1/2
Northern Pacific.....	115 1/2	232 1/2
Pennsylvania.....	114 1/2	147 1/2
Reading.....	86	164
Southern Pacific.....	73 1/2	97 1/2
Union Pacific.....	116	195 1/2
U. S. Steel, common.....	22 1/2	50 1/2
U. S. Steel, preferred.....	81 1/2	113 1/2

Dismissed Oklahoma Case.

Washington.—The suit of the territory of Oklahoma against the Rock Island railroad which has been pending for some time was Tuesday dismissed by the supreme court of the United States. An injunction was obtained against the road in Oklahoma on the ground that the rate on wheat in that territory was higher than its rate in Kansas which it was charged constituted a violation of the charter of the road. The appeal was withdrawn at the instance of the railroad.

Emperor's Condition Critical.

Vienna.—While the physical condition of Emperor Francis Joseph improved somewhat during the last 24 hours, his malady, a catarrhal affection remains practically the same. Court officials declared Friday evening that Thursday night was the worst he had passed since the beginning of his illness. Friday evening the patient was still without fever but he was coughing violently.

To Close Sunday Theaters.

Kansas City, Mo.—A plan to close the theaters on Sundays is understood to have been decided on by Judge Wallace of the criminal court. The criminal judge is said to have determined to issue warrants for the arrest next Saturday of every actor, actress, musician or member of traveling show companies in the 16 Kansas City theaters. They probably would number 300 or more.

New York-Havana Cable Finished.

New York.—The direct New York-Havana cable of the Commercial Cable company was completed Thursday night, the final splice having been made at sea 120 miles from Coney Island. Commercial business will begin Monday next.

END OF BEAR HUNT

PRESIDENT COMES SAFELY OUT OF THE WILDERNESS.

PLEASED WITH HIS SUCCESS

Says Never in His Life Had He Finer Sport.—Three Bears, Six Deer, Turkey, 'Possum, Squirrels and Wildcat Killed.

A Stamboul, La., October 20 dispatch says: "We got three bears, six deer, one wild turkey, twelve squirrels, one duck, one 'possum and one wildcat. We ate them all except the wildcat, and there were times when we almost felt as if we could eat it."

This was President Roosevelt's summing up of the result of his hunt on Bayou Tenses and Bear lake. He arrived at 3 o'clock this afternoon at the residence of Leo Shields, where he will be a guest until he makes his departure for Vicksburg tomorrow. He came in on a full gallop, and accompanied, as he was, by about a dozen of his hunting companions, all mounted and attired in hunting garb, the cavalcade presented a tableaux as picturesque as it was animated. The president is slightly more bronzed than when he entered the wilderness from this point fifteen days ago, but notwithstanding this fact and the additional circumstances that his clothes bear evidence of contact with the cane and other brush, he was never in better spirits in his life.

CANAL NOT BIG ENOUGH.

Building of Giant Ships Forces This Conclusion on Engineers.

The locks of the projected Panama canal must be made wider than they were originally planned, is the opinion of the naval member of the isthmian canal commission, Lieutenant and Civil Engineer H. H. Rosseau, who has arrived in Washington, direct from the isthmus. It is presumed that he bore this message from the commission itself, although that fact could not be determined, owing to the departure of the officer from Washington for New York, only a few hours from the time of his arrival in the city, just sufficient time here, in fact, to enable him to lay his message before Secretary Metcalf.

Undoubtedly naval exigencies, supplemented by the building of the giant Cunard Lusitania and Mauritania, was the basis for this projected change of plan which will involve the expenditure of many additional millions of dollars, and perhaps an extension of the time required for the completion of the canal project.

CORNHUSKERS LOSE GAME.

Beaten By Minnesota in a Close Game On Northrop Field.

Minnesota proved victor over Nebraska in the second game of the season at Northrop field by the score of 8 to 5. Minnesota's points resulted from two field goals, drop kicks by George Capron. The Nebraskans won their five points through a touchdown by Weller, made after Capron had fumbled in an inexcusable manner. Minnesota lost a touchdown through the decision of the head linesman in declaring that Capron had run out of bounds while making a spectacular dash down the field. The official making the decision was one who has served in Minneapolis for a number of years and whose honesty is above reproach. A partisan crowd declared he erred but as the final result of the game was in no way interfered with by the call back of the run it became merely an incident of the play.

TRIES TO KILL WITH BOMB.

Kansas Man Makes Attempt to Murder Wife, But Fails.

E. E. Stacy, soon after his arrival in Great Bend, Kas., from Denver made an attempt to kill his wife with a dynamite bomb. Stacy's mother-in-law saw her daughter's peril and shoved her out of danger before the bomb exploded. No one was injured by the explosion, but the house in which the bomb was thrown suffered some damage. Stacy first tried to put the bomb in the bosom of his wife's dress, but his mother-in-law knocked it from his hand and pushed her daughter from the room before it exploded.

CLOSE CALL FOR THE KING.

Alfonso Goes Through Bridge in His Automobile.

King Alfonso had a narrow escape from a serious accident near Fauresa, Spain. In his automobile he was going over a temporary bridge when the light structure collapsed under the weight of the car which was precipitated into the water.