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THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Major Frank L. Dodds, judge advocate, has been ordered to Omaha for duty as judge advocate of the department of the Missouri.

A tornado passed a mile north of New Ulm, Minn., from west to east. Several buildings were blown down and two men injured.

A Naples dispatch says that Signor Francesco Crispi, who has been dangerously ill for several days, seems to be weakening gradually.

The fourth series of new silver certificates, comprising \$10 bills, are about to be issued and are already christened the "Buffalo bill," because it has an engraving of a gigantic buffalo.

Signor Francesco Crispi, the former prime minister of Italy, is now in a state of exhaustion. The members of his family and some of his best friends have been summoned, as it is feared he will die.

United States Senator Clark of Montana is at San Francisco in connection with the construction of the Salt Lake, San Pedro & Los Angeles railroad, which he says will be completed as rapidly as possible.

At the final meeting in London of the congress on tuberculosis, under the presidency of Lord Derby, resolutions were adopted in favor of legislation toward the suppression of expectoration in public places.

A Kansas City packing house in shipping export cattle from Chicago to be slaughtered there. Local supplies of fat cattle have been small, notwithstanding that the week's total is the heaviest on record.

Civil service examination will be held on August 4 at Decorah, Iowa City and Atlantic, Ia., Kearney, Nebraska City and Omaha, Neb., for positions of clerks and letter carriers in the postoffices at those places.

The preliminary report of the commissioner of internal revenue for the fiscal year just ended shows receipts for Nebraska district were \$3,407,808; third Iowa district, \$826,344, and fourth Iowa district, \$983,629.

At Indianapolis, F. M. Smallwood, clerk in the railway mail service, was arrested at the union station charged with taking money from the mails. Smallwood ran between that place and Pittsburg on the Pennsylvania line.

In the course of an address delivered before a health congress held at Eastbourne, Dr. Robert Koch of Berlin spoke of the treatment of malaria. He reiterated his dictum that malaria did not emanate from swamps, but was caused by the inoculation of mosquitoes and gnats.

The treasury employes who place the seals and numbers on notes of the United States Monday reached the number 100,000,000 on the \$1 silver certificates of the series of 1899. The numbers will not go any higher, as the printers have been instructed to turn back to No. 1 of letter A.

The interior department has fixed a hearing for September 19 next, on a motion for a review of the decision rendered by the department adverse to the defendant in the cases of the Kern Oil company and the Gray Eagle Mining company, against C. W. Clark, known as the California scrip cases.

A band of Sioux Indians, under the leadership of Stinking Bear, passed through Newcastle, Wyo., a week ago en route to Bander on a visit to the Shoshones. It is reported the Indians have been slaughtering wild game in old time fashion. Game wardens are on the trail of the poachers and arrests are expected.

Rev. S. Gunderson, pastor of the Lutheran church at Mt. Horeb, Wis., was overcome by heat Sunday while preaching a sermon on "The Fires of Hell."

Hamilton Blunt, formerly captain in the Forty-ninth infantry (colored), who was dismissed from the army last January, left San Francisco for Washington to seek reinstatement. He asserts that he has proof that his dismissal was due to a conspiracy on the part of other officers who wished to conceal their own irregularities.

Fifteen counties in Nebraska report good showers on July 25 and 26.

The government officials who have assumed jurisdiction over Lake Manawa, Iowa, have notified the owners of boats on the lake that all boats will be required to carry lights at night.

Bond for Lulu Prince Kennedy of Kansas City, under sentence of ten years for the murder of her husband, was refused by Judge Wofford in the criminal court. The bond had been set at \$10,000, and two business men offered to assume it.

At Providence, R. I., Will Stenson broke the world's record for the paced mile on a six-lap track at the Coliseum last Friday, riding the distance in 1:24 1/5. The previous record was 1:27, made at Baltimore by Archie McEachern last season.

LANDS DRAWN BY LOTS

Names of Lucky Applicants Come from the Fortune Wheel.

A WOMAN AMONG THE LUCKIEST

Is Second Only to James R. Wood in the Lawton District—Great Enthusiasm During the Drawing—The Great Crowd Worn Out Waiting.

EL RENO, Okl., July 30.—The great land lottery began at 9:45 o'clock yesterday morning. Twenty thousand excited, expectant people jammed and crowded about the platform on which, from the wheels of fortune, the government officials superintended the drawing of the lucky numbers to those of the 167,000 applicants who will receive a homestead among the 13,000 in the Kiowa-Comanche country. The approach to the stand of the commissioners guarding the precious bundles of envelopes containing the thousands of applications was the signal for a great demonstration that was renewed with fervor from time to time during the progress of the arrangements.

It was 11 o'clock when finally ten boys, five for the El Reno district and five for the Lawton district, were lined up before the two wheels and awaited the word to draw out the first envelopes from the receptacle. A mighty cheer arose, repeated again and again, and the multitude pushed closer to the platform. Eager, drawn faces watched every movement of those about the wheels and necks were craned to hear the name of the first winner. A moment later when a deputy marshal called loudly for the order the crowd was stilling instantly.

At 9:35 Colonel Dyer, one of the three commissioners, read the president's proclamation relating to the drawing. This finished, the envelopes were placed in the wheels, each was turned repeatedly to insure a generous mixing up, and then in another moment the drawing was on.

The first envelope taken from the wheels contained the name of James R. Wood of Weatherford, Okl., who had registered for a homestead in the Lawton district.

Mattie H. Beals of Wichita, Kan., whose birthplace is in Missouri, drew No. 2 in the Lawton district. The crowd went frantic over the announcement, but became quiet instantly and listened intently to hear the names of the other fortunates. Without doubt Woods and Miss Beals, who have the right to make the first filings, will select the two quarter sections adjoining the Lawton town site district and which are believed to be worth \$40,000 each.

When Colonel Dyer, the commissioner, in thunderous tones announced the woman's age as 23, her height the same as that of Mr. Wood, 20,000 persons shouted in chorus: "They must get married."

No. 1 in the El Reno district is Stephen A. Holcomb of Paula Valley, I. T., and No. 2 is Leonard Lamb of Augusta, Okl.

Each succeeding winning for a time was met with shouts of applause and merriment. All was pleasantly. Every man, though he did not draw a prize from the wheels today, had steadfast faith that tomorrow or the next day would surely see him the possessor of a slip reading him a title clear to 160 acres of Oklahoma land. So in the success of friends or relatives, unfortunate ones today instead of bewailing their lot cheered lustily as familiar names were called out.

The crowd fairly exhausted themselves and when the close of the drawing for the day was announced at 6 o'clock hundreds who had neither eaten nor drunk during the day sank to the ground where they stood from sheer fatigue, or dragged themselves to better places of rest or to refreshment booths uptown. The day was remarkably free from quarrels and general satisfaction with the government's method of disposing of the land was felt.

It has been found that many hundred applicants have "repeated" and that others are so ineligible that they will be thrown out. Over this much discord has resulted and the outcome may be an appeal to the courts.

Secretary Buys Bonds.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—The secretary of the treasury today purchased short term bonds as follows: Twenty five thousand dollar 3s at \$109.118; five thousand dollar 3s at \$109.118; \$5,000 5s at \$109.288; \$1,500 4s at \$113.833.

Troops at Shanghai to Stay.

LONDON, July 30.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Globe, cabling today says: The assurances given in the House of Commons (July 23) by Lord Cranborn, the under foreign secretary, that the German and French troops are only temporarily here, are refuted by the fact that both nationalities are erecting massive, permanent barracks, which will take two years to complete, indicating that many years' occupation is contemplated.

WASHINGTON ADMITS RAIN.

Official Bureau Reports Confirm the Weather News.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—Official advices to the weather bureau are confirmative of the press reports of the prevalence of rains over the corn belt last night with cooler weather than yesterday. During the past twenty-four hours rain has fallen generally over that section, with some few exceptions, notably southern Ohio, Kentucky and southwestern Nebraska. While not heavy in amount the rains are described officially as pretty fair for summer time. At Kansas City there was over an inch of precipitation; from one-fourth to almost two inches in various parts of Iowa; in Nebraska the rainfall was fair; in eastern and northern Oklahoma there were some showers; in Missouri they were pretty fair.

Showers are predicted for tomorrow east of the Mississippi river and fair weather west. Temperatures in the corn belt were generally above 90 degrees, but in some localities they did not get so high. For the next day or two the temperature will be reasonably moderate as compared with those of the heated period.

In many sections of the middle Atlantic states there have been high temperatures today, but in northern New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York they were reduced by showers. In Washington the weather has been exceedingly oppressive today, the thermometer registering a maximum of 97 degrees, with an unusual degree of humidity in the atmosphere.

NEBRASKANS DRAW LAND PRIZES.

These Men Are Winners in the Oklahoma Drawing.

EL RENO, Okl., July 30.—Nebraska winners in the Oklahoma land drawing are:

- John E. Long, Omaha, No. 496, Lawton district.
- Jacob Ridinger, Sutton, No. 147; El Reno district.
- James H. Davey, Hebron, No. 106; El Reno district.
- Joseph Shultz, Jr., Schuyler, No. 61; El Reno district.
- Allen Tingley, Verdon, No. 273; El Reno district.
- Alex Hamilton, Wymore, No. 362; El Reno district.
- Adolph Lutes, Columbus, Neb., No. 147; Lawton district.
- Guy J. Stewart, Helvey, Neb., No. 112; El Reno district.
- Iowa winners include: Doris Roberts, Council Bluffs, No. 323; Lawton district.

KANSAS IS SMILING NOW.

Good Rains Have Fallen Throughout the State.

TOPEKA, Kan., July 30.—In the place of dry weather reports, ruined crops and hot winds in Kansas, now comes news of good rains, unfordable streams and a restoration of confidence.

Most of the rains have come to the eastern and central parts of the state, but tonight the reports from the west indicate that the rain has extended clear through to the Colorado line. In Salina this afternoon the heaviest in weeks fell. Concordia reports that it has been raining there for the past forty-eight hours at intervals, and that the situation is much improved. During a thunder storm in Concordia Carl Hammersbeck, the son of a farmer, was killed by lightning. At Ellsworth a fine rain fell.

Puts a Quiet on Gossip.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—Secretary Long this morning issued the following general order:

"All persons in the naval service are strictly enjoined to refrain from any public statement concerning the subject matter of the court of inquiry requested by Rear Admiral W. S. Schley.

Boxers Have 25,000 Men.

LONDON, July 29.—The so-called "allied villagers," according to native reports, include 25,000 well armed troops in southwestern Chi Li, says the Pekin correspondent of the Standard. Most of them are old boxers or disbanded soldiers. They have captured all the imperial supplies sent overland from Pekin.

Closing Green River Shops.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., July 30.—The Union Pacific shops at Green River will be closed down on August 1. Fifty men are employed there and these will be given work in the shops at Evanston, Rawlins or Cheyenne.

Long Leaves Thursday.

WASHINGTON, July 30.—Secretary Long will leave here Thursday for his annual vacation, the major portion of which will be spent at his home at Hingham, Mass. He probably will return to Washington during the early part of September, prior to the date when the Schley court of inquiry meets. Assistant Secretary Hasket, who has been spending several weeks at his country home in Newcastle, N. H., will act as secretary.

THE FINAL ACT IS NEAR

Many Thousands Are in El Reno to Witness the Great Land Lottery.

EXPECTANCY AMONG HOMESEEKERS

Everyone Confident of Being a Shareholder of the Lucky Few—Not an Exception as a "Run"—Applicants Have but One Chance in Thirteen to Get a Prize

EL RENO, Okl., July 29.—All is expectancy tonight among the thousands of homeseekers here over the grand lottery that begins tomorrow morning. There are 13,000 claims to be distributed, and so each of the 165,865 persons who have registered during the last fifteen days has about one chance in thirteen of winning. It is a long shot, but every one apparently feels confident of being numbered among the lucky, and in consequence the best of good nature prevails.

While the scene lacks the great excitement of the "run" which has heretofore been a part of other land openings in this part of the country, the last act in the throwing open to settlement of the Kiowa-Comanche reservations will not be without life and animation. The drawing will take place in the center of the city and will be witnessed by thousands of people. It will be accomplished on a large platform in the open air, around which the sloping hillsides form a natural amphitheater.

A commission appointed last week by Secretary Hitchcock and composed of W. A. Richards, assistant commissioner of the general land office, and who has had charge of the registration, D. P. Dyer of St. Louis, former United States district attorney, and Frank Dale, ex-chief justice of Oklahoma, will have the drawing in charge.

The actual drawing will be both novel and extremely interesting. On the platform will be two oblong box wheels, each fifteen feet in length, one to hold the names of the applicants for homesteads in the El Reno district, and the other for those of the Lawton district. Into these wheels will be placed envelopes containing names of all the registered applicants. The envelopes will have first been brought to the platform in packages consecutively numbered.

A corresponding series of numbers upon slips will be placed in another receptacle, from which they will be drawn out at random. The package of envelopes bearing the first number drawn will be the first to be placed in the drawing box and well distributed, when another number will be drawn and another package of envelopes distributed, and this course will be continued until all of the envelopes have been placed in the box wheels, after which the wheels will be revolved for a sufficient length of time to insure a thorough mixing of the envelopes.

In each wheel there are five apertures from which the envelopes will finally be drawn. Ten men for each aperture will perform the actual drawing. The order in which they will begin at each wheel will be determined by lot.

The first envelope drawn will be No. 1, which will be at once opened and the identification slips which it contains will be given a corresponding number, and the name and residence which appear upon the slip will be publicly announced. This course will be pursued, numbering each envelope and its contents consecutively, until twenty-five numbers have been drawn from one box, when an equal number will be drawn from the other box in a similar manner. This course will be pursued until 500 names have been drawn from each box, when, if the committee deem it best to do so, arrangements will be made for drawing simultaneously from each box.

After the names have been drawn and announced they will be recorded and a notice prepared to be made to the one whose name is drawn. The drawing will proceed in this manner until every envelope in both boxes has been drawn out.

The Exposition is Paying.

BUFFALO, July 29.—President John G. Millburn of the Pan-American exposition issued a statement today which in part says: "The exposition has been more than paying its expenses since the beginning of June and has already accumulated a considerable surplus. An attendance during August, September and October of the total attendance at Chicago in October alone will pay all the obligations of the exposition and will leave a surplus."

May Cause Complications.

DENVER, July 29.—William Radcliffe, owner of the lease on the Grand Mesa lakes in Delta county, has been summoned to Washington for consultation with the state department. This gives an international aspect to the recent shooting of two men by a deputy game warden, the burning of Radcliffe's hotel and the threatened lynching of the proprietor by a mob of Delta county citizens. Radcliffe claims to be a subject of King Edward.

WEATHER BUREAU ENCOURAGED.

Rain Having Fallen It Believes the Corn Belt Will Get More.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—The weather bureau's advices from the great corn belt Saturday were more encouraging than any that have come to hand for forty days, showing in the opinion of the forecasters that the drouth has been broken by general showers in many portions of that section and with a prospect of their continuation today. Coincident with the fall of rain have come reduced temperatures. With few exceptions the temperatures reported were not abnormally high, no maximums of 100 degrees being reached. West of the Mississippi river they were generally in the neighborhood of 90 degrees.

The forecasters, while not making any specific predictions as to the effect of the rain on the crops, express the opinion that all those crops which have not been irreparably ruined will be benefited by the breaking of the drouth. The late crops naturally would be helped the most.

The reports show that during the past twenty-four hours showers were quite general in the corn belt and were heavy over much of the state of Iowa and over part of the corn belt not hitherto visited by rains, including western Nebraska, southern Missouri and Oklahoma.

INDIANS INTEND TO FILE.

Find a Means of Holding Lands in the Reservations.

OKLAHOMA CITY, O. T., July 29.—Keo Tuck, an Indian, has given notice at the land office at El Reno of his intention to file upon the quarter section of land adjoining the town site of Lawton, which will be the principal town in the new country of the Kiowa and Comanche reservation. This is probably the most valuable tract of the entire 13,000 to be opened.

The application is made under a section of the United States statutes passed in 1887, which gives to every homeless Indian the right to go to any part of the public domain and to make entry for any tract of land that is not in the possession of a homesteader. The section has never been repealed and the right of the Indians who have no allotments or who were omitted from the tribal rolls is one that they can exercise at any time, it is stated.

THOUSAND SILVER DOLLARS.

Sack of Money Disappears from a Chicago National Bank.

CHICAGO, July 29.—A sack of 1,000 silver dollars has mysteriously disappeared from the Commercial National bank and all of the detectives have been put on the case, but their efforts so far have been futile. The package was left outside of the vault by mistake when the bank closed for the night and since then no trace of it can be found.

This is the second strange disappearance of a package of money belonging to the Commercial National bank within a year. Detectives are still looking for a \$20,000 bundle of bills shipped by the bank with the Adams Express company to the National State bank of Burlington, Ia., August 17 last. When the package was opened at Burlington it contained only shippings of papers.

OMAHA MAN SELECTED.

Dr. Foster, Chairman of Nebraska Commission, to Be at Land Drawing.

EL RENO, Okl., July 29.—Governor Richards, chairman of the committee appointed by the president to conduct the drawing of the new lands to be opened for settlement, suggested that each state select a committee to be present at the drawing to see it was fairly and honestly conducted.

Acting upon his suggestion the Nebraskans met and selected the following committee: Dr. H. A. Foster of Omaha, chairman; J. E. Jones of Hastings, George Hess of Omaha, F. A. Swezey of Blue Hill and Amos Quinn of Beatrice. Their headquarters are at the law office of Crow & Jones, room 4, Warren block.

Kansas Thoroughly Soaked.

ATCHISON, Kan., July 29.—The drouth in northern Kansas, which had lasted without interruption since April 15, was broken Saturday night and Sunday morning. The Missouri Pacific railroad has received reports from all its stations which extend 300 miles westward from the Missouri river and northward into Nebraska, and all except two or three report a downpour of from one-fourth of an inch to two inches. The rain was a steady, drizzling one.

Arizona's Total Acreage.

WASHINGTON, July 29.—According to a bulletin issued by the census bureau there are 5,809 farms in Arizona, with a total acreage of 1,935,327 acres, of which 254,521 are improved. Of these farms 1,769 are owned by Indians.

Crispi Growing Worse.

NAPLES, July 29.—The bulletin issued late tonight regarding the condition of Signor Francesco Crispi says the heart trouble is increasing.

TROTTERS' BEST MILE

Cresceus Establishes New World's Record Glenville Track.

BEATS ABBOT'S TIME HALF SECOND

Goes in 2:02 3/4 Over Course that Seems a Trifle Heavy—Takes the Running Mates First Half Mile in 1:01 and the Next in 1:01 3/4.

CLEVELAND, O., July 27.—Amid the enthusiastic cheers of nearly 10,000 people Cresceus, the world's champion trotting stallion, again demonstrated that he is the peer of all trotters by trotting a mile this afternoon over the Glenville track in 2:02 3/4. This establishes a new world's record for both sexes, replacing the former world's record of 2:03 3/4, held by The Abbot.

Owing to the heavy rains of last night the track was not in the best of condition today and it was about 6:30 p. m. before it was deemed to be in safe condition to warrant making the attempt. At times the sun's heat had been replaced by cool breezes. Even then there were few horsemen who looked for a mile better than 2:05. After having been given several preliminary miles, George Ketcham came out with the stallion to attempt what seemed an impossible feat. Ketcham dodged for the word on the third score, the horse trotting like a machine.

Accompanied by a runner, the chestnut stallion fairly flew to the quarter, the timers' watches registering just thirty seconds.

As Cresceus swung into the back stretch he was joined by a second runner, and although many predicted that the footing was such as would retard his speed he reached the half in 1:01. As the time was hung out the immense crowd broke out in cheers. The three-quarters pole was reached in 1:21 3/4, and as the great stallion trotted into the stretch, a runner on either side, his machine-like stride was fairly eating up the distance.

Never once faltering, notwithstanding the terrific clip, he fairly flew to the wire being sustained only by his indomitable courage not being touched once by the whip, his sole urging being the driver's voice and the thundering hoof beats of the accompanying runners.

As the time for the mile was announced—2:02 3/4—and the immense crowd realized that a new world's record had been established, Ketcham and his favorite stallion received an ovation such as has been but seldom witnessed on a race track. Thousands of people rushed out on the track and Ketcham was lifted from the sulky and carried to the grand stand on the shoulders of admirers. Cease after cease rent the air and the name of Cresceus was upon the lips of every one present.

"Ketcham," "Ketcham," yelled the crowd, and the owner of the sturdy son of Robert McGregor was almost carried to the judges' stand, where he delivered a brief address.

Cresceus now not only holds the world's trotting record for both sexes, but last week at the Detroit grand circuit meeting, by trotting in 2:06 3/4 and 2:05 in his race against Charley Herr, secured the world's record for the two fastest heats ever trotted in a race, his second mile in 2:05 also being a new world's record for the fastest mile ever trotted in a race, and also the fastest second heat ever trotted.

SUN'S SLAUGHTER OF HORSES.

Estimated 250 Have Been Killed in South Dakota County.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., July 27.—It is estimated that the intense heat has killed fully 250 horses in this, Minnehaha county.

William Parkinson, a well known farmer living near Ben Clare, was instantly killed by lightning while harvesting. Four horses he was driving were killed by the same stroke. Parkinson was aged 27 and leaves a wife and child. His father and other relatives live in Sioux Falls.

Total Bonds Purchased.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—The secretary of the treasury today purchased short term bonds as follows: Two thousand dollar 4s at \$113.06 1/4 \$1,500 5s at \$109.2136, and \$800 3s at \$109.128. He total amount purchased for the sinking fund today is \$15,954,100 at a cost of \$18,026,563.

Union Pacific Buys a Branch.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., July 27.—The Leavenworth & Lawrence branch of the Union Pacific, which has been in a receiver's hands for several years, was sold, the purchase price being \$900,000. There was but one bidder and the road was knocked down to Judge W. R. Kelly of Omaha for the Union Pacific railway. Judge Kelly stated that the receiver would be discharged at once and the road operated as part of the Union Pacific system.