

CURRENT HAPPENINGS

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

MESSINA SHAKEN UP

SEVERE EARTHQUAKE FELT IN THE STRICKEN CITY.

Walls of Old Ruins Razed--Village for a Few Moments is Enclosed in a Cloud of Dust--So Far as Known Only Two Persons Meet Death.

Messina experienced two terrific earthquakes at about 7 o'clock Thursday morning, which were accompanied by roaring sounds and more up-and-down movement than the earthquake of last December, which destroyed Messina, Reggio and other cities, laid waste many villages in Calabria and killed 200,000 people.

SUGAR TRUST IS INDICTED.

Accused of Conspiracy in Restraint of Trade.

The American Sugar Refining company, six of its directors and two other individuals were indicted by a federal grand jury Thursday on a charge of conspiracy in restraint of trade.

Plant Cost \$12,000,000.

This system of filtration and water supply for Clinton and suburbs was officially completed and formally transferred to the city Thursday.

Sugar Prices Cut.

All grades of refined sugar were reduced 10 cents per 100 pounds Thursday.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Thursday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$6.40. Top hogs, \$7.75.

Found Dead in Wash tub.

The body of Yung Yow, a Chinese laundryman, who had been strangled with a rope, was found wedged into a wash tub in his laundry at 124 Stanton street, New York, Thursday.

Ten Per Cent Wage Increase.

Wages of 5,000 men and boys employed in the plant of the Maryland Steel company at Sparrows Point were increased 10 per cent today.

BRITISH SHIP IS HELD.

Customs Officers Stop Sailing of Ethelwold.

The British steamer Ethelwold, a small and harmless looking little steamer lying at the outer edge of the forest of shipping which skirts the south Brooklyn water front, was held up by United States customs officers Wednesday night on suspicion that the vessel was about to engage in a filibustering expedition against the little West Indian republic of San Domingo.

Light on Bomb Mystery.

Chicago Suspect Makes a Confession Wednesday. Felix Sharkey, former convict, once a terror to the police, but now crippled and gray, Wednesday divulged all he knew of the long series of bomb outrages which have mystified the police of Chicago.

NOT GUILTY OF MURDER.

The "Unwritten Law" Plea Clears Chicago Man.

The "unwritten law" was sustained Tuesday by a jury in Judge Kernstein's court in Chicago, which freed Michael Paellano, charged with the murder of Frank Sereno, as a result, it is alleged, of the latter's betrayal of Paellano's sister.

INTERCHANGE OF STUDENTS.

Scheme Affecting America in Process of Formation in London.

A scheme for the interchange of the university students between the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom, rivaling in importance that established under the will of the late Cecil Rhodes, is in progress of formation, with every prospect of success.

PREVENTS DISASTROUS WRECK.

Woman Flags Train in Time to Enable Engineer to Slacken Speed.

But for the presence of mind of Mrs. Jennie Lowelny, an aged woman living nearby in a tent, who ran onto the tracks, flagging the westbound Excelsior Springs train on the Washburn railroad near Missouri City, Mo., the head-on collision of a freight and passenger train at that point Tuesday night probably would have resulted in many fatalities.

BOMB IN BASKET OF CHERRIES.

Female Spy of Police at This is Victim of Revolutionists.

Marie Bakhtadze, who had been prominent as an agent of the political police at Tiflis, was killed Tuesday by a bomb that had been sent to her by an unknown person in a basket of cherries.

Execution is Delayed.

Forty-five minutes before he was to have been hanged for the murder of Sidney Herndon, a well to do real estate owner, formerly of Tyler, Tex., Claude Brooks, a negro, was Wednesday granted a thirty-day reprieve by Gov. Hadley, of Missouri.

Eight Hurt in Storm.

The latest report from Niles, N. D., where a tornado late Tuesday was supposed to have killed eight persons and injured many, is that only eight persons were slightly injured, and that no one was killed.

Bolt Kills Mother; Spares Child.

Mrs. Charles Newman, of Mt. Vernon, Ill., was killed by lightning while carrying her child, the latter escaping injury.

CRIME OF A MADMAN.

Two People Are Killed at Valley Junction, Ia.

Calvin Littlepage, a farmer living near Valley Junction, Ia., a suburb of Des Moines, Tuesday night shot and killed Elmer Jamison and Mrs. Jamison, both parents of his divorced wife, and then forced her and her infant baby to enter a buggy which was waiting and flee with him.

Large Crowd in Attendance During the Whole Program.

The Fort Kearney National Park association reunion closed Monday. A large crowd filled the grounds all day long, and many were loath to leave in the evening.

Frightened Horse at Harvard Imperils Drivers.

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NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

SHAM BATTLE ENDS REUNION.

NEBRASKA OUT OF DEBT.

First Time in State's History When Balance is Out of Debt and the Balance is on the Right Side of the Ledger.

For the first time in its history Nebraska is out of debt and the balance is on the right side of the ledger. During the past week the treasurer paid off the last of the indebtedness when he took up warrants aggregating \$76,000 against the general fund.

RUNS INTO A MOVING TRAIN.

Two Daughters of Conrad Schell, Imperiled at Harvard.

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BOMB EXPLOSION IN CHICAGO.

Seven Persons Are Injured and Damage Aggregating \$100,000 Done.

With an explosion which wrecked the rear of the Chicago Title and Trust Building, 100 Washington street, and damaged every structure in the block bounded by Washington, Clark, Madison and Dearborn streets, and the Boston store, the series of gambling bomb outrages in Chicago Sunday night reached its climax. Seven persons were injured and a loss of \$100,000 was caused. In the series it was bomb 31. In destructiveness it exceeded the loss of all the other outrages combined.

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EDITH WOODHILL KILLED IN BRAWL, SAYS LETTER

Supposed Murderer Dies in Fight with Posse or By His Own Hand.

Sensation after sensation has developed in the mysterious murder of Mrs. Edith May Thompson Woodhill, protégée of Lyman J. Gage, at St. Michaels, Md. The first was the death of Emmet E. Roberts or Robert E. Eastman, the supposed slayer, who was followed by a sheriff's posse on the Back creek at 1 o'clock Friday morning, and killed in a fusillade of bullets. Roberts died either by his own hand or the shot of the posse.

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WOMAN IS BLAMED FOR CRIME

Roberts, or Eastman, Declares Gage's Protégée was Struck Over Head with Wine Bottle.

In his pockets was found a letter addressed to Miss Vivian Braxcom, care Klaw & Braxcom, New York, in which the writer asks the girl to come to Maryland to take charge of his body and property, as he intended to commit suicide. Roberts added that he had been out in a boat with four other people, two men and two women, that all had been drunk except himself and one girl; that one of the women struck another over the head with a wine bottle and had killed her.

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SHOWS LOSS IN U. S. TRADE.

Marked Decrease in Imports of Manufactured Goods in May.

The May trade statement of the Bureau of Statistics in Washington, as compared with that of the same month last year, shows a marked increase in the importation of manufacturing material and a decline in the exportation list of foodstuffs. Fifty articles are named in the import list, and these, it is stated, form about two-thirds of the total value of the imports, while a similar number of articles in the export list form about three-fourths of the total value of the exports.

KILLS GRANTS NEPHEW.

California Slays W. Evans Dent--"Woman in Case" Injured.

A double inquest was held in San Jose, Cal., over the bodies of W. Evans Dent and Alfred Cleveland Urlin. The jury found Dent came to his death from a gunshot wound inflicted by Urlin and that Urlin committed suicide. A statement from Mrs. Ida Schley, the "woman in the case," was read. Mrs. Schley is bleeding internally as a result of a bullet wound through her lungs and may not live. It developed that Dent was a nephew by marriage of Gen. U. S. Grant, his aunt, Julia Dent, having married the ex-President. The body of Urlin will be taken by his brother, John, to Missoula, Mont., for burial.

MYSTERIOUS BEAST GRAY WOLF

Animal for Which Reward is Offered Proves to Be Big Specimen.

County Treasurer Cavene, of Broken Bow, has received word from Brooks, Pa., that the mysterious animal haunting the southwest part of the county, got what was coming to it this week, and is now on its way to Lincoln to be mounted. It proved to be a big gray wolf, and was shot by Walter Brown on his ranch east of Oconto. Brown used as decoy a collie he owned and succeeded in filling his wolf with full of buckshot. The animal measures seven inches between ears, is 32 inches high, 66 inches in length and weighs 150 pounds. There was a reward of \$150 offered.

BOY LONES EYE AT URBAN.

The young son of A. Urban, of Sutton, was playing with knife throwing, and the knife of a playmate went wrong and struck him in the eye, letting out the eye water and probably ruining that eye.

ARREST WARREN HAYZLET AGAIN.

Warren Hayzlet, a boy of 15 years, who has been in juvenile court several times, was arrested at Omaha, Ind., last Saturday to send him to Kearney. He will be lucky if he is not sent down.

40,000 in Turner Parade.

The great parade in Cincinnati of 40,000 turners, soldiers, school children, civic societies and secret orders, the brilliant spectacular climax of the thirtieth meeting of the North American Gymnastic Union, or turnbund, was a success in every particular. The parade is said to have been the largest in the history of turnfest annals. It took four hours to pass a given point.

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