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CHOLERA IN EUROPE

ALARMING INVASION OF THE ASIATIC BACILLUS.

Belief that the Officials of Russia Have Not Been Aroused to the Danger and Are Not Prepared to Cope with It.

Berlin dispatches state that forty-three cases of cholera in all have been reported. Nine persons have died from the disease and many suspicious cases are under observation. The legal and medical machinery for dealing with this invasion of Asiatic bacillus is now working at full pressure.

Prof. Edward Sonnenberg said that no one need fear an epidemic such as that of 1892-93, because the health authorities since that time had built up an organization quite adequate to grasp the beginnings of cholera and put down the disease with decision and firmness.

The health machinery to which Prof. Sonnenberg alluded is working in co-operation with the police and other public services. With the exception of the one death at Hamburg the cholera is confined to the West Prussian districts, and every case of illness in these districts must be immediately reported to the authorities. An experienced physician and bacteriologist at once takes an observation and if the case is suspicious the patient is promptly isolated.

The state has now detailed under medical examination nearly 1,000 persons, including the emigrants at Brunshaven. Cautions and warnings have been distributed and these have led to spontaneous and vigorous co-operation with the sanitary officials. If the same agencies and the same spirit were at work on the Russian frontier the Prussian health administration would feel satisfied with what is being done.

A doubt, almost amounting to conviction, exists that the Russian administration has not yet been aroused to the danger and that its task of dealing with the problem is much more difficult than that which confronts the authorities at Berlin.

A QUEER WRECK.

British Train Dashes Into a Railway Station.

In a railway accident at Witham, Eng., Friday morning ten persons were killed and a score seriously injured by a through express from London to Cromer dashing into the platform of the Witham station of the Great Eastern Railway. Six of the killed were women.

The gasometers beneath the cars caught fire and consumed the wreckage. Fortunately all the bodies had been removed before the flames gained headway.

The rear cars of the train left the track, the engine and front cars, remaining on the rails, mounted the platform of the station, demolished the buildings and then turned over.

NORWAY AND SWEDEN AGREE

Expected Negotiations Between Two Countries Soon to be Concluded.

A Copenhagen dispatch says: It is expected negotiations between Norway and Sweden will soon result in a full agreement on the subject of the dissolution of the union.

Well-informed persons presume Sweden will give up her claim for the razing of the fortresses on the Norwegian frontier, being satisfied if the forts are not armed.

The Swedish court favors the candidacy of Prince Charles of Sweden for the Norwegian throne, but it is not certain that the riksdag will accept the Norwegian offer of 700,000 crowns yearly as an allowance for the eventual king.

Boycott is Under the Ban.

China has placed the boycott on American products under the imperial ban. An edict has been issued by the government commanding viceroys and governors of provinces to take measures for the suppression of the boycott and holding their strictly responsible.

Giant Skeletons Found.

Two skeletons, each measuring more than 7 feet in length, were discovered Friday in a gravel pit in the forest near Fond du Lac, Wis. The skulls are as large as those of two ordinary persons and the thigh bones are almost six inches longer than those of a six-foot man.

Fever Scourge Under Control.

The new cases of yellow fever Friday numbered 10; deaths, 1; total cases to date, 1,929; deaths to date, 278. It is conceded by all the officials that the yellow fever is now under control.

To Refumigate Colon.

The sanitary authorities of Panama in order to improve the health conditions in Colon, have sent over a gang of 200 men to refumigate the town.

Sioux City Stock Market.

Friday's quotations on the Sioux City stock market follow: Butcher steers, \$5.10@5.25. Top hogs, \$5.60@5.80.

Col. Harrison Resigns.

Col. Russell B. Harrison, of Indianapolis, was at Lafayette, Ind., attending the annual reunion of the One Hundred and Sixtieth regiment, Indiana infantry, has resigned as adjutant general of the United Order of Spanish War Veterans.

Quarantine Trouble Adjusted.

The trouble existing between Sheriff James H. Roche and the health officers at Cairo, Ill., in regard to enforcing the quarantine rules has been adjusted.

VOLCANO IN RAGE.

Vesuvius Throws Out Great Masses of Lava.

Naples advises say that Mt. Vesuvius is in full eruption and is throwing out an enormous mass of lava.

A dispatch from Messina, Sicily says: The ancient crater in the island of Stromboli is in full eruption. A panic prevails in the villages around the volcano.

Violent earthquakes are reported from Sultana and Palena, Italy, simultaneously with the eruption of Vesuvius and Stromboli. Many houses fell, church steeples tottered, and there is a great panic. The population of the two villages fled to the country. Two persons were killed and more than 100 wounded.

Not since September, 1904, has the mountain that overwhelmed Pompeii and Herculaneum presented such a dangerous appearance. At that time the eruptions were greater and more destructive than any since 1872. Sept. 25, 1904, observation showed that in eleven hours there were 1,844 violent explosions, and that masses of red-hot stone and boiling lava, weighing many tons, were tossed out of the crater like so many feathers. The lava flow at that time melted the iron rails of the Ferriacola railroad, and buried away many houses and huts. Vegetation within one mile of the crater disappeared and many farms and vineyards were destroyed.

Vesuvius has a remarkable record. Since 79 A. D., when Pompeii was overwhelmed, there have been sixty tremendous convulsions and thousands of lives have been lost in the upheavals of the volcano. The mountain then rested for 124 years, and in 203 A. D. came the second recorded eruption. In 472 the eruption was so tremendous that ashes were carried over the whole of Europe and even to Asia and Africa. The fourth great eruption was in 1036, and the fifth in 1631. There were then a number of smaller convulsions. It was not until 1779 that modern scientific men began to study the volcano closely.

In 1794 there was an eruption that overwhelmed the town of Torre del Greco. A great hole was opened in the side of the mountain near the base and the lava poured through the opening. One stream of lava alone is estimated as having contained 46,000,000 cubic yards of molten rock. During the last century the eruptions were frequent and deadly; the flows of lava in 1850, 1855 and 1858 being especially important. Then, in April, 1872, came the big overflow of the tury. In 1882, 1886, 1891 and 1897 there were forceful eruptions.

MUST FACE TRIAL.

Officers of the Benning to be Court-martialed.

A Washington special says: Secretary Bonaparte Wednesday acted upon the finding of the court of inquiry in the case of the Bennington explosion. He disapproved of so much of the findings as declare the Bennington was "in an excellent state of discipline and good and efficient condition" at the time of the explosion, and is particularly severe in his comment upon the failure of the officers to look after the safety valves.

He further says the court of inquiry's failure to make any finding respecting the captain of the ship, Lucien Young, does not meet his approval, and he, therefore, declares that to clear himself Young must appear before a court-martial. Ensign Charles T. Wade, in charge of the machinery, is also ordered before a court-martial.

ONE HUSBAND A YEAR.

Eight Helpmates Alleged Record of Woman.

At Philadelphia, Pa., Mrs. Nethercott, Mrs. Quinn, Mrs. Pierson, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Mitchell, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Maloney and Mrs. Helper awake in Moyamensing prison Tuesday morning, and found herself alone. Not one of her eight husbands, who are all alive, had come forward to offer the \$800 bail which holds her on charges of bigamy and perjury.

Elmer Smith, husband No. 3, who is good at mathematics, has prepared a table to show that Mrs. Helper took eight husbands in seven years.

It was Smith who informed Helper that only one-eighth of Mrs. Helper's affections really belonged to each of them. These two caused her arrest, and they appeared against her before Magistrate Harris in West Philadelphia.

CARRY OFF A SAFE.

Burglars Make a Big Haul in a Summer Home.

A steel safe of considerable weight, which is understood to have contained \$150 in cash and jewelry valued at over \$20,000, mysteriously disappeared from the summer residence of Paul Bonner at Nirvana, Conn., on the sound, during Wednesday night.

The family believes that burglars entered the house through a window on the lower floor and conveyed the safe to the shore and placed it aboard a vessel.

Four Blown to Pieces.

Three Slavs and an Italian were blown to pieces by the premature explosion of a blast near Safe Harbor, Pa. Another Slav is missing. Two Slavs and a negro were badly injured.

One Perishes in Fire.

The Abbey roadhouse, near Chester Park Cincinnati, burned Thursday from a gasoline explosion. Charles Odum, of Cairo, Ill., a piano player, lost his life.

Stock Markets Affected.

There was a buoyant feeling exhibited Wednesday on the stock exchange at London and at all continental bourses. Stocks of all descriptions made advances. Russian and Japanese bonds showing substantial gains.

Convict Ends Life.

At Lincoln, Neb., Victor Alexander, aged 21, a convict, hung himself with a cord which had smuggled into his cell. He had been sent to prison for burglary from Merrick County.

PRINTERS ON STRIKE.

Five Hundred Union Job Men Are Out in Chicago.

An acute stage has been reached in a new labor war in Chicago. Nineteen of the larger printing houses of Chicago were without union compositors Thursday evening, the result of a series of strikes inaugurated by Typographical Union No. 16 against the members of the Chicago Typothetae, the purpose of the strikes being to compel the Typothetae as an organization to accept the demands for the "closed shop" and that eight hours constitute a day's work. Further strikes are expected in case other houses undertake to do work for concerns at which strikes have begun, as the result of posting of notices of an intention to inaugurate "open shop" and "nine hours," where it is claimed contrary conditions had been the rule. Pending such assistance to strike-affected firms the strike leaders pronounced the strike complete and declared the outcome a matter of endurance, a spread in Chicago or to other cities not being contemplated, for the present at least.

Not counting other employees in the nineteen printing houses involved, printers to the number of 500 are idle. The strikers claim that the larger establishments will remain neutral, not accepting work for houses where strikes are in progress, and in these shops and elsewhere 3,500 members of the union would be at work helping to supply funds for strike benefits. Among the establishments at which the latest strikes were inaugurated were Poole Bros., M. A. Donarue & Co., and the Methodist Book Concern.

Contrary to the assertions of the officers of the typographical union, Secretary Hamm, of the Typothetae, says emphatically that he does not know of a single desertion, and that the effect of the strike will be overcome in short order.

THANKS OF THE CZAR.

Remarkable Message is Sent to President Roosevelt.

"Accept my congratulations and earnest thanks for having brought the peace negotiations to a successful conclusion, owing to your personal, energetic efforts. My country will gratefully recognize the great part you have played in the Portsmouth peace conference. "Nicholas."

President Roosevelt at Oyster Bay Thursday received the foregoing cablegram from Emperor Nicholas. That the Russian emperor should thank President Roosevelt for his efforts to insure peace between Russia and Japan was to have been expected, but it is particularly significant that in his cablegram the emperor extended to the president his warmest thanks for having brought peace negotiations to a successful conclusion.

The dispatch is regarded as one of the most remarkable of its kind ever sent by the head of one nation to that of another.

STIRS UP AN OLD SORE.

Talk at Lawrence, Kan., of Trying Men of Quantrell's Band.

A movement has been started at Lawrence, Kan., growing out of the annual reunion of the Quantrell band survivors held yearly at Independence, Mo., to have the men who were indicted for the famous raid brought to Lawrence for trial, because of their alleged inflammatory utterances.

Nov. 18, 1863, the grand jury returned twenty-three indictments against the raiders for murder in the first degree.

At the recent reunion at Independence one man was quoted as saying that his only regret was that the raiders had not "wiped out the whole town." There is an indictment on file at Lawrence against this man. Judge S. A. Riggs drew the indictments at the time. He said Thursday that he was ready to assist in a vigorous prosecution.

BEGGAR HAD THOUSANDS.

Police Find \$2,000 in Gold and Bills on Person.

A trembling, ragged old man, with watery eyes and whining voice, proved to be the richest prisoner, in cold cash, not even barring automobilists, that the New York police have overhauled in a year.

He was Nathan Lipsky, 55 years old, and goes to the island for six months as a vagrant. The police say he is the wealthiest professional beggar in New York. They found over \$2,000 in cash on him, besides deeds to valuable property.

He has been arrested at various times since 1892, for the same offense.

Issues Defi to France.

The Sultan of Morocco has replied by letter to the French minister that he continues to regard the recently arrested French Algerian merchant as a Moroccan subject, and will refuse to comply with the demand of the French government for his liberation.

Dr. Salmon is Cleared.

The report of Solicitor McCabe, of the agricultural department at Washington, D. C., made public Wednesday, exonerates Dr. Salmon, chief of the bureau in that department, from any wrongful acts in the conduct of his bureau.

Fever Crisis is Passed.

A steady growth of confidence that the crisis has been passed is shown in the tone of the stock market at New Orleans and the recovery from the slump of six weeks ago.

Looks Like a Dual Drowning.

Mrs. E. P. Haver, wife of a real estate dealer, and infant son, securely tied together with a stout cord, were recovered from the Bessemer ditch at Pueblo, Colo., Thursday. The woman evidently deliberately drowned herself and her child.

Warship Vermont is Launched.

At Quincy, Mass., the battleship Vermont, built for the United States government by the Fore River Shipbuilding Company, was successfully launched Thursday.

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Excitement at Pender—Two Former Merchants Are Placed in Jail—Crime of Arson Alleged—Carload of Goods Discovered on Fire.

By the arrest in Omaha and the incarceration in the county jail at Pender of two men named Helphand and Spiegel, County Attorney W. E. Whitcomb believes he has the material for the prosecution of one of the most flagrant cases of arson in the criminal annals of Nebraska.

Messrs. Helphand and Spiegel formerly conducted a clothing store at Pender, but recently they decided to quit business at Pender and remove to Council Bluffs, Ia. The store was closed out, and the remaining stock of clothing, together with their household goods, was loaded into a Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha freight car, billed to Council Bluffs, and the owners left the town.

On the night of Aug. 21 the loaded freight car, standing on a sidetrack, was discovered to be in flames. The fire department promptly responded, but the firemen found the doors of the car were closed. They broke them open, and after the hardest kind of work succeeded in putting out the fire.

The firemen allege they found in the car of goods cans and jars of gasoline, to which a fuse had been connected and fired, thus communicating the flames to the carload of goods.

The citizens of Pender were very indignant, and the local agent for the Omaha road filed an information against Messrs. Helphand and Spiegel, charging them with burning or attempting to burn a car on the railroad property. County Attorney Whitcomb ordered the warrants, which were issued by County Judge King, and the two men were arrested in Omaha on Friday. They were brought to Pender Saturday by Deputy Sheriff Kelso and lodged in the county jail. A crowd gathered at the station when the prisoners were brought in, and there were some threatening shouts from citizens, but no actual violence was offered them.

Saturday afternoon Helphand and Spiegel craved permission to telephone to Omaha, and this was granted on the condition that they should speak in English. They began the telephonic conversation in the tongue of the country, but soon switched to German or Yiddish, and the communication was stopped.

David Helphand and A. Spiegle had their preliminary hearing Tuesday and were bound over to the district court in the sum of \$2,000 each.

A TRAGIC SUICIDE.

Lincoln Woman Telephones Husband and Takes Chloroform.

Mrs. Gertrude K. Bentley, wife of ex-City Detective William A. Bentley, of Lincoln, and niece of Gov. Durbin, of Indiana, committed suicide Tuesday by taking chloroform. Fear of becoming a victim of consumption, from which other members of the family had died, caused the act.

Just before taking the poison Mrs. Bentley called up her husband by telephone and told him where he would find the house keys and her money. Bentley at once rushed home, but the dose had taken effect before his arrival.

Mrs. Bentley's maiden name was Durbin. She was a niece, Mr. Bentley said, of ex-Gov. Durbin, of Indiana.

NEW BARN BURNED.

John F. Berger, of Dakota County, Loses About \$2,000.

John F. Berger, a young and prosperous farmer, living about five miles southwest of Dakota City, met with about a \$2,000 loss by the destruction of his fine new barn, seven head of horses, one colt, a calf, several sets of harness and numerous farm implements, by fire.

About 12 o'clock at night Mrs. Berger was awakened by a noise at the barn, and upon arising and awakening her husband they found their barn enveloped in flames, which seemed to emanate from the interior of the building. An effort was made to rescue the stock, but the heat was too intense. The origin of the fire is a mystery, as no one had been in the barn since 9 o'clock.

Burglars at Dakota City.

The saloon of Henry Krumwiede at Dakota City, was entered by burglars during Saturday night. Entrance was effected by taking out a portion of the front door, in which an augur taken from the carpenter shop of A. Christensen was used, and afterwards found lying near the building. A slot machine was relieved of \$4 and several bottles of liquor was taken.

Pardon for John Clark.

Thursday afternoon Governor Mickey gave John Clark, of Madison county, sentenced to three years for statutory assault, a pardon. The action of the governor was based on the recommendations of Supreme Court Justice J. B. Barnes, County Attorney Manes, of Madison county, the trial judge, and the members of the jury, who assert their doubt as to the man's guilt.

Grand Island Man Killed.

A young man giving the name of Frank Hanna, fell from a train in the yards at Laramie, Wyo., crushing his skull. He died from the shock in about two hours after the accident. Before his death Hanna was able to say his family lived at Grand Island, Neb.

Howe Dies of Injuries.

Hans Howe, a switchman employed by the Burlington, who was injured several nights ago at Lincoln by being crushed between two freight cars, died Wednesday morning. The young man's home was near St. Louis.

Lincoln to Have a Park.

At last Lincoln is to have a park. The city officials have about closed a deal whereby, for a consideration of \$13,500, it secures possession of thirty-one acres of land known as the Sager tract, and will use the same for park purposes.

Escaped Lunatic Captured.

William Daniels, who made his getaway from the asylum at Lincoln several days ago because it didn't suit him to stay there, was picked up on the street by the police Thursday morning and returned to the institution.

ALLEGED HORSETHIEVES.

Two Men Are Captured by Sheriff of Cuming County.

A capture of two alleged horse thieves was made by Sheriff Klocke, of Cuming County, and his deputy. Word was received at West Point Thursday by the sheriff that the thieves were in the vicinity of Wisner, and after a long hunt he came upon one of the men in a grove between Stanton and Norfolk. He had with him a new phaeton buggy and a bay and sorrel team which he admitted were stolen between Omaha and West Point. He showed fight and it was only after the firing of several shots and a desperate struggle that he was overcome. The sheriff lodged him in jail at West Point, and in the meantime his partner was captured by Deputy Kelso at Wisner and also jailed. These are the men who stole a horse at Wahoo on the night of Aug. 15, the horse, however, being recovered at Wisner on Aug. 21, the thieves escaping in the meantime.

PIONEERS HAVE GREAT DAY.

Old Settlers' Picnic at Dakota City Was a Success.

The twenty-fourth annual reunion of the Pioneers and Old Settlers' Association of Dakota County, at Clinton Park, Thursday, marked the semi-centennial anniversary of the settlement of the county.

One of the features of the reunion is the moon hour, when all sit down to picnic baskets, bountifully filled with brown fried chickens, cakes, and sandwiches of all descriptions.

There is just a bit of everything at this reunion. After the usual program of speeches and routine business the throng enjoys baseball, horse racing and in the evening the light footed youths dance with their sweethearts.

The attendance at the picnic was estimated at about 1,500. The weather, although cloudy, was fine for an outing of this kind.

OLD LIBRARY REPAIRED.

Doubled in Size and Covered with Brick Veneer.

Recently the old wooden library building at Lincoln has been doubled in size and covered with a brick veneer. When the new library provided for by the last legislature is completed, the old structure will be turned over to the science department of the school. The contract for the new building was not let at the last session of the board, owing to the unwillingness of contractors to attempt more work than they have on their hands for this season. An effort is being made to secure a bid through private solicitation on the part of the secretary of the board, J. L. McBrien. Because of the enormous extent of the building operations under way, the board will give the bidder his own time.

SHOOTS AT WIFE; ENDS LIFE.

Farmer Commits Suicide After Trying to Kill Woman.

After shooting two loads of his shotgun at his wife with murderous intent, Gustav Schrader, a Holt County farmer, 52 years old, stretched himself out on the bed and blew his own brains out. He was assured by his children before committing suicide that their mother was dead, but in reality she escaped both loads and still lives.

Mrs. Schrader had secured a divorce and her husband had frequently threatened to take both lives. Drink had made a brute of him.

INDIAN HELD FOR MURDER.

Kills His Uncle in a Quarrel Over Tribal Affairs.

Samuel Parker, an Omaha Indian, was arrested at Pender Wednesday, charged with the murder of Andrew Johnson, his uncle, an Omaha Indian, one week ago. Johnson and Parker quarreled over some tribal affairs, when Johnson became enraged. He seized a neck yoke, with which he attempted an assault upon Parker, who, being the younger, wrenched the weapon from Johnson, striking him on the head, crushing his skull. From this wound he died early Wednesday morning. Dr. Rolph held an autopsy, preserving the head, which will be offered in evidence.

It is claimed Parker had no motive in the killing, but acted in self-defense. He is held without bonds.

Cattle Die from Poison.

Some of the farmers in the western part of Cass County have recently lost a number of head of cattle from the effects of poison. A few days ago J. E. Denning, of South Bend, found two of his cows dead. While preparations were being made to bury them another cow was taken sick and soon died, with every indication of poison. During the day another cow was taken sick in the same manner. The situation became so serious that a veterinary surgeon at Ashland was sent for and he succeeded in saving the last cow.

Seward County Turns in Bonds.

The state treasurer has received word that Seward county will send in a portion of the \$100,000 issue of bonds voted to erect a new court house and that later all of the bonds, with the exception of a few thousand dollars, will be sold to the state treasurer. The bonds are 4 per cent optional. They will be bought for the permanent school fund.

Boy is Drowned.

Ralph Powell, 9-year-old son of Excelsior Powell, of Lincoln, was drowned Wednesday morning in Salt Creek at Roca. The boy was playing around his father's mill and accidentally slipped and fell into the stream. The water at the point is fifteen feet deep and the lad could not swim.

Insane Woman Recommended.

Nancy Palmerston, an old resident of Beatrice, who was released from the asylum two months ago, has been ordered taken back for treatment by the insanity board of commissioners.

Bound for Reform School.

Oscar Miller, a 16-year-old colored lad of South Sioux City, is now in the custody of Sheriff H. C. Hansen and will be taken to the reform school, on complaint of his mother, Mrs. Frank Miller, who claims the lad has gotten beyond her control.

Baptist Association Meeting.

The thirty-second annual session of the Nemaha Baptist Association is being held at Prairie Union church, several miles northeast of Humboldt, with a large number of delegates in attendance.



Superintendent McBrien has issued a letter to city and county superintendents calling a meeting to be held in Lincoln Sept. 6 and 7: "A joint conference relative to the new law on the certification of teachers is desired with the city and county superintendents of Nebraska at this office Wednesday and Thursday forenoon, Sept. 6 and 7, 1905. As the state fair rates will be in force at that time, we hope for a large attendance at this conference. Those who cannot be present will please write us, raising such questions and making such recommendations as their judgment may dictate. The law goes into effect Oct. 1 and no time must be lost in making our rules and regulations for the new plan. We want the assistance and counsel of every city superintendent and every county superintendent in this important work."

Attorney General Brown, who will start mandamus proceedings against County Clerk Drexel shortly to compel him to assess the reserve fund of the Woodmen of the World, has his petition all ready to file, but will hold it until some time next week until he can take a trip to Omaha and examine the records in the case. A certificate was received from the county assessor that he had assessed the reserve fund and spread it over the records, but a letter accompanying the certificate said he had not done that. To get himself on the right track the attorney general will make a personal investigation of the records of the Douglas County officers.

Deputy Game Warden Smith has reported to the state game and fish commission the arrest and fining of John Gallas, residing near Loup City. Gallas was found hunting for prairie chickens when the deputy warden came along in a buggy and hailed the latter for a ride. After riding for several minutes Gallas became confidential and exhibited to the warden a prairie chicken he had killed, also tendering the information that the birds were plentiful in the vicinity. He was induced to ride on into Loup City, where a local justice of the peace assessed him \$6.75 for having the chicken in his possession during the closed season.

The board of Regents of the state university at its recent meeting instructed C. S. Allen to look out for the appropriation made by the legislature two years ago for the construction of the administration building and which it was generally supposed would lapse back to the treasury Aug. 31. Inasmuch as the building is just fairly started, nearly all of the appropriation would lapse under that interpretation of the constitution that all appropriations lapse three months after the adjournment of the next legislature.

The state department of public instruction has begun the construction at the state fair grounds of a model rural school building, which is to be a part of the educational exhibit at the fair. Work has begun and is under the supervision of Willis Purviance, of the department. The school building will be of the standard dimensions and will be thoroughly equipped with up to date furniture, maps, globes and all conveniences of the advanced schools of the day. During fair week the school will be open to all visitors.

The grand assessment roll has been compiled by the force in the auditor's office, and it shows the total assessed valuation of the state for 1905 is \$304,470,961, against \$294,770,244 for last year. A little more than \$1,000,000 of this increase only is due to the increased assessment of railroads. The assessment roll shows that the average value of real estate per acre, improved and unimproved, has decreased, though the total assessment is increased over last year.

Attorney General Brown has filed a petition in the supreme court for a judgment by default in the Boyd County land cases, which have for so long been a bone of contention. The petition of the state was filed many months ago, but to date no answer has been filed by the settlers on the land. The land, so the department claims, belongs to the permanent school fund, and the persons now occupying it settled upon it without authority many years ago.

Workmen are busy at the state fair grounds at Lincoln putting things in shape for the coming fair, which begins Sept. 4. One of the latest attractions booked by Secretary Bassett is the Igorrotes, who will be brought here by Dr. Hunt, governor of Boston, in the Philippines. These people will reach Lincoln several days in advance of the opening of the fair and will give a few dinners and banquets with dog meat as the principal dish for the edification of the natives.

Charles Olson, who after several months liberty on parole from the penitentiary went wrong and forged a check, has been returned to the penitentiary to start in again on the remaining fourteen years of his sentence. On the forty-seventh charge he was bound over to the district court and his trial probably will come up at the next term of court. What he gets on that charge will be added to