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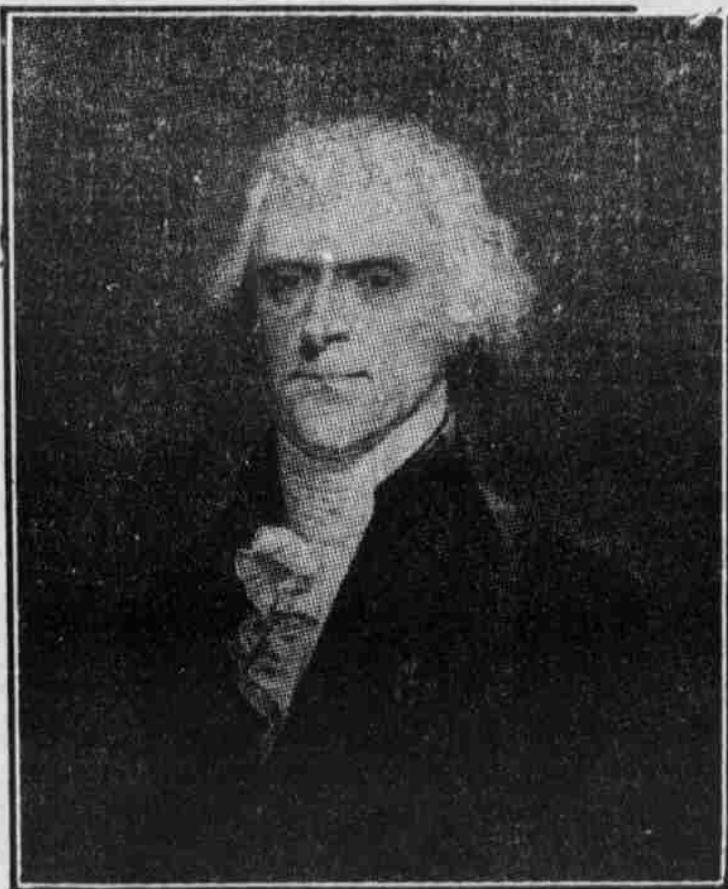
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### CAIRO SITUATION CRITICAL.

Negroes Who Fired on Mob Said to Be Marked Men.

Cairo, Ill., Feb. 22.—Because of the great excitement here and to lessen the danger of further mob violence, Circuit Judge Butler adjourned court for two weeks.

Sheriff Nellis alleges that at least one member of the grand jury was present in the crowd during the attack on the jail.

Statements by four negro deputy sheriffs on the witness stand in the coroner's investigation of the killing of Alexander Halliday, that they fired several shots each into the mob that was demanding admission to the county jail and court house Thursday night, have renewed the anti-negro agitation.

The negroes who participated in the firing on the mob are said to be marked men now that their names have become public. The killing of the white man and the wounding of several others at the hands of negroes has brought out protests from even the conservative element.

Tears ran down the sheriff's cheek as he told of his desperate efforts to find men to assist him in protecting his prisoners. He declared that the local militia company, company K, was notified before 10 o'clock Thursday night to report to him immediately to protect the jail. The company did not put in an appearance until six hours later.

### SIXTY HAVE CLOSE CALL

Explosion in Pottery Factory Due to Broken Gas Pipe.

East Liverpool, O., Feb. 22.—Sixty girls and men employed in the decorating department of D. E. McNichol, a pottery firm, had a narrow escape from death when escaping gas caught fire and exploded. Three were seriously injured. The building was destroyed.

The injured are John Barnhard, Maud Gould and Tillie Baumgartner, all badly cut by glass and bruised. A panic followed the explosion.

A freight car, which jumped a track, ran into a gas pipe and burst it, causing the escape of gas, and fire followed. For an instant the decorating room was filled with fire, and that many were not killed is considered miraculous.

### REFUSE HIGHER PAY IN MINES

Illinois Operators Flatly Reject Demands of Union Miners.

Peoria, Feb. 22.—The Illinois Coal Operators' association, represented by six of their leaders from Chicago, made point blank refusal to the proposition for an interstate conference on the demands of the miners at a private meeting here. They demanded a joint conference with only the Illinois miners.

### Calls Rostand a Plagiarist.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Samuel Eberly Gross, who accuses Edmond Rostand of having plagiarized from the "Merchant Prince of Cornville" two plays—"Cyrano de Bergerac" and "The Chanticleer"—sent a cablegram to the French academy denouncing Rostand as a "literary thief" and demanding an investigation of Rostand's right to be a member of that organization.

### Tug Nina Is Reported Found.

Newport News, Va., Feb. 22.—It is reported at Fort Monroe that the missing naval tug Nina has been found on the coast of Virginia, where it was driven by the severe storm, which it was thought sent it to the bottom of the Atlantic.

### PRICES GO UP AND DOWN

Wheat Closes Steady, Corn Weak and Oats Narrow.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Wheat was nervous and erratic today, falling from  $\frac{1}{8}$ c to  $\frac{1}{16}$ c, and closing steady to  $\frac{1}{16}$ c up. Corn dragged throughout the session and closed weak. Oats kept within narrow limits, while provisions started strong on the advance in live hog prices and later lost some of the early gain. Closing prices:

Wheat—May, 1.14@1.14 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; July, 1.05 $\frac{1}{2}$ @1.05 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Sept., 1.00 $\frac{1}{2}$ @1.00 $\frac{1}{4}$ .  
Corn—May, 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; July, 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ @67 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.  
Oats—May, 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; July, 44 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.  
Pork—May, \$23.67 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; July, \$23.65.  
Lard—May, \$12.75; July, \$12.76.  
Ribs—May, \$12.45; July, \$12.42 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 hard wheat, \$1.14 $\frac{1}{2}$ @1.15 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; No. 2 corn, 63 $\frac{1}{4}$ @66c; No. 2 oats, 47 $\frac{1}{2}$ @48c.

### Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, Feb. 21.—Cattle—Receipts, 25,000; steady to 10c higher; heaves, \$4.55@5.00; Texas steers, \$4.25@5.30; western steers, \$4.40@6.25; stockers and feeders, \$3.30@5.75; cows and heifers, \$2.40@6.00; calves, \$7.25@9.75. Hogs—Receipts, 37,000; 5@10c higher; light, \$8.90@9.30; mixed, \$8.95@9.40; heavy, \$9.00@9.45; rough, \$9.60@9.15; good to choice heavy, \$9.15@9.45; pigs, \$8.20@9.20; bulk of sales, \$9.30@9.35. Sheep—Receipts, 18,000; steady to strong; natives, \$4.75@7.40; westerns, \$5.00@7.30; yearlings, \$7.10@8.80; lambs, natives, \$7.50@9.30; westerns, \$7.50@9.35.

### South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, Feb. 21.—Cattle—Receipts, 5,000; steady to strong; native steers, \$4.75@7.25; cows and heifers, \$3.50@5.75; western steers, \$3.25@6.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.00@5.75; calves, \$3.50@8.25; bulls and stags, \$3.25@5.25. Hogs—Receipts, 7,000; 5@10c higher; heavy, \$9.00@9.10; mixed, \$8.95@9.45; light, \$8.85@9.05; pigs, \$7.75@8.50; bulk of sales, \$8.35@9.05. Sheep—Receipts, 10,000; strong; yearlings, \$7.00@8.15; wethers, \$6.15@7.15; ewes, \$6.00@6.85; lambs, \$7.75@9.10.

## NEBRASKA NEWS

Of 200 Ears Tested at Omaha Only 55 Are Good.

MEANS ONE-FOURTH OF CROP.

Opening of Commercial Club's Germination Box Develops Alarming Situation for Nebraska Farmers, as Only 27.25 Per Cent of It Will Grow—Best Samples Come From Ranch Near Kearney.

Omaha, Feb. 22.—If all the seed corn which Nebraska farmers intend to plant this year is in as poor condition as 200 samples tested by the Commercial club, just 27.25 per cent of it will grow and the state will have just a little better than one-fourth of a crop. Here are the results of the first test of 200 ears:

Number germinating strong with good roots.....	55
Number not growing and showing no signs of life.....	40
Number alive, but weak, small roots and sprouts.....	63
Number mildewed, some sprouting before rot started.....	42

Total ears tested.....	200
Actual number fit for seed.....	55

Ears worthless for seed.....145  
Sad Sight When Box is Opened.

It was really a sad sight when the Commercial club germination box was opened. Six kernels had been taken from each of the 200 ears last Thursday and placed in the box, which was kept in the steam heated rooms. Forty of the little cups were without a sign of life, which means 20 per cent of the corn will not grow at all. In sixty-three cups the kernels had sprouted, but some had no roots and others had roots so weak they were not worth consideration.

But the worst looking cups were the forty-two, which were filled with rotting corn—some cups almost full of mildew.

Thus the result of the test shows that 145 out of 200 ears are unfit for seed. Some might produce stalks, but would never give the farmers' ears.

While this percentage is low, it would have been lower had not one sample of ten ears come from a professional corn grower, who tests his seed, and the sample was either previously tested or taken from stock which had tested high. All ten of these ears grew and showed their ability to produce strong roots.

Other than these the best samples of corn came from the Watson ranch, near Kearney.

The samples tested were from Petersburg, Blair, Kearney, Newman's Grove, Waterloo, Norfolk, Hadar, Clay Center, Clarkson, Concord, Wakefield, Coleridge, Omaha and two samples from grain companies.

### Iowa Corn is Still Worse.

As low as the Nebraska corn tests, it gave in this test three times as many strong ears as a test of Iowa corn, made by a Des Moines paper, which showed only eight ears in 100 would produce strong roots and sprouts, indicating its ability to produce corn.

One of the best samples came from Clarkson. It was in two lots, seventeen ears altogether. Only one failed to show life; nine were good, strong ears and seven rather weak—too weak to plant. No mildew was present in any of the samples from Clarkson. Samples from Kearney and vicinity were also free from mildew, while from Concord, Wakefield and Coleridge came samples which mildewed badly and would rot in the ground if planted.

Douglas county samples showed 52 per cent good seed, but some samples of yellow corn mildewed quite badly. This test was made in one of the patent testers, but said by experts to be one of the best which can be used. More than 100 banks in Iowa have used the tester the last month in demonstrating that Iowa corn must tested.

### Pioneer Citizen of Fremont Dead.

Fremont, Neb., Feb. 22.—Robert Burns Cann, pioneer employee of the Northwestern who was in active service on that road for thirty-eight years, passed away at the home of his son-in-law, J. W. Hibben, just east of the city. Heart failure was the cause of his death.

### Murderer Will Lose Both Feet.

Hastings, Neb., Feb. 22.—Arthur Anderson, colored, murderer of Arthur Newell, white, waived preliminary examination and was bound over with out bail. His feet were frozen in his seventy hours' exposure and will have to be amputated above the ankle.

### Epidemic of Scarlet Fever.

Kearney, Neb., Feb. 22.—The public schools of Elm Creek are closed on account of an epidemic of scarlet fever. The danger has extended to the rural districts and several country schools are closed.

### Thieves Make Rich Haul on Dentists

Omaha, Feb. 22.—Thieves picked up \$570.25 and a lady's ring in the offices of nine Omaha dentists. The bulk of the plunder consisted of the gold used by dentists for fillings.

### Ten Below Zero at Norfolk.

Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 22.—Following a two inch snow the mercury fell to 10 degrees below zero here, according to the government thermometer.

### DRESSED MEAT FATIGUE UP

Great Western Railroad Serves Notice It Will Cancel Contract.

Omaha, Feb. 22.—Packers have advised that the Chicago Great Western road has served notice that it will cancel its contract with them to carry dressed meats to Chicago from Omaha. This notice takes effect in ninety days.

The contract is one made by Mr. Stickney in 1902, when he was president of the Great Western and was building into Omaha. He defended the contract when the affairs of his road were in court by testifying that it was more profitable in net revenue than the old nominal rate made by other roads, and to be reinstated May 20—which was 5 cents higher, the other roads giving rebates that cut their net revenue to a little over 16 cents. Records show that it paid him better than any other traffic.

"This leaves Omaha and Sioux City," says a live stock man, "without a friend in the crowd of roads, but Kansas City, thanks to the Alton and the Wabash, and St. Joseph, thanks to the St. Joseph and Grand Island, have the old rate."

South Omaha live stock, packing house and stock yard men are greatly wrought up over the situation.

### PHILLIPS LEFT SHORTAGE

Late Lancaster District Clerk's Books Investigated.

Lincoln, Feb. 21.—The experts who have been investigating the records of the late District Clerk Will Phillips have reported to the county board that he was short in his accounts some \$4,000. Mr. Phillips took his own life in Kansas City while the investigation was in progress.

The shortage for the first term is found to be \$1,245.60, and for the second term \$4,389.50, a total of \$5,635.10, but about nine months after going out of office Phillips paid to his successor, J. S. Baer, \$421.28. Mr. Baer has collected of fees earned during Phillips' first term \$28.38 and fees earned during his second term \$792.59, a total credit of \$1,242.25, leaving a balance of \$4,392.25.

The greatest item in the shortage is from fees earned, but not collected or reported.

### MOVING PICTURES FOR INSANE

State Board Will Buy Machine for Norfolk Hospital.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 22.—Superintendent J. P. Perclval of the Norfolk hospital for the insane was before the board of public lands and buildings with a few requests. Among other things, Dr. Perclval asked the members of the board to buy a moving picture machine at a cost of about \$200.

It seems that the patients are entertained by the moving pictures without becoming excited, as in the case of some other forms of entertainment. It is found that pictures and music exert a soothing effect, and the chance proves both enjoyable and beneficial. The board will grant the request for the picture machine for use at the Norfolk hospital.

### PHILLIPS A PARANOIAC

Alienist Says Slayer of Hamilton Thought Murder Commendable Act.

Omaha, Feb. 22.—James Phillips was a paranoiac and labored under the delusion that he was performing a commendable act when he shot and killed Marshall C. Hamilton, according to Dr. A. M. Nye, who qualified as an insanity expert for the defense in the Phillips trial.

Dr. Nye said that the fact Phillips ran away immediately after the homicide and eluded the officers for weeks did not disprove that he did not know the act was wrong when he committed it.

### Founder of Gothenburg Dead.

Gothenburg, Neb., Feb. 21.—Word was received here of the death of O Bergstrom in Tennessee. Mr. Bergstrom was the founder of Gothenburg and took an active interest in its growth. Twenty years ago he had the Gothenburg lake and canal on paper in Boston and New York five years before it was built, and his genius as a promoter probably had a great deal to do with the building of the canal and lake which furnishes the city with such a fine power.

### Held on Embezzlement Charge.

York, Neb., Feb. 21.—The preliminary hearing of George P. Stryke who is alleged to have been mixed up in the embezzlement of funds of the York Alfalfa Milling company, was concluded in the county court here. The defendant was bound over to the March term of the district court in the sum of \$2,000. He will probably be able to give bond for his appearance in the district court.

### Nebraska Woman Gets \$9.10 for Hogs.

South Omaha, Neb., Feb. 22.—The top price for hogs here was the highest ever paid at this market. It was \$9.10 and the first load at this figure was that shipped by Mrs. Amanda Barry of Curtis, Neb. The packers say the prospect is that the price will go higher.

### Refuse Bishop's Request for Jury Trial

Beatrice, Neb., Feb. 21.—Judge Pemberton overruled the motion of Bishop Bonacum to have the action involving the attorney's lien against him, filed by Hazlett & Jack, tried before a jury.

### Third Victim of Smeiter Accident Dies

Omaha, Feb. 21.—Oscar Meyers who was burned by the explosion of a copper converter in the plant of the American Smelting and Refining company, died at Clarkson hospital.

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