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CURRENT HAPPENINGS

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

PANIC ON A STEAMER

EXPLOSION OCCURS ON BRITISH VESSEL CAIRNRONA.

Number of Mothers and their Little Ones are Injured—Men Emigrants Fight Like Beasts to Reach Boats But are Beaten Back by Crew.

An explosion early Friday morning on the British steamer Cairnrona, off Dungeness, Eng., wrecked the women's quarters, killing one child and injuring a number of women and children. The steamer caught fire and a panic ensued, in which men fought for the possession of the boats and had to be beaten back by the crew to allow the women to be taken off first.

A large number of passengers were landed at Dover Friday evening, many of them in an exhausted condition. In all twenty were seriously injured and not less than fifty were slightly injured by the explosion and the panic that followed it. The Cairnrona sailed from London to Portland. She carried 200 passengers, for the most part emigrants, and a general cargo. Fortunately the steamers Upland and Kanawha were near when the Cairnrona caught fire. They stood by and took off several hundred passengers and landed them at Dover. Several of the first class passengers and American cattlemen gave thrilling details of the accident. A number of women with children in their arms were sitting on the hatch when a violent explosion hurled them to all parts of the deck. Some of them were shockingly injured and one child was killed. The hatch was blown to fragments.

A terrific panic ensued. The emigrants, mostly Russians, were running up and down, screaming and wringing their hands. Their horror was increased by the volumes of smoke which poured from the burning hold.

BANK CLOSES ITS DOORS.

Another Brooklyn Institution Forced to Suspend.

The Borough Bank of Brooklyn, N. Y., closed its doors Friday and the superintendent of banks has taken possession of the institution's business. The bank has a capital of \$200,000, with deposits aggregating over \$2,000,000. B. R. Shears is president of the institution. This is the second bank failure in Brooklyn within a week, the first being the Union bank of Brooklyn.

Superintendent Cheney said that the conditions attending the closing of the bank were almost identical with those which led to the closing of the Union bank.

As was the case with the Union bank, the Borough was obliged to suspend during the panic of 1907, and was reorganized later. The new management was obliged to assume liabilities which have been a heavy load, and the suspension of the Union bank had a bad effect on the Borough, which was known to be in the same position.

YOUTHFUL SWINDLERS.

Boys Convicted of Conducting Fraudulent Banking Scheme.

Three youths, each less than 20 years old, were taken to the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., Friday to serve sentences of a year imposed by the United States district court at Covington, Ky., for a fraudulent banking scheme which they conducted in the little mountain town of Orr, Ky. A fourth boy was sentenced to four months in jail.

The boys profited about \$2,500 by their scheme, which included the establishment of a mythical "bank" which gave wholesale dealers glowing accounts of their credit, enabling them to obtain large shipments of merchandise. David Prince and Marlon and Richmond Sparks were sent to prison, George White receiving the jail sentence.

Fend Causes a Murder.

John Dusenbury was called from his home at Marceline, Mo., Thursday and shot and killed. James M. Keady and two suspects were arrested on the charge of killing Dusenbury.

Two Killed in a Week.

In a wreck on the Georgia Thursday morning near Berzelia, Ga., two men were killed and one white man and four negroes seriously hurt.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Thursday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top hogs, \$7.50. Top hogs, \$10.27 1/2.

Water Tank Overturns.

Water tank on the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe railroad overturned at Malvern, Kan., Thursday, killing engineer Thomas Kelly and seriously injuring two men.

Old Scout Found Dead.

Joseph Sturtevant, a scout famous throughout the western country as Rocky Mountain Joe, was found dead near Boulder, Colo., Thursday morning.

AMAZING RACE SWINDLE.

"Con" Man's Arrest Reveals Startling Story.

For lavish stage setting, workmanlike execution and ample financing the story of a racing swindle as told the New York police Wednesday night by Henry Wagner, senior member of a firm of billiard table manufacturers of New York, has no equal.

The story came out with the arrest of a man who gave his name as John Brown, 68 years old, and described himself as a broker and speculator, but who, the police say, is George C. Rockwell, alias George C. Hammond, alias "Old Joe" Eaton, a noted confidence man.

Late last month Wagner met a man representing himself to be Alfred Sanford, private secretary to a Pennsylvania millionaire, with money to spend on coal lands. Would Wagner take an option on 2,000 acres at \$7 an acre? He could sell at a huge profit. The secretary lacked funds to finance the deal himself. A trip to Baltimore followed, where entered the "millionaires" including "H. H. Rogers, Jr.," "Col. Moffett," of Colorado, one Palmer and one Marshall. From Baltimore the entire party journeyed to Jacksonville, Fla., by private car—all on the millionaires—and at the racetrack was heavy betting "between friends" in which the victim was not asked to join.

Indeed his conscience was soothed by his being made stakeholder until at one time he held \$106,000. His draft for \$10,000 was obligingly cashed and he generously loaned the money to one of the crowd to fill out a \$20,000 bet. Then came the getaway.

CASH GRAIN HOUSE SUSPENDS.

Failure of W. H. Merritt & Co. Is Due to the Decline in Corn.

Suspension of the cash grain house of W. H. Merritt & Co. was announced on the Chicago board of trade Wednesday. Customers were notified to close out their trades.

W. H. Merritt & Co. has for many years been one of the most important firms in the cash grain trade and the failure caused great surprise.

The reasons for the suspension are closely analogous to those which on Monday forced another cash grain house—the Burns-Yantis company—to suspend, namely, the decline in corn prices recently. Eastern customers of the Merritt company having bought at the high price for later delivery, are said to have repudiated their contracts when the market declined.

This forced the brokers to seek other outlets for their grains, and while holding it much of it "went hot," or in other words, rotted. A member of the firm declared that creditors would be paid in full.

CONFESSES TO MURDER.

Bertram Spencer, Burglar, Admits He Murdered Woman.

Bertram Gage Spencer confessed Wednesday to the murder of Miss Martha B. Blackstone at the home of Mrs. Sarah J. Dow, on Round Hill, Springfield, Mass., last Thursday night. Spencer also confessed to the commission of a long series of burglaries. Miss Blackstone and Miss Harriet P. Dow, school teachers, were shot by a masked burglar, who entered the Dow home on the evening of March 31. Miss Dow is recovering.

New Speed Record.

A speed in excess of thirty-five miles an hour for four consecutive hours was the record made in the gulf near Pensacola, Fla., by the torpedo boat Flusser, of the seventh torpedo flotilla.

Pork Declines \$1 a Barrel.

Possibility of a drop in the price of at least one item which enters into the cost of living—cured hog products—is seen in a sharp decline, averaging \$1 per barrel, in pork, on the board of trade Wednesday.

Flights Called Off.

Owing to a persistent gale which blew twenty miles an hour throughout the entire afternoon all the official flights of the first aeroplane meet at Memphis, Tenn., were called off late Wednesday afternoon.

Colorado Bank Robbed.

The Weldona Valley State bank at Weldona, Colo., was robbed of \$2,000 early Wednesday by "yeggman," who blew open the safe and escaped.

Women Rush a Shop.

Five hundred women of the upper east end of New York city rioted Tuesday when they found that the prices of meat had been substantially advanced in the butcher shops in the vicinity.

Flow of Gold to Europe.

The outward flow of gold to Europe which began last week, gathered force today with the engagement in New York of \$4,000,000.

New Mexico Town Dry.

The no license ticket was successful at Tuesday's election in Roswell, N. M. Geo. T. Veal, for mayor, having a majority of 23 votes. Roswell is the first city in New Mexico to go dry.

Chosen Head of Mining Company.

Quincy A. Shaw, of Boston, was elected president of the Calumet and Hecla Mining company Wednesday, succeeding the late Prof. Alexander Agassiz.

BANK ROBBERS SLAY TWO.

Officials of Institutions at McKees Rocks, Pa., Shot.

Samuel Friedman, general manager of the Victor Banking company at McKees Rocks, Pa., was killed by bank robbers Tuesday night. Friedman's assistant, Isaac Schwartz, was wounded by the robbers and died in a hospital later. A bystander, Robert King, was also dangerously wounded. The robbers escaped with \$400 of the company's cash.

Friedman and Schwartz were alone in the bank, which does a foreign exchange business on the outskirts of McKees Rocks, counting the day's cash, which was spread on the counter when four foreigners invaded the place with guns. Friedman was shot twice while one of the men scooped up the money, but as they escaped the wounded Friedman followed them, shouting for help, only to fall at another volley from the robbers. A policeman's face which appeared at the corner just at the moment was grazed with a bullet.

Thomas Neery also exhibited a wound in the arm. He and others started after the robbers, but was halted by the revolver shots. The only description of the "yeggmen" obtainable was that they appeared young and wore slouch hats, which were pulled down far over their faces. The robbers were lost in the maze of cars and tracks in a railroad yard.

STRANGE DUAL TRAGEDY.

Man Accidentally Kills Cab Driver and Uses Same Gun to Kill Self.

A tragedy in which a man was accidentally shot dead, followed by the suicide of the man who fired the fatal shot, occurred early Tuesday on the platform of the Philadelphia and Reading railway station at Trenton Junction, N. J. The affair was enveloped in mystery for a time, but the public prosecutor is convinced that it was an accident and a suicide. The man shot dead was Frank Fracella, a cab driver, and the suicide was John Connolly, employed as watchman by the railroad company at Trenton Junction.

Several railroad men, with a railroad detective and telegraph operator, were standing on the station platform when the shooting occurred. Connolly had two revolvers. He was showing them to Fracella, the two witnesses say and had remarked, "How would you like to get a load from this one?" when the weapon was discharged. It is believed Connolly thought he was exhibiting the empty revolver to the cab driver. Connolly was seized with fear and started to run. The detective and the telegraph operator started after him, when Connolly suddenly stopped, placed the revolver to his head, and fired. He died instantly.

VICTIMS OF BLACK MOB.

Arkansas Negroes Kill Two Members of Their Own Race.

A mob of heavily armed negro residents of Lonoke county, Ark., shot to death and then hanged two members, a man and a woman, of their own race at a late hour Monday night.

The mob's victims were Frank Pride and Laurel Mitchell, charged with the murder of the woman's husband, whose body was found buried in Pride's yard early in the day. Pride and the Mitchell woman were placed under arrest and had been bound over to await the action of the grand jury. They were being escorted to the jail in Keo by Constable Mallory when the party was overtaken by the mob of negroes. The Mitchell woman's husband had been missing since December 24, and when the body was discovered it was found he had been murdered.

Woman Beats Off Assailant.

An attack was made upon Mrs. Earl Welcome, a school teacher near Mankato, Minn., Tuesday by a man who gave his name as Smith. The woman beat off her assailant. A posse captured the man after a chase of six miles and after wounding him twice.

Water Main Breaks.

At midnight Tuesday nearly 70,000,000 gallons of water from a reservoir in Pittsburgh, Pa., descended through a break in a 26-inch main upon the east end section of the town and caused considerable damage.

Hadley's Ward Democratic.

The democrats elected four out of five councilmen Tuesday at Jefferson, Mo., with a vote for the fifth. They also carried Gov. Hadley's ward.

Wets Win in Wisconsin.

Janesville, Monroe, Edgerton, Delavan, Sharon, Darien and Albany, Wis., were carried by the wets Tuesday.

Raise for Engineers.

It is announced that the engineers of the Central of Georgia railway will be given an increase in wages of 5 per cent.

Mt. Etna Again Active.

Mt. Etna exhibited new activity on Tuesday. A stream of lava turned toward Clistera Regina and almost reached that village. The crops in the vicinity of Borriolo and Nicolosi have been ruined.

Korbly Renominated.

Congressman Charles A. Korbly was renominated for congress by the Democrats of the seventh district of Indiana Tuesday.

Nebraska Pioneer Dead.

A. C. Palmantier, an old pioneer and war veteran of Tekamah, died Wednesday at the home of his daughter, Mrs. I. N. Bramhall. He leaves a wife, two daughters and a son.

Nebraska State News
News of the Week In Concise Form

MAY CONDONE SUMMER BALL.

Steps Being Taken at Nebraska University to Remove Ban.

The Nebraska Athletic board probably will take some radical action in regard to summer base ball at its next meeting and openly sanction the playing of its athletes on professional teams during the vacation months. The matter is now being discussed by the Cornhusker mentors and the attitude of a majority of the board is in favor of permitting summer base ball by all college players in this section of the country. The five student members have openly declared themselves in favor of the proposition and two faculty members openly admit that they see no wrong in allowing the men to earn money during vacation by playing base ball.

One member of the board has expressed himself in the following words: "I have never been able to regard summer base ball as an evil and I am free to admit that I am in sympathy with the college athletes who try to earn money during vacations by taking part in professional, or rather, semi-professional, games. There is no evil in allowing them to do so, and the anti-summer base ball cranks can not give a single solid argument in favor of their cause."

"The athletic board of the west might just as well officially recognize the summer base ball playing as to secretly condone it as they do now at every college in the country. In the western athletic conferences we have rules against summer base ball, but I am certain that there is not a school in either the Missouri Valley or Chicago conference league that does not have several of its players on semi-professional teams each summer. I myself, know of many college men who played the so-called professional ball last year and several years before."

Nebraska has a precedent for its action in the course adopted by Colgate recently in stating that all its players should be allowed to become members of semi-professional teams in order to earn money during the summer months.

MADISON ELOPEES CAPTURED.

May Lyons Returns to Her Home and Harry Boyd is Locked Up.

Perry DuBois, alias Harry Boyd, and Miss May Lyons, were taken in custody by Sheriff C. S. Smith of Madison county, Monday afternoon at Cornlea and taken to Madison, Miss Lyons' home. The father of the young woman took charge of her upon arrival at her home and DuBois was placed in the city's bastle for safe keeping. Suspicions were aroused when Miss Lyons unexpectedly left town on the passenger train going south Sunday afternoon. It was DuBois' intention to do so also, but he was detained at the depot by City Marshal Kennedy on the charge of jumping his board bill. He promptly paid this and then quietly but hurriedly left town, taking a tie pass to Humphrey, where he met the young woman, returning from Columbus on the evening train and beguiled her into accompanying him on the late train to Cornlea.

DuBois is a tailor by occupation and has been employed at Madison for some time. He has a wife who now resides at Sioux City, Ia.

BUSH HAS CRIMINAL RECORD.

Man Captured with Stolen Team Convicted of Murder at Chadron.

It now develops that Ernest Bush, the young man who was captured at Central City with a team of horses belonging to a party from Council Bluffs, and taken back there to answer to the charge of horse stealing, is a criminal out of the state penitentiary on parole. In 1899 it seems he was employed by a farmer near Chadron, and an old man was employed with him. One day while the farmer was away from home Bush killed the old man, hitched a horse to his body and dragged it to a creek. His crime was discovered and he received a life sentence in the penitentiary. In 1906 he was paroled, and has been under the supervision of his parents since. He was but 16 years of age when he murdered the old man at Chadron.

Narrow Escape From Death.

Dr. Claude Watson, of Nebraska City, while riding in his automobile, had a narrow escape from being killed. He lost control of his machine and it skidded, turned turtle, falling on him, breaking his left shoulder and bruising him badly.

New Bank to Start.

The Farmers bank is scheduled to open its doors for business at Sutherland about the first of next month. It will have a capital stock of \$10,000. Local capitalists are behind it.

Nebraska Pioneer Dead.

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COWBOY EVANGELIST ARRESTED.

Rev. Sam Bettes Charged with Using Obscene Language at Wymore.

Rev. Sam Bettes, who has been giving a series of "temperance" lectures in the armory at Wymore for some time past, was arrested Friday morning on complaint of Charles Fulton, charged with disturbing an assembly of people with obscene and profane language. The case was called before Judge Crawford and continued to April 6. Following Bettes' arraignment, outside of the judge's office, Fulton asked Bettes what he had meant by the language directed to the latter at the meeting.

Just what Bettes said is not known, but Fulton struck him a tremendous blow in the mouth, flooring the preacher. A general mixup followed, in which Bettes was badly beaten up. Fulton was arrested and will be tried next Wednesday on a charge of fighting. Bettes, who goes by the names of the "cowboy" preacher, is in middle age, and has been at Wymore about two weeks delivering lectures for the temperance forces of the city.

IS WISER BUT POORER.

Farmer Who Sold Whisky Pays for a License.

A farmer residing near Nebraska City whose name the revenue officer refused to divulge, went to Omaha a short time ago and purchased a barrel of whisky, which he brought home, placed in his cellar and sold out in quantities of from one to five gallons to his neighbors. The revenue officers learned of the purchase and looked into the case, knowing the farmer had no license. They found where he had sold the goods and located the barrel, partially empty, in his cellar and taxed him \$200 for a wholesaler's license and \$66.67 for not applying for the license before disposing of any of the goods.

This is the third case of this kind in that vicinity within a period covering as many years.

FIRE NEAR AUBURN.

Farmer Loses Household Goods—No Insurance.

A farm house belonging to the John L. Carson estate, near Auburn, was burned Friday afternoon, the tenant, Mr. Cummings and his family losing all their household goods. The young child of Mr. Cummings was asleep in the house and was rescued by the father after the fire had made considerable headway. Mr. Cummings had carried some insurance, but had recently removed to that location and had not yet had the policy changed.

Rev. Mr. Salisbury, of the Presbyterian church told of the circumstances while at the citizens' banquet and funds were contributed to aid Mr. Cummings and his family.

Brown Bound Over.

P. A. Brown, who eloped from Craik with the wife of his employer, John Knott, was Saturday bound over to the district court under bond of \$500. Brown, who is 25, took Mrs. Knott, who is 22, from Craik to Uehling, where the two set up housekeeping. Mr. Knott, a farmer aged 45 years, appeared as complainant against Brown.

Has Wagon Fall Upon Him.

G. W. Halstead, of Tecumseh, and two or three other men were engaged in breaking a team of western horses, having the animals hitched to a farm wagon. The horses got beyond control of the men and ran away, upsetting the wagon on Mr. Halstead. He was terribly bruised and considerably lacerated about the face.

Becomes Director of Band.

W. L. Johnson, of Blair, has assumed the musical directorship of the newly organized Holdrege band. The band will recruit its membership up to about thirty pieces in the next two or three weeks.

Damages for Injury.

Henry Meyer, of Hastings, has been given a verdict in district court for \$2,979 against Gilbert Tjaden. Meyer sued for \$5,000 damages for injuries received in a fight with Tjaden during which his leg was fractured.

Clothing Store Burglarized.

W. J. McKinzie's clothing store at Alma was broken into Friday night. Entrance was effected by the front door. Between \$30 and \$40 worth of clothing was taken.

Fruit Damage Exaggerated.

Ray Hesse, an expert fruit grower of Peru, says that the fruit crop has not been damaged as much as reported. He says that all present indications point to plenty of fruit in the vicinity of Peru.

Newspaper Changes Hands.

The Orleans Chronicle changed hands last week. Horace Phelps assumed the editorship in the place of J. F. Albin.

COMPLETE LIST OF THE SPEAKERS OF THE HOUSE.

The entire list of speakers and the Congresses and years during which they filled this office are as follows:

Congress	Years	Name
1	1789-91	F. A. Mendenhall
2	1791-93	Jonathan Trumbull
3	1793-95	F. A. Mendenhall
4	1795-97	Jonathan Dayton
5	1797-99	Theodore Sedgwick
6	1799-1801	Nathaniel Macon
7	1801-03	Joseph H. Varnum
8	1803-05	Henry Clay
9	1805-07	Langdon Cheeves
10	1807-09	Henry Clay
11	1809-11	John W. Taylor
12	1811-13	Henry Clay
13	1813-15	Philip P. Barlow
14	1815-17	Henry Clay
15	1817-19	John Bell
16	1819-21	James K. Polk
17	1821-23	John Bell
18	1823-25	Andrew Stevenson
19	1825-27	John Bell
20	1827-29	James K. Polk
21	1829-31	John White
22	1831-33	James K. Polk
23	1833-35	John White
24	1835-37	Robert C. Winthrop
25	1837-39	Howell Cobb
26	1839-41	Linn Boyd
27	1841-43	Nathaniel P. Banks
28	1843-45	James H. Rives
29	1845-47	William Pennington
30	1847-49	John A. B. Caldwell
31	1849-51	John A. B. Caldwell
32	1851-53	John A. B. Caldwell
33	1853-55	John A. B. Caldwell
34	1855-57	John A. B. Caldwell
35	1857-59	John A. B. Caldwell
36	1859-61	John A. B. Caldwell
37	1861-63	John A. B. Caldwell
38	1863-65	John A. B. Caldwell
39	1865-67	John A. B. Caldwell
40	1867-69	John A. B. Caldwell
41	1869-71	John A. B. Caldwell
42	1871-73	John A. B. Caldwell
43	1873-75	John A. B. Caldwell
44	1875-77	John A. B. Caldwell
45	1877-79	John A. B. Caldwell
46	1879-81	John A. B. Caldwell
47	1881-83	John A. B. Caldwell
48	1883-85	John A. B. Caldwell
49	1885-87	John A. B. Caldwell
50	1887-89	John A. B. Caldwell
51	1889-91	John A. B. Caldwell
52	1891-93	John A. B. Caldwell
53	1893-95	John A. B. Caldwell
54	1895-97	John A. B. Caldwell
55	1897-99	John A. B. Caldwell
56	1899-1901	John A. B. Caldwell
57	1901-03	John A. B. Caldwell
58	1903-05	John A. B. Caldwell

REBELLION SEEMS INEVITABLE.

Chinese Secretly Planning Overthrow of Manchu Dynasty.

A New York merchant, H. H. Siddons, who has a large trade in China, and who has been in every treaty port in the empire, recently said that the Chinese in this country, who are refugees from their own country, and for that matter the yellow men in many other countries, are secretly planning the overthrow of the Manchu dynasty. According to Mr. Siddons, they are hoping to place a native royal line on the throne of Peking.

"Thousands of members of secret societies in China who had to leave that country because the government was after their heads for plotting against the Peking regime, are living in the United States, England, and other countries, including many of the South American republics and Mexico, and belong to the Chinese Empire Reform Association, which has for one of its objects the overthrow of the present dynasty and the expulsion of foreigners from China. These Chinamen believe that the present division of their country into spheres of influence by European nations has been due to the weakness of the Peking government, and they believe that China will be actually divided up among the European nations in the next ten years unless there be a change of government in Peking. These people have been for years gathering an immense fund in London, which will be used when the time is ripe to buy arms and ships for the rebellion that is sure to come."

DISSATISFIED RED MEN.

Indians of Oklahoma Restive Under Present Conditions.

The Indians of Oklahoma—the Creek, Choctaw and Cherokee nations—are extremely restive because of the conditions they have to live under there. These Indians formerly lived under the provisions of the treaties they had with the United States, but when Oklahoma was made a State the treaties became inoperative, and the Indians were considered the same as other citizens of the new commonwealth. That's just what the red men do not want. They claim that they do not understand the white man's laws, and that many exactions and impositions are practiced on them by law officers for alleged infractions of the State laws, about which they know nothing. One of the commonest complaints that the Indians make is that when they fall to work the country roads in the vicinity of their farms or pay an equivalent in money, the