

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Forest fires have inflicted a good deal of damage in Oregon.

The White house attic is being prepared for servants quarters.

Secretary of War Root will open the republican campaign in Illinois.

Grain men say that the Kansas corn crop will reach 250,000,000 bushels.

Union Pacific strikers to the number of about 400 paraded in Omaha.

Seventeen thousand Americans went to Canada in 1901, and 24,000 in 1902.

Paul Vandervoort, for many years a resident of Omaha, died recently in Cuba.

There are 257,006 names in the new city directory of Boston, an increase of 4,722 over the number last year.

It has been definitely decided that no plays will be given at Bayreuth in 1903, but the plays will be resumed in 1904.

It is reported that the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road has been bought in the interest of the Union Pacific.

The London City Council has sanctioned large extensions to the tramway system of London, costing nearly £2,000,000.

Word has been received of the death of Henry J. Taylor, a leading member of the Iowa bar, at Auckland, New Zealand. He was on a health seeking tour.

The interior department has established a free telegraph school under the insular telegraph service.

The school will teach twenty-five pupils, all girls.

Reports from Portuguese West Africa, where there have been rumors of troubles with the natives, show that the disorders are assuming a grave character.

President Schwab of the steel corporation, has rented the ninth and tenth floors in the Arthur building, New York, for offices, for which he pays \$50,000 rent annually.

Peter F. Collier & Son, publishers of Collier's Weekly, are said to be at the head of a \$10,000,000 corporation which is being organized to buy a number of newspapers in New York state.

A special dispatch from Vienna says that the Serbian cabinet, which resigned on July 24, has ended the crisis, which resulted from the resignation by consenting to remain in office.

The corn beetle has done immense damage to the crops in many districts in the government of Kherson, Russia, and in a large area of Bessarabia. Two hundred thousand acres have been ravished.

Professor J. R. McCall, for twelve years professor of mechanical engineering at the University of Tennessee, has resigned to accept a similar position with Purdue university of Lafayette.

A general order has been issued by General Miles, commanding the army, announcing the award of medals of honor and certificates of merit to officers and enlisted men for specially meritorious services.

The steamer Discovery has sailed from Nome with nearly 100 American miners engaged by the Northeastern Siberian company, to begin the exploration of the Siberian coast for gold and other metals.

The bureau of insular affairs of the war department has been notified by Acting Governor Wright of the death of Sanford G. Baker, a clerk in the insular service at Manila, who died on the 27th instant of Asiatic cholera.

The circulars for the new battleships, the Connecticut and the Louisiana, were issued by the navy department. Plans will be ready August 1, when the advertisement for bids for the Louisiana will be published.

At a meeting of the trustees of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, it has been decided to endeavor to raise a \$50,000,000 endowment fund, the interest of which is to go to superannuated ministers, widows and orphans.

After traveling for six months across the bleak steppes and frozen mountains of Siberia, Harry de Windt, of the London Daily Express, reports that a railroad connecting the eastern and western hemispheres is a feasible project.

Commissioner General of Immigration Sargeant has sent to immigration officials throughout the country photographs of anarchists who have been expelled from Turkey, and who are believed to be on their way to this country.

All the planters of the larger West Indian islands are talking of annexation to the United States, owing to their dissatisfaction over the small amount of money contributed by the imperial government to help the sugar industry.

TROOPS ASSAILED

STRIKERS THROW ROCKS AT SOLDIERS AT SHENANDOAH.

ONE OF OFFENDERS ARRESTED

Others Implicated in the Assault on Sentries Not Yet Apprehended—The Situation in that District Becoming Strenuous.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., Aug. 4.—The entire Eighth regiment was called to arms last night as a result of an attack made by a band of men in ambush who threw stones at the troops now in camp on the plateau outside the town. These attacks are becoming so frequent that Brigadier General Gobin has decided to adopt stern measures to end them.

Last night a double guard with ball cartridges surrounded the camp and the sentries have been instructed that if the stone throwing is repeated they must shoot to kill and investigate affairs afterwards. One of the attacking party, a Lithuanian named William Stopotitz, is under arrest and is confined in the guard tent and the provost marshal is on the trail of others. It is not known how many were in the crowd, but the officers of the Eighth regiment believe the number to have been more than a dozen.

The first attack, according to Colonel Theodore F. Hoffman, was made at 10:45 o'clock at night. Private Payne of Company I, on sentry duty, saw a party on the Mahaony City road which separates the camp of the Eighth regiment from the Twelfth. He commanded the men to halt, and called the corporal of the guard, but before the latter could respond a shower of stones and rocks were thrown at the sentry. One rock struck him on the chest, knocking him down and causing his gun to fall from his hands. He immediately jumped up and fired several shots in the air. As he did so the men ran down the road and were pursued by several strangers. The outpost, which had been stationed some distance from the camp, heard the shots and one of the pickets captured Stopotitz as he came running down the road. The others escaped.

The shooting aroused the whole camp and the Eighth regiment was put under arms and Companies B, E and K were immediately out in skirmish lines. They beat the underbrush and laurel, which is five or six feet high all around the camp, but they could find no one. The regiment was then called to quarters and fifteen minutes later another shower of stones was thrown at the stable guard, which is located south of the Eighth regiment. The guard turned out and three men were seen running along the road in the opposite direction from where the outpost was stationed. The strangers were not pursued.

Shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday morning the third and last attack was made, and it was of such a nature that the bugler, under orders from Colonel Hoffman, sounded the whole regiment to arms. This time the stable guard was again the object of the mysterious attack. Stones in volleys were thrown at the guard and at the sentries near by.

On account of the laurel underbrush and the darkness, the soldiers could not see the offenders. However, the sentries fired a dozen shots into the underbrush, but no one was hit. Some of the bullets went whistling over the tents of the sleeping Twelfth regiment across the road.

BATTLE IS STILL RAGING.

So Comes Word to Colombians in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 4.—"Battle still being fought desperately." These were the words contained in a dispatch received at the Colombian legation tonight from General Salazar, the governor of the department of Panama, and were in answer to a message asking that official for information regarding the contest which has been in progress since Tuesday at Agua Dulce, when the Colombian revolutionists began to attack that place.

The officials here are anxiously awaiting additional news of this battle. The understanding here is that the government's force of about 7,000 men is engaged with a large portion of the revolutionists, who have in the department of Panama about 4,000 men in all.

Scandal Among Explorers.

Christiana, Norway, Aug. 4.—A dispatch to the Morgen Bladet from Tromsø says that Captain Johannessen of the steamship America, which arrived at Honningsvåg, Baldwin, August 1, with Evelyn B. Baldwin, the arctic explorer, on board, has asked to be examined before a marine court concerning incidents which occurred on the America during the voyage of the Balfin-Zeigler arctic expedition.

Forty-Four Sugar Vessels.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 2.—Forty-four steamships, one of the largest fleets in the history of the sugar trade, are now either on their way to the Delaware breakwater or are taking on cargoes in Java, and within the next few weeks will land on the piers of the Atlantic coast refineries not less than 250,000 tons of the raw product. All the ships are large, modern carriers, whose cargoes will average at least 5,500 tons each.

FREAK OF ELECTRICAL STORM.

Cross-Shaped Hole in the Ground More Than 100 Feet Deep.

TROY, Ill., Aug. 2.—During a severe electrical storm here a cross-shaped fissure was formed in the ground near the school building, one arm of which is forty feet long and about six inches wide and the other twenty feet long and six inches wide. Elias Burke, a carriage manufacturer, whose establishment is in the vicinity, discovered the freak of nature soon after the storm.

Where the arms of the cross converge there is a hole two feet in diameter and a line 150 feet long weighted with lead did not touch bottom. The theory is advanced that a bolt of lightning entered the ground, yet those in the vicinity assert that no unusual bolt of lightning was noticed during the storm.

SMITH IS IN SAN FRANCISCO.

General Declines to Say Anything for Publication.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 2.—General Jacob Smith arrived today from Manila on the transport Thomas. General Smith declined to say anything for publication and would not even allow reporters to approach him. Through his aide, Lieutenant M. H. Shields, General Smith said that he would not be interviewed, as he did not care to subject himself to further criticism.

Major Davol of the transport service delivered General Smith's order of retirement to him on board ship. General Smith on landing went to the Occidental hotel and denied himself to all visitors.

Setting a Good Example.

What the Union Pacific is doing in engineering improvements is commended to other companies that operate in parts of the country where no such difficulties are encountered as in the west. Straight roads are economic roads, and they invite traffic. The wild yanks and alarming rolls to which passengers are subject on some of them cause train sickness, which is a form of sea sickness, and headache, and they cause a rapid deterioration of cars and engines. Those railroads make the best bid for patronage that promise not merely speed, but comfort, and steadiness is the more comfortable, because it indicates security.

We have been eager to extend the mileage of this country. Now we might show some expedition in reducing it by following the example of the Union Pacific in straightening needless turns and lowering or raising needless grades.—Brooklyn Eagle.

PLANS FOR NEW GUNBOATS.

Board of Construction of Navy Department Holds Session.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 2.—The board of construction of the navy department had a meeting today and decided upon the general plans for the two new gunboats authorized by the last naval appropriation act. They will follow very closely the Marietta type. The displacement will be slightly in excess of that of the Marietta, being 1,050 tons, as against 1,000 in the case of the Marietta, and this probably will decrease the speed, with the same horse power, 1,000 in each case, from thirteen knots to approximately twelve and a half. The batteries will be identical with those of the Marietta and the Wheeling—six four-inch guns, four six-pounders and two one-pounders.

Court Martial for Penrose.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 2.—An order was issued by the navy department today for the trial by court-martial of Passed Assistant Paymaster Charles W. Penrose, attached to the Michigan. The officer is charged with rendering false and fraudulent returns of balances to his credit, embezzlement, absence from station and duty and negligence in obeying orders. The shortage in balances is said to amount to about \$300. The court will meet on the 7th inst., at Erie, Pa. Commander Perry Garst is its president.

Miners Ordered Released.

CLARKSBURG, W. Va., Aug. 2.—Judge Nathan Goff of the United States circuit court yesterday issued a writ of habeas corpus for Thomas Haggarty and other strike leaders sentenced to jail at Parkersburg by Judge Jackson for violation of the injunction issued by him. Judge Goff ordered the marshal to produce Thomas Haggarty and other prisoners here for appearance Tuesday of next week at 10 o'clock.

Beatrice Canning Plant Sold.

BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 4.—The Dempster Mill Manufacturing company has purchased the Lang Canning company's property adjoining the Dempster plant on South Sixth street, the consideration being \$4,500.

Beatrice Holdups Fined.

BEATRICE, Neb., Aug. 4.—Elmer Cain and Charles Pennington were fined \$100 each for attempting to hold up Mrs. John Marlow, a prominent resident of this city.

Claims Damages for Husband's Death.

BEAVER CITY, Neb., Aug. 4.—Susan R. Grothouse filed a petition in district court suing Furnas county for \$5,000 damages as a result of the death of her husband who was drowned in a canyon south of Oxford July 1. The petition alleges that the county was negligent in the matter of the repair of a small bridge and that as a result the deceased came to his death. The defense will be that Grothouse was intoxicated.

PLANS FOR IRRIGATION.

State Engineer Dobson and Assistant Looking Over the Ground.

LINCOLN, Aug. 4.—State Engineer Dobson and Assistant Forbes returned from a trip inspection through the Platte valley of eastern Wyoming and western Nebraska. They made the trip with a view to ascertaining the elevation of the land in the various sections along the river, preparatory to the formulation of plans for irrigation work.

"I am confident that if the government builds reservoirs for irrigation in this section it would be better to have them in Wyoming than in Nebraska," said Mr. Dobson. "This of course is on account of the elevation of the land. The conditions in the Platte valley between Guernsey and the state line are more favorable to the storage of water than is Nebraska."

Mr. Dobson has been notified that Mr. Mead, chief of irrigation investigations of the United States Department of Agriculture, will be in Lincoln on August 7 to consider irrigation matters. It is understood here that the investigation Mr. Mead proposes to make will be preparatory to the work of the government under the new irrigation law. Mr. Mead wrote as follows:

"I expect to reach Lincoln on the 7th of August and would like to have a conference with you and such of your irrigation board as can be got together to talk over our work in connection with interstate and reparation rights. I also wish on this trip to take up any other matters connected with our investigations which may be of general interest. You can say that I come to Lincoln for a conference with you and that I intend to go on to the western part of the state to look after our investigations after the conference is over."

No Right to Transact Business.

LINCOLN, Aug. 4.—Deputy Insurance Auditor Babcock has addressed a letter to George H. Work of Hastings, informing him that the International Agency company, which has an office in the Rialto building in Chicago, is not authorized to do an insurance business in this state and that insurers in the company can have no resources through the courts for losses sustained.

An Elevator Burns.

BLOOMFIELD, Neb., Aug. 4.—The elevator owned and operated here by the Farmers' Grain and Live Stock association was burned with its contents. The fire is supposed to have been incendiary and the feeling here is intense toward the fiend who would commit such an outrage. There were two cars burned, one containing lumber and the other corn. There were \$1,500 insurance on the elevator.

Omaha Aeronaut Injured.

SCOTIA, Neb., Aug. 4.—Prof. Samuel Murphy, an Omaha aeronaut, was badly burned here as he was ready to ascend, his balloon catching fire. In rescuing an assistant the professor's hands were seriously burned. His assistant was slightly burned. The fine balloon was entirely consumed. More than a thousand people witnessed the accident.

Farmer Injured in Runaway.

M'COOL JUNCTION, Neb., Aug. 4.—While Thomas Reardon, a pioneer farmer of York county, was cutting a field of alfalfa his team of mules ran away and he narrowly escaped being killed. He was taken from the field and carried to town, where he received medical attendance and is reported to be much better.

Mysterious Disappearance.

STUART, Neb., Aug. 4.—James E. Stewart, for twenty years a resident of Holt county, mysteriously disappeared some days ago and has not been found. He has recently suffered financial reverses that seemed to have affected his mind. The horse he rode when going away has been found. It is thought he has either suicided or wandered away.

Found Dead in His Shop.

WEST POINT, Neb., August 2.—August Hiehlitz of Aloys was found dead in his blacksmith shop, having taken strychnine the evening before with suicidal intent.

Dies in New Mexico.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., August 2.—I. B. Manson received a telegram announcing the death of his wife at Las Vegas, N. M., where she has been for the past year for her health.

Increase Elevators' Capacity.

THAYER, Neb., Aug. 2.—P. Van Wickle, owner of several elevators in York county, is building large additions to each elevator. Mr. Van Wickle says that the crop in York county will be the largest in the history of the county and that he, as well as other elevator owners, are obliged to increase their elevator capacity so as to be able to handle the large crop now about harvested.

STATE FRUIT GROWERS MEET.

Nebraska Horticultural Society Convened in Tecumseh.

TECUMSEH, Neb., August 2.—The summer meeting of the Nebraska State Horticultural society convened here with a large attendance. The Chautauqua management turned the grounds over to the horticulturists from 10 to 4 o'clock and at noon a basket dinner was spread.

The leading features of the program in the morning were the address of welcome by Mayor Washington Robb and the response by President L. M. Russell of Lincoln for the visitors. Prof. R. A. Emerson of Lincoln gave an address on "Renovation of the Orchard," H. E. Snodgrass of Johnson on "Pruning the Orchard," and H. J. Snyder of Auburn on "The Growing of Small Fruit on the Farm."

After dinner ex-Governor R. W. Furnas delivered an elaborate address on the "Life and Character of J. Sterling Morton," in which he very fervently eulogized the memory of the father of Arbor day.

Mrs. E. G. Jury of Tecumseh made some pertinent remarks on "The Adornment of the Farm Home." Dr. Hunsate of Weeping Water gave his experience with 1,000 strawberry plants and C. S. Harrison of York gave his on "The Growing of Evergreens from Seed."

Mrs. O. A. Corbin of Tecumseh told of "Small Fruits for Profit and the Home Table," and Prof. Lawrence Bruner of the State university lectured on "Bugs."

Young Farmer a Suicide.

Wealthy Bohemian Hangs Himself at His Home.

BEATRICE, Neb., August 2.—Frank Pribble, a young farmer who lived three miles south of Odell, was found dead on his place. He had hanged himself. He was one of the wealthiest Bohemians in the county, owning nearly 500 acres of land in the vicinity of his home. No cause for the act is known unless a brief illness can be said to have caused a temporary fit of insanity.

Mr. Pribble left home at daybreak, telling his wife that he would return in two hours, but if he did not she need not worry about him. He said he was going to see a neighbor. He did not return and a search at 10 o'clock revealed his body hanging to a tree with a bullet hole in the head. As no revolver was at first found it was believed to be a case of murder. Later the revolver was discovered in a field nearby. It is believed he shot himself and the bullet failing to kill, he walked some distance to a fence and hanged himself to a tree.

Bountiful Harvest at Lexington.

LEXINGTON, Neb., Aug. 2.—Oats are very heavy and will yield from sixty to eighty bushels per acre. The prospects for the best corn crop ever grown here are assuring. Fall wheat is yielding from thirty to fifty-five bushels per acre. No spring wheat threshing has been done yet. Two heavy crops of alfalfa have been cut, with the prospects for two more. There is a large number of land sales being made, land ranging in price from \$20 to \$50.

Railroads Buy Lands.

FREMONT, Neb., August 2.—The Union Pacific and Elkhorn railroad companies have made arrangements for acquiring title to all the land they need for the new union station without having to resort to condemnation proceedings, and as soon as a few defects in titles can be fixed up will commence to clear the ground. The buildings of the Fremont fence factory will be moved to make room for the station.

Goes Through a Bridge.

EAGLE, Neb., August 2.—Theodore Wichter had a narrow escape Sunday afternoon. While crossing a bridge that was in bad condition a plank broke, letting the horse fall nearly twelve feet, bruising it up quite badly. He escaped by jumping.

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An Anecdote of the Dumas.

Anecdotes of the elder Dumas abound at the present moment, the celebration of the centenary of his birth having led to a general search among reminiscences. The following is very characteristic of the great writer: Dumas, it is well known, was often in financial difficulties, and was well acquainted with the ways and methods of bailiffs. One day a person called upon him and asked him to subscribe 20 francs toward the expense of burying a bailiff. "Twenty francs to bury a bailiff?" quoth Dumas. "Well, I'm not in funds just now, but here's 40 francs. Go and bury a couple."—Paris Daily Messenger.

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