

NEBRASKA NEWS

BURLINGTON CROP REPORT EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS.

WHEAT HARVEST IS HEAVY

Estimated Yield is From Twelve to Thirty Bushels Per Acre According to Soil Conditions—

Other News.

Wheat is now being harvested in eastern and southern Nebraska and the estimated yield is from twelve to thirty bushels an acre, according to the soil and crop report of the Burlington road. This will be about 88 per cent of an average yield, or six per cent more than was expected a week ago on the Wymore division. On the Lincoln division the reports show 98 per cent of the average or two per cent more than a week ago. The estimates on the McCook division are from five to twenty bushels per acre and on the Lincoln division from fifteen to thirty bushels per acre. Spring grain is maturing rapidly and will soon be ready for harvest. Oats, spring wheat and barley should all make an average crop, judging from present indications.

Last week was the most favorable for corn since the wet weather began, as it was the week of the highest temperature so far this season and there was not too much moisture to prevent cultivation.

Agents' reports show a prospect for an 85 per cent crop on the McCook division, 86 per cent on the Wymore division and 100 per cent on the Lincoln division. The corn fields have been thoroughly cultivated during the week.

Prospects are good for an average crop of potatoes. The sugar beet crop is doing well wherever raised. The meadows and pastures are in most excellent condition, with the first crop of alfalfa in the stack. Rainfall was general over the district last week.

GEORGE HUNTINGTON DEAD.

Veteran Dispatcher Succumbs to Heart Disease.

George Huntington, one of the oldest dispatchers on the Northwestern railroad, died Thursday morning at his home in Fremont. He had been ailing for a long time with heart trouble, but up to two weeks ago was able to fill his usual position as "first trick" man at the Fremont Northwestern office.

Mr. Huntington was born December 7, 1853, at Painesville, Ohio. He began railroading when 15 years of age, entering the office of the Lake Shore & Michigan Southern. Thirty years ago he came west to South Dakota for the Northern Pacific. Twenty-five years ago at Missouri Valley, Ia., he entered the employ of the old F. E. & M. V. as dispatcher. He was transferred to Norfolk and then to Fremont. He had the unique and remarkable record of serving 40 years at a telegraph key without contracting that common ailment among all telegraphers of operator's cramps.

DECIDES AGAINST GAUVREAU.

Hastings High License Councilman Ordered Unseated.

Judge Dungan of the district court reversed the decision of Judge Ragan of the county court and issued a writ of ouster against Councilman Gauvreau of Hastings who was seated a week ago upon the order of Judge Ragan. The removal of Councilman Gauvreau will again throw the city council into the same condition it was before the decree of Judge Ragan and will leave it a tie as regards the prohibition question.

E. L. Gauvreau, a supporter of high license, was seated two weeks ago on order of Judge Ragan, special judge of the county court, before whom the contest was first tried. Judge Dungan reversed the decision of Judge Ragan and issued a writ of ouster against Gauvreau.

Cuts His Throat.

Remorse which followed an extended spree is believed to have been the cause of Cyril Galik, a Pole, living at 2416 Walnut street, Omaha, attempting to commit suicide Wednesday morning in his room. He was discovered by a fellow-lodger, lying on his bed with his throat cut from ear to ear. He was unable to talk, the windpipes having been partially severed, but by gestures and the aid of a pencil he told his name and occupation—cabinet maker. He was removed to the Omaha general hospital and attended by Police Surgeons Harris and Fitzgibbons. His chances for recovery are very few.

SEEKS TO TAKE A STREET.

Union Pacific Move Agitates North Platte People.

A suit of far-reaching importance to North Platte is about to be filed in the local federal court by the Union Pacific railroad. It involves the ownership of a strip of land 100 feet in width. W. M. Cunningham and Roy E. Tabor, trustees, are made the defendants in the suit. The land in question covers all of Front street, running to the north property line of that street. The claims of the railroad to the land are based under two acts of congress. The original act of that body, passed in 1862, granted a right-of-way 400 feet in width and alternate sections of land for ten miles on either side of the right-of-way to 200 feet and increasing the land grant to 20 miles on each side of the right-of-way. The contention of the company is that the amendment was not to apply to the width of the right-of-way—in other words, the company claims the best of both grants. In the bills filed the company admits there is a controversy, and brings the suit in the nature of a test case. While the suit of itself would affect only the parties mentioned, yet there is no question that all property owners within the limits involved not only in that city but in every point along the Union Pacific would lose should the company win. At North Platte the effect would be radical, and much of the best business property is within the disputed district.

BOY SHOTS BOY BY ACCIDENT.

While Cleaning Gun Trigger is Pulled Unintentionally.

While Edgar Manning a 16-year-old boy of Schuyler, was emptying the chamber of a 22-caliber rifle at the slough where more than a dozen boys had gone to spend the afternoon, a shot was caught in the barrel and while he was extricating the shot the trigger went off. The gun was pointed at the back of Frank Schley, who was undressing to go in swimming. The bullet entered the boy's back and went straight through his body cutting the main artery. The other boys were all scared and ran. Manning ran for a doctor, but the bullet had done its work and Schley was dead before medical assistance was secured.

Escaped Convict Brought Back.

A convict named Ingram from Lancaster county, who escaped from the Nebraska penitentiary nearly nine years ago, is back in the penitentiary once more to serve one month of an unexpired term. As he lost two months' time by escaping, he will have to serve three months instead of the one unexpired month that was before him when he left. He was serving a term of one year for burglary and was employed as a trusty about the grounds when he decided to desert the place. He lost no time in committing a burglary in Kansas and was sentenced to ten years in the state prison at Lansing, Kas. At the expiration of his service there he was brought back to make good the sentence of the law in Nebraska. With three of the hottest months of the summer before him the prisoner will have a chance to meditate behind the bars on the fortunes of a lawbreaker.

North Platte State Farm.

Chancellor Andrews, Dean Burnett and the regents of the university recently visited the state experimental farm at North Platte. All were pleased with the farm conditions, and could not speak too enthusiastically of the work being done there. Chancellor Andrews expressed himself freely as to the splendid results being obtained that mean so much to western Nebraska. Nowhere in the state did he see better crop conditions and the only pity, as he saw it, was that the results of the farm were not as widely known as they ought to be. One of the regents is much in favor of establishing on the farm a branch of the state agricultural college so the students from the western part of the state can receive the same instruction as at Lincoln with the further advantage of studying the crops and their culture under conditions as they exist in that district.

Boy Shot in Knee.

Irving Bucklin, a 12-year-old boy, was hit on the left leg below the knee by a stray 22-caliber bullet while playing on an island in the Platte river south of Fremont. Boys who had been seen playing with a gun on the island ran away when they heard Bucklin's screams.

New School at Maywood.

At a special election held at Maywood, at the time of the annual school meeting, \$10,000 worth of bonds were voted for the purpose of erecting a new school building. It is intended to build an eight-room, pressed-brick building on the lots now owned by the district.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

Most Important Happenings of the Past Seven Days.

Interesting Items Gathered From all Parts of the World Condensed Into Small Space for the Benefit of Our Readers.

Miscellaneous.

In a head-on collision between two fast passenger trains on the Missouri Pacific railroad at Knobnoster, Mo., nine persons were killed and upwards of 50 injured. The accident was due either to disregard of train orders or failure to receive them. All the dead and most of the injured were on the eastbound train.

Last month was the wettest June in 41 years in Kansas, according to Dr. Snow's records.

The negro arrested at Monroe, Mich., suspected of stealing a mail pouch containing \$50,000 at Kansas City, proves to be the wrong man.

It has been finally decided to have the notification of Mr. Taft's nomination take place at Cincinnati on July 28.

Gold in paying quantities has been found in the Brownwood oil field about 100 miles southwest of Fort Worth, Tex.

A negro giving the name of Charles Stevens has been arrested in Monroe, Wis., charged with stealing the \$50,000 registered mail pouch at Kansas City. He was identified by photographs.

An airship flight that lasted all day was made recently by Count Zeppelin starting from Lake Constance, Switzerland, in the morning and returning there in the evening.

A. J. Bliss of White Cloud, Kan., has been arrested on a charge of perjury for making false returns to the tax assessor. He listed \$400 when he had \$9,000 on deposit in a bank.

The new Lehigh viaduct in Buffalo, N. Y., was badly damaged by the explosion of two heavy charges of dynamite. One man has been arrested on suspicion.

The New York grand jury has returned two indictments against Mae Wood on charges of perjury and forgery in connection with the suit against Senator Platt.

Justice Lambert directed the jury to find a verdict for Mayor McClellan in the suit brought by William R. Hearst to oust him from office as mayor of New York.

The Kansas supreme court has dismissed all the attachment suits recently filed against Pittsburg jointists.

A. Booth & Co., one of the largest fish and oyster concerns in the west has pleaded guilty in Chicago of having accepted rebates from railroad companies. The maximum penalty for the offense is \$20,000.

Revolutionists attacked the Mexican post at Palomas, Chihuahua, but were repulsed by the garrison.

Because the education given was not satisfactory the Japanese of Seattle, Wash., have decided to withdraw their children from the public schools. Japanese schools with native teachers will be established.

As the result of a cloudburst at Wellington, Kan., four persons were drowned and hundreds of families were forced from their homes by the rushing waters which washed the houses from their foundations.

The Northern Kansas Millers' club, whose primary object is to procure better seed wheat for farmers has been organized at Junction City. C. E. Curran of Concordia is the first president.

The westbound California limited on the Santa Fe railroad was wrecked near Hardy, Arizona, killing two train-men and a passenger and injuring about 20 persons.

The Missouri Pacific has opened the freight car works in the new shops at Sedalia, Mo.

The tracks of the Joplin & Pittsburg Electric line were blown up with dynamite by indignant citizens of Chicopee, a coal camp, who objected to an increase in car fares.

Lightning caused the destruction of four 1,600-barrel tanks of oil in the Glenn Pool in Oklahoma recently, making the fifth fire in that section in three months.

National Committeeman Sullivan of Illinois says that John Mitchell can be the state's candidate for vice president at Denver if he says the word.

Two St. Louis "social" clubs were recently raided by the police, 65 persons arrested and 49 kegs of beer confiscated.

Fifty thousand school teachers from all parts of the country are attending the forty-sixth annual convention of the National Educational association at Cleveland, Ohio.

Two men were killed and three others seriously injured by the collapse of a building in process of demolition in Minneapolis, Minn.

Attorney General Strauss, of Maryland is to second Gov. Johnson's nomination for president at the Denver convention.

Two hundred miners met death by an explosion of gas in a mine at Yuvoos, European Russia. Seventy-three men were rescued alive but ten of them died after being taken out of the shaft.

Sylvanus E. Johnson, for many years Washington correspondent for the Cincinnati Enquirer and other papers and a former president of the Gridiron club, is dead.

Six persons, five women and a five-year-old boy, are dead and a score of others injured as the result of an explosion of fireworks in a five and ten cent store in Cleveland, O. A panic among the hundreds of customers and employes followed the explosion and many were injured in jumping from the windows of the upper floors.

A slight earthquake shock shook San Francisco and Los Angeles the other day but did no damage.

Frank Coy, a wealthy farmer and a United States mail carrier of Taney county, Mo., was shot from ambush and dangerously wounded while on his route recently.

Grant Ferguson, a negro credited with having saved 12 persons from drowning at Des Moines, Ia., has been presented with a gold medal by the Commercial club of that city.

The public debt increased \$1,793,794 during June.

The United States mints coined during the last fiscal year \$215,714,862.

The receipts of the government for the fiscal year just closed were \$599,895,763 and the expenditures were \$659,552,124, leaving a deficit of \$59,656,361.

Three brothers named Rhodus, organizers of the Central Life Securities company and half a dozen subsidiary concerns have been arrested in Chicago charged with using the mails to defraud.

F. C. Brockhauser, a Chicago man who swindled working girls out of \$8,000 by selling them fake mortgages has been returned to Chicago from Oklahoma where he was captured.

The railroads of the middle west have decided to restore the old rates on package freight. The movement means a saving of thousands of dollars to shippers.

The certificates of the official list of candidates to be voted on at the primary election in Kansas has been sent to the county clerks. The list is five feet long and six newspaper columns wide.

Secretary Cortelyou has issued a statement saying that the deficit of \$60,000,000 shown by the treasury statement is more apparent than real because of the antiquated system of bookkeeping in vogue.

Personal

A temporary restraining order has been issued against the Prairie Oil & Gas company, restraining them from further work on the oil pipe line from Caney, Kan., into Oklahoma.

Five persons were killed, 40 injured and many rendered homeless by a tornado at Fort Summers, N. M.

Sunday theaters are illegal in Kansas under a recent decision of the supreme court.

The entire Japanese cabinet has tendered its resignation to the emperor.

Prominent publishers have offered Mr. Roosevelt \$1 per word for the story of his impression of Africa after his coming hunting trip.

Rear Admiral Charles M. Thomas, U. S. N., retired, who was second in command of the Atlantic battleship fleet on its voyage to the Pacific, died suddenly at Del Monte, Cal., of heart failure.

Joel Chandler Harris, familiarly known as "Uncle Remus," and an author of note, is dead at his home in a suburb of Atlanta, Ga.

Herman Ridder, editor of the New York Staats Zeitung, one of the recent callers at Mr. Bryan's home, asked the Nebraska candidate to withdraw from the race for the Democratic presidential nomination. Mr. Bryan refused.

Thomas P. Bashaw, a former speaker of the Missouri house, is dead at his home in St. Louis.

H. C. Townsend, for many years general passenger agent of the Missouri Pacific railroad, is dead in Port Huron, Mich.

Bishop H. C. Potter of New York is dangerously ill at Cooperstown.

The return of Representative Sherman to his home in Utica, N. Y., was the occasion for a great non-partisan demonstration by his fellow citizens.

Murat Halstead, one of the leaders of American journalism for over half a century, widely known as a vigorous editorial and magazine writer, is dead at his home in Cincinnati of cerebral hemorrhage. He was in his seventy-ninth year. Mr. Halstead personally reported many battles in the Civil, Franco-Prussian and Spanish-American wars.

An operation for gout has been performed on Rear Admiral Evans at Lake Mohonk, N. Y.

The will of Grover Cleveland has been filed for probate in New Jersey. The bulk of the property is left to the widow. The amount of the estate is not given.

NINE DIE IN WRECK

COLLISION ON MISSOURI PACIFIC NEAR KNOBNOSTER, MO.

TRAINS MEET AT FULL SPEED

Change Made In Orders and Some One Supposed to Have Blundered—Fully Fifty Persons Injured.

The California special train from St. Louis on the Missouri Pacific railroad collided with the equally fast St. Louis train from Kansas City two miles east of Knobnoster, Mo., at 5:30 o'clock Friday morning. Nine persons were killed, all on the train from Kansas City, and at least fifty were injured.

The dead: Michael Burke, Poplar Bluff, Mo.; S. R. English, Fred Story, Franklyn, Ky.; W. J. Frisbie, St. Louis; John Hood, Hurley, Mo.; W. H. Harding, negro mail clerk, St. Louis; Baggageman Campbell, of Jefferson City, Mo., and his two assistants.

All of the killed were on the train from Kansas City, but eight of the injured were on the other train. Both trains were going at full speed.

The California special left St. Louis on time Thursday night carrying five cars, including two mail cars. The train from Kansas City was held two hours to await two cars of discharged soldiers from Fort Leavenworth. This train carried eight cars.

A. Strang, train dispatcher at Sedalia, issued an order for the trains to meet at Knobnoster. Later this order was changed and the meeting place fixed at Lamonte, seven miles east of there. Whether the dispatcher at Sedalia failed to deliver the order to the crew of the St. Louis train, or the operator at Lamonte erred in not flagging the train is a matter of official investigation.

Both engineers reversed their engines and jumped. The impact of the two engines threw both off the track. The cars piled up on the wreckage, four cars on the St. Louis train and three cars on the train from Kansas City leaving the rails. While both the big engines were derailed, neither turned over. Two of the cars on the train from Kansas City were new type steel mail cars. Both were derailed and badly damaged.

DEATH OF MURAT HALSTEAD.

Veteran Editor Succumbs at His Cincinnati Home.

Murat Halstead, one of the leaders in American journalism for over half a century and widely known as a vigorous editorial and magazine writer, died at his home in Cincinnati, Thursday afternoon in his seventy-ninth year. At his bedside were his wife, his son Robert and one daughter, Mrs. Arthur Stem. Mr. Halstead had been failing in health for three months, and Wednesday suffered from cerebral hemorrhages.

Mr. Halstead was one of the great editors of the last half of the nineteenth century and one of the strongest tributes to his incisiveness as a writer was in 1889, when his nomination by President Harrison to be American minister to Germany was rejected by the United States senate because of articles he had published charging corruption to some members of that body.

He was a native of Butler county, Ohio, and after a short service on a literary weekly he, in 1853 became connected with the Cincinnati Commercial, in which he secured a small interest a year later, becoming chief owner in 1865. For a time he was editor of the Brooklyn Standard-Union and for the last ten years he has figured largely as a magazine and special newspaper writer, besides issuing a number of books on current matters of historical interest. During the war Mr. Halstead personally reported many battles, being rated as a war correspondent of the first class, and later in the first Franco-German war and in the Spanish-American war he added to his reputation in that line. For fifty years he attended and reported all republican nominating conventions, and in 1860 he was the only newspaper man who reported all the varied political conventions of that year.

Killed By Koreans.

News was brought by the Empress of China from Korea that nearly a thousand pro-Japanese Koreans, members of the II China Her, a society favoring Japanese, have been murdered by Korean insurgents, according to statistics collected by Japanese officials. The Korean cabinet, at the direction of Japan has transferred the Korean private imperial estates to the national assets, covering the general situation in Korea, since the disbandment of the Korean army.