

THE BEST NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Abused Privileges of the Mail.
Lloyd Hunter, of Guide Rock, has been arrested for sending obscene letters through the mails. The offense was committed February 14, a day upon which valentines, both tender and grotesque, are considered the proper freight for the mailbags of Uncle Sam. Hunter selected three of the most grotesque and abusive he could find and sent them to one Mrs. C. West, of Guide Rock. The valentines did not convey the extremity of the sentiment which Hunter felt, it is alleged in the indictment, so he proceeded to write upon the margins words and phrases too obscene to be placed upon the records of the court.

Not a Bushel of Grain.
"Grant is one of those Nebraska counties which did not raise a single bushel of grain this year, but when it comes to cattle we don't take a back seat for any of them," said E. M. Moran, a Hyannis cattleman who was on the South Omaha market with 28 carloads of fat sand-hill cattle. "We learned long ago what the country is good for and we don't attempt the impossible by trying to farm. The range is in better shape than it has ever been at the beginning of winter."

Father Stoned the Elopers.
Abel Olds eloped from Trenton with a daughter of Mr. Pennel and the couple were married at Atwood, Kan. After the ceremony they returned to Trenton. That night they were visited by the enraged father of the bride. Not being invited into the house, he threw stones at them through a window. Mr. Olds soon put a stop to this by bringing forth his shotgun and firing a few shots at Pennel, who immediately decamped.

Elopement of Lochinvar Sort.
T. J. Bray and his cousin, Miss Belle Bray, of Cheyenne county, eloped recently, riding 65 miles by night on the back of the same pony. It was an elopement of the Lochinvar sort and resulted in Miss Bray's father losing one of the most valuable assistants on the ranch, for his daughter, 16 and as sprightly as she was courageous, could rope a cow, brand a steer or herd wayward calves with any man on the place.

Many Want Books to Read.
The Nebraska Library commission has approximately \$1,200 available for the purchase of books. This money, it is estimated, will buy over 1,400 books. It is the desire of the commission to have each large town or city which is a beneficiary of the traveling library system make a small donation for the purchase of new books. It is believed that in this way the purchase fund will be greatly increased.

Joke Was on Farmer Rogers.
A prize Hereford bull owned by W. N. Rogers, a stockman of McCook, was killed in a wreck on the Burlington road as the bull was being taken from the state fair. Rogers sued the company for \$5,000 damages, but the jury awarded him only \$750. Mr. Rogers had signed a shipping statement valuing the animal at \$50 in order to get a low freight rate.

Omaha Wants More Money.
Senator Millard will ask congress for an additional appropriation of \$75,000 to complete the government building at Omaha. There remains \$118,000 available of the \$1,800,000 appropriated for the building and Senator Millard says this amount is inadequate to erect the structure along the lines desired.

Recommend Beet Sugar.
The Nebraska Grocers' & General Merchants' association has issued a circular urging that merchants prefer the Nebraska beet sugar "which has been proved to be equal if not superior to the product of the sugar trust."

Sizer for Postmaster at Lincoln.
Senators Dietrich and Millard and Congressman Burket have agreed to recommend Ed Sizer for postmaster at Lincoln to succeed H. M. Bushnell.

Assets Nothing.
Francis J. Richards, manager of the Lincoln hotel, at Lincoln, has filed a bill in bankruptcy. His debts are placed at \$31,867, and assets nothing.

Norfolk's Sugar Beet Factory.
The sugar beet factory at Norfolk is turning out 25 tons of sugar every day and having no trouble in finding a market, despite the sugar trust.

Poison Kills Hotel Landlord.
Alexander Simon, proprietor of a Gretna hotel, is dead from an overdose of poison administered by his own hand with suicidal intent.

Children Played with Revolver.
William Hemmings, aged nine, living near Williamsburg, shot and killed his eight-year-old brother while playing with an old revolver.

Gov. Savage Ousts Lindsay.
What will likely prove a great political sensation came at Lincoln Saturday when Gov. Savage announced he had deposed his private secretary, H. C. Lindsay, who is also chairman of the republican state committee. Mr. Lindsay was in California. Gov. Savage wrote him that his resignation would be accepted, though the governor admitted it had not been tendered. Mr. Lindsay has been suggested as a possible candidate for governor next fall. Recently he disclaimed any aspirations in that direction. R. J. Clancey, of Omaha, succeeds Lindsay as private secretary.

Ditches in Dawson County.
George B. Barr, president of a bank at Lexington, while in Omaha recently spoke of his home county (Dawson) as follows: "It's probably the best irrigated county in the state. It has 70 miles of main ditches, not counting laterals, and in the six years that have elapsed since they were dug our land has doubled in value. The effect of irrigation upon alfalfa is wonderful. From 500 acres last season I had 2,200 tons five times."

Fourth Wife by the Mail.
George Alderson, a widower near Belden, advertised for a helpmate and Mrs. Sleight, of Richmond, Va., answered it. A meeting at Sioux City, Ia., was arranged. Alderson was at the station and recognized his future wife by the white ribbon it was planned she should wear. In half an hour they were married and went to live at Alderson's farm near Belden. This is Alderson's fourth wife. He is 37 and the bride is 37.

Retail Merchants Object.
The Nebraska Retail Merchants' association, through its executive board, is sending out a circular letter in opposition to the proposed parcels post legislation on the ground that it will permit the mail order houses in the larger cities to control the retail business of the country, taxing all the people to pay the expense of carrying the merchandise at a cost much in excess of the amount of postage charged.

To Control All Contagions.
The secretaries of the state board of health have submitted a set of stringent quarantine regulations, which are recommended for adoption by every county in the state. They provide for the quarantine of smallpox, scarlet fever and diphtheria cases upon strict sanitary lines. The board advises the county commissioners in each county to organize a local board of health.

Permanent A. O. U. W. Headquarters.
District Judges Thompson and Paul, at Grand Island, handed down a decision in the famous Ancient Order of United Workmen mandamus case, ordering the trustees of the grand lodge to carry out the instructions of the grand lodge to buy the A. O. U. W. temple in Grand Island for \$11,000 for permanent headquarters.

Child Labor Law.
Deputy Labor Commissioner Watson is sending to school authorities sets of attendance certificates and record blanks to be used in compliance with the child labor law. The child labor law requires 20 weeks' school attendance before employment can be given to any child under the age of 14.

An Extension 60 Miles Long.
The Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley road has decided to build an extension 60 miles long from Verdigris to Niobrara and into Boyd county.

Buchanan, Too, Was Swindled.
Robert Buchanan, a wealthy stockman near Kearney, was recently swindled out of \$7,500 by fake Webb City (Mo.) foot-racers.

Big Range Fire.
The whole range country northwest of Springview, Keyapaha county, burned recently, including thousands of tons of hay.

Football Team Has Balance.
The receipts of the Nebraska football team this season aggregate \$7,000. After all debts are paid \$4,000 will be left.

Cigar-Maker in Trouble.
J. I. Saunders, a cigar-maker at Plattsmouth, was arrested by federal officers for using the mail for purposes of fraud.

Softly Gets a Shock.
County School Superintendent Softly accidentally shot himself in the thigh at Grant while repairing a rifle. The wound was serious.

No Pardon for Bartley.
Gov. Savage denied the rumor that he is contemplating either a pardon or a parole for Joseph Bartley.

DEFEAT CHASTENS CROKER.

Tammany Willing to Concede Much to the Hill Democrats to Secure a United Party in New York.
New York, Nov. 29.—Richard Croker, in behalf of Tammany hall, and also Elliot Danforth, David B. Hill's representative, have made appeals to democrats to come together against the common enemy. Croker said he was willing to do anything to put an end to the trouble between Tammany and the Hill faction; that there was nothing the Hill people could ask him to do or could think of that he was not willing, eager to do. Danforth spoke with the same spirit, and the result, it is promised, will be a conference in the near future between representatives of the factions, possibly between Croker and Hill, at which the hatchet will be buried.

It was learned from the best authority that this basis of harmony has been approved: Croker to abandon his position as state leader; Hill to be recognized as the chief of the up-state forces; the Hill men to use their influence with the Greater New York democracy to bring about a democratic union on Tammany's municipal ticket two years hence; and, finally, Tammany to unite with the up-state democrats in sending a solid Hill delegation to the democratic national convention in 1904.

CLEM STUDEBAKER DEAD.

Great Wagonmaker Started as a Laborer at South Bend in 1851 at Fifty Cents a Day.

South Bend, Ind., Nov. 28.—Hon. Clem Studebaker died at 11:55 a. m. Wednesday. He was born in Adams county, Pa., March 12, 1831. His father, John Studebaker, followed the trade of blacksmithing and wagon-making. In 1859 Clem Studebaker went to South Bend, Ind., where he taught school during the winter of 1850 and 1851. In the spring of 1851, he found employment in the blacksmith department of a company manufacturing thrashing machines, receiving his board and 50 cents a day. By careful saving he was able in February, 1852, to start in the blacksmith business with an elder brother, Henry. Later they received a government contract for 100 wagons, which was executed to the entire satisfaction of the government. This gave them a start and from that time the firm grew to its present large proportions.

HIS SUDDEN SUMMONS.

Ex-Gov. David H. Waite, of Colorado, Fell Dead While Peeling Apples at His Home in Aspen.

Aspen, Col., Nov. 28.—Ex-Gov. David H. Waite fell dead here at nine o'clock Wednesday morning while peeling apples. He had been in good health up to the moment of his death. It is believed that the cause of death was heart trouble.

David Hanson Waite was born at Jamestown, N. Y., April 9, 1825. In 1876 he removed to Larned, Kan. He was elected to the legislature. He came to Colorado in 1879, practicing law at Leadville and Aspen. He was a republican in politics until 1892 when he was a delegate to the populist convention at Omaha. He was nominated for governor of Colorado in that year by the people's party and was elected. His administration during 1893 and 1894 was tempestuous and eventful.

ORIENTALS REVERE HIM.

The Merchantmen of Shanghai Voluntarily Contribute Toward the Erection There of a Monument to McKinley.

Washington, Nov. 29.—The state department has received a report from the consul general at Shanghai stating that the guilds of silk, tea and cotton piece goods dealers have contributed of their own initiative to a fund to erect a monument in Shanghai to the late President McKinley, and that they are doing this to show their appreciation of the man and of his attitude toward China. It is said that never before has such action been taken by the Chinese people on behalf of any but a Chinese person.

VICTORY FOR MISSOURI.

In the Thanksgiving Football Game at Kansas City the Jayhawkers Went Down to Defeat.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 29.—In the presence of something less than 7,000 people the Missouri Tigers yesterday defeated the Kansas Jayhawkers in the football game by a score of 18 to 12. The victory of old gold and black over the crimson and blue came as a distinct surprise to the Missouri contingent and was a crushing blow to the Kansans, who came to town confident of victory in spite of a weakened team.

Bryan to Try for Governor.
Washington, Nov. 28.—Senator Millard, of Nebraska, said he thought W. J. Bryan would be offered the democratic nomination for governor of Nebraska next year, and that he would accept.

PASTOR WAS NOT TIMID.

A St. Joseph Thanksgiving Sermon Was Devoted to Gambling Houses and Their Patrons.

St. Joseph, Mo., Nov. 30.—Rev. John E. Cook, pastor of the First Baptist church, preached a Thanksgiving sermon that is the talk of the town. He pounced upon every city and county official who in any way might be connected with the vice of gambling. His language was sensational and the pastor directly accused each and every official, calling them by name, with being personally cognizant and responsible for reopening of gambling houses in this city. Judge B. J. Casteel, of the criminal court, was present and objected to the language of the pastor, when the latter accused the judge of gambling. The pastor rapidly enumerated instances where Judge Casteel sat at a table where cards were played for cigars, in ordinary cigar stores which he branded as sinful as the games of chance played anywhere else. Judge Casteel is a prominent church member and at the close of the controversy he was visibly affected over the pastor's accusations.

NEW KIND OF SLAVERY.

In Moro, Says Secretary of War Root, the Native Sells Himself in Order to Better His Condition.

Washington, Nov. 30.—In his report to congress on the Philippines, Secretary of War Root discussed the religious orders and slavery as follows: "It is gratifying to report that the efforts of the American officers to bring about a cessation of the practice of slavery among the Moros are not fruitless. The character of the slavery practiced is quite unlike that formerly practiced in the United States in this, that the Moro slave, so called, becomes a member of the owner's family, enjoying many privileges, often having voluntarily sold himself into slavery to better his condition. The so-called slaves themselves exhibit no special anxiety to change their condition. All who seek freedom receive it upon coming into the American lines."

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.

Granddaughter of P. D. Ridenour, a Kansas City Wholesale Grocer, the Victim of a Distressing Accident.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 30.—Sarah B. Lester, the five-year-old daughter of John C. Lester, of 2615 Forest avenue, died last evening from burns received at a party given in honor of a little friend. The children placed lighted candles on the floor and were dancing around them gleefully. Suddenly the light fabric of little Sarah's dress encountered the flame and blazed up. Help was called and the flames were extinguished, but the child died from the effects. The little one was a granddaughter of P. D. Ridenour, the wholesale grocer.

CUT MORE THAN ONE-HALF.

Winter Mail Trips to Alaska Will Require 24 Days Each Way Instead of 60 and 65.

Washington, Nov. 30.—The time of transit of winter mails between Seattle, Wash., and Nome, Alaska, is cut from 60 and 65 days each way to 24 days by a contract which has just been made by the assistant postmaster general. The new service is by way of Valdez, Alaska, Hiamna bay on Cook's inlet, St. Michael and Golovin, to Nome, 2,567 miles in all, with two round trips a month during this winter. Steamers will sail from Seattle about the 7th and 25th of each month, beginning with December.

Classification of Exhibits at World's Fair.
St. Louis, Nov. 30.—The classification of exhibits for the St. Louis world's fair was completed by Mr. Skiff, director of exhibits, yesterday and the copy sent to the printer, along with the rules and regulations. The classification shows that the exposition will have 15 departments, 144 groups and 807 classes.

A Private at Leavenworth Killed.
Leavenworth, Kan., Nov. 30.—Private Albert Francis, Fourth cavalry, was killed at Fort Leavenworth yesterday by his horse falling on him. The back of the young soldier's head was crushed in and he lived but a few hours. His home is in Indianapolis. He was 20 years old and enlisted two years ago.

Kansas City Post Office Rumor.
Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 30.—It is rumored in political circles that J. H. Harris, former election commissioner, will succeed Sam Scott as postmaster at Kansas City and that E. Mont Riley, former private secretary to Mayor Jones, will be his assistant, supplanting P. S. Brown, Jr.

Met a Horrible Death.
Joplin, Mo., Nov. 30.—Charles Post met a horrible death at a mining plant three miles east of Joplin yesterday afternoon. He was the crusher feeder and in stepping about the machinery fell into the crusher's rolls.

CLAMOR FOR HOME RULE.

Gov. Wood Says Cubans Want Their Flag to Float Over Morro If Only for a Week.

New York, Nov. 30.—Among the passengers who arrived Friday from Havana were Gen. Leonard Wood, governor of Cuba, and Mrs. Wood. Gen. Wood said that he would proceed directly to Washington to report to President Roosevelt and expected to return in about a week. He said he had expressed no opinion on the question of the annexation of Cuba and that to do so would be impolitic. Matters were quiet in Cuba and preparations were being made for the coming election in February. "Of course," said Gen. Wood, "there are a number of people in Cuba who desire annexation, but I doubt the possibility of securing a canvass of opinion on the question. The people of Cuba wish to see their flag floating over Morro castle even if it were only for a week."

REBELS GIVE UP COLON.

Repeated Defeats in and About the City Caused an Early Capitulation—Quiet and Order Prevails.

Washington, Nov. 30.—A cablegram has been received at the state department from Consul Gen. Gudgeon dated Panama, saying that the liberals have been defeated and that the government forces are in possession of Colon. Gen. Alban, commander of the Colombian troops, is in complete control of the city. Everything is quiet and orderly.

ALBAN UNDER AN AMERICAN ESCORT.

Colon, Colombia, Nov. 30.—Some insignificant fighting occurred at Bohio, where the liberals made a last stand. After the conference here Gen. Alban returned to Panama under a strong American escort.

KEEPING HANDS OFF.

Secretary Root Tells Barthele Maso That Americans Are Not Aiding Palma for President of Cuba.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Secretary Root has replied to the cablegram of Barthele Maso, of Havana, who complained that American officials were assisting Estrada Palma in his contest for the presidency of Cuba and asking that they be directed to cease their efforts in this direction. Secretary Root has informed Mr. Maso that United States officials are taking no steps for or against any of the candidates in Cuba. The secretary based his reply upon a letter received from Gen. Wood.

TAFT TO COME HOME.

Civil Governor of Philippines Will Recuperate His Health and Tell Congress What He Knows.

Washington, Nov. 30.—The secretary of war has issued orders and sent them to Manila ordering Gov. Taft home on leave of absence so he can recuperate and regain his health and strength. Gov. Taft is to leave for the United States on the first transport available. While in this country Gov. Taft will be called to Washington to give the committees of congress information concerning necessary legislation for the islands.

WOUNDED BY BAMBOOS.

Three Soldiers of the Tenth Infantry Badly Injured in a Pitfall Near Carmen, Bohol.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Adj. Gen. Corbin has received the following telegram from Gen. Chaffee, dated Manila, November 29: Lieuts. Fetter and Wetherill, of the Nineteenth regiment, badly wounded by bamboo spikes in a pitfall near Carmen, Bohol. Fetter wounded in foot; Wetherill in foot. Operations necessary to extract sticks. Lieut. Smith slightly hurt.

FIRST VICTORY SINCE 1895.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 30.—The defeat of Kansas by the Missouri university football team here Thursday afternoon was the first victory for the Tigers in the interstate Thanksgiving game since 1895. Each team received about \$3,000 as its share of the gate receipts.

BRYAN'S ISSUE FOR 1902.

Lincoln, Neb., Nov. 30.—William J. Bryan holds to anti-imperialism and the independence of the Philippines as the leading issues in American politics. He urges democrats to make these questions of greatest prominence in 1902 if they would hope to carry the day.

CONSUMPTIVES CANNOT LAND HERE.

New York, Nov. 30.—United States Judge Thomas has decided in favor of the ruling of the treasury department in the case of Thomas Boden, of Philadelphia. The decision prohibits Boden, a supposed consumptive, from remaining in the country.

NEGRESS 160 YEARS OLD DEAD.

Rio Janeiro, Nov. 30.—Maria Luisa, a negress, 160 years old, is dead. She was the last representative of the slaves who were imported directly from Africa.