CHOICE OF RHOADS WISE

Selection of Fort Crook Man Popular in Manila.

OPERATING SURGEON THAT POST

Distinguished by His Successful Operations on Secretary of War Taft and General Funston Some Time Ago.

MANILA, P. I., July 15.—(Special Correspondence.—The assignment of Captain Thomas L. Rhoads, late assistant chief surgeon of the Thirtieth infantry at Fort Crook, to the post of operating surgeon of the division hospital here is considered by those familiar with his record to be a very wise choice for a position of so great importance.

Captain Rhoads has distinguished himself in the realms of surgery both in and outside of the army. One of his most famous pieces of work was the operation he performed on Secretary of War Taft with such signal success. He also performed a difficult operation on Brigadier General Funston.

The position of operating surgeon at the division hospital here is considered one of the most important in the medical department of the army, as more delicate and difficult operations are performed on soldiers in these island than in any division in the United States.

The post has been filled for the last two years by Major Alexander N. Stark, whose work brought high credit to his corps.

Captain Rhoads has a remarkable record as a surgeon. For the five years previous to his appointment to the army he was assistant to Dr. W. W. Keen, professor of surgery at Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia and one of the foremost surgeons in the country.

In 1898 at the beginning of the Spanish war Captain Rhoads entered the army. He had charge of the surgical ward at the Third Reserve hospital, now the Luneta barracks, in 1899. He then served with the First cavalry in field service for six months and after that had charge of the surgical work in the First reserve—now division—hospital.

He served from May until November, 1898 as assistant surgeon in the navy.

He had charge of the surgical work at the general hospital in San Francisco during the Spanish war. He was also instructor in surgery at West Point for two years.

Obstacles of Civil Service.

The civil service in the islands threatens to be seriously impaired. The numbers of those under the service who resign their positions and take the first steamer for the United States is increasing alarmingly. It is astonishing and disheartening to those who expect to stay here to see the large numbers, who are deserting the service. Men who have been here two, three, four, six or seven years and are just in the position where they might get something really good are leaving their places and going home.

It is the opinion here that the civil service in so far as it pertains to these distant islands should be revised. Under conditions as they now exist men leave and go home just when they have passed their period of probation and are getting to be of the greatest service to the government. For the first twelve months everything is strange, the natives unknown quantities, the language a hieroglyph. In such a position a man cannot give his best services.

It is believed here that the government should make some inducement to men who have served a certain period. The civil service should provide for a yearly increase in salary and a suitable bonus for certain lengths of service.

METHODISTS AT HOT SPRINGS

Twenty-Eighth Annual Conference of Black Hills Mission in Session.

HOT SPRINGS, S. D., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—The twenty-eighth annual conference of the Black Hills mission of the Methodist Episcopal church convened here this evening. Following is the program for the session:

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper administered by Bishop Warren.
Organization and conference business.
Missionary sermon by Rev. Thomas Andrews.
Bible lecture, "Sermon on the Mount," Rev. Thomas Nicholson, D. D., L.L. D., president Dakota Wesleyan university.
Song service led by Rev. A. L. Baker.
Anniversary of Home Mission and Church Extension societies; address by Thomas C. Iliff, D. D., Denver, Colo.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17.

Devotional service led by Rev. J. M. Gardner.
Business session.
Visit to the national sanitarium.
Recreation hour at Mammoth plunge, courtesy of Hon. E. W. Martin.
Bible lecture, "Sermon on the Mount," oy Dr. Nicholson.
Lecture, "Education and Life," Dr. Nicholson.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18.

Sunday school.
Conference love feast, led by Dr. C. B. Clark.
Sermon by Bishop Henry Warren, D. D.
Anniversary of Woman's Foreign Missionary society, Mrs. C. B. Clark, chairman; address by Miss Parks, missionary from Manila.
Temperance anniversary; addresses by Rev. Butterfield of Miller, S. D., and Alonzo E. Wilson of Chicago.
Epworth League service, led by Rev. W. E. Jeffrey, district president.
Anniversary of Foreign Missionary society.
Reading of appointments by the bishop.

WILL OPEN UP RAIL MILL

Mr. Harriman When in Laramie Reported to Have So Said.

LARAMIE, Wyo., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—When Mr. Harriman was in Laramie Monday he is said to have told an official that he had long been contemplating opening up the Laramie rail mills and the information given out comes chiefly from this source.

Mr. Harriman has long complained of the expense of buying rails from the Steel trust and the development of Iron mountain is the solution of the problem of obtaining material with which to open up the rail shops at Laramie.

The information was that with the completion of the Union Pacific line now building from North Platte to Bridgeport that road will open up an industry at Laramie, which has long lain dormant, for the new branch, it is thought, will reach to the famous undeveloped iron fields of Iron mountain. The ore from that ledge will be shipped down to the shops at Laramie, and the milling of rails and castings will begin once more, after twenty years.

At present the Union Pacific is making bolts, fish plates and other small steel necessities at Laramie shops, but the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co. and the Steel trust is doing most of the rail work, for the reason, as given out by the authorities when the rail mills were abandoned at Laramie years ago, that the supply of iron was insufficient.

FRITZI SCHEFF'S HUSBAND

Petition in Bankruptcy Against Baron Fritz von Bardeleben at New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Baron Fritz von Bardeleben, who is the husband of Fritzi Scheff, the actress, and who has been in the business of importing post cards and lithographic supplies at 20 West Third street, was the subject of a petition in bankruptcy filed yesterday by creditors.

Baron von Bardeleben was a captain of Hussars in the German army. After courting Fritzi for two years he left the army in the fall of 1901 and married her. They came to this country on their honeymoon two weeks later and soon after that the baron went into business. The creditors appearing are, Aloysius C. Gahan, $355, and Clarence I. Hamilton, 214, both claims on drafts from Paris which he accepted. The petitioners allege that while insolvent the baron transferred property to his landlord and also to the Aristophol company to prefer them.

GEN. CORBIN FOR CONGRESS

Republicans of His Home District in Ohio May Nominate Him.

CINCINNATI, O., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Lieutenant General H. C. Corbin, who was in this city today, when asked what he had to say about the announced intention of his friends at his old home, Batavia, to nominate him for congress in the Sixth district, said:

"I am not asking anything from my people, but there is nothing I would refuse them. I am not ambitious. I am a plain American citizen, accustomed to obey commands. I would do anything to serve my people if they wished it so."

The Sixth district has had a factional fight on hand for several years, but it is believed by many that with General Corbin as the republican candidate all friction within the ranks would be eliminated.

HUGE WATER MAIN BURSTS

Chicago Yards and Homes Inundated, Endangering Lives.

OFFICERS RESCUE HOTEL GUESTS

Carry Women and Children from Their Rooms—Damage to Property Will Be Very Heavy.

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—With a roar that brought frightened sleepers from their beds for blocks around, a thirty-six inch water main in Chicago avenue burst early today, shooting a column of water sixty feet into the air, imperiling several lives and damaging property to the extent of several thousand dollars. The water broke through the brick pavement in front of the Stockholm hotel, causing a panic among the 500 guests. A wagon load of policemen rushed into the hotel and carried out the women and children. The yards in that vicinity are four and five feet below the level of the street and it was only a few minutes until they were completely inundated. The water quickly flooded the basements for two blocks east and west and a number of families had to be rescued by the police. Nine horses were drowned.

CARNIVAL OF SWEET PEAS

Tourists and Trains Are Laden with Flowers as Forerunner of Festival.

BOZEMAN, Mont., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Every passenger train that passes through this city during the day is met by women of Bozeman with bouquets of sweet peas, in sufficient number to give every passenger a small bunch, and these are handed to the trainmen to distribute through the train while it stops here. Long rows of sweet peas bloom in the depot grounds. The purpose of all this is to call attention to Bozeman's sweet pea carnival, which comes August 22, and which is expected to more than repeat the success of last year's carnival, the first and only one ever held in the country. Those who travel through Montana on the great transcontinental trains are not likely to forget this flower spot and its gift of sweet peas to the travel worn passengers.

Started by the Bozeman Civic league as a step in building up civic pride, the carnival has helped to make every householder feel that a plot of grass, well trimmed, and a flower garden are a necessary part of living in town. No device could possibly have been suggested which would have set everybody to work so disinterestedly for the sake merely of beautifying the town. As an illustration, in the parade of more than a hundred carriages, beautifully decorated with flowers, and in the street decorations advertising was practically eliminated by common consent, though many of the decorations were furnished by business firms at great expense of time and labor, and the committee in charge offered no objection to the advertising.

Last year the population of the city was doubled on carnival day. Six thousand bouquets of sweet peas were handed out to visitors in the evening from the city library. This year the attendance promises to be larger.

CHAPMAN ASKS FOR DIVORCE

Prominent Nebraska City Merchant Says Wife Always Asks Her Third.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Calvin Chapman has filed his petition in district court praying for a divorce from his wife. Both are well known residents of this county, having resided here since 1855. They were married in this city June 4, 1883, and have since made their home here. Mr. Chapman is one of the leading coal dealers of this city, a member of the Baptist church, a large property owner, a prominent republican, and has served several terms as a member of the city council and been defeated as a candidate for county commissioner and mayor. In his petition he charges that his wife is of a nagging disposition, is cruel to him, that she would never sign a deed for any lots or lands until he first gave her one-third of the purchase price, and on Kansas land she wanted one-half. Three daughters were born to them and they have homes of their own, one in Lincoln, another in St. Joseph, and one here. He also accuses his wife for bringing his good name into disrepute by falsely charging him with unchastity, etc. He wants the court to grant her a reasonable alimony, but give him a decree of divorce.

WOMAN IS SEVERELY BURNED

Mrs. Becker of Grand Island Severely Injured by Gasoline Explosion.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—Mrs. Fred Becker, sr., was frightfully, though not fatally burned and the residence threatened with fire through an unusual accident at their home. Mrs. Tannhausen, daughter of Mrs. Becker, was about to fill a gasoline stove with the fluid when the telephone bell rang. The gasoline was in a pitcher. She answered the telephone. For some time she seemed to have had her mind occupied with the telephone call and when again thinking of her task she took the gasoline and, believing it water, poured it in the teakettle on the stove. As there was a burning jet under the teakettle, an explosion very quickly followed. Mrs. Tannhausen took the burning kettle and pitcher with the intention of throwing them outside. Mrs. Becker went to assist and in the act her clothing took fire. A passerby aided the women by coming to the rescue with a tub of water standing close by. Mrs. Becker is badly burned about the arms and limbs, however. The room and contents took fire and an alarm was turned in, but the flames were extinguished before the fire department laid a hose line.

Have Root print it.

GOVERNOR FREAR INAUGURATED

He Promises a Settlement of Land Question in Hawaiian Territory.

HONOLULU, Aug. 16.—Governor Frear was inaugurated today. He promises a settlement of the agricultural land question in the interest of the holders of small tracts. Mott Smith has qualified as secretary of the territory, A. S. Hartwell as chief justice of the supreme court, and Judge Ballou as associate justice.

AUTO CROSSED FUNERAL LINE

Grand Island Mourners Too Much Shocked to Take Number of Machine.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—There is considerable resentment here over the act of an automobilist, during a funeral procession yesterday. The driver of a local machine dashed squarely through a funeral procession which crossed his line, going up an intersecting street. It seems to be fortunate for the driver of the wagon that the people in the funeral procession were too horrified to take the pains to glance at the number of the receding machine and so far the police have not been able to identify the driver of the machine. It is expected, however, that in due time his identity will be learned, when prosecution will undoubtedly follow, as ordinances and state laws governing the running of bicycles and automobiles are otherwise strictly enforced.

BALTIMORE WANTS THE FLAG

Historic Star-Spangled Banner Apostrophized by Francis Scott Key.

The flag which, fluttering over old Fort McHenry, inspired Francis Scott Key to write the verses which now compose the national anthem, on that morning nearly a quarter of a century ago, may be turned over to the city of Baltimore for safe keeping. The flag is now in the possession of Eben Appleton of New York, a grandson of Colonel George Armistead, the defender of the fort, to whom it was presented by the government in recognition of his distinguished and gallant services.

Several attempts have been made to induce Mr. Appleton to part with his heirloom to some historical society or museum, but without success. Only two or three months ago Governor Warfield invited Mr. Appleton to give the banner to the state of Maryland, but the New York man declined.

Now, however, Mayor Mahool has received a letter from Mr. Appleton, in which the latter expresses the opinion that the relic should be turned over to Baltimore, and says that he will take up the matter with the mayor within the next few weeks.

The house in which the flag was made still stands at the northwest corner of Pratt and Albemarle streets, Baltimore. It is a small building with two stories and an attic. Ninety years ago the place was owned by Mrs. John Pickersgill, who was Miss Mary Young, and it was she who did the principal work on the flag.

It is a very large affair, and could not be put together in Mrs. Pickersgill's home, so Eli Claggett, a brewer, permitted her to use his malt room for the purpose. The flag has fifteen stars and the same number of stripes.—Washington Herald.

RIDES WHEEL LIKE GODIVA

Sleeping Girl Clad Only in Nightrobe Startles Police at Fort Dodge, Ia.

FORT DODGE, Ia., Aug. 16.—The ghostlike apparition of a girl astride a bicycle flitting about the streets after midnight will not startle residents in the east end any longer. For weeks pedestrians abroad late at night have been scared.

Clad in a flowing white garment, with hair streaming behind her and the gas lamps revealing bare feet and ankles, the ghost rider had excited a good deal of interest as well as fright. Several attempts made to follow the rider had failed because the bicycle always disappeared.

Tonight a policeman, attracted by a crash and a scream, ran around a corner and solved the mystery. He found a young and pretty girl clad in a thin nightdress which had suffered severely when the wheel she was riding struck a brick. The girl was dazed, but told the policeman where she lived. He escorted her home and startled her father, a well known merchant, who thought his daughter was safe in bed.

The girl said she had no recollection of her night rides. She had been flitting about the streets on her wheel and in her nightdress asleep.

WRECK NEAR RUSSELL, IOWA

Burlington Train Derailed and Eleven Persons Hurt—Omaha Man Among Victims.

RUSSELL, Ia., Aug. 16.—The fast Burlington train No. 6, east-bound from Denver to Chicago, was wrecked a mile east of here at 12:40 yesterday afternoon, injuring eleven persons, two of whom may die.

The derailment of the front truck of the first mail car was the cause of the wreck, though why the truck went off no one can explain.

The injured:

M. S. Prayhans, Omaha, back and kidneys injured.
W. D. Humphrey, cook on the diner, left side crushed; will die.
Mrs. James Brysdale, New Brunswick, Canada, internally injured, side hurt and generally bruised; will die.
J. Meredith, Chicago, left arm broken in three places.
F. C. Crowley, travelingman from Des Moines, head cut an dshoulder hurt.
T. G. Russell, Chicago, left shoulder dislocated.
Dr. I. M. Phillips, Avery, Ia., deep gash in scalp.
Strickland W. Gillilan, Baltimore, Md., arm broken.
Mrs. W. O. Carter, Hayes Center, O., head and side injured.
Mrs. W. P. Shakespeare, Cleveland, Ia., fot badly mashed.
W. D. Combs, Kansas City, arm, neck and back badly wrenched; condition serious.

NYE BURIED IN NEW YORK

Newspaper Man to Be Laid to Rest This Afternoon in the Metropolis.

NEW YORK, Aug. 16.—(Special Telegram.)—The last rites over the body of Fred Nye, associate editor of the New York World, who was accidentally killed in a street car accident here Tuesday, will be held here today. He will be buried in New York.

Bee Want Ads Are Business Boosters.

DEATH RECORD.

Harry H. McGee.

Harry H. McGee, one of the best known clerks of the Omaha and Ogden division of the railway mail service, died at his home in Fremont Friday morning after an illness of several weeks of tuberculosis.

STRIKE INVOLVES RAILROAD

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extensive business with these giant monopolies, has had just that very proposition placed squarely before him. The telegraphers of the country know just exactly what the public has had to contend with, and they make the bold assertion at this time that their cause is a common one.

"Since this strike began thousands of patrons of the telegraph right here in Omaha have heard the same story from telegraph managers. The story has been different from what it would be if there was a strike on one of the big railroads. In fact, only a few people would be affected by such a condition and they would use some other line. Right now the Western Union and Postal Telegraph companies are saying to the people, possibly not in so many words, but surely they are using the argument daily: 'The people have got to come to us anyway and so far as this strike is concerned, we are not particular what the people, or even the telegraph patrons of the country, say. We have got their business and they can't give it to anybody else. While we will do the best we can, we can make no promises. If their telegrams are delayed twenty-four or forty-eight hours, we will regret it, but we have the money for these telegrams and we are going to keep it, because they can't get it back. We have the upper hand on the public and the operators and we are going to keep it.'

"The telegraph operators are prepared to show by thousands of witnesses in any court that the above situation is the actual condition. Where the public is laughed at once when it makes complaint of this condition the telegraph operators are scoffed at a hundred times if they make bold to assert their manhood. If this contest ever comes before a court high enough to make a full investigation it will disclose conditions that the people have never dreamed of. The telegraph operators are ready to prove by every evidence that was ever required by a court that these are the actual conditions, and the people may go into this fight with the strikers without fear of placing themselves in antagonism to a single interest except the telegraph monopoly.

"The cause is a common one, and while the public may be temporarily inconvenienced by this strike, the people will be the actual beneficiaries. We want to make the broad assertion that whether this strike is won or lost it is the greatest boon the people of the country have ever had. It can only be the means of awakening everybody to what has been permitted to exist for years simply because there appeared to be no sane remedy. Every person with a grievance against the telegraph has learned to forget it with this parting exclamation: 'Well, what are you going to do? They have it their own way.'

"The purpose of this statement is not to create a prejudice against persons, but to call attention simply to the actual conditions, of which the people are fully aware, and are only waiting for an opportunity to overcome.

"We are not even prepared to say an ill thing of the officials of the telegraph companies, generally speaking. Of course there are quite a number of them who are ready to grind us to the last ditch—to even starve us into submission—but they are few. We believe that 80 per cent of the superintendents of the country would, in their own hearts, be glad to see the operators win this contest. They know full well that it is to the interest of themselves and the people alike, and that every victory won by the telegraph operators is an even greater one for them, regardless of the position they they are forced to take as officials of the corporation. There is no wish to tell family secrets nor to betray confidences, but the telegraphers are prepared to prove everything they tell the people in this statement.

"The telegraphers do not in any manner wish to compromise their friends who have placed them in a position to make these assertions, but they do not feel that they owe the telegraph companies as corporations an apology for so doing.

"The news of the country at this moment is controlled by the Western Union and Postal, and is being handled to suit their fancy. Nobody knows this better than the newspapers, who are so unfortunate as to be unable to protest with any assurance of either relief or safety. The news concerning the strike as contained in the telegraph reports, for the last forty-eight hours has had but one side to it, and we make frank to say that in the future the public may expect to see but one side of it. We believe, however, that it is evident to the public why the telegraph companies are censoring the news at this time and respectfully beg for the indulgence of the entire people, whom we consider our friends, and ask that they do not pass judgment without both sides being fully presented."

ILL WIND THAT BLOWS NO GOOD

At Least One Man is Benefited by the Strike.

There have been some digressions from the ordinary course of business in Omaha because of the telegraphers' strike, which have brought good and bad fortune to those concerned. One Omaha man considers that the strike has benefited him directly to the extent of $600.

"I had been keeping an eye on a certain rialroad stock for a long time," he says. "Monday morning it dropped to a figure at which I considered it a good 'buy.' I hurried down to the bank and told them to wire for 200 shares.

"The clerk took down my order and I was on pins and needles even at that brief delay. Then he called my attention to the fact that a strike had just been called and that my message might not reach New York for a day or so.

"Well, I was sure I had lost a lot of money by not being able to buy that stock at once. Still I didn't want to risk a telegram which might get there when the market had risen a few points. So I told the bank to let it go. The clerk suggested that he write. I told him he could if he wanted to.

"The stock dropped two more points that day and the following day it dropped another point. I hurried to the bank and found the clerk had written my order and sent it to New York by mail. I have just learned that they got my 200 shares at the bottom price, which was just three points lower than I was willing to pay."

SANDALS AND SHORT SLEEVES

Styles of Dress for Men Next Summer, and Lace Trousers to Boot.

"Sandals will be all the rage next summer for men's wear. The kind the boys wear this year, you know."

The speaker looked like a traveling salesman and he spoke to men who looked like traveling salesmen. They were sitting in chairs in the shade of the Paxton hotel. The men addressed looked at the other in astonishment.

"Yes, I got it straight from Paris this morning. And, say, do you know the women are not going to be allowed to monopolize the short sleeves. Next summer out shirt sleeves will be cut off at the elbows and our forearms will be bare and cool.

"But the best thing of all, gentlemen, is the first step toward a renaissance in dress that will give us back the laces and buckles of our forefathers. We will not adopt knee breeches at once, but there will be an improvement.

"Here is my secret. Fashion decrees that next summer we shall wear a little lace on the bottom of our trouser legs, not the kind that—"

A woman came out of the hotel and took the man by the arm, pulling him gently from his chair and toward the door. She glanced at the astonished traveling men and tapped her forehead with her finger.

"He thinks he's a New York haberdasher," she said.

BOARDING HOUSE COLLAPSES

Five Persons Are Killed, Eleven Injured at Chicago—Heroic Rescues.

CHICAGO, Aug. 16.—Five persons were killed and eleven others were injured, three seriously, early today in the collapse of a two-story frame building at Fifty-fifth and Fry streets, occupied as a boarding house. The bodies of the dead were taken from the ruins by policemen and firement, who risked their lives when compelled to crawl under the wreck to reach the victims.

The dead:

MRS. ANNIE NOSAL, owner of boarding house.
Her SON, DAUGHTER and SISTER.
ALBERT STEHM, a boarder.

HYMENEAL

Dunbar-Ferguson.

HASTINGS, Neb., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—One of the prettiest of recent weddings in this city was that of Miss Edna Dunbar and Mr. Cyril Ferguson last night. The ceremony was performed by Rev. B. S. Hufson of the Baptist church in the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Dunbar, at 8 o'clock. Miss Vida Ferguson, sister of the groom, was bridesmaid, and John Dunbar, brother of the bride, was best man. Miss Alice Sawyer of Omaha played the wedding march. The bride and groom left almost immediately after the ceremony for Denver. After a short visit there and in the mountains they will go to Wagon Mound, N. M., where they will make their home. Mr. Ferguson is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ferguson of this city. He is engaged in business in Wagon Mound.

Grand Jury at Deadwood.

SIOUX FALLS, S. D., Aug. 16.—(Special.)—The work of drawing a grand and petit jury for the regular September term of United States court at Deadwood has been completed by Daniel S. Glidden, United States jury commissioner, and Oliver S. Pender, clerk of the United States court in this city. The Deadwood term promises to be quite an important one, and there will be a great deal of work for both juries. The grand jury will be required to report at 2 'oclock in the afternoon of Tuesday, September 3, the day court convenes, while the petit jury will report the following day. In accordance with an order issued over a year ago the names of those drawn upon the two juries are withheld from the public.