

BRIFE TELIGRAMS.

The Yukon river is open this year earlier than usual. Fire at Muskogee, I. T., entailed a loss of \$25,000.

English critics say the war will not last over six months. Hawaii's debt is \$4,600,000. Uncle Sam stands for \$4,000,000 of it.

Dr. Herman Leler, German court musical director, is dead, at Munich. It is reported in Chicago that the Rock Island road will extend its line to Portland.

The Belgian government railways will soon open contracts for 1,500,000 tons of coal. The president has approved the senate bill, 1477, known as the Grand Army pension bill.

Carpenters and contractors of Omaha have adjusted their differences and again all is harmony. United States Minister to Korea, Horace N. Allen, is trying to obtain gold mining concessions.

The Chicago Times-Herald says that the new city directory shows a population of no less than 2,001,000. General Huntington, chief of ordnance, says his forthcoming annual report will include grave charges against General Miles.

Samuel J. Phillips, for years a trusted salesman of R. U. Hendrick, the St. Joseph, Mo., jeweler, was arrested on suspicion of having systematically robbed his employer.

Gen. Edward S. Brack, commander of the famous Iron Brigade, was thrown from his horse and seriously injured. His advanced age renders his injuries very serious.

At Williamsport, Pa., Mrs. Charlton Reading, a leader of society, began suit in a Philadelphia court against Mrs. Elizabeth Gaffney to recover \$100,000 for alienating her husband's affections.

The Rev. Charles M. Sheldon has offered to give to the city of Topeka, Kan., \$1,000 on condition that the council appropriate a like sum for a detention hospital to be operated in connection with the city hall.

A special from Dawson says: The Yukon territory census has been completed. The total population is 16,500; men, 15,000; women, 2,000; children, 1,500; British subjects, 4,500; Americans, 9,000; Indians, 350.

MacArthur cabled the war department from Manila that Robert B. Crane, first lieutenant of the Thirty-fourth volunteer infantry, has been sentenced by a court-martial to be dismissed from the service.

Regarding the report that Dr. Geo. C. Lörimer, of the Tremont Temple, Boston, had been offered the presidency of Columbian university here, it was said at the university in Washington that the story was premature.

During a riot between strikers and workmen at Buttonwood mine at Wilkesbarre, Pa., twenty men were seriously injured, including Superintendent Smythe. The strikers dispersed the workmen. The sheriff was called on.

New York banks and trust companies have fully \$40,000,000 in loans outstanding today on sterling bills of exchange, which practically represent advances to European bankers for the purpose of deferring settlements by them in this country.

It is probable that the Kansas delegation will ask the legislature of their state to make an appropriation at its next session, for a monument to be erected to the memory of the Kansas soldiers of the Spanish-American war in historic Arlington, where many of the most prominent officers of the United States army killed in battle, now lie buried.

The viceroy of India, Lord Curzon of Kedleston, has telegraphed to the secretary of state for India, Lord Geo. Hamilton, saying: "The decline in the number of persons demanding relief in Bombay and elsewhere is probably due to the outbreak of cholera, which has broken up many of the relief camps and has enormously increased our famine officers' difficulties."

In the senate, Morgan reported favorably the Isthmian Canal bill without amendment. There are over 400 more of the unwelcome Japanese immigrants waiting at the quarantine station at Victoria, B. C., whither they have been landed from the steamer Sikh.

The number of cases of bubonic plague, at Sydney, N. S. W., officially reported to May 13 is 216, of which seventy-three have proved fatal. Survivors of the first republican national convention are to be the guests of Philadelphia next month. Only fifteen survive of all those who assembled in Pittsburgh, Pa., on June 18, 1856.

Governor Stanley has sent a circular letter to the various county boards in Kansas, asking them to appoint delegates to a meeting June 5, to make preliminary arrangements for the holding of an exposition in celebration of the semi-centennial anniversary of the organization of Kansas as a territory.

Billy Taylor, at one time the most famous pitcher in base ball circles in this country, died at Jacksonville, Fla., of a complication of diseases. At one time he pitched for the famous Athletics and also for Philadelphia and other clubs. He was catcher for the American team that visited Europe and Cuba.

Jeffries says if Corbett is anxious for a return battle, he will fight him within a week, while both are in condition.

Amzi B. Wilder, a civil war veteran, 77 years of age, hanged himself on a clothes line to a nail in his woodshed at Moline, Ill.

John Francis Brice, son of the late Senator Brice, has announced his marriage to Miss Florence Lucille Ricketts. It took some little time for it to get around that Miss Florence Lucille Ricketts was none other than Florence Laverne, who, a few weeks ago, had been with Dan Daly's company in "The Rounders," at the Columbia, Boston.

MONTANA SENATORSHIP

Gov. Smith Ignores the Appointment Made by the Lieutenant-Governor.

NAMES MR. MAGINNIS FOR PLACE

Charges Fraud in Method of Appointing Clark to Succeed Himself—Protest is Wired to Washington—Smith Asks That Senate Proceed With Consideration of the Case.

HELENA, Mont., May 19.—Governor Smith this afternoon appointed Martin Maginnis United States senator to succeed William A. Clark.

Maginnis represented Montana in congress in the early days of the territory. He is not allied with either democratic factions and has always been a strong party man.

Governor Smith says that the resignation of Senator Clark was written in April and that the date that it now bears, May 11, was the result of the craze of the original date, which can easily be proved by examination of the document. He also alleges that the resignation was in the possession of Charles A. Clark, son of the senator, for several weeks.

In carrying out the plot, it is charged misrepresentation and other devious methods were used to get the governor out of the state.

Governor Smith today sent dispatches from Butte to Senator W. A. Clark, Senator Chandler, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, and Senator Frye, president of the senate, saying he had disregarded and revoked the action of Lieutenant Governor Spriggs in naming Clark to succeed to the vacancy by his own resignation, and saying he had named Martin Maginnis of Helena to fill the vacancy. The dispatches are practically the same, that to Clark reading: "I have this day disregarded and revoked your appointment as United States senator made by Lieutenant Governor Spriggs on the 15th inst., as being tainted with collusion and fraud, and have this day appointed Martin Maginnis to fill the vacancy caused by your resignation."

"I shall prove by my conduct in the future," he concluded, "that I was not guilty of any wrongdoing or any idea of wrong."

Miles Finlen is one of the democrats in the legislature who voted against Clark.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—The senate committee on privileges and elections has directed Chairman Chandler to press action on the Clark resolution as originally reported.

The following dispatch was received and read to the committee from Governor Smith, dated Butte, Mont., May 17:

"Hon. W. E. Chandler, Washington: I desire to present in as forcible a manner as possible my protest against the course pursued by Hon. W. A. Clark in attempting to defeat the action of the senate of the United States upon the resolution presented by the committee on privileges and elections affecting his title to a seat and to protest against the methods pursued by him in securing an appointment at the hands of the lieutenant governor during my absence from the state under circumstances and conditions which to my mind indicate collusion and fraud."

"His conduct in attempting a resignation and procuring a reappointment under the conditions as he did, if the matter was before a court of justice, would have been considered a contempt of court on his part. I, therefore, trust that the committee and the senate will proceed to a proper and complete consideration of the question, so that the rights, not only of Mr. Clark, but of the state of Montana, in the premises may be determined, and that upon the presentation of his credentials of appointment by the lieutenant governor the same be transferred to the committee on privileges and elections for investigation, and that I be permitted to make a more complete and detailed statement of facts concerning the resignation and appointment of Mr. Clark."

The language of the resolution of the committee directing Chairman Chandler to press the resolution as reported follows:

"Resolved, That the chairman be directed to press to a vote the resolution reported to the committee."

REPORT ON JAPANESE LABOR.

Secretary of Treasury Sends Response to the Resolution of Senate.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—In response to the senate resolution of the 16th inst., the secretary of the treasury today sent to the senate a statement from the commissioner general of immigration concerning the immigration to the United States of Japanese laborers.

From this statement it appears that 2,230 of these laborers arrived in 1898, 3,395 in 1899 and for ten months ending April 30, 1900, 7,181. These figures indicate only those who have come direct to the United States from Japan, but do not embrace those reaching this country via Canada. How many there are coming in this way the department does not know, but the commissioner expresses the opinion that the number is large. The opinion is expressed that there will be a large increase in the coming year. He also states that strict examination is made to prevent the entrance of laborers under contract.

Automobiles for a Funeral.

BUFFALO, May 19.—As a result of the cabman's strike a funeral today was depended upon automobiles. In the absence of a hearse the corpse was carried in a self-propelling undertaker's wagon. There were fifteen automobiles in the procession.

Union Wagons at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., May 19.—Street car strikers have entered into competition with the Metropolitan company manning a small line of "union" wagons. But few citizens patronize them.

PROCLAMATION OF AGUINALDO.

Urges Filipinos Not to Surrender at Instigation of Commission.

MANILA, May 19.—A proclamation purporting to have been issued by Aguinaldo and dated May 4, from Piliilo Island, one of the Philippine group east of Luzon, is circulating in Manila. It says the commission appointed by President McKinley was appointed without the authorization of congress and that hence it cannot treat officially. It urges the Filipinos not to surrender their arms at the instigation of the commission and on promises which congress may not ratify, and also urges the Filipinos to enthusiastically welcome the commission when it arrives in the towns and provinces, asking boldly for the form of government they most desire, as the Americans permit of freedom of speech.

The proclamation closes with asking the Filipinos to strive for liberty and independence, and again warns the commission against deception.

In the Catamaran fight, island of Samar, May 1, about 700 of the enemy attacked the men of the Forty-third infantry. The Americans killed 209 of the rebels by actual count. Only three Americans were wounded.

Major John C. Gilmore and 100 men of the Forty-third regiment were ambushed May 6 near Pambujan, Samar. Seventy-five of the enemy were killed and there were no Americans casualties.

The transport Lennox has returned here after landing four troops of the Eleventh cavalry to reinforce Colonel J. F. Bell. Two troops, Major Hugh T. Sims commanding, were landed at Legaspi and proceeded across the country to strengthen the garrison at Lagao. They found numerous entrenchments manned by insurgents between the towns and were two days on their way, skirmishing, dismounted continually. Their only loss was three horses. The officers report that they killed forty insurgents, but the natives declare eighty were killed.

NEW YORK, May 19.—M. G. Paliser, one of the leaders of the Chicago platform democracy, which will hold a state convention tomorrow, outlined the program:

"It is our purpose," he said, "to reaffirm the Chicago platform, add to it planks on anti-imperialism and trusts, call on the regular democratic state convention to instruct its delegates to vote for Mr. Bryan and then adjourn until June 6. If the regulars do not instruct for Mr. Bryan at the Academy of Music convention on June 5, we will meet again and send a contesting delegation to Kansas City."

"There will be 300 delegates from all parts of the state at our convention tomorrow and they will represent true democracy. We do not propose to insure the reaffirmation of the Chicago platform and the renomination of William J. Bryan."

Seeking Cadets.

WASHINGTON, May 19.—In anticipation of the passage of the army reorganization bill the War department is being flooded with applications from persons who seek appointments to additional cadetships created by the act. Provision is made in the bill for 100 cadets in addition to the present strength of the cadet corps. It is not specifically stated in the bill that nominations for these places are to be made by senators, but the War department will proceed upon the theory that such is the intent of the bill and each senator will be allowed to name one cadet at the academy. He will not be entitled to appoint a cadet annually, but only to make a nomination, whenever there shall be a vacancy within his corps.

Sister Alphonso is Dead.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., May 19.—Sister Alphonso, mother provincial of the Sisterhood of Saint Francis for the United States, died tonight at Saint Elizabeth hospital of heart trouble. She was one of the original six sisters that came to this country in 1875. Her business ability made the sisterhood successful throughout the west. St. Elizabeth hospital, Lafayette, and Creighton hospital, Omaha, are results of her work.

Logan Sails for Manila.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 19.—The transport Logan sailed today for Manila, via Honolulu. Among the passengers on the Logan are a number of army officers, fifteen assistant surgeons, ten postal clerks, seventy-six recruits, seventy-three hospital men and seven contract nurses, as well as a number of civilian employes and the wives and children of officers now serving in the Philippines.

Stage Coaches He'd Up.

STOCKTON, Cal., May 19.—Both the Yosemite valley stages—one going each way—were held up last night by a lone highwayman at Big Neck Flat. About \$200 was secured from the passengers. Neither the woman nor the Wells-Fargo treasure box were molested.

Made Bishop Coadjutor.

MOBILE, Ala., May 19.—The Episcopal council today unanimously elected Rev. Robert Wood Abrewell of Selma, Ala., bishop coadjutor. Rev. Barnwell was formerly rector of St. Paul's at Selma.

To Call General Strike.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., May 19.—At a meeting of 100 heads of labor organizations, it was resolved at 12:50 this (Saturday) morning to recommend to the controlling central bodies that a sympathetic strike be inaugurated today of all the labor unions in St. Louis. The action of the Central Trades and labor union is not decisive. Before a general strike can be called it will be necessary for the delegates at the meeting last night to report to their unions. Each union will then vote on the question, and only those unions whose members vote to strike will walk out of the call cones.

CAPTURE OF MAFEKING

Closing Days in and Around the Place More Bloody.

KRUGER'S GRANDSON A PRISONER

Report that Ninety Boers Were Captured and Many Were Killed—Strategy Turns Defeat into Victory—Half-Famished Garrison Surrounded by Invading Forces and Imprisoned Them.

LONDON, May 18.—England still waits with intense and almost breathless interest for news of the relief of Mafeking. A crowd remarkable for the number of men in evening dress and including many women were around the War office, even after midnight, hoping for some announcement. Only reluctantly did the people disperse when the lobbies of the War office were finally cleared with the word that nothing had been received. One thing seems clear, the town still holds out.

Were it not so the Boer wires laid to the camps of the beleaguered garrison would have passed the news. Reports from Lourenzo Marquez, based on reports that leaked out from the Pretoria war office, show that the Boer stormers Saturday fell into a trap. Colonel Baden-Powell permitted them to seize one fort and he then surrounded and overwhelmed them before the large forces near at hand perceived the stratagem. It was thus that Sarel Eloff, President Kruger's grandson, and part of his command were taken and many killed.

The Canadian force with the Rhodesia force is now reported to have reached Bulawayo, May 2. The distance from Bulawayo to Mafeking is 490 miles. As the railway is open all the way to Pitsani, twenty-eight miles from Mafeking, the Canadians may yet take part in the relief.

In the committee room of the House of Commons this morning Sir James Klison, member for Yorkshire, West Riding, Colne Valley division, announced that Mafeking had been relieved.

The War office, however, is unable to confirm the announcement. Replying to a question in the House of Commons, at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon, the parliamentary secretary of the War office, Mr. Wyndham, said he regretted that he was not able to give any information in regard to Mafeking which would relieve the anxiety of the nation about that beleaguered place.

He reminded the house that even if the desired relief of Mafeking had occurred intelligence of the event could not arrive in England before two and possibly five days.

The latter part of Mr. Wyndham's reply is generally accepted as an indication that the government is expecting the relief of Colonel Baden-Powell and his garrison would occur about the present time.

8:33 p. m.—The War office has received the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

"KROONSTAD, May 17.—Hunter has occupied Christiania without opposition, the enemy having retired to Klerkadorp, under the impression that the latter was threatened by a portion of the force from Parys."

"Rundie's force was close to Clooclan yesterday evening. The country was clear of the enemy."

"The resident commissioner in Batuland reports that a number of Boers living in the Ficksburg and Bethlehem districts have applied to him for advice and as to the conditions of surrender. This is very satisfactory."

GREAT BATTLE IN COLOMBIA.

Generals Leal and Herrera Reported Among the Killed.

COLON, Colombia, May 18.—(via Galveston).—News has been received here of a victory by the government troops over the insurgents in a battle in the Vetas district, which began May 11, and lasted seventy hours. Generals Leal and Herrera were among the killed, who are said to have been very numerous, the slaughtering being described as "horrible butchery." Twelve hundred insurgents were taken prisoners, and the government troops captured a large quantity of guns and rifles.

Will Delay Neeley Hearing.

NEW YORK, May 18.—Edward K. Jones of this city has been appointed special assistant United States attorney general in the matter of the proceedings against Charles W. Neeley and other officials and employes of the government administered in Cuba under the authority of the United States.

In speaking of the Neeley case today, United States District Attorney Burnett said that the hearing set for tomorrow before Commissioner Shields would almost likely be adjourned for a week. He also said that the hearing regarding the extradition of Neeley would probably be postponed for a day or two.

Killed by Lightning.

HAMPTON, May 18.—Wm. Klesman was killed by lightning in Riceland township in this county. He was in the barn, and his employer, A. Ingebreton, was stunned, but revived.

DUBUQUE, May 17.—Frank Bestler, who lives near Dyersville, was struck by lightning. He was harvesting in his field. His team was killed, but he may recover.

Coeur d'Alene Report.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Chairman Hull of the Coeur d'Alene investigating committee today announced the sub-committee to draft the reports on that subject, as follows: Representatives Dick of Ohio, Esch of Wisconsin and Capron of Rhode Island, republicans, and Representatives Lentz of Ohio and Hay of Virginia, democrats. The majority will doubtless concur in a report and the minority also will agree on some of the general principles involved, although individual views from the minority members may be filed on points on which there is not complete agreement.

FREE HOMES BILL A LAW.

President McKinley Gives the Final Measure His Official Approval.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 18.—President McKinley signed the free homestead bill at 4 o'clock this afternoon. Friends of the new law, who have studied its provisions carefully, says that it takes effect at once. On this point Congressman Burke, member of the public lands committee which considered the bill, said: "There is no question that under the new law all lands formerly within Indian reservations which have been opened to settlement are subject to entry without the claimants being obliged to pay for the land as heretofore."

Mr. Burke called at the land office to request that telegraphic instructions be sent to local land officers how to proceed under the new law concerning settlers about to prove up. The officials of the interior department declined to express an opinion as to the effect of the law until they have had full opportunity to examine it and in due time instructions will be prepared. Congressman Burke expressed the opinion that if settlers wish to make proof before the local officers are given instructions under the new law they may do so without making payment for lands as the old law provided, and that while such proof may not be accepted by the local officials, it will ultimately be accepted by the land commissioner.

TO INSPECT THE IMMIGRANTS.

Powderly Taking Steps to Provide System in Hawaii.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Commissioner General Powderly is taking active steps to establish a system of immigrant inspection in the Hawaiian Islands and to that end he has detailed Mr. F. H. Larned, the chief clerk of the immigration bureau, to proceed to Honolulu and make a careful examination of the conditions there and establish the system in all important particulars, the same as is now in operation in the United States.

Mr. George E. Baldwin, also of the immigration bureau, has been appointed immigrant inspector at Honolulu and he will sail there in a few days. Mr. Roman Dobler, an inspector at New York, will very soon go to Porto Rico to make an examination as to the situation on the island. He will secure statistics of the number of arrivals from other countries, their character and condition, and will make a report as soon as possible to Mr. Powderly. Congressional action will be necessary, however, before an immigration system can be established at Porto Rican ports, with authority to examine and report objectionable aliens.

EIGHTY-FIVE NEW NATIONAL BANKS

Rush of Applications Received Under New Law.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The report of the comptroller of the currency shows that from March 14, the date on which the new financial bill became a law, to May 12, 229 applications have been received for authority to organize national banks with a capital of less than \$50,000 each, making a total capital of \$5,965,000.

During the same period sixty-one applications have been received where the capital was more than \$50,000 each or a total of \$7,435,000.

Since March 14 fifty-nine banks have been organized with less than \$50,000 capital, and twenty-six have been organized with \$50,000 capital or over. These eighty-five banks have deposited bonds to secure circulation aggregating \$1,586,100.

The amount of bonds so far exchanged at the treasury for new 2 percent bonds is \$272,910,350, of which \$53,688,400 was received from individuals and institutions other than national banks.

American Building in Germany.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Work upon the new Bremen Cotton exchange is progressing rapidly according to a report to the State department from Consul Dietrich at Bremen. This building is to be the first one in Germany constructed entirely on the American plan. Bremen stands next to Liverpool as the leading cotton market on the continent and the exchange has grown rapidly from a small beginning last year, arbitrating upon 41,181 bales of cotton.

Porto Rico Customs Receipts.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The division of customs and insular affairs of the War department made the statement today that the total customs receipts in the island of Porto Rico for the three months ended March 31, 1900, was \$197,832. The total customs receipts in the island for the same three months of 1899 was \$354,82.

Oppose Army Staff Changes.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—General Bates, paymaster general of the army, and General Ainsworth, chief of the bureau of records and pensions, were before the house committee on military affairs today and added their opinion against a change in the present staff organization of the army. The hearings will conclude tomorrow.

Favor Army Dentists.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Senator Pettus, from the committee on military affairs, today reported favorably the bill authorizing the appointment of thirty dental surgeons in the army.

Report of Industrial Commission.

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The preliminary report of the industrial commission on transportation, including a review of evidence, topical digest of evidence and testimony taken up to May 1, 1900, was presented to congress today. The report contains no recommendations for legislation. Senator Kyle, chairman of the commission, in his letter of transmission states that owing to the incompleteness of its inquiry to make recommendations to congress or to the state legislatures, but contemplates the making of such recommendations hereafter.

SUPRISE BY FROST JURY.

Release of Prisoner at York is Rather Unexpected by the Public.

YORK, Neb., May 19.—The news of the release of Mrs. Frost by the coroner's jury spread rapidly and caused much surprise and comment on the streets. The jurymen in conversation with the public had given out information of testimony taken and the public here believed from this that strychnine would be found in the stomach of Mr. Frost.

Mrs. Frost acknowledged buying strychnine, rat cheese and acetone prior to the death of Mr. Frost, and told for whom and for what purpose she purchased all of these deadly poisons. The attending physician told that from the first he believed that Frost was suffering from strychnine poisoning and that he gave him antidotes. The physician who performed the post mortem examination stated that the limbs were drawn and the muscles of the body knotted similar to that of one who had died from poison, and that all other organs of the body were in healthy condition.

During the confinement of Mrs. Frost she has been favored with all leniency and everything made as pleasant as possible. She ate her meals in the living rooms with the jailer's family and at times was the invited guest and used the rooms.

The chemist reported that he found traces of acetone and phosphorus, but had not made an examination to ascertain if in such quantities as to cause death. The coroner's jury has requested that further examination be made.

National Guard Matters.

LINCOLN, May 19.—The state military authorities have decided to give instruction to members of the Nebraska National Guard in methods of caring for the sick and wounded. Enlisted men will receive their instruction from the company officers, who will be drilled in the methods by the regimental surgeons. The necessary supplies will be furnished by the state.

Adjutant General Barry has issued the following orders concerning changes in the First and Second regiments:

Company B, First regiment, stationed at Wilber, will be designated Company E, First regiment.

Joseph A. Storch, late first lieutenant Company B, First regiment, Nebraska volunteers, is appointed recruiting officer for the reorganization of Company B, First regiment, to be stationed at Fullerton.

Cause of Death a Mystery.

TECUMSEH, Neb., May 19.—The coroner's jury in the case of the death of Milo Stollard, who was found dying near the Burlington tracks just west of Sterling, brought in a verdict that Stollard came to his death from cause unknown.

At the time of Stollard's death the affair had so great the appearance of his being run down by a train that the coroner decided not to hold an inquest. Later, at the instigation of a number of curious individuals, an inquest was held. The remains were viewed here and the jury proceeded to Sterling, where the track where Stollard was found was inspected.

Father's Consent Tripled.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., May 19.—Carl O. Larson of Nehawka and Miss Emma Catherine Stratton of Weeping Water arrived in the city for the purpose of being joined in holy wedlock, but when she applied to County Judge J. E. Douglas for a marriage license and informed the judge that she was only 16 years of age he refused to issue it without the consent of her parents. A telephone message was sent to Weeping Water and a messenger carried it to the father, about four miles distant. Late in the evening the father's consent was received, and two were made happy.

Fire Threatens at West Point.

WEST POINT, Neb., May 19.—A big conflagration was narrowly averted at West Point. A farmer ignited a parlor match on the counter in the general store of Kase & Krause, when the sulphur flew into some cotton batting. Instantly the shelving was all ablaze. A dozen bales were thrown on the floor, and but for the presence of mind of a young man in securing a pitchfork and throwing the burning cotton out the back door the entire block might have been in flames.

City Reservoir is Empty.

WEST POINT, Neb., May 19.—The new water works reservoir sprung a large number of leaks and let out all of the water. The structure was built last fall by Ruysehaert & Co., of Omaha, and fraud is alleged to have existed in its construction. It is claimed that the brick were laid in sand. Its cost was nearly \$3,000, and it may cost again as much to repair it, while in the end it may have to be torn down.

Farmer's Neck Broken.

M'COOK, Neb., May 19.—John Real, a highly respected and leading farmer of Perry precinct, this county, was killed in a runaway accident on his farm about six miles west of this city, his neck being broken. No one saw the accident, so particulars are lacking. The body was sent to Grafton for burial at that place, his farmer home.

Held for Mayhem.

EIGN, Neb., May 19.—Lee Broggs of this place had his preliminary trial at Neligh before Judge Fields for mayhem and was bound over to the district court in \$500 bonds.

Notes Known at West Point.

WEST POINT, Neb., May 19.—West Point was thrown into a mild excitement when the Omaha papers announced that William Youie had shot his wife and killed himself in Kansas City. Youie conducted a laundry in West Point from last September until March 1, when he sold out and returned to Kansas City. His wife remained here but a short time, and then left abruptly. She made no acquaintances, while her husband became quite well known. He was well liked and people wondered at his wife's departure.