

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

The grocery, hardware and crockery store of Richard Witte at Pender was practically destroyed by fire.

S. N. Taylor, sheriff of Hall county, resigned his office last week. J. W. Ely has been appointed to fill the vacancy, effective September 1.

Miss Margaret Hall, late principal of the West Point High school, has accepted a position in the Lincoln High school for the next year.

Ford Quinby, of Yutan, was arrested under the new diploma law and the examining board found him guilty of the charges, committing him to the asylum for treatment.

Fire destroyed the barn and all the outbuildings of Charles Engeles, who lives in the outskirts of Schuyler. Two cows and a calf that were in the barn were burned to death.

A complete rural delivery service is now in operation in Johnson county. Fifteen carriers from seven postoffices go over the different routes each day, serving every farmer within the borders of the county.

Almost the entire colored population of Fremont, numbering about 100 persons, celebrated the anniversary of the signing of President Lincoln's emancipation proclamation by a picnic on an island in the Platte.

Fred Brinkman, a Johnson county farmer, harvested and threshed a nineteen acre field of wheat which yielded 800 bushels. He sold the grain for 75 cents per bushel, realizing over \$30 per acre from the land this year.

Linn Huntington, a former State university student, who left less than a year ago to accept a position as civil engineer on the Panama canal, writes that the work is progressing fast. His health is good.

State Treasurer Mortensen has issued a call for \$25,000 state general fund warrants running up to and including number 123,567, for August 16. This call brings the redemption up to warrants issued February 19, 1904.

Sheriff Bell of Cripple Creek, Colo., was in Grand Island with requisition papers for Frank Martin, alias Frank Buster, wanted on a charge of murder at Victor, Colo. Martin was held in Grand Island until Sheriff Bell arrived.

While stacking hay, R. Tappan, living one mile north of Hyannis, was struck by a stacker and nearly killed. The accident was due to the breaking of a clevis, allowing the stacker to fall on him, completely scalping him from eyebrows to neck and dislocating his right shoulder, breaking his nose, right arm and leg.

Sweet Water is the newest Buffalo county town and begins business with the brightest of prospects for a prosperous career. Heretofore the town of Sweet Water has been located in Sherman county, but County Surveyor Edwards has just finished the task of planting a new townsite across the line in Buffalo county.

J. E. Albee, who for six months has been mourned for as dead by his friends in Vermont, called at the office of a local paper in Fremont and assured them that he was not the man whose body was found with a bullet hole in the skull near the depot at Ames last January. His resemblance to that individual, however, was startling.

Governor Mickey Gave John Clark of Madison county, sentenced to three years for statutory assault, a pardon. The action of the governor was based on the recommendations of Supreme Court Justice J. B. Barnes, County Attorney Mapes of Madison county, the trial judge, and the members of the jury, who assert their doubt as to the man's guilt.

County Clerk Tyson has been authorized by the State Board of Equalization to make a number of changes in Cass county's assessment. In the valuation of horses a 5 per cent increase is made; pianos, 30 per cent; threshing machines, 40 per cent; sewing machines, 10 per cent. A 10 per cent increase is made in the valuation of mules.

During a severe electric storm the six-year-old granddaughter of Marshal Towles of Broken Bow was struck by lightning and badly burned. The bolt first struck the house and the child who was standing in the doorway received a portion, it running down the left side, burning her clothes off and passing from her body through the toes of her left foot.

Deputy Attorney General Thompson advised County Assessor Miller of Lancaster county that stockholders in Nebraska insurance companies must list their shares for taxation. Miller went to Secretary Bennett of the state board in the first instance and by him was referred to the deputy attorney general, who told him that the statute is explicit in its requirement, that the stock be listed for taxation and advised him to institute perjury proceedings who had filed their schedules without including this property.

John N. Kerr, a brakeman on the Burlington, was arrested at Lincoln and brought to Seward to answer to the charge of breaking into a car at Seward on April 16 and taking therefrom twenty boxes of cigars valued at \$35.

At a meeting of the Village Board of Leigh a special election was called for the purpose of voting water works bonds. The election will be held on Tuesday, September 12, and the bonds will be in the sum of \$8,000. At the same time the voters will have a chance to express their preference as to the kind of a system desired.

ASSESSMENT IS COMPLETE.

Secretary Bennett Mails Out Certificates to the Various Counties.

Secretary Bennett of the State Board of Equalization and Assessments has completed his work on the assessments and prepared the certificates of the state board's action for mailing to the counties, thus bringing the work to conclusion in record-break time, much to the surprise of the members of the board, who had feared that it would be unable to do the work by August 8, the statutory limit.

The total revenue on the valuation of \$304,419,340.62, the revised and corrected figures for the grand assessment roll is \$2,130,935.33, of which Douglas county contributes about one-tenth, \$208,935.11. The total revenue for the general fund on the 4 1/2-mill levy is \$1,269,887.01, while for the schools, derived from the 1/2-mill levy it is \$152,209.63. In the university fund and floating debt funds each will get \$304,419.32 from a 1-mill levy.

The following table gives the assessment roll of each county as equalized by the state board, and also the amount which each county will contribute under the 7-mill levy:

Counties.	Assessed Valuation.	Total State Levy.
Adams	5,173,996.27	26,217.96
Antelope	2,928,019.35	20,496.76
Banner	206,379.66	1,492.45
Boone	239,311.99	1,676.58
Box Butte	3,816,891.04	26,718.24
Boyd	999,856.22	6,998.04
Brown	1,395,234.50	11,866.54
Butte	789,176.70	5,524.23
Buffalo	5,376,031.45	37,632.23
Burt	4,445,173.85	31,116.23
Butler	5,724,694.90	40,142.86
Cass	7,227,361.60	50,591.53
Cedar	4,502,813.60	31,519.69
Chase	495,708.21	3,495.21
Cherry	2,182,191.88	15,375.34
Cheyenne	2,081,036.32	14,567.24
Clay	4,895,532.90	32,868.73
Colfax	2,324,911.35	16,488.08
Cuming	5,728,409.82	40,998.88
Custer	4,160,958.63	29,126.71
Dakota	2,160,269.40	15,121.96
Dawson	1,234,605.43	8,622.24
Deuel	3,622,338.22	25,426.37
DeWitt	992,309.08	6,946.10
Dodge	2,492,325.24	17,556.52
Douglas	7,094,858.98	49,054.02
Dundy	29,819,301.80	208,935.11
Dwight	5,856,324.33	41,992.26
Fillmore	4,900,600.45	34,204.20
Franklin	3,360,122.89	23,520.85
Frontier	1,240,935.46	8,686.56
Furnas	2,370,659.44	16,856.52
Gardner	9,132,440.59	63,794.05
Garfield	379,557.75	2,656.91
Gosper	1,133,912.20	7,927.38
Grant	4,813,853.23	33,773.09
Greene	1,763,264.75	12,343.54
Hall	4,814,728.40	33,703.10
Hamilton	4,782,519.60	32,477.62
Harlan	2,230,459.10	15,713.22
Hayes	432,967.17	3,030.75
Hitchcock	1,089,544.68	7,626.80
Holmes	2,793,889.14	19,757.31
Hooker	274,907.02	1,924.25
Howard	2,352,475.80	16,767.34
Jefferson	4,503,898.45	32,227.20
Johnson	2,720,095.24	19,266.83
Kearney	2,744,453.74	19,211.17
Keith	1,188,117.36	8,318.83
Keya Paha	582,944.60	4,080.60
Kimball	884,264.34	6,139.34
Knox	3,765,498.80	26,358.49
Lancaster	15,685,479.82	109,798.36
Lincoln	3,987,586.09	27,415.19
Loup	186,246.75	1,303.73
Lyon	201,553.13	1,410.87
Madison	4,557,518.20	31,902.63
Mahar	1,345,965.70	9,539.59
Merrick	3,406,339.09	23,844.38
Nance	2,418,728.98	16,931.10
Nemaha	4,329,746.52	30,408.32
Nickolls	1,960,565.58	13,922.97
Otoe	7,793,605.10	54,569.24
Pawnee	4,061,894.18	28,412.25
Perkins	1,238,873.32	8,567.11
Phelps	2,652,552.12	18,574.85
Pierce	2,432,359.90	17,003.52
Platte	3,994,505.12	41,961.54
Polk	1,089,544.68	7,626.80
Red Willow	1,803,921.21	12,827.45
Richardson	6,225,471.25	45,578.30
Rock	687,370.71	4,862.11
Saline	5,447,732.82	38,461.21
Sarpy	3,336,666.54	23,266.67
Saunder	3,064,246.05	21,649.78
Scotts Bluff	7,769,328.60	54,489.29
Seward	5,387,748.83	37,714.24
Sherman	1,565,524.81	10,831.58
Sioux	1,547,362.68	10,831.58
Stanton	693,277.47	4,862.11
Thayer	3,997,208.27	27,981.16
Thomas	3,143,883.97	21,900.72
Thurston	774,974.40	5,424.81
Valley	1,196,403.25	8,484.82
Washington	4,196,403.25	29,374.82
Wayne	3,893,558.20	27,254.92
Webster	3,081,026.15	21,567.19
Wheeler	346,353.19	2,424.46
York	6,103,865.94	43,147.06
Totals	\$304,419,340.62	\$2,130,935.33

Young Woman Burns to Death.

MINDEN—A shocking accident happened at the home of Clarence Wolcott, a farmer living about eight miles northwest of Minden, in which Agnes Schultz, a girl about 18 years of age, lost her life. She was lighting a fire, using coal oil, when the accident occurred.

Remedy for Cabbage Worm.

PLATTSMOUTH—H. C. McKenan of this city has discovered what he claims to be a sure remedy of the pest known as the cabbage worm. His method is to sprinkle common flour over the cabbage heads while the dew is on them.

Find Marked Pigeons.

OSCEOLA—A day or two ago a pigeon or dove came to the home of Jim Farris, and his young son went out and captured the bird. It had a silver ring on its leg. On the ring were the initials, "V. B. W., 1903 and No. 2322."

County Commissioner John H. Bennett of district No. 3, Red Willow county, has resigned, to take effect September 1. Mr. Bennett will move to Omaha to engage in the cigar and tobacco business.

Junkin Law May Be Valid.

The Junkin anti-trust law may be valid. Attorney Howell who was first quoted as having some doubt as to its validity on the ground of discriminatory exception of local corporations and railroads, stated that he had been given new light on the subject and rather inclined to the belief that it is valid. He stated that the act would not be conceded to be unconstitutional until it is held to be so by a court of last resort. This is regarded as an indication that the statute may be invoked.

SHOWING VAST EXTENT OF WIRE AND CABLE SERVICE USED BY RUSSO-JAPANESE ENVOYS



TREATIES THAT HAVE MADE HISTORY IN THE LAST CENTURY

It was November, 1814, that the famous Committee of the Eight Powers—Austria, England, France, Prussia, Russia, Spain, Portugal and Sweden—met at Vienna under the presidency of Prince Metternich to draw up a treaty which was to be henceforth the written law of Europe. The necessity for such a treaty was pressing. The moment seemed propitious. In the lawless grasp of Napoleon Bonaparte Europe had become a conglomeration of states without fixed boundaries or acknowledged rights to political existence. The old landmarks had been swept away, the balance of power destroyed, a strong state had become weak, weak states had become strong. The armies of Russia won in occupation of Poland. Austrian troops held all of Italy except Naples, English and Swedish troops held Holland and Belgium. English and Portuguese troops held a large portion of Spain, the Prussian troops held Saxony, the troops of Wurtemberg and Baden held the Rhine provinces. At length the hand which had wrought all this confusion was believed to have been effectually paralyzed. The sooner the normal state of things could be restored the better. Such was the train of ideas which led up to the Congress of Vienna.

It was Poland that formed the first stumbling block in the way of concord among the Powers. That unfortunate country had been torn into three fragments in 1772 and divided between Austria, Germany and Russia, the latter having the lion's share. Russia was now in martial possession of the entire country. It was the chivalric dream of the Russian Emperor Alexander I. to repair the partition and to replace the Poles in their condition as a free and constitutional kingdom under Russian suzerainty. But all the other Powers objected to the proposal. Their combined weight won. Finally a compromise was arrived at. It was agreed that a portion of the Duchy of Warsaw should be divided between Austria and Prussia, and the remaining portion, save Cracow, which was to be a free city) receiving a constitution, and being united to the Russian crown as the kingdom of Poland. Thus the sanction of a great European treaty was given to a great European wrong.

The Italian question might have become the subject of a prolonged discussion but for a hostile movement made by Murat, then King of the two Sicilies. This simplified matters. Naples, with Sicily, was delivered over to the house of Bourbon. Austria retained all her possessions in Italy but Piedmont and Genoa, which, with Sardinia, were given over to the house of Savoy, while Tuscany and other northern provinces were distributed among petty princes, dependent, some upon Austria, some upon the house of Austria. It took 1859-1860 and the combined efforts of Napoleon III., Charles Albert and Garibaldi to begin the righting of this third wrong.

With Switzerland the conference was more successful. An agreement between the Swiss deputies and the plenipotentiaries at Vienna established a confederation of twenty-two cantons, and their relative strength and influence were so constituted as to secure the preponderance to the party which adhered to the old customs and form of government.

The negotiations on the subject of Germany were equally amicable. All the German states were united into a confederation, whose capital, Frankfurt, was made a free city. In this arrangement England, by her connection with Hanover, and Russia, by her influence with the petty German princes, took a prominent part.

The treaty of Berlin was concluded in 1878, between Great Britain, Germany, Austria, France, Italy, Russia, and Turkey for the settlement of affairs in the East after the war between Turkey and Russia. Its chief provisions were that Bulgaria should be an autonomous and tributary principality under the suzerainty of the Sultan to be ruled by a Christian government, and that Eastern Roumania should remain under the direct military and political authority of the tsar. Bosnia and Herzegovina were to be occupied and administered by Austria-Hungary. The independence of Servia, Roumania and Montenegro were recognized, and portions of Armenia were ceded to Russia.

Lord Beaconsfield made his greatest diplomatic hit at the Berlin Conference. He always addressed the congress in English, and the combination of dignity and power which marked his best style in speaking seems to

FAMOUS NEWSPAPER MAN



Dr. George Ernest Morrison

Dr. George Ernest Morrison, London Times correspondent at Peking, in England's unofficial ambassador to China. His knowledge of oriental affairs is so intimate and his sources of information so sure that his dispatches to the Times are accepted and acted upon by the governments of Europe as if they came from a legation. His knowledge of the inside workings of Chinese politics has several times enabled him to give the world information of sensational importance which

have made a profound impression on the group of Continental statesmen. It was largely due to his influence that the congress simply tore up the preliminary treaty of San Stefano extorted by Russia from Turkey, which would virtually have annihilated Turkey in Europe. Rather than consent to this Beaconsfield would have fought Russia in alliance with Turkey, and Frederick Greenwood, the journalist, assures us from "personal knowledge" that he had gone much further in maturing a scheme of attack and defense than is commonly known. He believed that not to throw back the Russian advance then was to lose England's last chance of postponing to a far future the predominance of a great rival power in the East. It was largely due to Beaconsfield that Russia was compelled to content herself with a moderate acquisition of territory in Asia, with the extension of her frontiers to the mouth of the Danube and with the formation of two Bulgarian vassal states.

Two treaties of Paris are famous in American history. The first, made in 1803, ceded the province of Louisiana to this country. The second, made between Spain and the United States after the war of 1898, ceded to this country all Spanish possessions in the East and the West Indies.

The Spanish and American commissioners, five from each country, met at Paris on October 1, 1898. The American commissioners were William R. Day, chairman; Senator Cushman K. Davis, Senator William P. Frye, Whitelaw Reid and Senator George Gray. Spain was represented by Eugenio Montero Rios, chairman; Buenaventura d'Arbuzua, Jose de Garnica, Wenceslao Ramirez de Villa Urrutia and General Rafael Certero.

The Cuban question was the first to come up for consideration. The Spanish commissioners contended that since there was no Cuban state sovereignty over Cuba must pass to the United States and that the latter was responsible for the Cuban debt secured on the customs of the island. The American commissioners refused to accept for their government the capacity of sovereignty over Cuba, representing that the war avowedly had not been waged for territorial aggrandizement, but for liberation and order. It was not till Oct. 27 that the

even the legations at Peking did not have. He was the first to discover the treachery of the Chinese government in the boxer uprising five years ago. His dispatches during the Russo-Japanese war have given the most comprehensive idea the public has received of the Chinese government's attitude toward the belligerents.

Dr. Morrison is now in America as representative of the London Times, watching the negotiations for peace now taking place at Portsmouth, N. H.

Spanish commissioners accepted the Cuban articles. The demands of the United States in regard to the Philippines and other islands in the East and West Indies were presented on Oct. 31. They included the cession of the entire Philippine archipelago, as well as Porto Rico and Guam, the United States agreeing to reimburse Spain to the extent of her pacific expenditures for permanent improvements. To this Spain demurred on the ground, among others, that the capitulation of Manila on the day subsequent to the signing of the protocol of peace was void. She offered to submit the question to arbitration. The United States refused to recede from its position, and on Nov. 21, announced its final offer to pay \$20,000,000 in a lump sum as compensation to Spain for all improvements. The commissioners further agreed that the United States would maintain in the Philippines an open door to all nations, a stipulation which carried with it the admittance of Spanish ships and Spanish merchandise on the same terms as those of the United States. Further, they agreed to the mutual relinquishment of all American and Spanish claims, either individual or national, for indemnity that had arisen since the opening of hostilities. Nov. 28 was named as the final day for the acceptance or rejection of these terms. On that date the terms were accepted by Spain. The treaty was finally drawn up on Dec. 10 and was signed the same evening.

Revolt of Cruelty of Frenchman.

A stir has been caused in Paris by the news that M. Liegot, the French representative of Thekaw, in Indo China, has committed suicide in order to avoid an inquiry into his methods of treating the natives. The allegations made against him were of the most terrible character. It is said that he often ordered men to be stripped and then wrote his name on their backs with a red hot poker. If a Chinaman refused to answer any question he was trussed like a fowl and hung with his head resting on the point of a bayonet fixed in the ground. If he still refused, he was struck over the head and gradually forced down on the bayonet. For flogging, Liegot used a rope of woven silk, into which sharp spikes had been knotted.

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A young woman while in Pittsburgh lost her railway ticket. She offered to sell her pretty petticoat to a woman at the station for the price of a railway ticket home, and the bargain was promptly effected.

Charity that begins at home seldom passes the kindergarten effort.—Timothy Hay in The Pilgrim.

What to Do if Constipated.

Summer Bowel and Stomach Trouble.

- Q. What is the beginning of sickness?
A. Constipation.
- Q. What is Constipation?
A. Failure of the bowels to carry off the waste matter which lies in the alimentary canal where it decays and poisons the entire system. Eventually the results are death under the name of some other disease. Note the deaths from typhoid fever and appendicitis, stomach and bowel trouble at the present time.
- Q. What causes Constipation?
A. Neglect to respond to the call of nature promptly. Lack of exercise. Excessive brain work. Mental emotion and improper diet.
- Q. What are the results of neglected Constipation?
A. Constipation causes more suffering than any other disease. It causes rheumatism, colds, fevers, stomach, bowel, kidney, lung and heart troubles, etc. It is the one disease that starts all others. Indigestion, dyspepsia, diarrhoea, loss of sleep and strength, are its symptoms—stomach, appendicitis and stasis, are caused by Constipation. Its consequences are known to all physicians, but few sufferers realize their condition until it is too late. Women become confirmed invalids as a result of Constipation.
- Q. Do physicians recognize this?
A. Yes. The first question your doctor asks you is "are you constipated?" That is the secret.
- Q. Can it be cured?
A. Yes, with proper treatment. The common error is to resort to physics, such as pills, salts, mineral water, castor oil, injections, etc., every one of which is injurious. They weaken and increase the malady. You know this by your own experience.
- Q. What then should be done to cure it?
A. Use the free coupon below at once. Mull's Grape Tonic will positively cure Constipation and in the shortest space of time. No other remedy has before been known to cure Constipation positively and permanently.
- Q. What is Mull's Grape Tonic?
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