

# THE BEST NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

## Surplus Products Shipped.

During the year 1900 surplus products were shipped by the railroads from the various counties in Nebraska, valued as follows: Corn, \$21,267,381.57; wheat, \$10,695,820.82; oats, \$5,670,424.75; barley, \$299,481.20; rye, \$532,436.16; flour, \$1,870,331.75; mill feed, \$359,870; hay, \$1,663,359; straw, \$23,085; cattle, \$34,218,860; hogs, \$37,645,076; sheep, \$3,221,568; horses and mules, \$1,250,830; live poultry, \$2,859,576; dressed poultry, \$184,501.44; eggs, \$1,876,875; butter, \$2,359,902.13; cheese, \$11,365.59; apples, \$30,700; peaches, \$30,112; grapes, \$26,848; miscellaneous fruit, \$106,443.32; celery, \$23,305.57; vegetables, \$82,234.98; potatoes, \$265,504; wool, \$57,422; honey, \$453.75; brick, \$202,827.50; fire clay, \$23,085; berries, \$77,805.

## Death of Notorious Woman Convict.

Mrs. Effie Crakall, sentenced to 20 years' penal servitude for a loathsome crime, died in the state penitentiary Saturday morning. She was sent up from Nuckolls county ten years ago for assisting her husband in the ruin of 13 little girls. All the victims were between the ages of 10 and 13. Crakall, a brutal degenerate of the most repulsive type, also received 20 years and for a decade has lived within a short distance of his partner in crime.

## Mystery Surrounds This Case.

Thomas Cheney, a wealthy farmer near Beaver City, was found unconscious with an arm nearly severed and an ax near by with blood on the blade. Cheney tried to convey the impression that he attempted suicide, but cutting off an arm is not generally accepted as being the most approved method of self-destruction. Cheney lived alone with a half-witted son and many believe it was he who attempted his father's life.

## It Was a Lottery.

Several prominent citizens of Norfolk, among them an ex-candidate for congress, a prominent physician and an ex-attorney general of Nebraska, will be brought before the United States district court to be prosecuted for using the United States mails for promoting lottery in a recent attempt to dispose of the Auditorium building by raffle.

## Birds Got the Poison.

The farmers of the state who have been fighting the grasshopper pest with poison have been warned by the state game warden to cease doing so, as the loss of birds and game is greater than the benefit obtained by killing comparatively few insects. Hundreds of birds have died from poison meant for grasshoppers.

## Praises the State Farm.

During his recent visit to Nebraska, Secretary of Agriculture Wilson inspected the state agricultural college farm near Lincoln. He spoke in enthusiastic terms of the work that was being done and expressed a hope that the scope of the school might be broadened and the efficiency of the work increased.

## Shrouded in Mystery.

Enraged because his wife asked for a part of his wages Bert Mitchell drugged her in a rowboat on Cut-Off lake near Omaha and left her for dead on the bank. Later the body disappeared and neither it nor Mitchell had been found, though police officers searched the surroundings thoroughly.

## Attempted to Suppress It.

Paul Roen and Gilbert Anderson, young sons of prominent Columbus families, engaged in a quarrel while playing and Roen shot Anderson in the face with a 22 rifle, inflicting a serious wound. The affair was kept quiet owing to the prominence of the families.

## Guardian for the Children.

The probate judge at Long Pine appointed a guardian for the five children of John Klingel. It was shown that the children, the eldest of whom is 11 years, were compelled to live in a hovel and were deprived of the necessities of life.

## While Riding a Velocipede.

Herman Kauffman, while riding a railroad velocipede which he had taken without permission from the section house, was run down by a Burlington freight train near Peru and killed.

## Teachers Thick in Custer County.

There were 277 teachers attending the normal institute in Custer county—a record no other county in the state has equaled.

## State Teachers' Association.

The next session of the Nebraska State Teachers' association will be held in Lincoln December 31, January 1, 2 and 3.

## Sensational Developments Expected.

At Plattsmouth, Mrs. L. Elford has sued Mrs. Mary Young to recover \$10,000 for alleged slander.

## He Needed the Dog.

John C. Graham, a farmer near Omaha, willingly allowed the Nebraska Children's Home society to take his two little daughters and provide for them, but balked when one of the little ones wanted to take a dog with her. Mrs. Graham died a few weeks ago, and the father did nothing to provide for the little girls. They subsisted on wild fruits, corn, and other vegetables they had foraged for themselves. When told by the officers of the society that they were going to take the children away from him Graham made no objection, but when the smaller of the two little girls pleaded to take the dog along he refused absolutely to part with the animal, saying he needed the dog on the farm.

## Three Convicts Sealed the Walls.

Three convicts escaped from the state penitentiary at Lincoln the other night and have not been captured. Since the penitentiary fire last March, the cellhouses have been overcrowded, and during the hot spell some of the men with short terms to serve were allowed to sleep in the open, but inside the prison walls. After making a ladder of gaspipe, they had only to scale the inside walls and drop to the ground on the other side. Adair, one of the men who escaped, was captured near Grand Island next day. A posse was pursuing the other two with bloodhounds.

## Victim of a Cold Bath.

A. F. Stichweh, a Grand Island merchant, was unable to sleep the other night because of the heat and arose and took a cold bath. He became chilled and, having been afflicted in former days with rheumatism, was taken with cramps. A physician was called and worked with him 15 hours, but was unable to relieve the patient.

## Wasted 1,000 Pounds of Powder.

After 14 hours of continuous bombardment, Rainmaker Wright was compelled by physical exhaustion to discontinue his efforts to bring rain at Lincoln by the concussion theory and reluctantly silenced his 25 mortars. A number of citizens assisted in the experiment, and 1,000 pounds of powder was exploded.

## College Debt Almost Due.

Six thousand dollars must be raised to pay the Wesleyan university debt before August 15. Unless this is done Lincoln will lose one of its colleges. The total debt amounts to \$75,000, but through the efforts of the members of the Methodist church all but \$6,000 has been subscribed.

## Nebraska to Be Well Represented.

Reports received by the adjutant general of the Department of Nebraska, Grand Army of the Republic, indicate that almost every post in the state will be represented on the official train which will leave Omaha for Cleveland September 9 to attend the national encampment.

## Claims She Was Justified.

Mrs. Mary McGraw, of Twenty-fifth and Burt streets, Omaha, is under arrest charged with burning a residence opposite her home. Mrs. McGraw alleges the place was being used for immoral purposes and that her husband was there in company with questionable characters.

## To Increase All Companies.

Adj. Gen. Colby has issued an order authorizing the increase of all companies of the Nebraska national guard to the maximum strength of 62 men each. Heretofore each company has been limited to 42 privates and ten commissioned and non-commissioned officers.

## Sizer Promises Reform.

State Oil Inspector Sizer has inaugurated several innovations in his office which he says will increase the revenue to the state. A rigid system of bookkeeping will be followed and a complete record kept of every inspection, whether a gallon or a trainload.

## Insane Over Crop Fears.

Suffering under the hallucination that the drought was sent by Divine hand as a punishment for some grievous wrong which she had committed, Mrs. Edith McLean, wife of a farmer of McCook, has been committed to the hospital for the insane near Lincoln.

## New School at Niobrara.

Owing to the increase in the attendance at the public schools at Niobrara the school board has found it necessary to build another schoolhouse, 30-22 feet and one story high.

## For Assaulting His Father.

Alexander Baker, Jr., who was arrested at Grand Island for assaulting his father, was sentenced to 75 days in the county jail on bread and water.

## Assisted by Outside Parties.

Frank Neal, in jail at Tecumseh for stealing two teams from farmers of that county, broke prison with the aid of outside parties.

## EIGH TRIBUTE PAID.

Vice President Roosevelt Addresses the Pioneers Who Helped to Make Colorado a State 25 Years Ago.

Colorado Springs, Col., Aug. 2.—The feature of the quarto-centennial celebration of Colorado's admission as a state was the address by Vice President Roosevelt Friday afternoon. In part the vice president said:

You, the men of Colorado, and above all, the older among those whom I am now addressing, have been engaged in doing the great typical work of our people. Save only the preservation of the union itself, no other task has been so important as the conquest and settlement of the west. This conquest and settlement has been the stupendous feat of our race for the century that has just closed. It stands supreme among all such feats. The same kind of thing has been in Australia and Canada, but upon a less important scale; while the Russian advance in Siberia has been incomparably slower. In all the history of mankind there is nothing that quite parallels the way in which our people have filled a vacant continent with self-governing commonwealths, knit into one nation. And of all this marvelous history perhaps the most wonderful portion is that which deals with the way in which the Pacific coast and the Rocky mountains were settled.

The men who founded these communities showed practically by their life work that it is indeed the spirit of adventure which is the maker of commonwealths. Their traits of daring and hardihood and iron endurance are not merely indispensable traits for successful pioneers; they are also traits which must go to the make-up of every mighty and successful people. You and your fathers who built up the west did more even than you thought, for you shaped thereby the destiny of the whole republic, and as a necessary corollary profoundly influence the course of events throughout the world. More and more as the years go by this republic will find its guidance in the thought and action of the west, because the conditions of development in the west have steadily tended to accentuate the peculiarly American characteristics of its people.

There was scant room for the coward and the weakling in the ranks of the adventurous frontiersman; the pioneer settlers who first broke up the wild prairie soil, who first hewed their way into the primeval forest; who guided their white-topped wagons across the endless leagues of Indian-hunted desolation, and explored every remote mountain chain in the restless quest for metal wealth. Behind them came the men who completed the work they had roughly begun; who drove the great railroad systems over plain and desert and mountain pass; who stocked the teeming ranches, and under irrigation saw the bright green of the alfalfa and the yellow of the golden stubble supplant the gray of the sage-bush desert; who have built great populous cities, cities in which every art and science of civilization are carried to their highest point, on tracts which when the nineteenth century had passed when the meridian were still known only to the grim trappers and hunters and the red lords of the wilderness with whom they waged eternal war. Such is the record of which we are so proud. It is a record of men who greatly dared and greatly did; a record of wandering wider and more dangerous than those of the Vikings; a record of endless feats of ceaseless strife waged against wild man and wild nature. The winning of the west was the great epic feat in the history of our race.

## EVERY DOLLAR RECOVERED.

An Indiana Bank That Was Looted of \$16,000 Has an Unusual Streak of Good Fortune.

Goshen, Ind., Aug. 3.—Detectives made arrests here which led to the recovery of \$16,000 of stolen currency and gold coin. Two men who robbed the Akron bank ten days ago were captured in a gambling house. The robbers admitted their guilt and led the detectives to the outskirts of the city of Elkhart, where they had buried their plunder. Every dollar taken from the bank was recovered. The bank directors had kept the robbery a secret for fear of a panic.

## Affected by Acting in "Uncle Tom's Cabin."

St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 3.—Thomas Malley, an old-time actor who had for years played in "Uncle Tom's Cabin," was yesterday committed to the Rochester insane asylum. Malley had seen so much of Uncle Tom that it affected his brain and now he imagines that Simon Legree is constantly pursuing him with bloodhounds.

## Costs England \$6,250,000 a Week.

London, Aug. 3.—In the house of commons Lord Stanley, the financial secretary of war, said the cost of the war in South Africa from April 1 to July 31 was \$178,750,000. The actual cost in July was \$6,250,000 weekly. The statement was greeted with ironical Irish cheers.

## Wilson Comes to See for Himself.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 3.—James Wilson, secretary of agriculture, has come west to personally inspect the crop conditions, especially in the corn belt. His itinerary will include the states of Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri.

## Creseus' Great Performance.

Columbus, O., Aug. 3.—Creseus, champion of the trotting turf, added more laurels to his fame yesterday by trotting a mile in 2:02 1/4, reducing by half a second his week-old record of 2:02 3/4, made at Cleveland last Friday.

## A Big Fire at Hammond, Ind.

Chicago, Aug. 3.—Hammond, Ind., was threatened with destruction yesterday by a fire that consumed three large manufacturing plants and caused a loss of over \$100,000 before it was under control.

## PRAISE FOR SCHLEY.

Commander of Cristobol Colon at Santiago Tells of Battle.

The Brooklyn, He Says, Was in the Thick of the Battle from Start to Finish, Doing Frightful Damage to Spanish Ships.

New York, Aug. 1.—The Madrid representative of the Journal and Advertiser has obtained an interview from Capt. Diaz Moreu, who commanded the Cristobol Colon during the naval conflict off Santiago. Says Capt. Moreu in reference to the movements of Admiral Schley:

All the American officers, without exception did their duty in the naval battle of Santiago. So did we, although it is certain we were vanquished by superiority of force. It is absurd and unpatriotic to make any exception in the case of Admiral Schley. It is absurd because the Brooklyn was in the thick of the fight throughout. She was at the mouth of the harbor when we tried to pass out, and engaged us with a terrific fire, doing frightful damage to the end. In the pursuit of the Cristobol Colon we surrendered to the Brooklyn 40 miles west of Santiago. The Brooklyn was the first to encounter us as we were coming out and the first to lead in the pursuit, and she kept up the lead, with the Oregon vastly aiding. The Brooklyn landed a shell just ahead of my ship, and, with the Oregon helping her there was nothing left for me to do but run ashore.

The Brooklyn's conduct was brave; hence Commodore Schley was brave. Schley was on port, where he was put by Sampson. After the battle commenced each commander acted according to circumstances and events show that the Brooklyn bore a brave part. I should say that Schley was not only brave, but very competent, as is Sampson, whom I know personally.

Of all the American ships the Brooklyn was the most exposed to our fire and to that of our batteries. Commodore Schley's own report was a model of a plain, sailor-like and gentlemanly statement. Schley directed that our officers retain their personal effects. A coward is never generous. The suggestion of cowardice probably comes from cowards.

## JAMES DONOHOE CHOSEN.

He Will Represent the Frisco-Memphis Consolidation at Kansas City After September 1, Next.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 1.—It is announced that James Donohoe will after September 1 be assistant general passenger and freight agent of the Frisco-Memphis lines, in charge of the Kansas City office. Mr. Donohoe is as much of a passenger man as a freight man, and was formerly general freight and passenger agent of the Pittsburg & Gulf, now the Kansas City Southern. He is particularly well liked, and is thoroughly familiar with Kansas City. In his new position he will be the man who will meet the public on the part of the Frisco-Memphis management.

Alex. Hilton, assistant general passenger agent of the Memphis, goes to St. Louis as assistant general passenger agent of the Frisco-Memphis system. Mr. Hilton is conceded to be one of the ablest passenger men in the west, and will stand next to Bryan Snyder in the administration of passenger affairs.

## CARDIRAS HEADS REVOLT.

He Is Leading an Army of 5,000 Against President Castro, of Venezuela—Martial Law Proclaimed.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, Aug. 1.—Dr. Rangel Cardiras, at the head of 5,000 men, has revolted against President Castro, of Venezuela. The insurgents are near San Antonio de Tachira, on the Colombian frontier. The Venezuelan government has sent 10,000 troops to the scene of the uprising. The situation is grave. Other outbreaks are expected. The whole country is ready to rise against President Castro. Constitutional guarantees have been suspended and complications with Colombia are feared.

## Martial Law Proclaimed.

Washington, Aug. 1.—The state department has received the following from the American legation at Caracas: "Martial law has been declared in Venezuela by the president of the country in consequence of the invasion of a revolutionary force from Colombia. It is reported that an army of 10,000 men will meet the invaders."

## END NOT IN SIGHT.

Great Strike at San Francisco May Extend to Every Port on the Pacific Coast.

San Francisco, Aug. 1.—The great strike ordered by the City Front federation shows no signs of a speedy settlement. Employers predict its ultimate collapse, though they admit that the struggle may be prolonged. The labor leaders express themselves as confident of victory and say that if necessary the strike will be extended to include every port on the Pacific coast.

## A Fight with Bootleggers.

St. Joseph, Mo., Aug. 1.—In a fight with bootleggers at Wathena, Kan., yesterday afternoon Constable A. M. Livermore shot and instantly killed Lou Henderson, one of the bootleggers, who had been arrested, and captured John William, an accomplice of the dead man. The bootleggers are both colored and have given the officers much trouble.

## ONE CHANCE LEFT.

The Disappointed Ones at El Reno Hope That Many Who Drew Homesteads Will Not File—13,000 Names Drawn.

El Reno, Ok., Aug. 2.—The fourth day of the drawing for homesteads opened clear and hot. It lacked few minutes of eight o'clock when the big boxes began to revolve and the lively click of typewriters recorded the names of the belated lucky numbers. Thursday finished 13,000 names and the worst is over. The remaining numbers will be drawn in a hurry. The crowd facing the platform Thursday was large, but every day it is growing less and the night trains carried the bulk of the crowd away. Anxious faces show great disappointment, but many, however, are holding to the hope that many of the names drawn will never file. Satisfaction is general over the selection by Gov. Richards of the three commissioners who will have charge of the sale of townships in the new county seats of Lawton, Anadarko and Hobart.

The homestead speculator already is seeking to get an offer of cash for relinquishing his claim. The speculator is the man who registered for the sole purpose of selling what he might draw out of the wheels that began turning July 29. The fact that registration cost nothing and carried with it a chance of getting 160 acres of land worth from \$1,500 to \$4,000, drew thousands of persons to El Reno and Lawton who never intended to stay in the country and who would be as helpless as children should they try to prove up a homestead.

## SCHLEY'S REQUEST DENIED.

Language in the Precept Charging the Rear Admiral with Disobeying Orders Will Not Be Modified.

Washington, Aug. 2.—The navy department has refused to accede to Admiral Schley's suggestion that the language in the fifth specification of the precept to the court of inquiry be modified. The admiral in his letter challenges that specification, which states as a fact, that he had disobeyed orders and suggested that it be modified. The department in its reply declines to make the suggested modification on the ground that according to the official records Admiral Schley himself acknowledged that he had disobeyed orders. The disobedience of orders was an established fact, whether unwillingly or willingly.

## A Reprimand for Schley's Son.

Washington, Aug. 2.—The war department has taken cognizance of the published interview of Capt. Thomas F. Schley regarding the court of inquiry upon his father, Rear Admiral Schley. It is understood that the department informed the captain that such interviews were contrary to the army regulations. It is not believed that a general order directing army officers not to talk for publication about such matters will be necessary.

## AGAINST THE BLACKS.

Maryland Democrats Declare the Right of the Ignorant to Vote is a Public Menace.

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 2.—The democrats of Maryland met in convention here at noon for the purpose of naming candidates for controller and clerk of the court of appeals and adopting a platform upon which candidates for the legislature, which meets in January next, will stand. Much thought and careful consideration had been given to the platform and to the district nominations for both houses of the general assembly as upon democratic success or failure in this particular depends the re-election or defeat of former Senator Arthur Pue Gorman to succeed Senator Wellington. Mr. Gorman himself has taken part in all the conferences upon this subject and the platform is generally regarded as the product of his sagacity and experience.

The platform, which was adopted without dissension, declares that the unqualified right to vote by ignorant citizens is a menace to the welfare of the state and that the state administration is to be commended for having caused laws to be adopted restricting the power of illiterates to cast their ballots.

## To Raze the Exposition Building.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 2.—The old Exposition building, once the pride of Kansas City, but now a crumbling mass of ruins on the J. T. Holmes tract, will be blown up with dynamite. As soon as the old building is razed to the ground the work of transforming the plot of ground on which it stands into a fashionable residence district will be begun.

## Boers Murdering Native Scouts.

London, Aug. 2.—A dispatch from Lord Kitchener, dated from Pretoria, says: "French reports that he has received a letter from Kritzinger (a Boer commander), announcing his intention to shoot all natives in British employ, whether armed or unarmed. Many cases of cold-blooded murder of natives in Cape Colony have recently occurred."