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Three thousand Chinese troops from Lu Tai are expected here today enroute to Peking. There is a disposition here to believe that the "Boxers" will disperse before the foreign troops are ready to act, Tien Tsin is in no danger.

The party of Frenchmen and Germans returned from Chang Hsin Tien this afternoon. This confirms the reports that the Belgians are now safe at Peking. They found several thousand "Boxers" about the ruins of Lu Kow Chiao and Chang Hsin Tien stations. The bridges have been damaged and the rolling stock destroyed. At both places the damage done is considerably greater than at Fang Tai. The members of the rescue party saw several bodies of Chinese tearing up the sleepers and in one case a mandarin was looking on. They further report that the missionaries and others escaped from Pao Ting in boats.

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OTIS ARRIVES ON THE MEADE.

Transport Saluted as it Enters the Harbor.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 31.—The transport Meade arrived from Manila tonight with Major General E. S. Otis aboard. As the transport entered the harbor a salute of thirteen guns was fired and a number of gallily decorated tugs and launches went out to meet it. The quarantine officers boarded the quarantine station at Angel island. General Otis will not land tonight. A number of officers detailed by General Shafter went out in a tug to greet General Otis and consult him about having a detachment of troops escort him from the landing to his hotel.

The Meade had three cases of smallpox aboard. It was placed in quarantine, where it will remain an indefinite time. General Otis stated to the quarantine officials that he was in excellent health and wished to land to take a train for the east as soon as possible. A quartermaster, a stowaway and a soldier are infected with the smallpox.

The Meade has on board the bodies of 112 soldiers who died in the Philippines. There was one death on the way over. The transport's passenger list numbers forty-nine cabin and 134 steerage. The presence of smallpox on the vessel makes the time of General Otis' landing very indefinite.

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CORN IS DOING WELL.

All Planted and Most of It Showing a Fine Stand.

GOOD WEATHER FOR FARM WORK

Plenty of Moisture Thus Far in All Sections of the State—Alfalfa Cutting Has Commenced—Meadows and Pastures Continue in Excellent Condition—Miscellaneous Notes.

LINCOLN, May 31.—United States department of agriculture climate and crop service of the weather bureau bulletin of the Nebraska section for the week ending May 28, 1900:

The past week has been warm and dry. The daily mean temperature has averaged about 6 degrees above the normal in the eastern and 3 degrees in the western counties.

The rainfall exceeded an inch in several northeastern counties and in parts of York and Lancaster counties. Showers occurred quite generally in the eastern half of the state, but the amount of water in most places was less than a quarter of an inch. In the western counties little or no rain fell.

The past week has been an excellent one for farm work. Corn planting is about finished; most of the crop is up nicely, is a good stand and cultivation is now general. Wheat and oats have grown well and are heading in southern counties. Meadows and pastures continue excellent in all parts of the state. Alfalfa is a fine crop and cutting has commenced. Cherries and plums will not be as large a crop as at first seemed probable. Report by counties:

Butler—Very favorable week; corn coming up nicely; small grain looks well; rye heading; pastures in good condition.

Cass—Fine growing week; early planted corn made good growth and cultivation general; timothy and clover heavy; potatoes fine.

Clay—Heavy rain Wednesday; corn up and being cultivated; small grain doing well; potatoes growing rapidly.

Gage—Good growing week; corn looks fine, nearly all planted and some cultivating being done; wheat and oats heavy.

Antelope—Rain needed in part of county; corn all planted; coming up well and some being cultivated; small grain and grass look well.

Boyd—Warm week and crops have grown well; corn all planted and coming up nicely; wheat and oats fine; rye heading.

Burt—Good growing week; all crops look fine; corn a splendid stand and very even.

Cedar—Corn planted except late pieces; cultivation commenced; pastures and meadows full of grass; rye growing rapidly.

Colfax—Nice shower Wednesday; corn planting about finished; cultivation begun; all crops look well.

Boone—Heavy rains very beneficial and all crops made rapid growth; corn being cultivated; oats and wheat look well; rye poor.

Buffalo—Corn mostly planted; rain would be beneficial to small grain and grapes.

Custer—Good showers in portion of county on 25th, but rain needed elsewhere; corn, wheat and potatoes generally looking fine.

Dawson—Corn all planted and coming up well; cultivation in progress; small grain making good growth; alfalfa ready to cut; heavy crop.

Adams—All crops looking fine; corn coming up well; winter wheat heading out; alfalfa fine and about ready to cut.

Chase—Corn planting about completed; cultivating early planted; wheat doing well, but needs rain; potatoes look fine; range excellent.

Dundy—Week without rain; much corn cultivation begun; rain needed.

Franklin—All crops progressing nicely; wheat heading; alfalfa ready to cut.

Frontier—Crops look well, but need rain; corn planting nearly completed; coming up; alfalfa large and nearly ready to cut.

Furnas—Corn good stand; spring wheat looks fine; pastures good.

Smallpox at Kearney. KEARNEY, Neb., May 31.—Kearney citizens were startled by the report that there were seven known cases of smallpox in town. A couple of physicians went to Mayor Hostler and reported that they had been attending several persons affected with a disease thought to be a mild form of smallpox. The mayor at once telephoned Governor Poynter and requested him to send up an expert in such cases. In answer to his request Dr. Towne of the state board of health came up and after an examination of the cases pronounced them smallpox.

On Trial for Cattle Stealing. AINSWORTH, Neb., May 31.—Another alleged cattle steal in Brown county came before County Judge Potter on a preliminary trial. A ranchman named Samuel Johnson, living some twenty-five miles southeast of Ainsworth, was arrested for the alleged theft of a steer belonging to Theodore Jones, a cattleman of that section of the county, and after a hearing Johnson was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$300, which was promptly furnished. The case is of peculiar interest and public sentiment is very much divided as to the guilt or innocence of the accused.

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NATIONAL CONVENTION IN BLAIR.

Danish Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

The national convention of the United Danish Evangelical Lutheran church in America will meet from June 7 to 13 in Blair, Neb. This promises to be the largest gathering of Danes ever held in America, inasmuch as their national institutions, their theological seminary, college and publishing house are all located at Blair, and are in a flourishing condition. The large tent will accommodate all who may come.

The report of the president, Rev. G. B. Christiansen of Omaha, will show development in every branch of work. The Scandinavian Lutherans have kept pace with the development of the west and northwest. They report now 3,653 churches, 404,960 communicants, 17 colleges, 20 academies, 16 orphanages, 45 church papers, and annual offerings to benevolence of over a quarter of a million dollars. The leading question to be discussed at Blair will be the educational, missionary and the benevolent work among the Danes in America. All Danes are welcome.

Finds His Companion Dead. FAIRMONT, Neb., June 1.—George Bennett in company with Adolph Dingman went out to canvass. When near the Fillmore mills Mr. Dingman went into a house, leaving Mr. Bennett in the buggy. On returning after a few minutes' absence he found Mr. Bennett lying on the seat unconscious. He was taken in the house and a physician called who pronounced him dead. Mr. Bennett had been subject to epileptic fits for some years. He was about 35 years old. He leaves a wife and two children.

Railroad Agent Held Up. ALLIANCE, Neb., June 1.—The Burlington agent at Parkman, Wyo., was held up and robbed last night after the west-bound train pulled out and the passenger left the platform. The highwayman pulled his gun and ordered the agent to shell out. He did as he was commanded and the thief made his escape. He was dressed like an Indian. No clue has been obtained. It is supposed he came out of the mountains and returned to them.

The Hen Got Off. FORT DODGE, Ia., June 1.—Eddie Kehm, the 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Kehm, living in the east part of the city, set fire to a hen's nest to make the hen leave and burned up two barns. He had made several unsuccessful attempts to drive hiddy back from her nest, but she fought back and saved the eggs. He then secured some matches and proceeded to smoke her off.

Postmaster's Salary Raised. STANTON, Neb., June 1.—Postmaster Stephens has just received a communication from the Postoffice department advising him that his salary as postmaster will be \$1,400 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1900. This is an increase of \$100 and is a good showing for the Stanton postoffice, as it will be remembered this is one of the few offices in the state which raised the salary \$200 last year.

Driven Insane. AINSWORTH, Neb., June 1.—Mrs. Charles Weeks of Long Pine was brought here before the sanitary board and was declared insane. This morning she was taken to the insane asylum at Norfolk. The cause is supposed to be a railroad accident some time since, which affected her spine, along with zeal for Christian Science and magnetic healing.

Cattle for Nebraska Herds. AINSWORTH, Neb., June 1.—Uriah Chester arrived in Ainsworth last evening with twenty-six head of pedigree Hereford bulls, cows and heifers from Guelph, Ont., to add to the big herd of white faces owned by Chester brothers of this county. Brown county stockmen are fast adding the finest of blooded animals to their herds.

Smallpox at Salem. SALEM, Neb., June 1.—Some two or three patients who had what has been pronounced smallpox have recovered. No new cases have developed, although several other people were known to have been exposed and the resultant excitement has almost entirely subsided.

Three Boys Drowned. BENKELMAN, Neb., June 1.—Three boys, Jay Scott, Roy Walthall and Leo Ribbidon, aged about 13, were drowned in a pond one-half mile west of town while bathing. They were found about midnight and buried in Memorial day.

Murderer Held to District Court. ALLIANCE, Neb., June 1.—At the preliminary hearing of Mathews for the murder of E. G. Walt the prisoner waived an examination and was held to the district court without bail. The body of Walt goes to Marshalltown for interment.

Fine Crop Prospects. DILLER, Neb., June 1.—A fine rain fell here Wednesday night. Crop prospects were never better in this section of the state. The corn is all planted and small grain is looking fine. The prospects for a large fruit crop are good.

Lightning Strikes a Church. HARTINGTON, Neb., June 1.—A severe electrical storm visited this section, accompanied by heavy wind and rain. Lightning struck the Norwegian Lutheran church, doing but little damage.

Irrigation Canal Project. BAYARD, Neb., June 1.—The farmers' canal project, which has been regularly discussed and occasionally caressed, seems to have taken on a new lease of life, with good prospects of being an assured fact ere long. The canal will be seventy miles in length and the territory to be irrigated includes about five miles in width, extending over a semi-arid belt. The proprietors of the enterprise say that nothing now interferes with the work on the canal except the delay in the arrival of the necessary men and material, which is expected here within a fortnight.

THE MARKETS BY TELEGRAPH.

Quotations From New York, Chicago, South Omaha and Elsewhere.

SOUTH OMAHA LIVE STOCK. SOUTH OMAHA, May 31.—CATTLE.—Everything in the way of fat cattle was sold, the market was entirely satisfactory to sellers. Cows and heifers were also in good demand and the offerings were soon disposed of at prices that were not materially changed from last week. The situation could best be described by calling it a good steady market. Bulls, calves, etc., sold in about the same notch as last week. Beef steers, \$2.75 to \$3.00; steers and heifers, \$2.50 to \$3.00; stags, \$1.90 to \$2.00; stock cows and heifers, \$2.50 to \$3.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.50 to \$3.00.

HOGS.—The general run of good mixed loads sold very largely at \$4.85, which was the popular price. Light mixed loads sold at \$4.25 to \$4.50 and a few loads of the best heavy hogs sold above \$4.95. At the close of last week the bulk of the market was at \$4.90, with a few at \$5.00. The market is now 7 1/2¢ lower than one week ago and a strong 2¢ lower than three weeks ago.

There were only a few cars here and as the demand was good everything that the packers could use was dispatched at once. Quotations: Clipped weathers, \$3.95 to \$4.05; clipped yearlings, \$3.25 to \$3.40; clipped ewes, good to choice, \$3.50 to \$4.00; fair to good clipped ewes, \$3.00 to \$3.50; good to choice Colorado woolled lambs, \$5.50 to \$6.00; fair to good Colorado woolled lambs, \$4.50 to \$5.00; good to choice clipped lambs, \$3.50 to \$4.00; fair to good clipped lambs, \$2.50 to \$3.00.

KANSAS CITY LIVE STOCK. KANSAS CITY, May 31.—CATTLE.—Good active market and prices steady and higher; heavy native steers, \$4.90 to \$5.15; stockers and feeders, \$4.90 to \$5.15; butcher cows and heifers, \$3.90 to \$4.15; calves, \$2.75 to \$3.00; fed westerns, \$4.95 to \$5.05; Texas, \$4.90 to \$5.00.

HOGS.—Market slow and 5¢ to 10¢ lower; heavy, \$4.95 to \$5.15; mixed, \$4.80 to \$5.00; light, \$4.50 to \$4.75. Fat to good clipped ewes, \$3.00 to \$3.50; good to choice Colorado woolled lambs, \$5.50 to \$6.00; fair to good Colorado woolled lambs, \$4.50 to \$5.00; good to choice clipped lambs, \$3.50 to \$4.00; fair to good clipped lambs, \$2.50 to \$3.00.

SHEEP AND LAMBS.—Good killers, firm; common grassers, lower; spring lambs, \$5.50 to \$6.00; clipped wethers, \$4.50 to \$5.00; Texas grassers, \$4.95 to \$5.25; culls, \$3.00 to \$3.50.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK MARKET. CHICAGO, May 31.—CATTLE.—Choice light, firm; butcher stock opened weak and closed firm; natives held on sale today. Cattle, short-horn, at \$5.50; good to prime steers, \$5.00 to \$5.50; poor to medium, \$4.00 to \$4.50; selected feeders, \$4.80 to \$5.00; mixed stockers, \$3.75 to \$4.25; cows, \$3.50 to \$4.00; calves, \$3.25 to \$3.75. Sheep, \$4.00 to \$4.50; calves, \$4.00 to \$4.50.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS. CHICAGO, May 31.—WHEAT—No. 3, 62¢; No. 2, 64¢. CORN—No. 2, 30¢; No. 2 yellow, 30¢; No. 2 white, 31¢; No. 2 white, 32¢; No. 2 white, 33¢. RYE—No. 2, 55¢.

BARLEY—Good feeding, \$3.95 to \$4.00; fair to good, \$3.75 to \$3.90. SEED—No. 1 flax, \$8.00; No. 1 northwest, \$7.50; prime timothy, \$3.40; clover, contract grade, \$7.50.

MESS—Mess pork, per 100 lb., \$10.50 to \$11.00; lard, per 100 lb., \$7.00 to \$7.50; short ribs sides (loose), \$5.50 to \$6.00; short ribs sides (boxed), \$5.50 to \$6.00; short ribs sides (boxed), \$5.50 to \$6.00.

NEW YORK GRAIN MARKET. NEW YORK, May 31.—WHEAT—Spot steady; No. 2 red, 82¢; No. 1 hard, 84¢; No. 1 soft, 77¢; No. 2 soft, 74¢; No. 3 soft, 71¢. CORN—Market closed firm at a partial advance; May closed at 41¢; September, 42¢; October, 43¢.

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HE DIES LEADING A CHARGE. Lieutenant Evans slain with three others attacking the enemy.

MANILA, May 31.—Major Henry T. Allen of the Fifty-third Infantry, while scouting from Calalangon May 9 drove a party of insurgents from the valley. Four Americans were killed, including Lieutenant John H. Evans, who was slain while gallantly leading a charge against the entrenched rebels.

Eleven of the enemy were killed and four were wounded. The town of Cataman, island of Samar, was attacked at midnight, April 30, by 1,000 rebels, who entrenched themselves near the town over night. Captain John Cole of the Forty-third regiment fought the Filipinos for six hours and afterwards buried 150 of the enemy. One American was killed and one wounded.

The hamlet of Pawin in the province of Laguna, the headquarters of General Calles, was surrounded May 25 by three detachments of the Forty-second regiment. Thirty-seventh regiment and Eleventh cavalry. Only a few Filipinos were encountered. Calles having departed the day before, Pawin, which was manifestly a rebel stronghold, was burned to the ground.

Captain Nord's scouts and two companies of the Eighteenth regiment, while scouting in Western Panay, surprised a number of the enemy near Valdoy and killed thirty-five of them. There were no casualties among the Americans, but some of them suffered from sunstroke.

The official reports announce scouting and small engagements in Panay and Cebu islands and Tayabas, Laguna, Zambeles and Pangasinan provinces, resulting in fourteen of the enemy being killed and many wounded.

Boers are Near Bethlehem. SENEKAL, May 29.—General Rundle, with artillery, the Yeomanry and the Westsiders, Middlesex and Leicester regiments under Major Dalbiac, has occupied Senekal, whence the Boers were driven by a few shells. A field cornet and a number of other Boers were killed. The British casualties numbered eleven.

The French liner Gironde arrived here today with many Transvaal refugees.