

CURRENT HAPPENINGS

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

SIX YEARS, SAYS TAFT

TIME SET FOR CANAL'S FINISH BY THE PRESIDENT-ELECT.

Next Executive Pays a High Compliment to the Organization in the Panama Zone, but Refuses to Discuss the Question of Cabinet.

President-elect William H. Taft landed in New Orleans shortly before 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon from Panama and was enthusiastically received.

Mr. Taft made a brief speech heartily approving the present lock type of canal across the isthmus of Panama.

Mr. Taft received by wireless telegraph the news of the question raised against the appointment of Senator Knox as secretary of state. He was somewhat disturbed over the situation when he received the news of the disposition of congress to amend the cabinet salary law he was inclined to take this as a happy solution of the difficulty.

Mr. Taft said he should adhere to his previously announced plan of remaining silent regarding his cabinet and also keeping appointments open until the last moment to provide against possible contingencies that may occur.

On the trip from Panama Mr. Taft made the first draft of his inaugural address. This he intends to submit to certain friends in Washington next week.

FORCED TO WED INDIAN.

Bigamist Receives a Very Remarkable Sentence.

Thomas Hanby, a former South Carolinian, has received a remarkable sentence in the federal court at Helena, Mont. Thursday Hanby, convicted on a bigamy charge, was not only fined \$100 and sent to jail for six months, but was also sentenced to marry an Indian woman.

Hanby's first wife, learning of his marriage to pretty Mary La Bresch, a Blackfoot maiden, secured his indictment and then a legal separation for herself. Because of the first marriage, the second marriage was declared void.

Judge Hunt not only imposed the sentence indicated, but instructed the United States marshal to see that the marriage was carried out immediately and this was done, a justice of the peace uniting the couple.

NO COLOR LINE FOR BRITONS

Attempt to Draw it Meets With a Failure.

An attempt to draw the color line, creating a new departure in England, met with signal failure Thursday at Birmingham, where an effort was made to exclude a negro student of the university from the local skating rink. The incident aroused a heated controversy. The students took up the negro's cause and hired a lawyer to oppose the renewal of the rink's license. The management of the rink apologized in court and promised not to make any race distinction in the future.

STUDENTS HAVE SMALLPOX.

College in Missouri Closed Because of a Serious Outbreak.

William Jewell college at Liberty Mo., is closed because of a serious outbreak of smallpox among its students, who number 600. Fifteen students are afflicted with the disease and the entire school dormitory is quarantined. Guards are stationed to keep students from leaving here for their homes, and the college gymnasium had been converted into a pest house where the sick are confined. If there is no further spread of the disease it is probable that the college will be re-opened next Monday.

Druggist Is Hit Hard.

J. B. Hinde, of the Hinde Drug company, of Oregon, Mo., Thursday was found guilty on twenty-one indictments, charging illegal sale of liquor under the new local option law. The judge compelled Mr. Hinde to pay in cash \$1,200 and all costs of the twenty-one cases.

Stout City Live Stock Market.

Thursday's quotations on the Stout City live stock market follow: Cattle \$5.50. Top hogs \$6.50.

A Double Execution.

A double execution was carried out publicly in Albi, France, Thursday in the presence of an immense and orderly gathering of people. There was considerable opposition to the execution.

Half Million Dollar Fire.

Two bodies were recovered Thursday from the ruins of the Wabash railroad warehouse at Chicago, which burned Wednesday night with a loss of \$500,000.

JAIL DELIVERY IS CHECKED.

Tombs Officials Are Charged With Daring Plot.

A plot to effect the escape from the Tombs prison in New York city of Henry Mercer, who was extradited from California recently on charges of fraud, was frustrated Wednesday by District Attorney Jerome, who caused the arrest of Joseph A. Shay, one of the counsel for Thornton J. Hains in the recent murder trial; Walter F. Peck, an occasional visitor to Mercer at the prison, and P. J. Howard and John B. Moller, keepers in the Tombs. Shay was released on \$6,000 bail, the charge against him being felony in assisting the prisoner to escape. The keepers were held in \$250 bail for violating the prison rules in all visitors must register.

According to Mr. Jerome, it was planned to have Mercer pass out with discharged prisoners late Wednesday. A disguise was found in Mercer's cell, consisting of a fur overcoat, a pair of eye glasses and a cap. A time table and a roll of money had been taken to Mercer, who was to have fled to Goldfield, Nev. Outside the prison an automobile was waiting for Mercer. The police arrested the chauffeur and another man, Peck is said to have made a confession to Mr. Jerome.

Merger made an affidavit stating that Shay came to him and said a man named Williamson would call and do everything he could. Mercer said that Williamson told him he would furnish him a disguise and give him expense money to go to Nevada. The prisoner stated Shay told him that he could stand John F. McIntyre and himself for getting him out of the Tombs.

NOISELESS GUN MADE GOOD.

Maxim Gave an Exhibition of Invention in New York.

Before a critical audience composed of gun experts, military men, hunters and skeptics of various sorts Hiram Percy Maxim Wednesday at New York gave a series of demonstrations tending to show that he can render the most powerful rifle noiseless without impairing its efficiency, and that he can do away with the recoil almost entirely.

Both the noise and the kick are eliminated by the same process—a process so simple and so different from that which rumor had defined it as to be almost unbelievable. The inventor discharged guns of various sizes and power, both with and without the "silencer" attached. He shot cartridges that have such velocity and power that their impact represents a resurre of one and one-quarter tons—sufficient to knock down the biggest elephant.

And this test did not take place out in the Jersey marshes. On the contrary it was made in a small room in the office of Redding, Greely and Austin, Mr. Maxim's attorneys.

PLUNGE OVER A PRECIPICE.

Locomotive and Snowplow Jump the Track, Killing the Engineer.

While plowing through the heavy drifts of snow at Baxter pass, on the Utah railroad in Colorado Wednesday an engine and snowplow, in rounding a sharp curve on a down grade, plunged over a 30-foot precipice, killing Engineer J. E. Lane and fatally injuring a Greek section hand. Four other workmen, whose names are unknown, were seriously injured. Lane was still alive when taken from the engine, but died without regaining consciousness.

Big Concern Reorganizes.

Advice Wednesday from New York is to the effect that the Southern Steel company, a \$20,000,000 concern, at Birmingham, Ala., which went into bankruptcy last year, has been reorganized and will resume within a few days. When in full operation the company employs between 3,000 and 5,000 men.

Georgia Not in Collision.

The report that the Georgia was in a collision with another battleship of the American Atlantic fleet, while en route to America, which had been circulated at Gibraltar, was not confirmed. The reports originally were published by the Spanish newspapers.

Corbett Meets Bowser.

"Young Corbett" of New York, former lightweight champion of the world, fought six rounds with "Mull" Bowser, of Pittsburgh, Tuesday night at Pittsburgh. No decision was given, but Corbett had decidedly the better of the fight.

To Oust City Officials.

For levying tribute on joints and illegal resorts W. T. Hartsa, mayor of Hutchinson, and W. H. Dixon, chief of police, will be ousted from office and the city of Hutchinson, Kan., will be enjoined from exercising the rights of a corporation.

Maine's Union Jack.

The union jack of the battleship Maine, which was sunk in the harbor of Havana, was received at the navy department at Washington Tuesday from Capt. J. C. Fremont, commanding the U. S. S. Mississippi, now at Guantanamo, Cuba.

Earth Shock in Mexico.

Another earthquake was reported in the vicinity of Colima, in Mexico, Tuesday. A violent eruption of the volcano followed. A ridge of lava streamed down one side of the volcano.

An Explosion in Mine.

It is reported another explosion has occurred in the Leather mine at Zeigler, Ill., near Benton, and three men were killed.

STRUGGLE TO GET IN.

Lemp Divorce Suit Causes a Stir in St. Louis.

A crowd of 1,000 persons struggled with the police to enter the court house at St. Louis Tuesday and hear the testimony of Mrs. Lillian Hanlan Lemp in her suit for a divorce from William J. Lemp, Jr., the millionaire brewer.

All the standing room was taken when employees of the Lemp family told on the witness stand of visits of women to the Lemp home while Mrs. Lemp was absent. Mrs. Lemp finished her redirect examination during the morning session of court, and after being excused she paid close attention to the testimony of the men and women who had worked about the Lemp home.

Mrs. Lena Corey, a laundress, told of Mr. Lemp moving out the furniture during Mrs. Lemp's absence from the house. She told of a quarrel about putting the plants in the house. Mr. Lemp, Mrs. Corey testified, said with an oath: "I'll show her who is boss."

Mrs. Corey testified she found combings of a woman's hair in Mrs. Lemp's bathroom. Sometimes the hair was light and sometimes dark. She found a woman's cuff button there, and when Mr. Lemp asked her about it she gave it to him. He said he was awful glad that Mrs. Corey found it.

One afternoon Mrs. Corey saw a woman in the bathroom. At another time five or six people were sinking and drinking in the house. Some of them were women. They broke glasses and spilled beer on a rug and threw a shaving brush all around. These things, Mrs. Corey testified, happened when Mrs. Lemp was out of the city. Judge Shield intimated he would shield the 6-year-old son, William J. Lemp III, from the throng waiting to hear him testify.

STORM SWEEPS WIDE AREA.

Covers Country From Rockies to Appalachians.

The entire country between the Rocky mountains and the Appalachians Tuesday was in the grasp of a severe storm. Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, the Dakotas, Minnesota, Wisconsin, northern Missouri and Iowa report heavy snow, high winds and exceedingly low temperatures.

Blizzardlike conditions brought the usual delay to railroad transportation and suffering among live stock. In the northwest the cold wave was not so severe as in the west and southwest, where zero and below temperatures are general. The weather bureau predicts the storm will continue its movements eastward, causing a continuous precipitation over the middle states. The snow in the northern and central lake regions and Minnesota and Iowa was heavy.

BIG SPECTER BANISHED.

Germany and France Come to Agreement Concerning Morocco.

France and Germany Tuesday signed a far reaching agreement concerning Morocco, thus banishing the specter which for years has loomed up intermittently as the cause of strained relations between the two countries. Of more importance still, perhaps, is the moral effect in establishing a broad basis of friendly relations between the two nations, which have been separated, so to speak, since 1870.

The agreement signed guarantees the integrity of Morocco and insures perfect allegiance to the terms of the Algeiras pact. France recognizes Germany's economic interests in Morocco, while Germany recognizes the particular political interests of France there.

Hang Negro to a Tree.

During a dispute over land J. A. Kessler was shot and killed in Hearne, Tex., Tuesday, by Rosley Wyatt and Alexander McKenzie, negroes. Wyatt was captured and McKenzie escaped. A mob battered down the doors of the jail and hanged Wyatt to a tree. Posses are looking for McKenzie and threaten to lynch him.

Taft Tunnel Pierced.

The Taft, Mont., tunnel of the Chicago, Milwaukee and Puget Sound railroad, the longest on the coast extension of the St. Paul company, was pierced Tuesday afternoon, marking the practical completion of one of the most important engineering events in the history of railroads in the United States.

Fire Follows Collision.

One man is dead, two seriously injured and property is damaged to the extent of \$30,000 as a result of a fire following the collision of a switch engine with a freight train in the Missouri, Kansas and Texas railroad yards at Mukokee, Okla., Tuesday.

Law and Order League.

Business men of Wagonville have organized a "law and order" league and contributed \$250 to be used to aid the officers to stop bootlegging and in the prosecution of all offenders. When this fund became exhausted another \$25,000 will be raised. Much concern is felt because of Indian Agent Knoles's alleged threat to boycott the town because of bootlegging.

For Wymore Waterworks.

It is rumored that an effort is being made in Wymore to capitalize a company for \$50,000 to bring water to that city from the springs north of Blue Springs. It is thought Blue Springs will sell a right of way for a main through the corporation.

Aged Nebraska Woman Dead.

Mrs. Martha Barnes, aged 98, the oldest woman in Madison county, died at Battle Creek Tuesday.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

FINAL CHAPTER ENACTED.

Bruce Bundy Marries the Woman Whose Husband He Killed.

The final chapter of the Bundy-Austin murder trial was recently consummated in South Dakota by the marriage of Bruce Bundy, who was convicted of killing Harley Austin, to the wife of the murdered man.

It will be remembered that the killing of Austin by Bundy occurred in April, 1907, on a farm near Tekamah. The trouble arose over Bundy being too intimate with Austin's wife, and this feeling existed for more than a year prior to the fatal tragedy, which was caused by Austin going to the Bundy home, without a gun or weapon, to remonstrate with him for breaking up his home, which resulted in Austin being shot through the stomach by Bundy, which resulted in his death. Bundy was arrested and had his trial in Tekamah and was found guilty and sentenced to eighteen months in the state penitentiary by Judge Redick.

It was only a short time ago that he was released from the penitentiary and sold his farm and arranged to locate near Belvidere, in South Dakota. During the time that Bundy was in the penitentiary Mrs. Austin and her little daughter lived near Tekamah. Indignation ran high in the neighborhood where they resided when the report came from South Dakota that Bundy and the widow of the murdered man were married, and much sympathy is expressed for the little daughter whose mother married the man who shot her father.

MUST FULFILL CONTRACT.

Adopted Daughter Wins Suit for Interest in Estate.

The supreme court settled a case Tuesday that has been a celebrated cause in that section for years.

When Sarah Nicks was 9 years old, John Albert Bauer adopted her, agreeing with her father that if he allowed the girl to remain with them, he would give her half the property he owned when he died. At the time she had a son. The girl was with the Bauers for 18 years, but when the son brought home a wife she left. Because she did so, Bauer left her out of his will, giving the property to the son. She has married since then, and her son is set to die. She has brought an action to secure a specific performance of the contract with her father. The court finds in her favor, and she is to get half of \$5,000 worth of property, mostly in farm lands.

WABOO'S BIG TANK FINISHED.

Construction of the large storage tank in Wahoo is completed. This tank, which is a part of the new municipal water plant, is the largest of its kind in the state. It is 125 feet in diameter and 28 feet in depth, with a capacity of 100,000 gallons of water. The pressure which will result from this elevation will be sufficient to insure good fire protection, especially in the business portion of town, the water having a fall of nearly 200 feet.

\$35,000 FIRE LOSS.

Five Business Buildings Are Burned at Rushville.

Rushville, a town of 1,500 inhabitants, about 125 miles southeast of Rapid City, S. D., on the Omaha line of the Northwestern, was visited with a \$35,000 fire Tuesday evening. The blaze started in Main street, opposite the hotel, and before it could be stepped five buildings had been burned. Because of the crippled condition of the telegraph service on account of the storm the names of the losers and the definite losses and insurance cannot be ascertained.

BROTHERS FIGHT A DUEL.

Both Receive Painful Injuries as Result of a Quarrel.

Charles and Joseph Wood, brothers, aged respectively 21 and 17, fought a gun duel with a revolver and shotgun at O'Neill Tuesday, during which each received painful injuries, but neither was fatally hurt. Both gave themselves up to the authorities. The fight resulted from a quarrel over affairs on their farm. Charles Wood received a load of buckshot in the face at long range and his brother has a bullet in his body.

Woman Wants Divorce.

Charles A. Dodson, a scenic painter, now in the county jail at Lincoln awaiting a hearing on the charge of insanity, was served with a notice that his wife, Cora Dodson, of Sioux Falls, S. D., had brought suit for divorce against him, alleging non-support. Dodson claims to be a cousin of W. J. Bryan, but none of the Bryans know anything about him.

Verdigrée Man Hurt.

Charles Goos, of Verdigrée while attempting to alight from a Northwestern train at the Union station in Fremont, fell, striking his head on the brick platform and, as his condition appeared to be serious, he was taken to the hospital for treatment. No serious results are anticipated.

Bonacum Gets Verdict.

The supreme court Saturday remanded the case of Bonacum against Manning to the lower court, giving the Rt. Rev. Bonacum a negative victory. The case was one in which a third of an estate was willed to the church. The heirs objected and Bonacum carried the case to the supreme court.

Civil War Veteran Dead.

D. E. Ingham, a civil war veteran, died at the residence of his son-in-law, J. W. Robbins, in Lyons, Mo. He was 82 years of age and up to the past year was very energetic and active for a man of that age.

Windmill Business Good.

The Dempster plant of Beatrice, has received 600 orders for windmills from points in Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Iowa as a result of last week's blizzard. The plant is working day and night at present to fill the orders.

THIRTEEN UNLUCKY.

Convicted of Bringing Booze Into a Dry Town.

The number thirteen has again proven to be unlucky, and this time it is Charlie A. Johnson who will have a chance to sit back and wonder if things would have turned out differently if he had loaded fourteen bottles into his grip instead of the hoodoo number. Shortly before the Christmas holidays Johnson went over to Grand Island and upon his return to Central City was intercepted by officers, and the contents of two large grips he carried were examined into with the result that a charge of bringing intoxicating liquor into the town with the intention of unlawfully disposing of it, as the officers found that the grips he carried contained thirteen quarts of whiskey. The case was taken up for trial in the district court Monday and returned a verdict of guilty.

ACQUITTED OF ASSAULT.

Trouble Between Business Men of Rock Settled.

Frank H. Dunham, tried on the charge of assault upon Arthur Tangeman and of striking him with a screwdriver, was acquitted by a jury. Dunham is a business man of Rock and Tangeman is the postmaster at that place. The trouble arose over the loss of a key in Dunham's postoffice. The evidence of parties squarely conflicted on the question as to who started the fight in which Tangeman was stabbed. Tangeman declared that he was stabbed over the heart by Dunham and that the weapon used by the latter was a screwdriver. Dunham said that he was a traveling salesman and that the wound Tangeman received was inflicted by a poker which the complainant himself wielded.

BOGS HIS OWN MOTHER.

Man Who Claims He Has Committed Many Crimes Surrenders.

"Last night I robbed my mother," explained Dick Andrews, who surrendered to the Lincoln police. He declared that he saw an aged woman boarding a Rock Island train, and while pretending to help her he extracted \$70 from her purse. As he escaped he recognized his mother, who got on the train unconscious of her loss. Andrews asserted this incident to underscore his decision to surrender to the police. In his confession he narrated a number of supposed crimes. He claimed he had committed a number of bank robberies in Nebraska and eastern states. His story will be investigated.

RAILWAY AGENT DISAPPEARS.

Wife of Paul Blankenship Thinks He Has Met With Foul Play.

Paul Blankenship, agent of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railway, disappeared from Blue Springs under mysterious circumstances. His wife and also his relatives. An auditor of the company who has been going over his accounts says they are correct. Mrs. Blankenship says a stranger came to the home and asked her husband to accompany him to the station that he might get an express package. Blankenship demurred, and the man induced him to go by promising to reward him liberally. That is the last seen of the missing agent. His wife believes he has met with foul play. Detectives at Lincoln have been notified.

Will Build New Railroad.

Stockville, the county seat of Frontier, after years of isolation from the outside world so far as railroad facilities are concerned, is at last to have a railroad. The project now on foot is to build an railroad from Stockville to the nearest point on the "Highline" of the Burlington, following the valley of Medicine creek, which is a distance of about eight miles.

Blow for Lincoln Resorts.

for The supreme court dealt a telling blow to Lincoln resorts in a Lincoln, against which property owners have been waging a fight for years. In a decision handed down it sustained the district court in closing by injunction the resort of Rose Kirkwood, located on the borders of the proscribed district.

Indian Attorney Wins.

Hiram Chase, the Indian candidate for county attorney of Thurston county who won in the last election over Valdo E. Whitcomb, has been declared by the court entitled to the office. The court holds the election was fairly conducted and that the plaintiff Whitcomb, is estopped from questioning the validity of the election.

No Receiver for Hotel.

Judge Raper handed down his decision in the case of Mrs. Mary Colby, who recently filed a petition in district court asking that a receiver be appointed for the Paddock hotel block in Beatrice. The court says that he does not deem it advisable at this time to appoint a receiver and therefore denies the application of plaintiff.

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Nebraska Legislature

Klein, of Gage, offered a resolution fixing the pay of the postmaster of the senate at \$2,000.

G. G. Gils, of Valley, objected to giving the postmaster more than any other employe, and as such members of the legislature and moved to amend by making the pay \$4 a day. As amended the motion was adopted. Friends of other employes may take similar steps to get salaries adjusted before the committee on employes or the committee on accounts and expenditures get busy.

Swan and white crane are protected the year round under the bill.

In the house Monday afternoon an attempt to repeal the Sackett law failed. This measure was passed two years ago and permits the governor to remove all officers who fail to do their duty. The bill to repeal this law was indefinitely postponed.

Senator Miller Monday introduced the county option bill in the senate which will be championed by the temperance forces.

In the house Stoecker introduced a bill to make the state railway commission merely a bureau of corporations.

Suit was started Monday in the supreme court to settle the judgeship muddle. The action, a quo warranto case, is to decide the eligibility of Judges Oldham and Sullivan, who are the appointees of Gov. Shallenberger, over Rose and Dean, selections made by Sheldon. The suit is brought in the name of W. D. Oldham.

House turned down committee report and decided to investigate proposition for binding twice factory at penitentiary.

Banking committee of house has waded through the Wilson bill and has begun to consider amendments.

A bill is introduced to divide the patronage of the railway commission in employe and to give the democratic members some actual power on rules and plums.

After an exciting session the house of representatives Wednesday passed Sink's bill compelling hotel managers to furnish nine-foot sheets. The Nebraska traveling men urged the passage of the measure, while the hotel men fought it. A bitter contest is expected in the senate.

The house saved a day's pay by adjourning Wednesday morning after the passage of the Sink bill and then immediately reconvened.

Senator Miller's bill abolishing fraternities in high schools was favorably reported, and it is expected that the bill will pass both houses.

The senate recommended that the bill allowing a felony for any man to be discharged, refuse employment or quit working without the consent of his wife.

Senator Johnson, the representative from Burr county, is anxious to get favorable action on a bill to regulate the stamp of the assessor upon notes and mortgages to show they have been assessed and taxed.

Thomas, of Douglas, introduced a bill in the house Saturday increasing the salary of county attorney of Douglas county to \$4,000 from \$2,000. But introduced a bill permitting screens in saloons in cities of metropolitan class. Nettleton of Clay, introduced a bill appropriating \$5,000 to pay back to members of the legislature who have the state may have taken out of their pensions.

In the senate Wednesday the woman suffrage bill was ordered engrossed for a third reading by a vote of 16 to 15.

The entire morning was spent in red hot debate in the committee of the whole. In order to pass the bill in the senate seventeen votes are required. The supporters of the bill claim they have another vote pledged.

In the house Taylor and Clarke became involved in a controversy over the Sink bill limiting the length of freight trains.

The Sink bill, limiting the length of freight trains of sixty-five cars, was recommended for passage late Wednesday afternoon by a decisive majority.

The senate Wednesday afternoon approved the plan to allow the professors of the state university to participate in the Carnegie pension fund.

After an extended debate in the committee of the whole the bill was approved by a decisive majority. The Olla physical valuation bill was recommended for passage. The bill provides for the physical valuation of railroads.

In the house Tuesday the resolution to submit the woman's suffrage question to a vote of the people was placed on general file to be discussed in the near future. Opponents of the measure made a desperate effort to kill it, but were unsuccessful.

The house passed the Taylor bill to compel mortgage owners to pay a tax on the amount of their mortgages.

Heffernan of Dakota county, introduced a bill in the house to make it unlawful to give toll bridge passes. He explained that the bill was designed to correct a supposed error in his home county.

Speaker Pool is the author of a bill to provide for the maintenance of insane or indigent consumptive patients in state or county hospitals.

Members of the state have declined two bills, and they have been introduced in the senate and in the house. One provides for an increase in the number of day lawmakers. The other prohibits the use of a kick or any other means for other than daily purposes.

Representative Jerry Howard, of Douglas county, introduced in the house of representatives a bill to regulate the wages of the Japanese and Chinese laborers from the American workmen.

The measure provides that Japanese and Chinese laborers shall not be employed in the same building. Howard says the bill was evolved to substitute for the bill introduced in South Dakota last year, which the senate approved but the house rejected.

Howe's bill, memorializing congress to expend \$500,000,000 on river and harbor improvements, was passed by a vote of 28 to 5.