CURRENT HAPPENINGS

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

FRANCKE SUES PEARY

DR. COOK'S POLAR PARTNER FILES ACTION IN BERLIN.

Plaintiff Alleges Explorer Took Advantage of Him While Ill at Etal. and Exacted Collection as Price of Transporting Him to America.

in the sum of \$10,000.

value of furs and walruses and narnatives in the arctic regions upon ar- defendants in the Hannibal suit. rangement with Dr. Cook that they

should share them half and half. ly III at Etah, owing to a fall on a Peary set aside a part of the collec- ally taken for granted. tion to present to ex-President Roose-

him by a deputy, and the officer then attention to the fact that this was a under the new law.

of a court action against Commander his hands of the whole affair. He continued. declined to make any statement with reference to the suit.

DELUGE IN KANSAS CITY.

Downpour of Rain Floods Cellars and

A rain storm of almost unprece dented severity prevailed over westseveral hours Wednesday.

Does Heavy Damage.

In Kansas City, Mo., cellars were flooded and much damage was done to property in the low lands. For two hours the city was enveloped in darkness the density of the precipitation making it difficult to see across the street.

On Southwest boulevard small frame houses were washed from their foundations.

There was ten feet of water in the at 1:30 p. m.

In Kansas City, Kan., Mrs. Charlotte Hicks was killed by lightning while standing on the porch of her home at 1606 Lafayette street. In Joplin, Mo., cellars were flooded. Several mines near Galena, Kan.,

were forced to suspend operations. The rain at Topeka was accompanied by hail. It grew so dark there that street cars were lighted.

LIVING TO GO HIGHER.

Icnrease in Food Prices Predicted by Steel Trust Magnate.

Albert H. Cary, chairman of th executive board of the United States fired at Batson, Steel corporation, in a recent interview, predicted an increase in the cost of general living, a general wage inreease and an advance in the cost of the production of nearly all commodities.

"We are now in the center of one Mr. Gary, "and the future is bright for of the greatest harvests of prosperity the country has ever witnessed," said a continuance of the good times, but with these good times will surely come an increase in the cost of living; and why not? Commodities are going upward, materials are higher and wages are being advanced at a fair rate, and this means more money for the butcher, baker and others that provide for the home. It is not only just and proper, but will make for a better general result all over the country."

Police Seek Missing School Girl. Police throughout Colorado are searching for Esther White, a 17year-old Trinidad girl, who disappeared a week ago from a boarding house in Denver.

Sionx City Live Stock Market. Wednesday's quotations on the

Sloux City live stock market follow Top beeves, \$8.25. Top hogs, \$9.40.

Gov. Broward Wins. Frineds of United States Senator James P. Faliafero, of Jacksonville. Fla., Wednesday conceded that Gov. Broward won the election to the senate by over 1,500.

Illinois Woman Killed by Fall. Mrs. Elizabeth Pillow, aged 74 cears, who moved to Evansville, Ill., a few days ago from Shawneetown, Ill., fell down the stairs at her home Wednesday and was killed.

PEACE PACT ON RATES.

State Historical Society

Uncle Sam and Railroads Reach an Agreement.

A complete agreement between the government and the recently enjoined association was reached at a White The railroads represented agreed to effective on or after June 1, and agreed to file no more increases until the bill in congress, which gives the interstate commerce commission power to investigate and suspend increases that are not justified, becomes a law and goes into effect.

President Taft thereupon stated that the administration's purpose in bringing the injunction suit had been accomplished and the suit would be discontinued. The discontinuance will Rudolph Francke, who was asso- not be entered, however, until the ciated with Dr. Frederick A. Cook is new railroad law is signed. The bearctic explorations, has brought suit lief was expressed that all of the against Commander Robert E. Peary other railroads of the country which have filed increased rates or have had The amount is estimated at half the such a plan under consideration will abide by the agreement reached with whales which Francke bought from the twenty-four railroads named as

There was to be a conference at the White House Tuesday in which According to Francke's statements President Brown of the New York Commander Peary found him serious. | Central, President McRea of the Pennsylvania railroads and other officials glacier, and took advantage of this representing railroads in the eastern circumstance to demand the entire and central territory will participate collection as the price for transport. That they will acquiesce in President ing him to America. Francke claims Taft's proposition and hold up the that he did not act of his own free proposed increases until after the will, but by compulsion, and says that new law becomes effective is practic-

Everyone connected with this conference seemed gratified over the out-The papers in the suit were served come. All that President Taft has on Commander Peary at a hotel in desired is that the interstate com-Berlin Wednesday night. He refused merce commission should have auto take them when they were handed thority to investigate and determine whether or not they are justified by hald them on a table in the presence conditions and are just to the shipof a witness, calling the commander's pers. This power is to be conferred

The railroads, on the other hand. Earlier in the day, when the report it is pointed out, are to be relieved of embarrassing litigation, are assured Peary was being noised about, the of a "square deal" when their case commander sought the American am- I spresented to the interstate combassador, David Jayne Hill, and sub- merce commission, and are free to remitted the case to him. He declared sume the contracts for improvements later that he left the matter in the and extensions which they threatened ambassador's hands and had washed to cancel had the court proceedings

MAKE A DASH FOR LIBERTY.

Eighty Soldiers Escape from Ship as It is About to Sall for Manila.

A sensational dash for liberty at San Francisco Monday in which it is said 80 men of Battery C, Second field artillery, outward bound from Fort ern Missouri and eastern Kansas for D. A. Russell, Wyo., to Manila, on the transport Logan, participated, is being given a rigid investigation by Capt. Francis W. Griffin, commanding the battery. Thirteen men, two having seen taken from the city prison, have cen placed in the transport's brig.

According to an official report alnost half of the battery just at dusk Saturday night slipped from the slip without orders, carrying arms and wearing cartridge belts, scaled a high fence at the dock and sneaked along boiler room of the Kansas City Star the harbor front. Some who were unble to evade the dock guard dropped

ACCUSED OUTRAGER SHOT.

Negro Slain While Awaiting Arrival of Officers.

overboard and swam ashore.

Grubbs Batson, a negro, wanted for in attack on two white girls at Krebs, Okla., late Sunday, was shot and killed by an unknown man early Monday. Bloodhounds had followed the trail

to Batson's home in McAlester. He was arrested and brought to Krebs. While seated in a drug store, awaiting the arrival of officers, someone poked a shetgun through the rear door and

Hurt in Wreck.

Norfolk and Western passenger train No. 42, known as the Washington and Chattanooga Limited, was wrecked at Seven-Mile Ford, between Roanoke and Bristol, Va., Sunday night and twelve persons were injured, ione seriously.

To Discover the Hook Worm. Delegates from every state and teritory in the United States arrived at St. Louis Monday to attend the antual convention of the American Medical association, which opened Tues-

will be two of the subjects discussed. Steamer is Refloated.

day. The hook worm and pellagra

The Scandinavian-American steamer United States, which went ashore in the fjord at Christiansand, Norway. Saturday, was refloated Monday. The vessel returned to Copenhagen. The vessel was en route from Copenhagen for New York when she grounded

Gold Medal for Peary.

After lecturing at the opera house at Antwerp Monday night Commander Robert E. Peary was presented with the gold medal of the Royal Antwerp Geographical society.

Dies on a Train.

Charles E. Doyle, vice president of the Chesapeake and Ohio railway, died in his car Sunday, following a years. He had a distinguished career, stroke of apoplexy, on the way to serving in Egypt and South Africa and Richmond. He was born in Missouri on special missions to Canada. in 1851.

Millionaire Goddard Dead. Hiram Goddard, millionaire lumberman, aged 74, died Monday after an ported, in north Korea by Koreans illness of three months, at La Crosse, who are opposed to the annexation of

INDIANS MUST PAY TAXES.

Oklahoma Superior Court Validates Levy Made in 1908.

According to a decision of Judge Joel M. Sandlin, of the superior court. railroads of the Wstern Trunk Line at Guthrie, Okla., Tuesday afternoon, all original Chickasaw and Choctaw House conference which lasted more allottees must pay taxes to the state than four hours Monday afternoon, the same as other citizens. This ruiing will affect approximately 9,000 Inwithdraw all rate increases filed to be dian land owners and means the valldation of the tax levy made by the state for 1908.

Petitions were filed by 9,000 allotces to enjoin the state from collecting the 1908 taxes on their allotments. Attorney General West demurred to the petitions. In this he was sustained, the court holding that the state has a right to tax its citizens and that if the contract made with the Indians in the Atoka agreement exempted lands of original allottees from taxation, this had not been done by the state. These allottees, the court held. should look to the federal government

NEGRO LOCKED UP.

Private in Colored Regiment Charged with Assaulting Woman.

Private Nathaniel Bledset, of Company D. Twenty-fifth United States infantry, was turned over to the Seattle. Wash, police Tuesday by the commander of Fort Lawton, after being dentified as the negro who forced his way into the home of Mrs. J. W. Redding and ill treated her Saturday night. Bledset is now locked up in the city jail.

The city council has adopted a resolution requiring the representative in ongress from this state to obtain the removal of the negro troops from Fort Lawton.

DRY LAW DECISION.

rederal Court Renders an Opinion in Kansas Case,

A decision by Judge John C. Polock, of the United States circuit court, announced at Topeka Monday, it is believed, will settle the controversy between Kansas pharmacists and the ourts as to the validity of the prohibitory act of 1909.

Judge Pollock upheld the act absoutely and, in his opinion, liquor in no wise can be sold in Kansas except on a physician's prescription, and then only by the physician himself.

Crum Given a Berth.

President Taft Tuesday nominated William D. Crum, of South Carolina, to be minister resident and consu reneral at Monrovia, Liberia. Crum s the negro whose appointment by Mr. Roosevelt as collector of the port at Charleston, S. C., raised such a storm of protest in the south.

Fined for Attempted Smuggling.

A fine of \$5,000 was imposed by ludge Reelstab in the United States court on Mrs. Matilda M. Chesbrough, wife of a wealthy Boston ship owner. who was recently convicted of the harge of attempting to smuggle perional property into this country.

Watcher Falls Off Roof.

Scantily 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.

Ban New Fangled Dances.

The United Professional Dancing l'eachers' association, in convention in Chicago, cast the new fangled hot oots to the rubbish heap and resurrected the dreamy waitz of ye old time. The frenzied performance was called a coarse and killing pastime,

Missourian Ends Life.

Harry B. Kay, 34 years old, who unil recnently was cashier of a bank In Pasadena, Cal., committed suicide y shooting at Pocatella, Idaho, Wednesday. Kay was en route to his home n St. Joseph, Mo., having finished a hunting trip in Idaho. He was well supplied with money, and the cause of his action is unknown.

Decision for Farr.

Attorney General Wickersham has endered a decision in which he holds that Richard Parr is entitled to reover from the government the amount of his claim for information given against the so-called sugar

Will Lend Rord \$25,000,000. It was announced Monday that are

nternational banking group would ake \$25,000,000 of the bonds of the Southern Pacific railway. The terms of the loan will be made public later by Kuhn, Loeb & Co., of New York,

Fires a Fate! 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.

English General Expires.

Gen. Sir William Francis Butler died in London Tuesday, aged 72

Anti-Jap Rising.

An anti-Japanese rising of serious proportions is being plotted, it is re-Korea by Japan.

Nebraska

State News

MONEY SNATCHER JUMPS.

Excitement Caused on a Burling Train Near Seward. When the Burillagton train from the west was approaching Seward between 12 and 1 Sunday, two men snatched \$135 from a passenger with whom they had been playing cards. The man who was robbed notified the conductor, and one of the money snatchers was caught. The other jumped from the train at a point where the track runs on a high embankment.

The train was backed up and the man who had jumped off was found unconscious at the bottom of the embankment. One of his legs was broken in two places, and he is so badly injured internally that he cannot live, it is said. The money was recovered in his possession. The two prisoners, who refused to give their names, are now in jail, and the man from whom the money was taken is held as a witness.

PHOTOGRAPHER GETS A SCARE.

Does Not Want the Experience Repeated Very Soon.

Charles W. Gates, of Tekamah, and three young men had an experience which they do not care to have rethe art studio, and three young men called there in the evening to have their pictures taken by flashlight. Mr. Gates prepared to do the work and was in the act of alling the electric flash lamp with powder from a can when the lamp short circuited, blowing up the whole can, knocking them | Saturday. The robbers secured nothall down. Aside from having his hands burned Mr. Gates escaped unharmed, the other three who were getting "shot" were stunned, but not in-

Almost Buried Alive.

While working in a ditch ten feet deep Tuesday afternoon, Ralph Dean and John Vanmeter, of Cambridge, were caught by the bank caving off. feet, but quick work on the part of Vanmeter was buried, but his head remained above the ground so that he did not suffer from suffocation.

Builds New Bridge.

The county commissioners of Red Willow and Hitchcock counties let the contract to the Standard Bridge company of Omaha this week for a new wooden bridge across the Repub lican river on the county line between McCook and Culbertson.

Companies Raise Rates.

The fire insurance companies doing have greatly increased their rates. On business houses the rate has been doubled. The business men and others of the burg dislike the movement and threaten to carry their own risks.

Acarney Votes to Buy Waterworks.

At a special election held Tuesday the citizens of Kearney voted, by a good majority to buy the city water plant at the figures offered by the American Water company, which is \$125,000.

Insurance Company Barred.

The State Farmers' Mutual Hail Insurance company, of Waseca, Minn., has been denied permission to do ousiness in Nebraska by State Auditor Barton, consequently it has no authority to do business in this state.

Crazy Man Taken.

A crazy man by the name of Smith, was taken into Valentine Monday by Sheriff Rossetter. The man has been having spells in which he says that he must kill somebody and he is afraid that he will kill some of his family.

Gets an Orphanage.

The Swedish Lutheran orphanage is to be established in Stromsburg. Oficers of the association have been elected and are now arranging for the erection of a building.

Chinese Baby Arrives. A girl baby has been born to Mr.

and Mrs. Louis Anko, of Omaha. So far as Major Barker, of the health department can recall, this is the second child of Chinese parents to be born in Omaha.

Buries Oldest Citizen. Red Willow county has just buried her oldest citizen, T. D. McCarthy,

aged 92 years. A meeting of the property owners along the Nemaha river bottoms in Johnson county and others interested in the proposed drainage proposition was held at the court house in Te-

cumseh Thursday. Ernest Rottman of Murdock entered plea of guilty to an indictment for sending non-mailable matter through T. C. Munger at Lincoln. Wednesday,

and was fined \$50 and costs.

FATHER SHOOTS DAUGHTER.

In Concise

Form

Henry Frannsen, of St. Libory, Fires

Bullet Into Girl's Heart. While Henry Frannsen was at the ome of a relative near St. Libory Friday, some of the men, including Mr. Frannsen, engaged in shooting at a target with a 22-caliver rifle. The target was a brickbat some distance away. Forty feet to the side stood Frannsen's little 9-year-old daughter, Martha. Mr. Franssen took a shot and hit the brick. The bullet eems to have glanced off and struck the little girl, entering the heart Death was almost instantaneous.

Mrs. Wilbur Tries Suicide.

Mrs. E. E. Wilbur, wife of a prominent dentist of Hastings, was found unconscious in the kitchen of her home Saturday evening and gas was pouring from two burners of the gas range. It is supposed she turned on the gas with suicidal intentions. Her condition is serious.

Gopher Poison is Fatal.

Vernon Tewell, a farmer living four miles west of Waco, died very suddenly Friday. He was poisoning some gophers in his corn field when it is supposed, he placed some of the polsoned corn in the same pocket with peated. Mr. Gates is properletor of his tobacco. Soon after he was seized with convulsions and died.

Robbers Make Light Haul.

The effort, by the aid of blood hounds to trace thieves who entered two stores in the town of Phillips during Friday night were abandoned late ing but a few pennies and got out of Phillips on a railroad velocipede, stolen there and ditched at the outskirts of this place.

Highwayman Stabs Tramp.

John Enright, a tramp, whose

orldly possessions figured up \$3, was held up, robbed and almost mortally wounded while cooking a meal for

cared for at the county hospital. No Answer Yet. Theodore Roosevelt has written from London to Gov. Shallenberger that he is thankful to receive an invitation through the governor to address the Nebraska State Teachers' association this fall, but he cannot consider

making of new dates till he returns to his home.

Receiver to Be Appointed. A receiver will be appointed for the Schuyler Building and Loan association, to liquidate the balance of the business. It ceased doing new business over three years ago, and is now business in the village of Elk Creek, in the hands of the state banking board.

Man Fights for Little Son. Dr. Osborne, at the time the highline train was about to leave Elwood for Holdrege, Saturday night, caused much excitement by trying to take his year-old baby boy from his wife, who was taking the child and leaving the man permanently.

Found Wife Dead on Floor.

The funeral of Mrs. Joseph Bosler was held Sunday. Mr. Bosler, who is a day laborer, returned to his home at noon Friday to find his wife on the floor dead. She had been stricken with heart disease. The deceased was about fifty years of age.

Arrange Chautauqua Dates.

The dates for the holding of the Kearney Chautauqua have been set for July 16 to 24, inclusive. Preparations are being made by the management and one of the best programs in the state is promised the people. This is the first year that the assembly will be held in its own grounds.

Burglars Visit Ashland.

Early Sunday morning burglars broke into four business houses at Ashland. At two of the places they cracked the safes but took nothing but cash, securing less than \$10 at all four places.

Stereotypers in Annual Session. The big convention of the Internaional Stereotypers' and Electrotypers' Union of North America will open in Omaha June 13, and will last until

June 18. Judge R. H. Rohr Dead. R. H. Rohr, who retired as county judge at Beaver City last January after serving two terms, died at Hum-

boldt, Ia., Saturday morning, where

he was visiting relatives. A packed house of women and children at the Crystal moving picture theater at Norfolk, was thrown into panic late Friday night, when three films caught fire and exploded, set-

ting the theater afire. In district court Saturday afternoon Judge Hostetler of Kearney gave judgment for \$4,299.25 in the suit of St. the United Sties mails before Judge Luke's Episcopal church against Francis G. Keens, this being the full amount prayed for.

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP NOW AT 32,936,445

Protestant Denominations Report 20,287,742 and the Roman Catholics 12,679,149.

NUMBERS ARE ON THE INCREASE

Statistics Are Based on Report of United States Census, Soon to Be Published.

The aggregate number of communicants or members of all religious denominations in the United States in 1906 was 32,936,445, according to the United States census of religious bodies. Of this grand total, the various Protestant bodies reported 20,-287,742 and the Roman Catholic church 12,679,142.

Of the Protestant communicants, ac cording to the report, 80.6 per cent were outside the principal cities of the country. Of the Catholics, 27.9 per cent were in the cities of the first class, those having a population of more than 300,000, while 47.8 per cent were outside the cities of the first, second, third or fourth classes, the last class being cities of 25,000 to 50,000. Protestants in the first-class cities aggregated 7.3 per cent. Of the Protestants, the Protestant

Episcopal church reported a majority of its communicants in the principal cities, 51.2 per cent, as did the Church of Christ, Scientist, 82.6 per cent. The report shows a growth of all communicants, both in the cities and country, since 1890. In the five leading cities the proportion of communi-

GOES INTO RECEIVERS' HANDS.

Jones Dry Goods Company of Kansas City Taken Over by Courts. Receivers for the Jones Dry Goods Company of Kansas City, one of the largest retail general merchandise concerns in the West, were appointed by the federal court to-day. The liabili. King Edward. This, coupled with adhimself at the Burlington stock yards, ties are placed at \$1,400,000 and the Mr. Dean was buried a depth of three Hastings. Friday night. He is being assets at \$2,000,000. The receivers said clude the third volume of his "Amerithe company was solvent and that its | can Commonwealth," on which he has business would be continued without interruption. It is alleged that the company has been spending large sums for realty and for leases that should have been placed in the business. The immediate cause of the receivership is given as poor business resulting from unfavorable spring weather. The principal creditors are in St. Louis, Chica-

DEDICATE KENTUCKY'S CAPITOL.

go, Philadelphia, and New York.

New \$2,000,000 Structure Is Opened with Much Ceremony.

Kentucky's \$2,000,000 capitol was dedicated the other day with exercises that occupied practically the entire day. Special trains from all directions brought thousands of persons to Frankfort, one train bringing more than 1,000 girls from the Louisville high school. The exercises, which were opened early in the morning by a signal gun, included an invocation by Bishop Lewis W. Burton of Lexington and addresses, mainly of historic interest, by Gov. Augustus E. Willson and United States Senator William O

SCHOOLS GHD COLLEGES

The annual outing of the North Central Minnesota Editorial Association will be held at Glengarry Springs, on Leech Lake, near Walker.

The oldest educational institution in existence is El Ashar University at Cairo, Egypt. It was founded in 98%. and had 8,510 students last year. Simplification of spelling is a plain matter of business expediency, according to Prof. Homer H. Scerley, presi-

dent of the Iowa State Teachers' Association Twenty-five coileges have been invited by the games committee of the Missouri Valley conferences to participate

in the annual meet to be held at Des Moines. For the second time in two years the debaters of St. Thomas Coffege have defeated the representatives of the Forum Literary Society of the University

of Minnesota Fifty students of the University of Minnesota have been dropped from the rolls of the colleges of engineering and science, literature and arts, for failure to maintain the required standard of scholarship.

Prof. R. R. Cochrane, of the chair of mathematics of the Manitoba University, died recently at the age of 60 years. He was a brother of the late George Cochrane, president of Los Angeles University. Dr. John C. Parish, of the State his-

torical department of Iowa and son of

the late Prof. L. W. Parish of Cedar

Falls, has accepted a position as pro-

fessor of American history and political science in Beloit College. The annual meeting of the Tri-Country Educational Association was held in Grafton, N. D. Resolutions were adopted imploring the State legislative assembly to appropriate money for the benefit of rural schools, while medical inspection of school children was urgBRITISH AMBASSADOR WHO MAY RETIRE AND HIS HELPMEET.



It is reported that British Ambassador James Bryce wishes to be relieved from further duty. The ambassador was greatly affected by the death of vancing years and the desire to conbeen working, is assigned by his colleagues as lending color to the report.

A Railroad's Safety Record. That only one person was killed out of 299,762,658 passengers carried by the Pennsylvania Railroad in the past two years is shown by figures now published by the officials of that road. In that time 270 passengers were injured in train wrecks. In 1909 there were two less passenger collisions and fifteen less freight collisions than in

Noninflammable Celluloid. Prof. Gautier submitted to the Academy of Science at Paris an account of a process discovered by Dr. Botrelle, which renders celluloid fireproof. The principal point in the process is the use of either silicate instead of purs ether with alcohol as a solvent of nitrocellulose fibers.



Cornelia Dillon, half sister to Lou Dillon, is to be raced on the Pacific coast this season.

Harvard easily defeated Dartmouth in the annual dual track and field meet by a score of 91 5-6 to 25 1-6. The University of Pennsylvania de-

meet at Ithaca, N. Y., 72 points to 42. The intercollegiate football rules committee at a recent meeting decided to retain the forward pass unrestrict-Clover Patch, whose 3-year-old rec-

feated Cornell in the annual dual track

ord in 1908 was 2:09, has been sold C. R. Bentley of Buffalo to A. H. Miller of the same city. . The Senate of New York has passed a bill providing for the removal of the 5 per cent tax on the receipts of the racing associations of the Empire

Purses aggregating \$20,000 will be

hung up for the harness races at the Wisconsin State Fair to be held in Milwaukee, Wis., September 12 to 16, inclusive. Waldo disappointed thousands who expected to see him figure in the Ken-

tucky derby at Louisville by going lame so that he had to be dropped from the list of contestance. The work of drawing up a football schedule for 1910 has been completed by Manager Helon Leach of the University of Minnesota Athletic Associa-

tion and seven games will be played this year. The All-American Rughy football team, composed of representatives of the Universities of Nevada and California and Leland Stanford University, left San Francisco for Vancouver, en

route to Australia and New Zealand.

The Prince and Princess of Wales attended the Japan-British exposition in London and were entertained by a party of flu jitsu wrestlers. Both the Prince and Princess expressed wonder at the remarkable eleverness of the Orientals and the Prince declared that it was the most unique thing in sports