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CURRENT HAPPENINGS

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

COURT ROOM BATTLE

DYNAMITER KILLS DETECTIVE WOUNDS OTHERS.

Conviction of H. F. McDonald, of Terre Haute, Ind., for Destruction of Buildings at Sanford Comes at End of Sensational Trial.

Found guilty of a charge of arson Henry F. McDonald, in the circuit court room at Terre Haute, Ind., Thursday, shot and killed Detective William A. Dwyer, seriously wounded other officers and was himself seriously wounded. The shooting followed the announcement of the verdict of the jury before which McDonald had been tried on charges of dynamiting stores and churches in Sanford last year.

Without an opportunity to defend himself Detective Dwyer was shot down. Almost in an instant police officers and deputy sheriffs in the court room drew their revolvers and opened fire on McDonald. The convicted man fell with half a dozen bullets in his body.

The shooting was the result of a sensational trial which was bitterly contested. McDonald was known to be a bad man, but he had been permitted his liberty during the trial. The police department has been active in the case and several officers were in the court room to hear the verdict.

YEARS HER LIFE IS IN PERIL.

A Daughter of Rockefeller is Threatened.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean Thursday morning says: Mrs. Harold McCormick, daughter of John D. Rockefeller, is verging on nervous breakdown and has prepared to depart hastily from the city as a result of a series of threatening letters received by her which have led her to believe that her life and the lives of her children are in peril.

As soon as possible Mrs. McCormick will leave for her father's home in Cleveland, but the date of her departure is withheld.

To Prohibit Big Bank Theft.

When it is intimated on April 12 the United States grand jury will be asked by the directors of the First National bank of Salt Lake City, Utah, to investigate the theft in January of \$106,250 from the reserve chest of that institution.

Dies to Aid Her Sister.

Marie Lehman, of St. Louis, Mo., committed suicide Wednesday and investigation proved the motive was to leave \$1,000 life insurance to her helpless, invalid sister, Maggie, aged 19.

Mitchell Will Be Editor.

John Mitchell, retired president of the United Mine Workers of America, announced Thursday that he will devote his attention to a labor paper which he will establish in Indianapolis.

Northern Pacific Dividend.

A quarterly dividend of 1 1/2 per cent was declared Thursday by the directors of the Northern Pacific Railroad company. This was unchanged from the previous quarter.

Stock City Live Stock Market.

Thursday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top hogs, \$6.70. Top hogs, \$5.80.

Emigrant to Get More Pay.

A dispatch from Berlin says that because of his large family and the increase of cost of living, the Kaiser is to have his salary raised. It now is \$2,500,000 a year.

Ohio Plans New Penitentiary.

The Ohio senate has passed the bill providing for the appointment of a commission to prepare plans and proceed with the construction of a new \$2,500,000 penitentiary.

TO RUN DISTILLING SCHOOL.

Wilson Orders Plant for Agricultural Department.

A denatured alcohol school, giving a preliminary demonstration of what denatured alcohol is, how it is made and from what products, is about to be established in the department of agriculture at Washington in accordance with orders first issued by Secretary James Wilson. Dr. H. W. Wiley, chief chemist of the department, has been assigned to the job, which means that it will be well done. He has been directed to purchase vats, worms, engines and other machinery necessary in the equipment of a denatured alcohol institution, and get it in running order as soon as possible. Secretary Wilson plans to disill denatured alcohol first in his department for the benefit of farmers and others interested who visit Washington. Experts will be on duty to explain distilling methods, to show just what products may be utilized in making denatured alcohol and otherwise elucidate the advantages that will accrue to the farmer who takes advantage of the law permitting denatured alcohol to be made free of tax.

There is a strong probability that a government school of denatured alcohol will be established at the corn exposition to be held in Omaha in December. Secretary Wilson will authorize such an exposition if he is empowered to do so by congress. Funds are available for such purposes, but Secretary Wilson is disinclined to act without an express legislative authorization.

TO TEST ANTI-PASS LAW.

Feature Barring Exchange of Advertising Before Federal Court.

Testimony by several advertising managers of magazines concerning the exchange of advertising space for railway transportation with the Chicago, Indianapolis and Louisville railway was taken at Chicago Wednesday before a special commissioner appointed by the United States circuit court. All the witnesses testified that the rates for advertising are subject to frequent variation, and this, the attorneys for the government claim, is the real point at issue. It is charged that the railroad is violating the interstate commerce law by its transactions with the magazines, and the contention being that the variation of magazine rates makes the placing of a fixed value upon such advertising impossible, and that therefore the granting of railroad tickets in exchange for it forms a discrimination in violation of the interstate commerce law. The testimony taken Wednesday will be used in drawing up a statement of facts upon which legal arguments will be based in a suit for injunction which the government has instituted against the railway company in an effort to restrain it from continuing the practice of paying for advertising with transportation.

RAILROADS LOWER RATES.

Tennessee Lines Put On a 2 1/2-Cent Fare—Will Continue a Year.

The Southern railway and its allied lines Wednesday put on a 2 1/2-cent rate in Tennessee. The rate will continue in operation for one year to see if it will prove profitable. The Louisville and Nashville, the Louisville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railroads began Wednesday attaching coupons to all tickets sold in the state, which will give to every purchaser the right of a rebate for the difference between the old rate and the Southern railway's rate, provided the United States supreme court upholds the Alabama rate law.

Sanambulist is Freed.

Ross Freeman, aged 29, a victim of human bullism and epilepsy, was acquitted of the charge of burglary in Judge Brentano's court at Chicago. Freeman was accused of breaking into the home of Fred Polger and attacking Polger when the latter surprised the intruder in his kitchen.

Brewery Strike Ends.

Representatives of twenty-four breweries in St. Louis and vicinity and of the brewery workers' unions have signed new contracts, ending the strike of 3,500 brewery workers, which has been on for more than three weeks. The strikers will be put to work under the settlement, as soon as possible.

Is Anarchy in Hayti?

A dispatch received in Paris Wednesday from Port au Prince, Hayti, says the situation there is extremely grave, that complete anarchy prevails, and that the American warships are preparing to land troops.

Ten Men Are Overcome.

Ten men were overcome by gas in the Cudahy Packing company's plant at South Omaha Wednesday when a tank of ammonia gas exploded. Eight were taken to a hospital in a serious condition.

Riders Now Blow Up Tomatoes.

In Anderson county, Ky., one night recently night riders dynamited the tomato bed of James Phillips. Phillips had destroyed a tobacco bed on the spot and had put up a sign to that effect.

Railroad Shops Reopen.

The Missouri, Kansas and Texas railway shops at Sedalia, Mo., which closed recently, reopened Wednesday with a force of 500 men.

BRIEF REST IN MINES.

250,000 Bituminous Coal Diggers Quit Work.

Two hundred and fifty thousand picks dropped from the hands of as many bituminous coal miners of the United States Tuesday evening, and to be used again until a wage settlement has been reached and a scale adopted between the members of the United Mine Workers of America and the coal operators of the various fields. The situation, however, does not indicate a prolonged strike. An open winter and industrial depression have left a large stock of coal on hand, and the differences between miners and operators are very slight. It is practically agreed that the present scale will be continued, but some policies, with the change in the national officers of the miners' organization and local differences between operators and miners, have resulted in temporary suspension of work until a new wage scale is agreed to either by districts or individual mines.

Until two years ago the bituminous coal mining scale was based on the agreement reached in the central competitive field, consisting of Illinois, Ohio, Indiana and western Pennsylvania, and considered as a unit. This unit system was broken two years ago when President Mitchell signed a scale with Pittsburg operators, who agreed to pay the scale demanded after the operators of the other three states had refused, and the miners won their fight in consequence. Operators signed the scale individually throughout the country. Since that time the miners have tried to get back the unit rule, or interstate agreement, but the operators of western Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois, after negotiations lasting all the present winter, have refused to meet in interstate convention with the miners.

STRUCK BY OWN TORPEDO.

Accident to the Torpedoboot is Being Investigated.

As the result of being struck by a Whitehead torpedo, fired from one of her own tubes, the torpedoboot Blakeley, which has been engaged in target practice off Pensacola, Fla., has a large, jagged hole just below her water line on her port side. The torpedo was a "blank" and the Blakeley has been put in dry dock and a board of inquiry named to conduct an investigation into the accident.

It is said the torpedoboot was on the target range, about four miles from the navy yard, engaged in practice. A Whitehead torpedo had been prepared for a range of 4,000 yards and fired. It had only gone about 100 yards when it suddenly swerved and after making a complete circle, came directly toward the Blakeley, striking the vessel on the port side below the water line. Mattresses and bedding were used to stop the rush of water and the vessel headed for the navy yard.

NEW ARMY FOR ENGLAND.

Volunteers Are Displaced by Recently Created Organization.

With the stroke of midnight Tuesday Great Britain's volunteer army became a thing of the past after an existence of forty-nine years and a territorial army, introduced by War Secretary Haldane, regains in its stead. The volunteer forces throughout the country celebrated their "last post" at their respective headquarters by dinners and other festivities. The facilities took on somewhat of a sad character, owing to the disappearance of the old association.

At Eggs: Warns \$1,000.

Because he was deceived into eating goose eggs, thinking they were chicken eggs, Solomon Carter, of Kokomo, Ind., has filed suit for \$1,000 damages against David Harris. Carter has an antipathy for geese and goose eggs, and he alleges the eggs were represented as hen fruit. He alleges nervous shock and permanent disability arising from the deception.

Aids Death with Bullet.

Just at the hour when she knew her husband was being lowered into a grave in Cleveland, O., Mrs. Elizabeth Cox, of Denver, Colo., aged 78, shot herself through the head, having grown weary of waiting for death. The suicide occurred at the home of her son.

Anna Gould is Ill.

Madame Gould is ill with bronchitis and stomach trouble in the apartments of her friends, Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Morse, in the Hotel St. Regis at New York. Madame Gould was said to be in a very nervous condition Tuesday.

American Singer Honored.

Miss Geraldine Farrar, the American singer, has been nominated as "imperial court singer" by the emperor of Germany.

Nebraska State News

FATHER DROWNS, SAVES SON.

Morris Christensen, of Omaha, Falls Into Cistern with Child. Morris Christensen, 1325 South Twenty-fifth street, Omaha, was drowned Sunday in a cistern in the back yard, into which he fell while he had his 2-year-old son, Willie, in his arms. The child was saved by the heroism of the father, who stood in seven feet of water, and by stretching his arms to their highest manhood to keep the boy above the water until assistance arrived.

It was shortly before 3 o'clock when the Sunday afternoon quiet of the neighborhood was broken by a woman's scream and Mrs. Christensen was seen by neighbors running from the house. She rushed to the home of W. A. Goetsche, across the street, and though her excitement had rendered her speechless, Goetsche, with L. W. Ellperle and H. S. Jennings, followed her in a mad run back to the house. She pointed to the cistern. Looking down they saw two human hands reaching out of the black water upholding a little child in a red coat. A ladder was quickly secured. It was too short to reach to the bottom of the cistern. So two of the men held while Goetsche climbed down, and rescued the baby. The moment this burden was removed the hands seemed to close and sank beneath the water. Several minutes were consumed in grappling for the body. Finally it was brought to the surface. But every sign of life was gone.

DAMAGE BY PRAIRIE FIRE.

The Burlington Road is Causing Considerable Loss.

The Burlington railroad is causing great damage by fire around Mullen in the section of the sandhills country. Nearly one-half the land along the right of way has been burned over. A blaze that started at Kelso burned a strip of country eight miles wide south to the Dismal river, nearly thirty miles long. Despite the hard fighting of the citizens in that locality the flames swept despite the leaving destruction, misery and homeless homesteaders in its wake. Quite a number of stock is reported to have perished, but the heaviest loss to one man bettel a new "Kinkaidier" by the name of Nelson, who lost his home, two cows, chickens, a set of harness, hay—all he had on earth except his family and two horses. There is a strong bearing toward criminal carelessness on the part of the railroad in stringing out those fires and there is also great need for the strong arm of the law to bear down heavily on this class of transgressors.

POSTOFFICE AT VALLEY ROBBED.

Safe Crackers for Fifth Time Take What is in the Safe There.

For the fifth time, safe crackers robbed the safe in the Valley postoffice. Postmaster Meno Johnson says they were paid for their trouble for the first time, but he would make no statement of the amount of his loss, until he could make an examination of the safe. Word was received by the Omaha postoffice shortly before noon of the robbery of the postoffice at Valley. Postoffice Inspector Frank Fryer went at once to Valley to investigate. Valley is in the Omaha district, which is under charge of Mr. Fryer. Mr. Fryer, of the Fremont district, was also in Omaha Wednesday morning and has gone to Valley to assist Inspector Fryer in ferreting out the robbers.

SHELDON BACK FROM EAST.

Pleased with Results of His Trip to the National Capital.

Gov. Sheldon has returned from Washington more than pleased with his efforts to obtain modifications in the government cattle quarantine covering Nebraska. He will soon issue a proclamation to take the place of the one issued several months ago, but there will be little difference between the two documents. The dividing line between the western division, which is to remain under quarantine, and the eastern division is the same as that outlined by State Veterinarian McKim and Gov. Sheldon after they had obtained reports from counties in regard to the existence of scabies in cattle.

Carlson Held for Shooting.

The verdict of the coroner's jury at Broken Bow on the body of John Sanderson, who was shot and instantly killed early Saturday evening by James Carlson, is in part as follows: "That said John Sanderson came to his death by reason of two gunshot wounds inflicted on him by James Carlson with a revolver, and that said shooting was feloniously done."

New Head for Bremer-Schools.

Prof. William Thelosen, of the faculty of the West Point high school, has been elected to the principalship of the Bremer public schools. Mr. Thelosen is a graduate of West Point high school and the state university. He has filled the position of assistant superintendent of the West Point schools for the past year. He is a native of Cumpling county.

Kinkaid Settlers Pensive.

Fifty families that are settling on Kinkaid homesteads have arrived in Mullen this spring and seventeen cars of live stock and household goods have been shipped to this point. Most of the things were made last fall and many of the "winter" birds, houses before returning for their families.

Mrs. Accidentally Shot.

Bohumil Buzicka, of Weston, was killed instantly by the accidental discharge of a 22-caliber rifle, the bullet entering the brain above the left eye.

Nebraskan Fatally Wounded in Barn Near Butte.

Eric Borg, one of the most prosperous and highly respected farmers of Holt county, was shot and probably mortally wounded Saturday morning by John Price, a Kinkaid homesteader, who lived about four miles from Borg. About five hours after the shooting, when hotly pursued by Sheriff Hall and a posse, Price ducked into a shanty on a homestead about a mile from his home and put a bullet through his brain.

Borg went to his barn about 6 o'clock Saturday morning to feed his horse and opened the top half of the door when Price stuck a 28-caliber revolver up against his breast and pulled the trigger. The ball entered just to the right of the breast bone, missing the lung and lodging in the muscle of the back. Borg got away from in front of the door and walked a mile along the creek bottom to a neighbor's house, although very weak from loss of blood when he arrived there. His condition is precarious, and it is thought he cannot recover.

PLEADS GUILTY TO FORGERY.

Denver Man Rifles Mail Box and Gets Money on Draft.

Warren T. Montgomery, who gives Denver as his place of residence, is under arrest at Fremont on the charge of forging the name of Clyde Foster to a draft on the Standard Life and Accident Insurance company of Detroit. The company sent the draft to Foster in settlement of an accident claim, by mail, addressed in care of the Brunswick restaurant. It was discovered early in the evening that the mail box had been rifled and suspicion rested upon Montgomery, who had been loafing around town, as he had on a new suit of clothes and some money. He was arrested, and it was found he had bought the outfit at Freiden's store, endorsed the draft and received the balance in cash. He pleaded guilty, and in default of bail was committed to the county jail.

MAN KILLED; MULE UNHURT.

A Runaway Team Dashes in Front of a Trail.

Anton Bliek was instantly killed and his brother Enoch was fatally hurt at 10 o'clock Saturday morning by being struck by an Omaha train three-quarters of a mile southeast of Wakefield. The accident was caused by the inability of the men to control the team of mules which they were driving and which pulled them onto the track. The two men were driving from their farm on the reservation and were on their way to town. They saw the approach of the train before they started across the track, but the mules became frightened and started to run away. The animals crossed the track safely, but the engine struck the wagon squarely, splintering it and throwing the two men out.

TRAGEDY AT BROKEN BOW.

Farmer Shot and Killed in Front of Bank Building.

John Sanderson, a farmer living several miles east of Broken Bow, was shot and instantly killed Saturday night by James Carlson, a resident of Broken Bow. The shooting took place in front of the State bank and was witnessed by a number of people. Sanderson, who had been drinking, was very quarrelsome during the afternoon. According to eye witnesses the two men met and had words over family matters. When Carlson drew a revolver and fired three shots into Sanderson's face, killing him instantly. Carlson gave himself up after the shooting. Sanderson leaves a wife and family.

Celebrates 99th Birthday.

Mrs. Hartsick, the mother of Henry Hartsick, living near West Point, celebrated her 99th birthday on Wednesday. Mrs. Hartsick is undoubtedly the oldest woman in Gurneering county and probably in that section of Nebraska, and is hale and hearty. She walks to church and back every Sunday, a distance of four miles, and frequently visits her relatives on foot, traveling six to eight miles each time.

When Weevil Works Woe.

J. H. J. Tetan, living seven miles northeast of Cook, discovered that a quantity of his last year's wheat has been ruined by wheat weevil. He had about 800 bushels which he concluded to sell. He took a load to the elevator, where it was thoroughly inspected and was found to be literally alive with wheat weevil.

Guilt of Extorting Money.

A jury in the district court at Lincoln Saturday declared R. J. Greene guilty of extorting money from Lincoln highway dealers. Greene was indicted on the charge of filing remonstrances before the excise board and exacting cash payments for the withdrawal of the suits.

Burglars Raid Postoffice.

Crackmen Saturday night used dynamite or nitroglycerin on the safe of the postoffice at Fairmont, partly wrecking it and damaging the building. The robbers got only \$20 in cash, but they ruined stamps and papers. Registered mail was carried away and letters torn open, but no great sum was secured. The mutilated mail was found near the Burlington depot. There is no clue to the robbers.

WORK OF CONGRESS

Voting on amendments to the currency bill continued nearly the entire session of the Senate Wednesday. All of the committee's amendments were accepted and incorporated in the bill, and all their amendments, except one, were disagreed to, the voting showing conclusively that only with the sanction of the committee could any change be made in the bill. In the course of a bitter denunciation of President Roosevelt on the floor of the House of Representatives Mr. Stanley of Kentucky compared him with Alexander Hamilton, whom he designated as "an obscure adventurer," and both of whom he said had profound contempt for the constitution and displayed everlasting impatience with its restraints. Mr. Bryan said, had the respect of the country as a statesman. Apparently ignoring Mr. Stanley's remarks, Mr. Cocks of New York, representing the President's district, defended the President against the recent attack of Mr. Willett. Mr. Willett, replying, declared his complete ability to defend all that he had said.

The Senate Thursday devoted considerable time to the credentials of Senator-elect John Walter Smith of Maryland. The result of a long debate was the admission of Mr. Smith. The currency bill was then taken up and amendments were considered. More shafts of sarcasm and invective were aimed at President Roosevelt in the House. Mr. Bryan of Texas charged the President with having been guilty of "a disgusting usurpation of power" not only toward the national legislature, but the judiciary as well. God and the future alone knew, he declared, just what niche he was to occupy in the temple of his country. The agricultural appropriation bill was considered as an amendment, and when it was laid aside for the provision for new weather stations in the States of Texas, Kansas, Virginia, Michigan, Vermont, Missouri and Indiana.

The Senate devoted its entire session Friday to a consideration of the Aldrich currency bill. After further amending the measure, it was passed by a vote of 42 to 36. The Senate then adjourned until Monday. The question whether or not President Roosevelt is an intolerant man after the fashion of King George III, arose in the House. The discussion was founded on a local newspaper story covering what purported to be the details of an interview between the President and Representative Deikema of Michigan, in which the President was represented as thumping his desk and berating Deikema for having joined in the report of the subcommittee of the judicial committee censuring Judge Willey of the United States Court in Chicago. Deikema absolved the President. Mr. suggestion of intolerance. The greatest display of his explanation. The agricultural appropriation bill was taken up, but it had laid aside.

The passage of a large number of bills of minor importance and an extended discussion of a measure to authorize the damming of the Snake River, Washington, occupied the entire time of the Senate Monday. The session was brought to a sudden close by lack of a quorum. Charges of a serious nature against Gifford Pinchot, chief of the forestry bureau, were made in the House by Messrs. Smith of California and Mondell of Wyoming, during the consideration of the agricultural appropriation bill. Mr. Smith accused him of entering into the proposed establishment of federal standards of cotton grades and federal inspection of grains. Consideration of the bill had not been concluded when the House adjourned till Monday.

The judgment of the district court of Richardson county, compelling the Missouri Pacific company to build a transfer switch to the property of the Farmers Elevator company, at Strausville, is affirmed by a decision written by Commissioner Duffie.

John G. Hamblin of Grand Island, sentenced to be hanged for the murder of Rachel Engle, will not be executed. The supreme court has commuted the sentence to life imprisonment at hard labor and recommended that he be not released from confinement.

A number of citizens of Crete have petitioned the state railway commission to compel the Burlington railroad to put back the operator in the depot there. The telegraph office at Crete was just recently closed.

Christiana Henry of South Omaha, wins her case against the Omaha Packing company for damages for injuries, the supreme court having affirmed the decision of the lower court.

The state railway commission has ordered the Lincoln telephone company to charge the owners of the property the same price for telephones as the general public pays.

Marion Morris of Omaha has been instructed by Insurance Deputy Pierce to stop soliciting business for the Ridgely Protective association of Worcester, Mass., because the company has no license to do business in this state.

The supreme court has quieted title to the Joseph S. Bartley homestead in Holt county in Hugh A. Allen. In the same decision it holds that the sale of a homestead under an ordinary execution during the temporary absence of the owner is valid.

NATIONAL CAPITAL NOTES.

The Senate has confirmed the nomination of William L. Day to be United States Attorney for the northern district of Ohio. Mr. Day is a son of Associate Justice Day of the United States Supreme Court.

The President announced the selection of a referee board of prominent scientists of the country, who are to aid the Department of Agriculture in passing upon the suits based upon the use of borax of soda, sulphur and other preservatives in the foods of the country.