

THE BEST NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Determined Not to Hang.

William Rhea, confined in the penitentiary awaiting his appeal to the supreme court, attempted a daring scheme for cheating the gallows. He planned to saw off the bars of the door of his cell, escape into the corridor and there lie in wait for the yard prison guard, who inspects the prison yard every night about nine o'clock. By overpowering this man he figured he could secure the keys to the east gate and make good his escape. It was discovered that the prisoner had patiently tunneled a hole entirely through the thick masonry of the cell. A thin shell of stone had been left on the outside and this had been cracked at the proper moment. Through this opening it is supposed that the saw blade, was passed to the prisoner by some convict in league with friends of Rhea. In addition to the saw blade the guards discovered that Rhea has several knives purloined from the tables, two penknives and a lancet made from a razor blade. These implements were confiscated and the prisoner was taken to a cage in the new cell house, where he can be watched night and day. Rhea was convicted of the murder of Herman Zahn, of Fremont, and was sentenced to be hanged August 2. His attorneys took an appeal, the supreme court set aside the sentence and he was incarcerated in the penitentiary pending the result of the deliberations of the supreme court. Rhea is a young man and he declares he will never hang.

Deposits in Nebraska Banks.

At the present time Omaha banks have reached the high water mark of bank deposits, the last statement showing a total amount of bank deposits of \$12,433,568.48. At the present time the deposits of the bankers of the state of Nebraska will form about one-half of the national bank deposits and two-thirds of the deposits of state and private banks now in the strong boxes of the Omaha bankers. The total deposits of the national and state banks of Nebraska, according to the last published statements, would be in the neighborhood of \$9,738,351, an amount unprecedented in the history of the banks of the city and state.

Water Supply at Capitol.

The new water plant at the capitol, which has been in operation for three months, was subjected to an official test Monday prior to transferring it into the possession of the state. Its total cost, including both labor and machinery, was approximately \$4,400. It has a capacity for pumping 500 barrels per hour and its operation, when worked continuously, will cost less than 60 cents per day.

Falk Will Sue the State.

W. J. Falk, of Hastings, who has a claim against the state for \$8,750 for clothing supplies furnished the hospital for insane at Hastings, will sue the state. The board of public lands and buildings, on the ground that the claim was extravagant beyond reason, offered Falk two-thirds of the amount and it was promptly refused.

Favors Fireproof Buildings.

Gov. Savage declared that he would oppose any plan to construct state buildings in the future with any but fire-proof materials. "It seems to me that it is foolishness and false economy to erect wooden buildings for state purposes," he said.

Robbed by a Former Employee.

George Greer, a former clerk in the Callaway post office, is under arrest charged with stealing \$20 from the money drawer. He entered the office by a rear door while the postmaster was standing in the front door.

Oldest Building in Beatrice.

A building in Beatrice used as a store room below and living rooms above was recently destroyed by fire. It was the first building erected in Beatrice (1862), the lumber being hauled from St. Joseph.

Stole Hardware and Liquor.

Burglars got into a hardware store at Dakota City and carried off \$400 worth of guns, knives, revolvers and saws. From a saloon they stole several thousand cigars and considerable liquor.

Colt Bucks Boy into Tree.

Pierson Smith, Jr., of St. Edward, was thrown from a young colt against a large tree, fracturing his skull, bursting several blood vessels and rendering him unconscious.

Voted to Admit Women.

The Nebraska conference of the M. E. church, in session at David City, voted 96 to 5 in favor of admitting women as lay delegates to the general conference.

Nebraska Wins a Game.

The University of Nebraska football team won the game at Kirksville, Mo., with the Kirksville Osteopathy school, 5 to 0.

To Rebuild State Asylum.

Information received at the state-house indicates that the damage by fire at the hospital for the insane at Norfolk will be nearer \$50,000 than \$150,000, as first reported. Nearly all of the walls remained intact and can be used with a little repairing for rebuilding. The interior portion is practically all destroyed. Some of the state officers favored centralizing the state asylums and other institutions at Lincoln, but they admit it would not be wise to take the insane hospital to Lincoln if it can be rebuilt at Norfolk for \$50,000.

Left Good Account of Escape.

James Shoemaker escaped from the county jail at Beaver. He sawed his way through the heavy bar of his cell and then through the iron bars guarding the windows to the jail. He had assistance from the outside. Shoemaker wrote a letter to a local paper, which he dropped in the road near town. It gave a humorous account of his escape and scored the officials who had him in charge.

Memorial to Mr. McKinley.

Preparations for a memorial for President McKinley in Lincoln are going rapidly on. It has been definitely decided to purchase bells to be placed on some desirable building, these bells to chime daily the favorite hymns of the late president. It has been almost definitely decided that these shall be placed on the new St. Paul Methodist Episcopal church.

Will Prosecute Trust Cases.

Attorney General Prout said that he would continue the prosecution of the trust cases in the supreme court regardless of the adverse decision of Judge McPherson, of the United States circuit court. These are the actions instituted by former Attorney General Smyth against the Standard Oil company and the Argo Manufacturing company.

Dietrich Divides His Time.

Senator Dietrich expects to divide his time among Lincoln, Omaha and Hastings until October 7, when he will leave for Washington to remain for the convening of congress. He hoped to have more time in Nebraska, but an appointment arranged for October 10 in the national capital necessitates his early departure.

The Goods Were Short.

Edward Roth, manager of the Lincoln Cloak & Suit company at Lincoln, is under arrest charged with embezzling \$10,000 from the company. It is alleged that Roth claimed the stock to be worth \$22,000, but that when an invoice was taken it was found to be worth only \$12,000.

Divorced at 83.

Christopher Tolge, 83 years of age, was granted a divorce at Pierce from his 35-year-old wife. He met his wife a few months ago and married her after an acquaintance of three hours. The wife fought the divorce, but was allowed \$500 alimony.

Sheriff Gets Army Appointment.

Capt. W. K. Moore, sheriff of Nuckolls county and republican nominee for a second term, has received a commission as second lieutenant of artillery in the regular army. Moore, though but 25 years of age, has a good army record.

Judge E. R. Duffie's Canvass.

Judge E. R. Duffie asserts in a sworn statement that the expenses of his canvass before the recent democratic convention for the nomination for supreme judge amounted to an even 20 cents.

Escaped Prisoner Captured.

Charles Brown, in jail at Papillion for assaulting Miss Hulda Peterson, broke jail the other night, but a little girl who saw him running gave the alarm and Brown was captured.

New Disease Among Cattle.

Charley Jean, a farmer four miles from Plattsmouth, reported that a new disease had broken out among his cattle. Their tongues, noses and mouths are badly swollen.

Educators to Meet.

A call has been issued by President Wolfe for a meeting of county school superintendents and principals in Lincoln October 17, 18 and 19.

Lodge Secretary Stole \$80.

Owen E. Mason is under arrest at Tecumseh charged with stealing \$80 while acting as secretary of the local lodge of Maccabees.

Chose the Rope Route.

David Mercer, of Gibbon, committed suicide. He was found by his family hanging in a corner upon his place, west of Gibbon.

Three Trainmen Killed.

Two freight trains on the Great Northern collided near Penn, killing three trainmen and wrecking eight cars of stock.

CORBIN BACK FROM MANILA.

Adjutant General Pleased with Conditions in the Philippines—Army is in Good Health.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Maj. Gen. Corbin, the adjutant general of the army, has returned from the Philippines. While he declined to submit to a formal interview, he talks freely of the condition of affairs in the Philippines, particularly of the work accomplished by Gens. Sternberg, Weston and Greely. The general is greatly pleased with the conditions obtaining in the archipelago and was particularly gratified to find the health of the army so excellent and to see himself evidence of the good feeling among the officers and soldiers.

Gen. Corbin said that the necessity for a regularly established mail service between Manila and this country is one of great importance, not only for the commercial interests, but for the soldiers and officers serving in the archipelago; for there is now no certainty when mail will be received from home. The practicability of establishing an efficient mail service is illustrated by the facilities offered by the Canadian Pacific steamers carrying mail to the orient, where the people of the ports in China and Japan where the steamers touch can determine within an hour the date of the arrival of the next mail, and so strict is the penalty for failure to deliver the mail on schedule time that the people can depend on their mail with the exactness of the service in Washington. As it is now the post office in Manila is reported as being administered excellently, but the receipt of the mail is very irregularly.

WILL ECLIPSE ALL.

The Buildings of the St. Louis World's Fair to Be the Largest of Any Exposition Ever Held.

St. Louis, Sept. 25.—The exhibits coming under the head of manufactures and liberal arts will be housed in four buildings at the Louisiana Purchase exposition, to be held in St. Louis in 1903, with the following dimensions: One 600x1,200 feet, one 600x600 feet and two each 525x750 feet. This was decided on Wednesday by the committee on manufactures and liberal arts. This action, with that already taken, will give to the coming world's fair buildings that will eclipse in size those of any other international exposition ever held. The other main buildings decided on and their dimensions are as follows: Agriculture, 700x2,000 feet; art (main building), 300x600 feet; art, (two wings each), 200x300 feet; social economy, 550x700 feet; education, 550x700 feet; electricity, 600x550 feet; service, 300x300 feet; United States government, 400x600 feet.

Next Friday President David R. Francis, Vice President Corwin H. Spencer and Treasurer W. H. Thompson will hold a conference at Washington with President Roosevelt on world's fair matters.

FIRST LADY IN THE LAND.

Mrs. Roosevelt Assumed Her Dignified Station as Mistress of the White House Wednesday Night.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, the wife of the president, took up her permanent residence in Washington Wednesday night, when, as mistress of the white house, she occupied apartments there for the first time. She reached the city at 9:30 o'clock, bringing with her two of the Roosevelt children. Apartments in the southwestern part of the building have been specially fitted up for the new presidential family. New carpets and furniture have been bought and some painting and varnishing done.

President Roosevelt entertained a party of gentlemen at dinner before Mrs. Roosevelt arrived. For two hours late in the afternoon the president enjoyed a horseback ride accompanied by Col. Sanger, the assistant secretary of war.

TWO MATTERS SETTLED.

President Roosevelt Will Not Remove Pension Commissioner Evans Nor Disturb Southern Representation.

Washington, Sept. 25.—To his callers President Roosevelt has already clearly intimated two additional things in the fulfillment of the late president's desires. One is that the commissioner of pensions, H. Clay Evans, will not be removed; the other is that he will oppose, as Mr. McKinley opposed, the reduction of the representation of certain southern states in congress.

Anti-Quay Fusion in Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia, Sept. 25.—Fusion in this city and state is complete. The ticket has been agreed upon and was nominated in the state and county conventions of the union or anti-Quay republicans. The fusion ticket will have the support of the union party, the Municipal league and the reorganized Philadelphia democracy under the leadership of former Gov. Pattison and National Committeeman Guffy.

HOW HE WOULD USE GUARDS.

Roosevelt Says They Are Only Necessary to Protect the President on Public Occasions or During Crowds.

Washington, Sept. 25.—President Roosevelt has expressed his mind on the subject of a body guard since Mr. McKinley was shot, and he is not at all averse to having his view thoroughly understood. He thinks that guards are necessary about the person of the president on public occasions, or when he is attended by large crowds. He thinks that during railroad journeys and other outings, when there is the slightest possibility of accident or crime, the utmost precautions dictated by prudence and common sense should be observed, as they always have been, and he thinks the president himself should be exceedingly wary about exposing himself to the risk of accident or injury. Mr. Roosevelt has decided views about having secret service agents to watch his every movement when going about the ordinary social and business duties of the day. He will not have his person so guarded, and he puts his foot down at the start.

GEN. TORRES ARRESTED.

Philippine Leader Who Surrendered Recently Will Be Tried for Ordering the Murder of an American Officer.

Manila, Sept. 25.—Gen. Isidoro Torres, who surrendered some months ago, was arrested yesterday and will be tried for having ordered the murder of Corporal Fieldner, of the Twelfth infantry, at Malolos, province of Bulacan, last October. It is also probable that Gen. Alejandro will shortly be arrested. Acting under his orders many of his officers hung or otherwise killed Filipinos who sympathized with the Americans.

Col. Atienza, with his entire staff, has surrendered to Capt. Pitcher, who had been in close pursuit of him since Lieut. Hazzard captured the deserter Howard in his camp. Capt. Pitcher has also been capturing small bands of insurgents and receiving the surrender of others.

Marinez, Ana and Villaluz, the last insurgent officers in the province of South Camarines, have surrendered to Capt. Williams, putting an end to the insurrection in that province.

RESUMED NEW YEAR'S DAY.

No Official Functions to Be Held at White House Before the First of Next Year.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Secretary Cortelyou announced that President Roosevelt would not hold any official functions at the white house until the public reception on New Year's day. After that date they will take place as formerly. Formal calls of organizations and officials in a body will be deferred until after 31 days from the date of the late president's death. The flag on the executive mansion will fly at half mast and mourning papers will be used by the heads of the departments for a period of 30 days.

DESTROYED BY WIND.

A Terrible Storm Visits the Vicinity of Lexington, Neb., Killing Live Stock and Demolishing Buildings.

Lexington, Neb., Sept. 25.—A terrible windstorm visited this vicinity last night. Trees were uprooted, houses were lifted from their foundations and outbuildings of all kinds were destroyed. A barn belonging to Iver Nelson was struck by lightning and then literally torn to atoms by the wind. The flying embers demolished a new windmill. A number of other windmills were blown down. Many chimneys were leveled to the roofs. So far as known nobody was injured, but several horses and cattle were killed.

FIRST MESSAGE BY GOV. ROSS

Klondike at Last Brought Into Telegraphic Communication with the Outside World.

Vancouver, B. C., Sept. 25.—The Klondike has been brought into telegraphic communication. The first message was one of congratulation from Gov. Ross, of the Klondike, now in Vancouver, to his legal representative at Dawson. The line, which is 2,200 miles long, touches at Atlin, White Horse, Dawson and Fort Simpson and connects at the Alaskan boundary with the projected American government line from St. Michael.

MacArthur Sees a Republic.

Milwaukee, Sept. 25.—Gen. Arthur MacArthur, who recently returned from Manila, says the conditions in the Philippines are favorable for the ideas of a republic. "We are carrying the doctrines of personal liberty there and wherever the flag of the United States in the process of just advancement is once planted it is going to stay forever," he said.

Wages of Mill Operatives Increased.

Fall River, Mass., Sept. 25.—Notices were posted in all departments of the Iron Works mills announcing that an increase in wages of five per cent. will go into effect October 1.

SCHLEY'S SIDE OF IT.

The Admiral Tells Why He Could Not Carry Out Instructions in Secretary Long's Dispatches.

Washington, Sept. 25.—Two new witnesses were introduced in the Schley court Wednesday. They were Admiral Cotton, who, as captain, commanded the auxiliary cruiser Harvard, and Capt. Wise, who commanded the auxiliary cruiser Yala during the Spanish war. Both these vessels were used as scouts and both came up with the flying squadron off Santiago on the 27th of May, before the retrograde movement to Key West was begun.

Admiral Cotton testified that he had gone aboard Admiral Schley's flagship, the Brooklyn, on that date to take dispatches to him, and he said at first that he gave him four or five dispatches addressed to the commander of the squadron. He afterwards modified this statement, saying that probably all but two of these dispatches were addressed to himself (Admiral Cotton) but that they contained information which he thought should be in Admiral Schley's possession. One of these was a copy of a dispatch from Admiral Sampson, which had not been printed in the official records, stating that the Spanish fleet was at Santiago. He also said that the coal could have been taken from the Merrimac on the 27th of May, the day on which the retrograde movement to Key West was begun for the purpose of coaling.

Capt. Wise testified that on the 27th of May he had signaled Capt. Philip, of the Texas, his opinion that Cervera was inside the harbor at Santiago, but the testimony was ruled out. During the day Admiral Schley announced that he had selected Mr. Rayner as his chief counsel to succeed Judge Wilson.

Admiral Cotton said that he had the original translations of the cipher dispatches addressed to the Harvard. The dispatch of May 25 from Secretary Long was as follows: "Harvard, St. Nicholas Mole, Hayti; Proceed at once and inform Schley, and also the senior officer present off Santiago, as follows: All department's information indicates Spanish division is still at Santiago. The department looks to you to ascertain facts, and that the enemy, if therein, does not leave without a decisive action."

Admiral Schley's reply to these dispatches dated May 29, in which he said he could not obey the orders of the department, was then read and Mr. Rayner pointed out various changes in the language of the dispatch as printed in the official report. The following is in substance the reply of Admiral Schley to Secretary Long's dispatch: "It is to be regretted that the department's orders cannot be obeyed, earnestly as we have all striven to that end. I am forced to return to Key West via Yucatan channel for coal. Can ascertain nothing concerning enemy. Was obliged to send Eagle to Port Antonio, Jamaica, yesterday, as she had only 27 tons of coal on board. Will leave St. Paul here. Will require 9,500 tons of coal at Key West."

VISITED THE ASSASSIN.

Father, Brother and Sister of Czolgosz Interview Him in His Cell, But Got No Information.

Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 25.—Paul, Waldeck and Victoria Czolgosz, father, brother and sister of Leon Czolgosz, the assassin of President McKinley, were granted an interview with the prisoner in the Erie county jail. Assistant District Attorney Haller and Assistant Superintendent of Police Cusick were present under instructions of District Attorney Penney, throughout the interview. The interview between the assassin and his father, brother and sister lasted 35 minutes, but no information leading to the implication of anyone else in an anarchist plot to kill the president was given by the prisoner. "We learned nothing that we did not know before," said Assistant District Attorney Haller, at the conclusion of the conference. He talked more than he had at any previous time, but even to his family he was not very communicative. The family returned to Cleveland immediately after the interview.

SHAFFER MUST PROVE IT.

His Charges Against Gompers and Mitchell Have Instigated a Prompt Challenge from the Accused.

New York, Sept. 25.—In an open letter issued here Wednesday Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor and vice president of the Cigar Makers' International union, and John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America and second vice president of the American Federation of Labor, challenge Theodore J. Shaffer, president of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers, to prove his statements recently made that they betrayed the interests of the unions in the recent steel strike.