

CURRENT HAPPENINGS

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

RATES GO SKYWARD

ROADS UNDAUNTED BY UNCLE SAM'S INJUNCTION.

Attorney General Wickersham Declines to Intimate What Course He Will Pursue in Behalf of Government—3 to 30 Per Cent Advances.

Undaunted by the government's proceedings under the Sherman anti-trust act, by which a part of the proposed increase of freight rates in the territory west of the Mississippi river was suspended by injunction, railroads in the east and in the middle west Thursday filed with the interstate commerce commission tariffs embodying increased rates.

Attorney General Wickersham declined to indicate what course he will pursue in behalf of the government, and the senate, just on the verge Thursday of passing the administration bill, hesitated and finally postponed action until Friday.

Thursday night practically every railroad system from the Atlantic to the Pacific had filed with the interstate commerce commission the legal notification of proposed increases in commodity rates. The increases range from 3 to 31 per cent.

Thursday started off by the filing of schedules of increases by the New York Central, the West Shore and the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western. Then the official proposition of the roads traversing routes from Chicago to Milwaukee to Indianapolis and Ohio river points, twenty-three in all, was taken into the commission. During the afternoon increased tariffs from the Atlantic to Chicago, St. Paul and intermediate points were filed.

The Baltimore and Ohio filed with the commission a revised tariff on commodity rates from Chicago to the eastern seaboard.

Like the schedules filed by the roads west of the Mississippi, increased tariffs from the Central freight association territory were filed in concert. On the other hand, the eastern railroads filed their revised tariffs individually.

REWARD IS OVER \$5,000.

Expected that \$10,000 Will be Offered for Slayer.

With the contribution by the Louisville, Ky., city council of \$2,500 to the fund which will be offered for the arrest and conviction of the slayer of Alma Kellner, whose body was found buried in a cellar of St. John's parochial school, the sum has reached \$5,500. This will be augmented by an offer by Gov. Willson of \$500 on behalf of the state. Smaller subscriptions of from \$5 to \$100 were tendered Thursday by citizens of Louisville, and it is expected that the reward will soon reach the \$10,000 mark.

Chief of Police Lindsay says that he has received information which leads him to believe that Joseph Wendling, the missing janitor, remained in Louisville as late as March 1.

A man answering the description of Joseph Wendling, the suspected murderer of Alma Kellner, purchased a ticket from New York to Antwerp on January 20.

COAL MINERS STRIKE.

No Change in Situation in Pennsylvania District.

There was no change Thursday in the strike of the 12,000 anthracite mine workers in the Pittston, Pa., district. The officials of the Pennsylvania Coal company declare no agreement can be reached until the strikers first return to work according to the rule of the strike commission.

The strike leaders, on the other hand, claim that the employees of the company will not wait for a decision from the conciliation board, but want a written agreement from Manager May. Many of the strikers show unity and the state police are in readiness to move to any point in the region at short notice.

Civil Service Officials Meet.

Gov. Hughes of New York Thursday welcomed to Albany civil service officials of the various cities in the United States, who were there in attendance at the third biennial meeting of the national assembly of civil service commissions.

Sioux City Live Stock Market.

Thursday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Top hogs, \$7.55. Top hogs, \$9.20.

Bank Rate Reduced.

The influx of gold and the prospects of the early release of government balances resulted in a lower bank rate in England, which the directors of the Bank of England Thursday reduced from 4 to 3 1/2 per cent.

Three Killed; Others Hurt.

In a premature explosion in a blast in a quarry of the Lehigh-Portland Cement company at West Coplay, Pa., Thursday, three men were killed and three others seriously injured.

JAR GIVEN ENGLAND.

British Rule in Egypt Criticized by Roosevelt. Quite unexpectedly Tuesday Theodore Roosevelt delivered in London what he considered by Englishmen a severe arraignment of the nation in its attitude towards Egypt. Something picturesque was looked for from the former president of the United States, but in view of his utterances in Egypt in which he gave praise in full measurement to the British government for the development that followed British rule there, it was not expected he would revert to that subject, especially for the purpose of taking England to task.

But with a frankness that caused a stir among those who had gathered in the ancient guild hall to witness the ceremony of conferring upon him the freedom of the city of London, Mr. Roosevelt declared that while England had given Egypt the best government in 2,000 years, yet recent events, following the assassination of Premier Boutros Pasha, had shown that in certain vital points the British government had erred and that England must repair this error if she wished to do her full duty.

He called attention to the fact that England's primary object in taking hold in Egypt was the establishment of order, and continued:

"Either you have or you have not the right to remain in Egypt and establish and keep order. If you have not the right and have not the desire to keep order, then, by all means, get out. But if, as I hope, you feel that your duty to a civilized mankind and your fealty to your own great nation alike bid you stay, then make the fact and the name agree and show that you are ready to meet in very deed the responsibility which is yours."

"When a people treats assassination as the cornerstone of self government it forfeits all rights to be treated as worthy of self government. Some nations must govern Egypt, and I hope and believe that the English nation will decide that the duty is theirs."

SOUTH AFRICA UNITED.

Viscount Gladstone Sworn in as Ruler of New Government.

The union of South Africa was born Tuesday. The royal proclamation of the single dominion constituted by the legislative union of the British colonies of Cape Colony, Orange River colony Natal and the Transvaal was read at the assembly house at Pretoria, S. A., where eight years ago Tuesday the leaders of the Boers signed the British terms of peace which brought to an end the war in South Africa.

Following the reading of the proclamation Viscount Gladstone was sworn in as governor general of the union, and Gen. Louis Botha, premier, and the other members of the new ministry took the oath of office.

ROADS SHORT OF COAL.

Illinois Operators Tell Companies to Purchase in East.

Representatives of twenty-five railroads held a conference Tuesday night with the Illinois Coal Operators' association with reference to the latter's fight with the union miners of Illinois. The operators told the men that they had to whip the miners if it took all summer, and asked the railroad managers to protect themselves by purchasing eastern coal for a time. The railroad managers complained their stock of coal was almost exhausted and that the strike was injuring their business, as the coal carrying traffic was entirely shut off from Illinois mines.

Crescote Plant Burns.

The plant of the International Lumber and Crescoting company, together with 125,000 gallons of crescote, twenty-eight carloads of crescote croties and a large quantity of raw material was destroyed by fire at Texarkana, Ark., Wednesday.

Brothers Held for Fraud.

Dr. J. Kinneer Crawford, and his brother, Joseph S. Crawford, vice president and secretary treasurer, respectively, of the defunct American Trust company, of Philadelphia, Pa., were each held Wednesday to \$10,000 bail on charges of embezzlement.

Robbers Crack a Safe.

The State bank of Unity, Wis., was robbed Tuesday of \$2,000, the safe of the bank being dynamited. The robbers escaped. It is believed there were two men connected with the robbery.

Taken Back to School.

Edwin Gould, Jr., who tramped the highways of Connecticut and landed in the station house of New Britain Monday as a guest, was taken back to Pomfret school Tuesday by his father.

Fires a Fatal Shot.

Wallace A. Bussell, of Seattle, Wash., 23 years old, walked into the Monte Carlo saloon and gambling house and fatally shot the proprietor, Joseph Bonner.

Three Persons Hurt.

Three passengers were hurt, none fatally, Tuesday, when westbound passenger train No. 109 on the Union Pacific, struck a broken rail near Ogallah, Kan.

Troops for Nanking.

Chinese warships with troops have been dispatched to Nanking in anticipation of a native outbreak against foreigners. The latter have been warned.

DENEEN TO BE A WITNESS.

To Tell What He Knows of Legislative Bribery.

States Attorney Burke of Chicago, conferred with Governor Deneen on Thursday regarding the executive inquiry and the various charges of bribery which have been made concerning the Forty-sixth Illinois general assembly.

The action of the state attorney, in response to the published declaration of Gov. Deneen that he would willingly go before either the Cook or Sangamon county grand jury, if desired and tell what he knew of the occurrences in the first regular legislative session.

There is much speculation over what information the governor will give. In appearing before a grand jury the governor would waive the privilege of his office, which exempts him from a summons.

POLITICIAN SHOTS SELF.

Was Requested to Make Accounting of Affairs of Estate.

R. S. Crohn, of Kansas City, Mo., former public administrator and still administrator for estates, whose affairs were not cleared up during his administration, shot himself in the head at his home in that city Wednesday, and his physician stated that the wound would prove fatal.

Crohn, who is 50 years old and prominent in local politics, shot himself following a conference with attorneys for the estate of Adolph Huntmann, who died during Crohn's administration, leaving an estate valued at \$255,000, of which \$50,000 was personal property. Huntmann was survived by no close relatives, but claimants to the estate have appeared from Illinois, Massachusetts and other eastern states.

Attorneys for the estate desired that its affairs be wound up, and they demanded that Crohn finish the work of probating at once. A few hours later Crohn shot himself.

Crohn is bonded by a surety company whose affairs are now in litigation.

BANKERS SENTENCED TO JAIL.

Men Involved in Municipal Corruption Make No Defense.

Pleading no defense to charges of conspiracy and bribery in connection with the recent municipal corruption exposures two bankers of Pittsburgh, Pa., were sentenced to jail and fined in the criminal courts Wednesday.

E. H. Jennings, president of the Columbia National bank, and F. A. Griffith, cashier of the same institution, appeared before five judges, the former receiving a fine of \$500 and a sentence of two months in the Allegheny county jail and the latter receiving a fine of \$500 and a sentence of four months.

Watcher Falls Off Roof.

Scarcely clad, Lambert Wilson of Owensville, Ind., went to the roof of his house to take an observation of Halley's comet. His foot slipped and he coasted swiftly down the roof and fell thirty feet to the earth. He was painfully cut and bruised.

Affinity Gets a Jolt.

A release from her marriage to Ferdinand Pinney Earle, originator of the "affinity doctrine," was refused Julia Kuttner Earle, the young woman for whom the artist forsook his first wife and child, by Justice Fitzgerald in the supreme court of New York.

Charged With Child Murder.

Charles Wilson was arrested at Webb City, Mo., Tuesday charged with murder in the first degree, his alleged victim being the 2-year-old child of Mrs. Mary Lee, with whom Wilson boarded. It is alleged Wilson whipped the child severely and the baby died the next morning.

Ignore Court's Action.

Ignoring the action of the government in securing an order of court restraining increased freight rates, the eastern railroads Wednesday filed with the interstate commerce commission at Washington tariffs of increased commodity rates to take effect July 1.

Bryan Lectures in London.

Williams Jennings Bryan, who is on his way to Edinburgh as American delegate to the national missionary conference, lectured before the Y. M. C. A. in London Wednesday night.

Thre Men Killed.

Three men were killed when a railroad locomotive exploded near Collinsville Junction, Ill., on the tracks of the St. Louis, Troy and Eastern railroad Wednesday.

Sail for South Pole.

The British antarctic expedition set sail from London Wednesday. Capt. Scott has announced December, 1911, as the date for his arrival at the South Pole.

Miners Return to Work.

After a suspension of coal mining in the bituminous fields of Texas for two months, 8,000 miners returned to work Wednesday. The mine owners granted the demands of the miners.

Garment Workers Go Out.

Twelve hundred members of the United Garment Workers of America went on strike Wednesday for a 10 per cent advance in wages.

Nebraska State News. News of the Week. In Concise Form.

PREACHER CAUSES ARREST.

Man Who Makes Specialty of Working Church People Sent to Jail.

Dressed like a farmer and parading in the disguise of a Christian of nearly every denomination, a middle aged man, with a club foot on his right leg, drifted into Leigh last Saturday and proceeded to pull off a clever grafting stunt. He first went to the home of W. L. Walling and asked that gentleman if he was a member of the Methodist church. Assured that he was, the stranger inquired about a family whom he claimed had moved there about a year ago and had also joined the Methodist church. He claimed that he had forgotten the name of this family, but that they were friends of his and that he wanted to go to them for aid. He stated that he had a horse and buggy stolen from him and that he wanted to go to his home, which he claimed was at Lexington.

ADMITS BEING HOLDUP MAN.

Erdman Says He Used Gun to Get Money.

Together with a trump card said to be absolute guilt upon Erdman as having devised and placed the infernal machine on Tom Dennison's porch at Omaha, Captain Moystyn Saturday morning got an admission from the prisoner that he had been a "stick-up" man.

Erdman told me he had frequently held up persons and taken money from them to go into a gambling game," said Captain Moystyn. "He freely admitted he was not conscientious in routing and gambling, but used his operations against it merely to find out what he called 'crooked' games. He said he often took money from citizens and gamblers at the point of his gun, and that he had paid part of the money to certain persons who knew of his acts."

The acting chief declared that the testimony from the Hagedell girls and the McLandens, identifying Erdman as the man they saw going towards the Dennison home with a suit case, was most conclusive. He added that a witness is at hand to swear he saw the man enter Erdman's yard with the suit case.

COURT CASES AT HOLDRIDGE.

Jury Renders Verdict in a Damage Case.

The case of Phillip Schroeder vs. the Odd Fellows lodge of Bertrand, in which the plaintiff sought to obtain damages to the amount of \$3,000 for loss sustained by him when the defendant's hall, then being constructed, blew over on his building and furniture stock, consumed almost three days before going to the jury at Holdridge. A verdict was finally brought in, and was in substance a general finding for the defendants in the action. The case has been one of considerable interest in that part of the state.

ELOPES WITH HIRED MAN.

Police Fail to Find the Runaway Couple.

Miss Elsie Tipton, not quite 16 years of age, daughter of a wealthy farmer near Walthill, and Charles Aldrich, several years her senior, with whom she eloped Sunday night, have not yet been found, although the police in Sioux City and neighboring cities have been notified.

BOY IS BADLY INJURED.

Thrown from a Horse and His Skull Fractured.

Sunday morning about 8 o'clock, as Robert Harmon, Garnett Hunt and Seville Butler, of Superior, were returning from taking their cows to pasture they engaged in a little horse race and as they made a turn in the road Seville Butler's horse started to go on the wrong side of a telephone pole, and he pulled on the lines, causing the horse to slip and throwing the boy's head against the pole, breaking his shoulder blade and fracturing his skull. His father, Dr. Butler, sent to Omaha for a surgeon to come and see if an operation will benefit the lad, as he is considered dangerously injured by the physicians in attendance.

DITCHING IN MERRICK COUNTY.

Ditching in Merrick county has now commenced in earnest, notwithstanding the board of supervisors declined to submit the proposition to the voters of the county last spring. Operations will be started two miles east and two north of Central City. What is known as lateral No. 3 in the government survey will be dug this spring.

FARMERS LOSE BIG ELEVATOR.

Ten Thousand Dollars' Loss Sustained by Fire.

Fire broke out at Dorchester at 11:45 p. m. Monday night and destroyed the Farmers' elevator and the water tank of the Burlington company which stood behind it. The loss on the elevator is estimated at \$10,000. The building was valued at \$4,500 and in it were from 5,000 to 6,000 bushels of grain. The fire was discovered in the top of the elevator, and as the only water supply was the hose at the station, which would not reach the height, the flames spread with uninterrupted progress. The elevator was burned to the ground at 1:30; there was nothing remaining but the heaps of blazing corn. The loss to the railroad company in the destruction of the water tank is not at present known.

Must Buy Waterworks.

The city of Omaha will be required to purchase the waterworks system of the Omaha Waterworks company for \$6,263,298.49, under a decision of the supreme court of the United States announced Monday. The court affirmed the judgment of the circuit court of appeals in the matter.

Spanish Veterans Form New Camp.

William L. Geddes Camp No. 5, United Spanish War Veterans, was organized and mustered in by Department Commander E. H. Phelps, of Lincoln, at Alliance Monday night, with 25 charter members.

Heavy Fall of Rain.

The heaviest rainfall of the season fell at Weeping Water Saturday evening between the hours of 5:30 and 6:30. It was accompanied by much thunder and lightning.

Trackwalker Fatally Hurt.

Andrew McNeillis, of Lincoln, a trackwalker, fell from a switch engine and had both feet cut off by a Burlington engine Sunday night. He will probably die.

SAVES MONEY IN THE NAVY.

Reorganization Said to Have Been Accomplished by Secretary Meyer.

Virtual reorganization of the navy has been accomplished by Secretary Meyer in the year in which he has held the portfolio of the Navy Department, a Washington correspondent asserts. He has brought about a saving of money in different directions, it is said, and many of the changes are the result, direct or indirect, of suggestions offered at his request by officers in all parts of the naval service.

Economy in the use of coal has been brought about by systematic firing, economy of steam, replacing defective joints and journals and stopping leaky valves. On the Montana a saving of fifteen tons of coal daily is due to systematic firing. With reference to oil the saving has been as great. On the battle ship Georgia improved evaporators have reduced the cost of making fresh water 40 per cent.

Secretary Meyer's reorganization plans include systematic overhauls of the vessels at the shipyards after each cruise. Also, a saving of thousands of dollars in repair work has been effected by having repair shops on shipboard. The establishment of a school of marine engineering at Annapolis is another means whereby Secretary Meyer hopes to train for special work engineer officers who give promise of being of special value in any part of his reorganization plan.

Paladino Unmasked.

During a recent test sitting of the noted Italian spirit medium, Eusapio Paladino, with an invited party of scientists in the home of Prof. Lord of Columbia University, New York, two expert watchers were concealed under the chairs of the sitters after the lights were lowered and unknown to the medium. These men have now made sworn statements to the effect that the various so-called spirit rappings, table liftings and movements of the cabinet curtains were produced by few movements of the medium's left leg while she was seated at the table, her right foot being so placed that its heel rested on the left foot of the man at her right and its toe on the right foot of the man at her left. Thus she gave or intended to give the impression that both her feet were still.

New Altitude Balloon Record.

A. Holland Forbes, of Bridgeport, Conn., vice president of the Aero Club of America, and J. C. Yates, of New York, after a flight of 400 miles in the balloon Viking, from Quincy, Ill., turned to earth from a considerable height at Centre, Ky., Wednesday, on Tuesday morning while at an altitude of 20,000 feet, they encountered a severe snowstorm and were partially covered with cold. They gradually lost power to control the machine and finally, fearing unconsciousness, they ripped the gas bag and came to earth with terrific speed, landing like a stone and escaping death by a miracle. Both men are confined to bed at a farmhouse in Kentucky, but will recover.

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LABOR NOTES.

A Vienna co-operative society with 700 members operates an immense bakery.

Stage hands of Marysville, Cal., have organized a local of the theatrical employees.

Newark's locked out painters received \$3.28. They asked \$3.64 and turned down \$3.62.

In Australia the federal elections resulted in a complete victory for the Labor party.

Cleveland Lake Shore Railway boilermakers obtained an increase of 2 1/2 cents an hour.

Since the adjournment of the California State Federation of Labor in San Rafael, last October, thirty-three unions have affiliated with the federation.

The present San Francisco (Cal.) Building Trades Council was organized in 1895, with six unions and a membership of less than 1,000. The present membership is above the 20,000 mark.

The Montreal (Canada) Trades and Labor Council desires to have all employment agencies in that territory abolished and have one general office established under the control of the government.

The State Federation of Labor of Texas has decided, by a large majority vote, that hereafter all officers of the federation are to be elected by secret ballot, and in that way eliminate politics from that body.

The Bakers' Union at Mayaguez, Porto Rico, is on strike to enforce hygienic conditions in bakeries there. It is affiliated with the International Union of Bakery Workers and the American Federation of Labor.

The strike of Bradford (England) wool-combers came to an end recently, an agreement being signed between the masters and the men. The chief points of the agreement are that a joint board is to be formed to deal with wage questions and other disputes; an advance of 12 cents a week to all receiving less than \$3.75 a week, and 25 cents to all receiving \$3.75 a week and over; two stops of half-an-hour each for night workers.

Monthly returns from 196 representative trade unions in New York in which 50,000, or nearly one-fourth of the organized wage earners in the State, show that at the end of the year the percentage of idleness was 20.6, as compared with 28.0 at the close of 1908 and 32.7 at the end of 1907. Returns as to earnings of organized wage workers in the third quarter of 1909 from all unions in the State show an average of \$23 for 319,754 men reporting. In the corresponding months of 1908 the average earnings for 288,191 men reporting was only \$20.7.

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL

CHICAGO.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of Chicago trade says: "The aggregate payments through the banks for six days exhibit a sharp decrease for the first time this year in comparison with the corresponding period of last year and the record of trading defaults continues unfavorable. Various contributing causes account for these adverse features in the business situation, but all are of a temporary nature, the basic conditions being sound in both commerce and finance.

"The increase in failures mainly applies to concerns affected by inadequate capital to meet the high cost of operation, and the bad weather, which limit spring sales, is responsible for the collapse in minor retail lines. The season is still improving very slowly and the general demand here and at the interior does not rise equal to expectation, but a few warm days will bring an adequate disposition of stocks.

"Wholesale dealings for future deliveries compare favorably with this time last year in dry goods, footwear, clothing, suits and cloaks, and men's furnishings, the attendance of visiting buyers being good, although the usual uncertainty as to crop conditions causes some conservatism in commitments.

"Bank clearings, \$257,619,466, are 5.8 per cent under those of the corresponding week in 1909, and compare with \$216,460,701 in 1908.

"Failures reported in the Chicago district numbered twenty-seven, as against thirty-one last week, twenty-six in 1909 and twenty-three in 1908. Those with liabilities over \$5,000 numbered five, as against eight last week, eight in 1909 and eight in 1908."

NEW YORK.

Quiet still rules in trade and many lines of industry, while speculation, except in grain, seems in a waiting stage, pending clearer views of the ultimate crop and price outcome. Relatively the most activity in the jobbing trade is centered in meeting current demands, and fall business still lacks force. Retail trade has shown some gain at the big Western markets, but is still classed as below expectations. Unreasonably cool weather is commonly assigned as the cause for the backward trade, but there are still in evidence signs that uncertainty as to prices holds back future commitments.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending May 26 were 200, a signalist 225 last week, 205 in the like week of 1909, 263 in 1908, and 142 in 1907 and 127 in 1906. Business failures in Canada for the week terminating with Thursday numbered fifteen, which compares with nineteen last week and twenty-two in the like week of last year—Bradstreet's.

THE MARKETS

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$4.00 to \$8.60; hogs, prime heavy, \$7.00 to \$9.55; sheep, fair to choice, \$4.50 to \$5.35; wheat, No. 2, \$1.09 to \$1.12; corn, No. 2, 50c to 60c; oats, standard, 38c to 39c; rye, No. 2, 75c to 76c; hay, timothy, \$9.00 to \$16.50; prairie, \$8.00 to \$14.50; butter, choice creamery, 24c to 27c; eggs, fresh, 17c to 20c; potatoes, new, per bushel, 90c to \$1.20.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$8.00; hogs, good to choice heavy, \$7.00 to \$9.50; sheep, good to choice, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, \$1.03 to \$1.04; corn, No. 2, white, 62c to 63c; oats, No. 2, white, 41c to 42c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$8.35; hogs, \$7.00 to \$9.55; sheep, \$3.50 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, \$1.11 to \$1.14; corn, No. 2, 60c to 61c; oats, No. 2, 37c to 38c; rye, No. 2, 75c to 80c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$7.50; hogs, \$7.00 to \$9.55; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, \$1.12 to \$1.16; corn, No. 2 mixed, 60c to 61c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 43c to 44c; rye, No. 2, 82c to 84c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$7.00; hogs, \$7.00 to \$9.70; sheep, \$3.50 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, \$1.07 to \$1.09; corn, No. 3 yellow, 62c to 63c; oats, standard, 41c to 42c; rye, No. 1, 80c to 82c.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 northern, \$1.05 to \$1.07; corn, No. 3, 59c to 60c; oats, standard, 39c to 40c; rye, No. 1, 78c to 79c; barley standard, 65c to 67c; pork, mess, \$22.25.

New York—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$9.00; hogs, \$7.00 to \$10.00; sheep, \$4.00 to \$6.00; wheat, No. 2 red, \$1