

Berry May Contest. Dakota City, Neb., Dec. 1.—George Wilkins, recently appointed clerk of courts to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of H. H. Adair, began the duties of his office today.

Embarks in Tobacco Business. Homer, Neb., Dec. 1.—A farmer named Gibson, living near here, raised about 700 pounds of tobacco this year on less than an acre of ground, which he has cured and will sell for 20 cents a pound.

Both Stood Pat. Sioux City, Ia., Dec. 1.—Rolly C. Scott, the Holt county young man who, after his marriage last April to Miss Martha Ames of Page, was arrested for bigamy by his former wife, living in Monroe county, Iowa, has again been married to Miss Ames. He married her the first time under the supposition that his lowa wife had obtained a divorce. After being confined in the county jail here for several days he was released and went to Iowa, where he obtained a divorce from his first wife. Miss Ames never wavered in her loyalty to Scott and at the time of his arrest announced her determination to marry him as soon as she could legally do so.

ANOTHER IDOL BROKEN

Publisher Claims Letter Proves Paul Revere Never Made Famous Ride. New York, Dec. 1.—Walter Benjamin, the publisher, has a document which he believes proves that Paul Revere never made the midnight ride attributed to him by Longfellow and tradition. In the possession of Mr. Benjamin is a letter from John Hancock to Elbridge Gerry, dated Lexington, April 18, 1775, 9 o'clock. This was the night before the battle and three hours before Revere, according to Longfellow, "crossed the bridge into Medford town."

Dear Sir: I am much obliged for your notice. It said officers have gone along the Concord road, and I will send word thither. I am fully agreed with you that we ought to be serious, and I hope your decision will be effectual. I intend doing myself the pleasure of being with you tomorrow. My respects to the committee. I am your real friend, John Hancock.

More Ruth Bryan Divorce Rumors. Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 30.—An emissary of William J. Bryan now is on his way to France—he may be there by this time—for the purpose of seeing Mr. Bryan's son-in-law in regard to a divorce suit about to be brought by Ruth Bryan-Leavitt. The object, it is said, to agree upon a settlement.

West Point News. West Point, Neb., Nov. 30.—Special to The News: C. F. Ahndt of Scribner was married to Miss Theresa Kramer of Atkinson, at the office of County Judge Dewald. Mr. and Mrs. Ahndt will make their home on their own farm south of West Point.

Work on the big county ditch in the southeast portion of this county is being rapidly pushed forward. More than a mile has already been completed and every day 500 feet is added. The ditch is twenty feet wide and nine feet deep and when completed will be ten miles long. It starts in at the bed of a small creek northwest of Oakland and its course is straight southwest, the intention being to push it through to Logan creek at a point below Lehigh.

The city of West Point is just completing a valuable improvement in an extension of the water system of the city. The mains have been extended five blocks giving a large section of the residence portion of the city water service for the first time.

Howell Rees, a prominent farmer and stockraiser of Cumby county will go to the International stock show at Chicago and will take along with him "Ruberta's Goods," the prize short-horn bull, a product of this county.

which has a large circulation in Germany, Austria and the United States. Straight Ticket Sixty-seven Times. Rippe, Ia., Nov. 30.—Daniel Gonder claims the honor of voting the straight Republican ticket more times than any other man in the state of Iowa, and as yet there are none to dispute his claim. He was present at the organization of the republican party and has voted the "straight ticket" 67 consecutive times. He is 82 years old and served in the Mexican war, a member of Company B, Second Ohio volunteer infantry.

Andy is Seventy-three. New York, Nov. 30.—It is all a mistake about the years of Andrew Carnegie being 71. They are 73. The cheerful little man who once yearned to be a newspaper reporter, but was saved by getting a job as a messenger boy and then jumping from the Morse key to railroads and from railroads to steel, said so himself at a dinner of the Forty-Niners, the society of telegraph veterans, gave him.

Neligh Business Change. Neligh, Neb., Dec. 1.—Special to The News: The grocery business of R. S. Payne & Co., of this city was sold yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Lora Nash. Invoice was taken until late in the night and the new firm took possession this morning.

Neligh Wedding. Neligh, Neb., Dec. 1.—Special to The News: What was considered no surprise to the citizens of this community in the announcement of the marriage of Mrs. Effa Lawson to Mr. Lora Nash, took place Sunday evening at 9 o'clock at the home of the bride. Rev. Hawk, pastor of the M. E. church had the pleasure of uniting the couple as man and wife.

New Cult in Denver. Denver, Colo., Dec. 1.—The personnel of the Society of First Aid to Injured Automobileists, formed by girls of Denver's social set, became known today. The young women did that because automobile accidents are becoming so frequent that women should know what to do when members of their auto parties are hurt. It is suggested that the society may become national in scope.

Judge Fines Brother for Contempt. Roanoke, Va., Dec. 1.—Former Mayor James P. Woods, who is a member of Governor Swanson's staff and prominent in Virginia politics, was fined \$50 for contempt of court. The judge who fined him was his brother, John W. Woods.

Taylor a Two County Champion. Burke, S. D., Dec. 1.—The second wrestling match between Luth of Butte and Taylor of Burke was pulled off Saturday at Burke. Taylor got two out of three falls, accordingly claiming the amateur championship of Boyd and Gregory counties.

Bilik Gives Up Hope. Chicago, Nov. 30.—Bilik has given up all hope of interference unless it comes from Gov. Deneen. He is restless in his cell today. His wife and daughter have gone to Cleveland to attend the funeral of his mother.

Banquet to Congressman Connor. Denison, Ia., Nov. 30.—The business and professional men of Denison are preparing to tender a non-partisan banquet to Congressman J. F. Connor before he starts to Washington. Tomorrow evening has been selected as the time, and in making up the toasts the managers have given particular attention to subjects which show the pride of the city in its congressman.

SCHOOL HOUSE MEETINGS FRIDAY. One Result of Roosevelt's Committee on Farm Life. New York, Nov. 30.—School house meetings in various parts of the country, most of them on Friday night of this week, will be one result of President Roosevelt's appointment of the special committee on farm life.

Withdrawal of Minister at Constantinople is Expected. Constantinople, Nov. 28.—According to the Yeni Gazete, Baron von Aehrenthal, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, in a recent conversation told the Turkish charge d'affaires that Austria had done everything possible, but fruitlessly, to secure a conciliatory settlement of the difficulties. Austria wished to be friendly with Turkey, he added, but could also be her enemy.

MRS. CLARK FOUND GUILTY. Jury Returns Verdict of Manslaughter in Second Degree. Vermilion, S. D., Nov. 27.—Mrs. Christina Clark, who shot and killed her divorced husband on her farm near Olsen, Aug. 18, was found guilty of manslaughter in the second degree, the jury recommending her to the mercy of the court. The jury was out fifteen hours. The verdict did not seem to make any impression on the woman. She sat erect and did not shed a tear when her fate was made known.

Root Has Clear Field for Toga. Hot Springs, Va., Nov. 30.—Timothy L. Woodruff, chairman of the New York Republican state committee, has eliminated himself from the senatorial race in favor of Secretary of State Elihu Root. This action was taken after a protracted conference with President Elect Taft and was followed by statements from both Messrs. Taft and Woodruff, each of which con-

MOTHER IDENTIFIES MURDERED MAN.

Body of John Williams Will Be Taken to Ainsworth.

Valentine, Neb., Nov. 27.—The man who was murdered and his body thrown into the Niobrara river near here, and found a month ago, has been identified as John Williams. The identification was made by his mother. The body was dug up and, still being in a good state of preservation, she found marks on the knee and body which she recognized, as well as a peculiar formation of the teeth. Williams was twenty-two years old and left home suddenly a year and a half ago, not being heard from since that time. He has a widow and child living near Ainsworth, where the body will be taken within a few days.

STEAMER SINKS IN COLLISION.

Three Passengers and One of Crew of Panama Liner Lost.

New York, Nov. 27.—In the thick of a fog off Sandy Hook the steel freighter George of the White Star line rammed and sank the Panama line steamer Finance, outward bound with eighty-five passengers. The Finance went down within ten minutes, carrying to their death three of the passengers and one of the crew. The rest of the passengers, who included nineteen women and fourteen children, as well as others of the crew, were rescued by the boats of the George. The freighter was not damaged.

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Tragic Details of Murder of Everett and Wakely.

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Loses Consciousness on Receiving Farewell Letter From Doomed Son.

Cleveland, Nov. 28.—Mrs. Barbara Bilik, mother of Herman Bilik, who is under sentence of death at Chicago, died at her home here. She had suffered from heart trouble and drowsy for several months. On Wednesday last Mrs. Bilik received a farewell letter from her son. While reading this she fell into a faint and was revived only after several hours of unconsciousness. Since then her death has been expected at any moment.

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AFTER ATHLETIC RECORDS.

Men of Muscle Meet in Indoor Championships Tonight.

New York, Nov. 30.—The indoor athletic championships of the Amateur Athletic union will be held in Madison Square Garden tonight and tomorrow night. It is confidently expected that several records will be smashed by the athletes who have entered their names for the various events.

Con Leahy, the Irish jumper, has sent in his entry. Leahy has been training hard in order to get in good condition for this event and will endeavor to win back his laurels from Harry F. Porter, who defeated him last year. Porter is also entered, as well as a score of other jumpers.

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General Leconte Executed by Rebels.

Port au Prince, Nov. 25.—Late advices received here confirm the execution of General Leconte. He was captured near Jeremie, together with his escort, after a short struggle. The town of Aquin, it is reported, has been pillaged by the revolutionary troops. No news has been received of the movements of General Celestin Cyriacus, the minister of war, who was sent out, in addition to General Leconte, by President Nord Alexis to put down the uprising at Aux Cayes headed by General Simon.

WELLMAN SUES PARIS PAPER.

Paris, Nov. 25.—Walter Wellman has filed a libel suit for \$100,000 and rectification against the Sporting Review in Vie au Grand Air because of the publication of an article criticizing Wellman's expedition to the North pole as an "American bluff, designed for personal profit."

PAYNE REPLIES TO VAN CLEEVE.

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FOOTBALL RESULTS.

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One man's testimony before the grand jury gave in detail the death scene of Captain Rankin. When he had been pulled up once by the rope, the night riders let him down and told him they would give him five minutes in which to pray. He told them he did not need five minutes' prayer for himself, as he had been praying for twenty years. They renewed their offer, but he again declined, saying he would give the five minutes to them, as they needed it and he did not. They again pulled him up by the rope and shot him.

Wild Man of the Woods Dead.

Virginia, Minn., Nov. 30.—"The Wild Man of the Woods" was found dead in his shack, about twenty miles northeast of here, and his body brought to this city. In the shack was found a notebook with the name of "William J. Hill, Massey, Ontario." The man had been shot by a party of hunters.

SHELDON NAMES FOUR JUDGES.

Rose, Root, Fawcett and Sullivan New Justices of Supreme Court.

ROSE AND ROOT LONG TERM.

Sullivan is the Democratic Member. Entire Court in Session Today to Make Assignments to the Different Dockets.

Lincoln, Dec. 1.—Governor Sheldon has given out the names of the four men appointed to the supreme bench, in accordance with a constitutional amendment adopted at the last election, as follows: John J. Sullivan of Columbus, Jacob Fawcett of Omaha, W. B. Rose of Lincoln and Jesse L. Root of Plattsmouth. Sullivan and Fawcett will serve one year and Rose and Root three years. Their salaries will be \$4,500 each. All but Judge Rose have had experience on the bench. The entire court met today to decide whether a reorganization was necessary and to make assignments to the different dockets.

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