

CURRENT HAPPENINGS

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

TRAP TARIFF BARON

SWEATS IN SILENCE, PRODDED BY UNFRIENDLY SOLONS.

Sells Goods Cheaper Abroad—Though Investigators Pump Corn Starch Maker Industiously, They Are Unable to Get Explanation.

The so termed "starch trust" was under fire at the hearing on tariff revision Wednesday before the house committee on ways and means. The "cross examination" of J. B. Walton, representing the Corn Products Refining company, which, it was claimed, monopolized the starch business, formed the most interesting incident at Wednesday's hearing on the tariff schedule covering agricultural products and provisions. Citrus fruits also occupied considerable attention. Mr. Walton admitted that his company sells corn starch in the United Kingdom at a price 40 cents less than it is sold in this country. He also admitted there was a loss in selling corn starch in Great Britain.

Mr. Boutell, of Illinois, wanted to know why Mr. Hill, a member from Connecticut, who is interested in the manufacture of corn starch, could not buy the starch in Great Britain at \$2.25 per 100 pounds, pay the ocean freight of 10 cents and secure delivery of the article at a saving of 30 cents over the price demanded in the home market. "Where does the 30 cents go?" he asked.

"The committee can understand why you desire a protective tariff," said Mr. Gaines, of West Virginia, to the witness, "but we want to know why you should have it. You are selling your product in Great Britain, a free trade country, cheaper than here, but you want protection here."

"Why don't the American consumers go to London to buy their corn starch?" inquired Mr. Bonyne, of Colorado.

To them, and similar questions Mr. Walton was evidently at a loss to reply.

Representative Seneca Payne, chairman of the committee, and a "stand-patter," supplied the answer.

"The sales of your products have been falling off in this country for some time past," said Mr. Payne, "and you are selling at a loss abroad in order to get rid of your product."

BANKER DIES IN SING SING.

David Rothschild Was Worker in "High Finance."

News of the death in Sing Sing prison of David Rothschild, former president of the Federal bank in New York City, was received Wednesday and renewed interest in one of the most remarkable instances of "high finance" that ever occurred there.

The Federal bank was closed by the banking department in 1904, at which time Rothschild was charged with misappropriating \$200,000 of the bank's funds. At that time the Globe Security company, another Rothschild concern, also failed. Hundreds of small investors in Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Ohio and Missouri had bought bonds of the Globe company upon promise of high rates of interest, and these lost practically all their money.

The Federal bank did business with small merchants and manufacturers on the east side of New York and its failure ruined many of them.

PAIR OF SHOES FOR A KISS.

New Hampshire Girl Then Hales Veteran to Court to Settle Case.

The legality of a kiss as payment for a pair of shoes came up for decision in the police court at Portsmouth, N. H.

Henry Tucker, a war veteran, proprietor of a shop in Bow street, pleaded guilty to having kissed Miss Alice M. Spinnery, of Newington, while she was in his store making a purchase.

The girl told the police that she asked Tucker the price of a pair of shoes and he told her she could have them for a kiss. Thereupon he put his arms around her and kissed her.

Crew is Rescued.

The captain of the British steamer St. Helena, which arrived at the Delaware breakwater from Sourbaria, reports that he rescued the captain and crew of sixteen men of the British bark Osberg. The men were landed at Lewis, Del. The rescue of the men occurred 800 miles southeast of the Delaware breakwater. The Osberg was lost.

Six Hurt in Automobile.

Six persons were injured, two of them dangerously, when A. Busey, a prominent Oakland, Cal., furniture dealer, turned his automobile over a ten-foot embankment to escape crashing into an Oakland and San Jose passenger train.

Killed by Block of Slate.

James R. Stobart, aged 10, and Albert Young, aged 27, were killed in a coal mine at Keers Run, O., being crushed to death by a large block of slate.

Cleveland Bank Absorbed.

The Depositors Savings and Trust company of Cleveland, O., has been absorbed by two Cleveland banks. The savings accounts, amounting to \$305,000, were taken over by the Cleveland Trust company and the checking accounts, amounting to \$268,000, by the First National bank.

Target Records Broken.

It is officially stated that the battleship Nebraska, during target practice at Manila, broke all records ever established by any navy in the world for marksmanship with 12-inch guns.

Funds for the Missouri.

Gen. Marshall, chief of engineers, in his annual report to the secretary of war, recommends an appropriation of \$350,000 for improvement of the upper Missouri river the coming year.

WHOLESALE FORGER.

Prominent Chicagoan Secures More Than \$700,000.

Peter Van Vliet, a real estate dealer for years, classed among the first of Chicago's prosperous and reputable business men, Monday confessed to having obtained through forged deeds and notes more than \$700,000, and a few hours after his arrest, on his own urgent appeal to be punished, was sentenced to the penitentiary.

The arrest, the indictment, the confession and the sentence were the work of less than four hours. Taken in the midst of business from his office desk at 172 Washington street shortly after the noon hour, Van Vliet, a venerable looking man, appeared before the court and in tears confessed that from eighteen to twenty years he had been securing money through the sale of forged documents, and though he had bought back many of these spurious instruments without detection, at least twenty-five people would lose an aggregate of more than \$700,000 through the paper which he has not yet redeemed.

In forging notes he declared he had perfected a unique device. This consisted of a plate glass desk top so arranged that by an electric light thrown up from beneath he could readily trace from the original forged signatures onto worthless paper. Through-out his arrest and sentence the prisoner made no effort to defend himself, but only requested that his punishment be speedy. Asked if he had anything to say before sentence was imposed Van Vliet bowed his head and replied:

"Only that I be given my punishment at once."

His term in the penitentiary was fixed as indeterminate from one to fourteen years.

All of Van Vliet's accounts were turned over to the Chicago Title and Trust company pending an investigation of the exact extent of the defalcations. Francis Lackner, counsel for the complainants, said it would be impossible for several days to make a complete list of the losers.

The notes on which Van Vliet was indicted were not due until 1911, and it was believed that, as in many previous instances, he intended to pay them up before they could lead to disclosures.

MILLIONS LOST BY UNCLE SAM.

Government Attacks Sugar Refining Company.

The government has brought six suits against the American Sugar Refining company to recover forfeitures and customs duties amounting to \$2,624,000 on sugar delivered at Havemeyer and Elder refineries in Brooklyn during the past six years. The government alleges fraud in weighing shipments.

The first sugar suits were filed with the courts on Oct. 16 and the others on Oct. 28. The filings were kept from the public when first made, but were made known Monday.

The American Sugar Refining company has filed a general denial of the charges.

PATRICK NOT TO BE FREED.

Petition of Condemned Murderer is Denied.

The petition of Albert T. Patrick, a New York lawyer, who is serving a life sentence in the state prison at Sing Sing, N. Y., on the charge of having murdered Millionaire William Marsh Rice, for a writ of habeas corpus, was decided by the supreme court of the United States Monday adversely to the petitioner. Patrick asked to be released from prison on the theory that the whole proceeding had been unconstitutional and invalid.

Kills His Assailant.

Frank Nadon, a Frenchman, was killed at Paynton, Sask., by Amadeo Tretrenot, also a Frenchman and a recent arrival from Bridgeport, Neb., who stabbed Nadon to the heart. Nadon was denied admission at midnight into the house of Tretrenot for whom he worked. On getting in he attacked his employer with a knife, but the latter secured the weapon and killed his assailant. He was arrested.

Mother and Children Slain.

Lying in pools of blood, with their throats cut from ear to ear, Mrs. Agnes Lindner and her two children, aged 5 and 3 years respectively, were found in their home at Frankfort, Ky., by neighbors who were attracted by the pitiful cries of the children. A razor was found in the clinched hands of the mother. The cause of the tragedy is a mystery.

Twelve Die in Mine Fire.

Fire in a mine of the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad company, at Birmingham, Ala., Monday night is believed to have been started by convicts. The bodies of five convicts have been taken out and seven more are known to have died in the mine.

Murderer Makes Confession.

Walter Zeller, of Vineland, N. J., has confessed that Oline Wheeler, Herbert Griggs and himself were guilty of the murder of William Read, Zeller's grandfather, who was shot on Friday night last.

Automobilist Loses Life.

In a car making a speed of more than sixty miles an hour in an effort to lower the 24-hour automobile record, at Birmingham, Ala., Emile Strickler was killed early Tuesday on the fair grounds track.

Cashier is Indicted.

C. W. Burton, former cashier of the Tri-City State bank, of Madison, Ill., has given bond in the sum of \$1,000 to answer an indictment charging embezzlement found against him by the grand jury of Madison county.

Billik to Hang Soon.

Herman Billik, convicted murderer of five members of the Yzal family, was sentenced by Judge Barnes Tuesday at Chicago to hang Dec. 11.

IS A "BULLY" DINNER.

Labor Leaders Enjoy Feast at the White House.

Subjecting his guests, who were representatives of many of the leading labor organizations of this country, to a rapid fire of questions, President Roosevelt Tuesday night at a dinner given by him at the White House endeavored to find out what labor wants from congress and in what way he could be of assistance to the tailors of the country. Although the dinner began at 8 o'clock it was almost midnight before the gathering broke up.

While the president did not commit himself to any of the propositions submitted by the various labor leaders present, it was learned that he sought a full expression of sentiment from all of them. Labor's attitude on various questions was reiterated, it is said, and the president listened interestedly to each argument presented. No set speeches were made, the president merely arising and expiating to his guests after the last course had been served that he had brought them together for an interchange of views on public questions. Seated at the center of the long table in the state dining room, which was beautifully decorated with roses, the president talked informally with cabinet officers, members of the United States supreme court and labor leaders. Nor was the president alone in his questioning. He was ably seconded by his lieutenants, Justice Moody, Secretary Strauss and Secretary Garfield frequently asking questions of some of the captains of labor.

The general impression prevailed among the labor leaders after the dinner that the president's message to congress will show some of the flavor of the conference.

KAISER MEEKLY TOES MARK.

By Request He Promises to Be Good in Future.

Emperor William and Chancellor von Buelow were in conference for three-quarters of an hour in the new palace at Potsdam Tuesday morning. His majesty accepted proposals made by the chancellor concerning the future conduct of state affairs. It is officially announced that Von Buelow will remain in office.

The meeting was the outcome of the much discussed "interview" which an Englishman published in the London Daily Telegraph on October 28, in which the emperor was credited with a very frank statement of the world policy of the German empire, and also with being a very good friend to Great Britain. The publication was followed by a furious outbreak in Germany against his majesty. The chancellor explained clearly to his majesty the temper of the German people on this matter.

Whether or not the chancellor should remain in office depended on how the emperor accepted his statements. His majesty expressed his complete confidence in the chancellor. This is believed to have ameliorated a very serious internal situation which has existed in Germany for the past fortnight.

LOSER KILLS COURT CLERK.

Defeated Litigant Shoots Also at the Judge in His Frenzy.

A defeated litigant in the supreme civil tribunal of Leipzig Tuesday drew a revolver and opened fire on Herr Maenner, the presiding judge, and the court clerk. The clerk was shot dead and the judge dangerously wounded. The assassin, a man named Grosser, succeeded in firing ten shots before he was overpowered. He was plaintiff in a suit concerning the validity of a will, and the decision of Judge Maenner was in favor of the defense. As soon as Grosser heard the ruling he drew a revolver and began firing. Consternation reigned in the court room until he was disarmed.

Killed in an Elevator.

Stepping on an elevator in the Nelson Morris packing plant at St. Joseph, Mo., without giving the customary signal A. K. Reese, superintendent of the plant, was caught between the floor of the elevator and the ceiling of the next floor and crushed to death. The elevator had been started by an employe on another floor.

Jealousy Caused Negro to Attack Young Wife.

James Barton, a young colored man, shot at his wife in Kearney with a single barreled shotgun and four shot took effect. The wounds will not be fatal on account of the distance from the weapon. Jealousy led up to the affair. The shooting took place at the home of a friend for whom the couple had recently been keeping house. Barton has been placed in jail awaiting charges.

Boy at David City Injured.

The son of Andrew Secock, of David City, 12 years of age, was found by the side of the Union Pacific track by some of his playmates on their way to school. Both his legs had been severed and it is thought he will die. He probably caught a ride on a freight train that passed and fell under the cars.

Suicide Attempt Unsuccessful.

Mrs. C. L. Barrackman, of Hastings, who attempted suicide last Wednesday by swallowing carbolic acid, is recovering satisfactorily. She has been suffering with tuberculosis and her attempt to commit suicide was prompted by despondency.

Injured by Falling.

Paul Feiblekorn, a brick mason, who was working on the new school building at Pilger, fell from the second story window to the ground. He was badly bruised but no bones were broken and unless he is injured internally he will probably recover.

New Building for Elmwood.

The Plattsmouth Telephone company has commenced the erection of a two-story brick building in Elmwood.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

INTERESTING HAPPENINGS From Day to Day Condensed FOR OUR BUSY READERS

ELECTRIC STOCK GOES TO COURT

Both Claimants Have Representation Pending Settlement.

As a result of the suit filed in the district court at Beatrice a few days ago by Paul Horbach and others, residents of Omaha, to secure possession of certain stock held by L. E. Watson and other parties of Beatrice, the plant of the Beatrice electric company is now in the joint possession of C. L. Wilson, representing the Horbachs, and L. E. Watson, representing his own interests. The property will remain in their charge, with W. S. Johnson as superintendent until the case is tried in court.

President D. W. Morrow, of the Beatrice Electric company, and a number of the old board of directors, including Paul Horbach, arrived Monday from Omaha at a meeting of the directors was held and a resolution passed dispensing with the services of L. E. Watson and appointing C. L. Wilson, of Omaha, to take his place as manager, but Mr. Watson refused to recognize the action of the board or to turn over the property. Mr. Wilson claims that the owner of \$11,000 of the \$100,000 stock of the company. An agreement was finally reached whereby Mr. Wilson and Mr. Watson are to remain temporarily in charge of the company's affairs. The Horbach estate claims to own practically all of the stock of the company, and while a majority of it has been in possession of E. J. Sullivan, he had no authority to sell or dispose of it. The estate also contends that Watson does not own a majority of the stock and that his claim is made for the purpose of assisting Mr. Sullivan in getting the property away from the Horbachs.

NEUMAN GUILTY MANSLAUGHTER

Jury in Rushville Murder Case is Out All Night.

The November term of district court commenced at Rushville Monday, Judge Westover presiding. The first case called was the case against Ralph Neuman, who was charged with shooting Emil Sanders on July 3 and who died the following Saturday. M. F. Harrington, of O'Neill, and C. Patterson, of Rushville, looked after the defense, while Judge Jackson, of Neligh, and Attorney Gerring, of Beatrice, looked after the prosecution. The case was stubbornly argued till 9 o'clock Thursday night, when it went to the jury, who returned a verdict of manslaughter Friday morning. Sentence is deferred for a week.

The court room was crowded far beyond its seating capacity and much interest was taken in the case. The father and mother of the young man were present, also his sister, who were much affected at the verdict.

TRAINMAN KILLED IN COLLISION.

Passenger and Freight Trains Come Together at Thurston.

Fireman George Stauffer, of Omaha, lost his life in a collision on the Omaha road at Thurston. Freight train No. 16, northbound, was switching in the yards just as dusk and the headlight of the engine had not been lighted, so it is stated. Passenger No. 5, southbound, on time, came into the yards and the engineer did not observe the freight train on the main line in time to stop the train. Fireman Stauffer was the only one killed, the engineer, James McClair, escaping with slight injuries and the passengers being severely jarred and bruised, but none seriously hurt.

Physicians were summoned from Omaha and the wrecking train from Omaha. The injured were promptly cared for. It was several hours, however, before the wreckage was cleared away and the line opened to traffic.

ARRESTED FOR FORGERY.

Painter at Hastings Signs Employer's Name to Checks.

C. O. Anderson, an employe of Hayes Bros., painters and decorators, was arrested Monday night on the charge of forging his employers' name to some twenty-four checks for \$15.25 each, ten of which he succeeded in passing at local stores. He was taken in custody by Chief Widmer as he was leaving the store and was taken to the jail. The signature of his employer was so skillfully imitated that it was impossible to distinguish between the genuine and bogus without comparison with stubs in the check book. He made small purchases at the place where he negotiated the checks and practically all of the goods thus purchased and \$147 in money were found in his possession.

NEW APPOINTEES SELECTED.

Heads of Hastings Asylum and Nebraska City Institute Designated.

Gov. elect A. C. Shallenberger has said he will appoint Dr. M. W. Baxter, of Prosser, in place of Superintendent Kern, of the Hastings insane asylum, and will name N. C. Abbott, of Tekamah, superintendent of the institute for the blind at Nebraska City. T. T. Smith, of York, has been picked for warden of the state penitentiary to succeed Warden A. W. Beemer and Col. John C. Hartigan, of the Second regiment, Nebraska National guard, will be named adjutant general.

Mr. Shallenberger has decided to appoint Fred Pratt, of Humphrey, deputy oil inspector of the third district, and M. J. Bouse, of David City, deputy inspector in the fourth district.

SOCIETY GETS THE CHILDREN.

Dyer Children Given to Children's Home Society.

The Dyer habeas corpus case at Beatrice, which has been in the district court the last year, was settled out of court and the two children, a boy aged 8 and a girl aged 11, who were taken from the Nebraska Children's Home society, of Omaha, while Mr. and Mrs. Dyer were residents of Thayer county, were turned over to the institution. Mrs. Quivey, of the society, was in Beatrice in the interest of the children, the case having been set for trial in the district court.

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Five Thousand Dollars for Foot.

For the loss of his foot, which was crushed in an ice-hoisting device at Cut-off lake last winter, Louis P. Sipe will receive \$5,000 from the Omaha Ice and Cold Storage company.

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Switch Engine Strikes Handcar.

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DISMISSED FOR CONTEMPT.

Judge Severely Condemns a Member of the Heart Disease.

A. H. Anderson, Douglas county grand juror, who made a charge of immorality against a man whose name is not divulged. Later Anderson scraped an acquaintance with the girl, took her to a restaurant and then introduced her into his own home on learning the man whom the girl accused was a close friend of his. Judge Sears severely censured the act in court.

WAS DEPENDENCE FATAL?

Lincoln Man Suddenly Expires of Heart Disease.

Engaged to be married and depending on his luck in the Tripp county land lottery for a start in life, Francis J. Bear found himself among those who were not lucky and Saturday morning died. Every indication pointed to heart failure and no inquest was held. The coroner pronounced Bear dependent over his bad luck. Bear's parents live in Ackley, Ia. He had lived in Lincoln for three years.

INSTITUTE AT AINSWORTH.

Very Successful Meeting and Several Good Speakers.

A very successful institute has been held in Ainsworth. The speakers were Prof. E. W. Hunt, formerly a member of the faculty of the state university but now a successful Otis county farmer; Miss Gertrude Rowan, of Lincoln, connected with the experimental station at the state university, and Obadiah Hull, of Alma, one of the most successful farmers and stockmen in the west.

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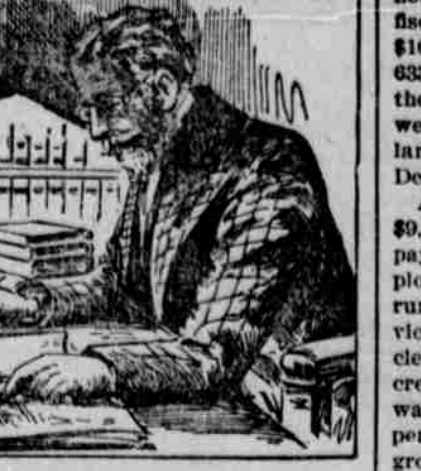
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1502—Columbus entered the harbor which he called Porto Bello.

1580—Sir Francis Drake returned from his voyage round the world.

1600—Henry Hudson arrived at Dartmouth, England, on his return from his first voyage of discovery in the new world.

1620—The Plymouth company was organized. The Mayflower cast anchor in Provincetown harbor, Cape Cod.

1755—Two hundred Scotchmen from Nova Scotia were banished from Boston.

1769—Rev. John Carroll made bishop of Baltimore.

1775—Lord Dunmore declared Virginia to be in a state of rebellion.

1777—Gen. Howe's army went into winter quarters in Philadelphia. Americans repulsed British attack on Mud Fort, which later became Fort Mifflin.

1782—The America, the first line-of-battle ship built in America, launched at Portsmouth, N. H.

1783—Continental army disbanded and returned to their homes.

1804—Rhodium discovered in platinum ore by Dr. Wollaston of London.

1811—Gen. Harrison defeated the Indians in battle of Tippecanoe.

1813—Gen. Jackson defeated the Indians in battle of Talladega. British repulsed in an attack on Ogdensburg, N. Y.

1814—Fort Erie destroyed by United States forces.

1816—Two hundred persons drowned in the wreck of the transport Harpooer off Newfoundland coast.

1829—British government opened the West India trade to the United States. President Jackson proposed to reduce the number of navy yards in the United States to four—Norfolk, Narragansett, Washington and Charleston. New England coast visited by a storm of unusual violence.

1837—Elijah P. Lovejoy, anti-slavery editor, mobbed and killed at Alton, Ill.

1838—Marital law established in Montreal.

1842—Wedding of Abraham Lincoln and Mary Todd at Springfield, Ill.

1847—First American missionary church organized in China.

1852—Fire destroyed a large section of the city of Sacramento, Cal.

1851—Gen. Hunter superseded John C. Fremont in command of the western department of the army. Battle of Belmont ended in a victory for the Confederate forces.

1852—Gen. Burnside succeeded Gen. McClelland in the command of the army of the Potomac.

1854—Federal forces won victory at battle of Franklin, Tenn. Abraham Lincoln re-elected President of the United States.

1855—Gen. Frederick Funston, U. S. A., born in Ohio. The Confederate privateer Shenandoah surrendered at Liverpool after having destroyed about thirty vessels.

1858—Gen. Ulysses S. Grant elected President of the United States. England and the United States agreed to arbitrate the Alabama affair.

1871—Henry M. Stanley discovered Dr. Livingstone at Ujiji.

1872—Fire broke out in Boston and in two days burned over an area of sixty-five acres and caused a loss of \$50,000,000.

1875—Richard P. Bland of Missouri introduced free silver bill in the House.

1878—Remains of Alexander T. Stewart, millionaire merchant, stolen from the vault in St. Mark's churchyard, New York.

1890—James A. Garfield of Ohio elected President of the United States.

1893—South Dakota adopted a constitution.

1894—Grover Cleveland of New York elected President of the United States.

1895—Last spike of the Canadian Pacific railway driven at Eagle Pass, B. C.

1899—President proclaimed Montana a State of the Union.

1893—The government of Sir William Whiteley returned to power in Newfoundland. Steamer City of Alexandria, from Havana for New York, burned at sea; thirty lives lost.

1908—William A. Stone elected Governor of Pennsylvania.

1900—Cuban constitutional convention met in Havana.

1903—The Republic of Panama recognized by the United States. New Irish land act went into operation.