

# News from Over the State

## Honors for Nebraska Soldiers.

The president has nominated a list of soldiers of the First Nebraska regiment for brevets for gallant, conspicuous and meritorious services and brilliant conduct in the wars with Spain, in the Philippines and in China. The list follows:

Capt. Wallace C. Taylor, to be made major by brevet for distinguished gallantry in action near Manila, February 5, 1899, and to be lieutenant colonel by brevet for conspicuous gallantry in action at Santiago, Philippine islands, January 21, 1900, and near Los Banos, Luzon, March 10, 1900.

First Lieutenant William K. Moore, to be captain by brevet for distinguished gallantry in action near Manila, February 5, 1899; and to be major by brevet for conspicuous gallantry in action at Quingua, Luzon, April 23, 1899.

First Lieutenant Ernest O. Weber, to be captain for distinguished gallantry in action near Manila, February 22, 1899; and to be major for conspicuous service at Calumpit river, Luzon, April 25, 1895.

Capt. F. D. Eager, to be major for distinguished gallantry in action near Manila, February 5, 1899.

First Lieutenant Doe W. Burr, to be captain for distinguished gallantry near Manila, February 5, 1899.

First Lieutenant Philip W. Russell, to be captain for distinguished gallantry in action at Santo Tomas, Luzon, January 3, 1900.

First Lieutenant V. Claris Talbot, to be captain for conspicuous gallantry in action near Manila, February 22, 1899.

Second Lieutenant Burton Fisher, to be first lieutenant for distinguished gallantry in action near Manila, March 7, 1899.

Second Lieutenant William H. Osborne, to be first lieutenant for distinguished action at Quingua river, Luzon, April 24, 1899.

## Some Facts Worth Pondering.

State School Superintendent Fowler, in a public address at Albion, said that school boards change teachers too often; that the average life in the profession of the teachers of Nebraska is but four years and that Nebraska requires 2,000 new teachers yearly. The average salary of Nebraska teachers is \$255 a year. He believes in a sliding scale of wages for teachers who are kept from year to year. He denies that our children cannot spell as well as ourselves or our grandparents. He questions the advisability of putting so much time upon some things in arithmetic, such as taxes, partial payments, insurance, bonds, etc., but would spend more time in mental arithmetic. He spoke strongly in favor of teaching music in the schools and instead of teaching arithmetic one hour a day and music ten minutes, would teach music one hour and arithmetic ten minutes.

## Held for Two Women's Deaths.

Madison Fleck, of Linwood, the driver passing Mrs. Rima and niece when their team backed off the Platte river bridge at Schuyler and both women were drowned, is under arrest. He has been harshly criticised since the death of the women for driving away without offering assistance. He gives as his reason for his action that he could not stand the noise made by the drowning women and had to get away as fast as possible.

## Woodward Won First Prize.

James E. Woodward, of Creighton college, won first place at the State Oratorical association contest in Omaha, the other college orators ranking as follows: H. F. Huntington, of Wesleyan; J. Fred Kerr, of Bellevue; A. G. Wray, of Grand Island; W. L. Mellinger, of Cotner, and A. W. Taylor, of Doane.

## Republican State Convention.

The republican state nominating convention will be held at Lincoln on Wednesday, June 18. The ratio of representation was fixed at one delegate-at-large from each county and one for each 100 votes or major fraction thereof cast for Judge Sedgwick at the 1901 election. This will make a convention of 1,103 members.

## Companies Made Good Profit.

The old-line life insurance companies doing business in Nebraska the past year received premiums aggregating \$2,044,030 and paid only \$455,915 for losses. Fire insurance companies for the same period received \$1,780,682 in premiums from the people of Nebraska and paid losses of \$637,163.

## Woman's Aim Was Good.

Mrs. Amelia Patterson and George Thompson participated in a street duel at Albion, in which Thompson was shot twice. The shooting was the climax of a divorce trial in which the two figured.

## Objects to Party Queries.

Judge Frost, of the district court at Lincoln, issued an order restraining members of an election board in that city from making inquiries of voters, at the usual registration, as to their party preference, and from recording party affiliations in the registration books. The action is begun by Charles Q. De France, chairman of the populist state central committee. De France asserts that the act authorizing election boards to make such inquiries and to record the responses is unconstitutional for the reason that it is designed to coerce voters who may be members of the minority party.

## Tried to Blow Up Dam.

A partly successful attempt was made at Beatrice to blow to pieces the large dam of the Beatrice Electric company. The dam is across Indian creek and is the source of power of the electric company. The residents in the vicinity of the dam recently asked the city council to cause its removal on the ground that it was endangering the health of the community. The petition was overruled, and the explosion is thought to be the result of the bitter feeling of the citizens.

## For Delaying a Telegram.

The Nye-Schneider company recovered a judgment against the Western Union Telegraph company at Fremont for \$150, damages for failure to deliver promptly a telegram to the agent of the company at Morehead, Ia., directing him to sell 5,000 bushels of corn. Before the telegram was delivered corn dropped three cents and the action was to recover the three-cent loss per bushel.

## Free Trees for Nebraskans.

Congressman Mercer is sending out a letter to many constituents, notably the principals of schools in his district, suggesting that he has a few trees to give away which he would like to have planted in school grounds, public parks or similar places, and he suggests that the trees be planted by pupils on Arbor day and given names in honor of Washington, Lincoln and McKinley.

## To Enforce Child Labor Law.

Deputy Labor Commissioner Watson is making persistent efforts to enforce the provisions of the child labor law. He has directed to each employer of child labor in the state a copy of the law on the subject, asking them not to shirk their responsibility. The law requires that all working children of or less than 14 years shall attend school at least 20 weeks in each year.

## Compliments Richardson County.

Secretary Davis, of the state board of charities and corrections, says Richardson county has the best kept poorfarm of all that he has visited since last July. Only about half of the counties have jails and poorfarms and in the others the poor are boarded in private homes at public expense.

## Names the Usual Conditions.

The board of library trustees of Beatrice received a letter from Andrew Carnegie stating that he would give \$20,000 for the building of a public library building there. The conditions are that the city agree to apply \$2,000 a year to its maintenance and furnish a suitable site.

## Racing Dates in Southeast Nebraska.

The dates for the Southeast Nebraska Racing association have been revised as follows: Pawnee City, August 19-22; Beatrice, August 26-29; state fair, Lincoln, September 2-5; Auburn, September 9-12; Tecumseh, September 16-19; Salem, September 23-26.

## Appeal to All Denominations.

A Nebraska conference, in the interest of religious education, has been called for Saturday and Sunday, April 5 and 6, in Lincoln. The conference will be held in the interest of no special sect, posts or creed, but is intended to appeal to all denominations.

## High School Boys to Drill.

The Omaha board of education is in favor of bringing to that city a retired army officer to be commandant of the high school cadet battalion.

## The Government Will Help.

The marine hospital service has decided to co-operate with the Nebraska state authorities in fighting the spread of smallpox in this state.

## Increase in Liquor License Fee.

By unanimous vote the excise board of Lincoln adopted a rule raising the annual liquor license fee from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

## Preacher Runs for Mayor.

At Fairbury the anti-saloon party nominated Rev. W. M. Ealch for mayor.

## SPREAD OF CHOLERA.

Indications of an Epidemic in Manila and War Department Issues Rigid Orders for Conduct of Troops.

Manila, March 24.—The board of health is making a strong endeavor to prevent the spread of cholera. There have been 16 cases and 15 deaths among the natives in two days and other natives are suspected of having contracted the disease. The importation of vegetable matter from China is prohibited, inspection camps are being established in every district and leaflets are published advising the people to boil their drinking water before using it. Finally every one is urged to co-operate in the destruction of this dangerous enemy.

## War Department Officials Alarmed.

Washington, March 24.—War department officials, alarmed by the rapid increase in disease among the troops in the Philippines and other tropical stations, have issued an order to commanding officers enjoining upon them the strictest scrutiny over the habits and morals of the troops and requesting them to endeavor by personal example to influence the men to preserve their health both by abstaining from drink and the liability of contracting preventable diseases.

## A REALISTIC PERFORMANCE.

While a Lot of Boys Were Reproducing a Play by the Jesse James Company One Is Shot.

Sedalia, Mo., March 24.—Wid Martin, aged 13 years, was fatally shot yesterday afternoon in East Sedalia by Edgar Allen, a playmate of his own age. A Jesse James company was in Sedalia last week and a number of young boys were reproducing the play in a barn, having an audience of about 50 boys. Allen was playing the part of "Jesse James," and Martin that of a Pinkerton detective. When the latter attempted to capture the bandit Allen took a shot at Martin with a 38-caliber revolver, the ball entering Martin's head near the right ear and passing out on the opposite side. The wounded boy is alive, but the surgeons have little hope of his recovery.

## MONUMENT TO ALTGELD.

Ex-Senator Pettigrew Contributes \$500 and Charles A. Towne \$250—Probable Site in Lincoln Park.

Chicago, March 24.—John P. Altgeld will have a monument built to his memory in Chicago. Admirers of the dead statesman have already taken up the plans. The first contribution was from ex-Senator Charles A. Towne, of Duluth, who wired to draw on him for \$250. Ex-Senator Richard F. Pettigrew, of South Dakota, followed it by a check for \$500. It has been suggested that the memorial should be placed in Lincoln park. A group of Boer veterans, showing a child to the man whose last breath was given for their cause, was suggested as the design.

## IN HONOR OF LINCOLN.

Secretary Hay and Others Fostering a Bill Looking to Erection of Fitting Memorial in Washington City.

Washington, March 24.—Secretary Hay Saturday presided over a conference at the state department at which were present Secretary Root, Senators Cullom, McMillan and Wetmore. The object of the conference was to perfect some details of the pending Cullom bill, looking to the erection of a memorial to Lincoln and also to the acquisition of the Lincoln relics now on exhibition in this city in the house where Lincoln died. This house belongs to the government, but the relics are the property of Mr. Oldroyd, the custodian of the building.

## "Marked Off the Books."

Washington, March 24.—Missouri representatives appealing on the floor of the house for an increased appropriation for the Missouri river were staggered by this statement from Chairman Burton, of the rivers and harbors committee: "We have decided to mark the Missouri river off our books." Not to exceed \$80,000 will be given for the Missouri river by the house and that for three dredges.

## Vetoed an Anti-Horse Docking Bill.

Frankfort, Ky., March 24.—Gov. Beckham has vetoed the Newcomb bill to prohibit the docking of the tails of horses which was adopted at the general assembly session just closed. In his message announcing the killing of the measure the executive says legislation should be directed at those who demand such horses and not at those who sell them.

## Plague Killing 2,000 a Day.

London, March 24.—A dispatch from Lahore says the plague mortality has reached 2,000 daily. The outbreak which is the worst on record is attributed to the policy of non-interference in caste customs.

## MAY LEAD TO PEACE.

Acting President of the Boers Visits Lord Kitchener at Pretoria Under a Flag of Truce.

London, March 24.—A dispatch from Pretoria says: Acting President Schalk-Burger, F. W. Reitz, ex-secretary of state of the Transvaal, and Commandants Lucas Meyer and Krogh, with their secretaries and attendants, arrived there March 22, at 2:04 p. m., on a special train from Balmoral, about 50 miles east of there. They went into Balmoral under a flag of truce. Upon arriving there Mr. Schalk-Burger and his party drove immediately to Lord Kitchener's headquarters, where he had an interview with the British general. The Boers afterward proceeded to the railroad station and entrained at five o'clock for Kroonstad, whence they will go out under a safe conduct. For a week past Mr. Schalk-Burger and his colleagues have been stationed at Rhenoster kop, north of Balmoral, where they have been closely pressed by British columns.

Few of the papers here comment on the news from Pretoria. These take it for granted that Mr. Schalk-Burger and his companions are on a mission of peace and again engage in a discussion of possible peace terms, expressing the hope that the overtures will have a successful outcome.

## NEW FILIPINO DOLLAR.

American Full-Weight Silver Coin Will Displace the Mexican Money Now in Circulation on the Island.

Washington, March 23.—The senate committee on the Philippines is working on the bill for the government and administration of affairs in the archipelago, and has decided the currency question. It has also been agreed to make provision for the purchase of the lands owned by the friars at a valuation which it is expected will not exceed \$6,000,000.

It is proposed that there shall be for use in the Philippines a full-weight American silver dollar coin of the same weight and fineness as the Mexican dollar and the British silver dollar. The American coins are to be minted in any quantity for anybody who will send the silver in and pay the cost of coinage. The plan it is expected, will result in the gradual displacement of the Mexican dollar, which is a cheaply and roughly made coin, varying from one-half to one per cent in weight, and uncertain in supply.

## HIS WIFE BETRAYED HIM.

Col. Grimm, of the Russian Army, Must Die for Revealing Secrets to Germany.

St. Petersburg, March 23.—The semi-official Russky Invalid announces that Col. Grimm, the Russian officer who was recently condemned to death by a court-martial at Warsaw, after having been convicted of systematic revelation of military secrets to a foreign power, has confessed to having been guilty of high treason.

Col. Grimm, it has been asserted had, during ten years revealed to Germany every plan prepared by Russia in the eventuality of war between the two countries. The discovery of the colonel's treason was due to his wife, who denounced her husband in revenge for his having paid attentions to another woman.

## CONVICTS CREMATED.

Five Negroes Burned Down the Stockade House in Which They Were Confined and Lost Their Lives.

Kosciusko, Wis., March 24.—Five county convicts made an attempt Saturday night to burn their way out of prison, burning the stockade house in which they were confined down over their heads, cremating themselves. They were all negroes. The prisoners were let out to Robert Campbell, county contractor, whose farm is situated 16 miles west of this place, and all were charged with minor offenses.

## PURGED OF YELLOW FEVER.

United States Will Turn Havana Over to the Cubans in Prime Condition as to Health.

Washington, March 24.—An interesting statement concerning the improvement in health conditions in Havana since the American occupation of Cuba with special reference to the vital statistics of the calendar year 1901 has been made public by the insular division of the war department. Particular attention is paid to the purging of the city from yellow fever during the past year by the destruction of infected mosquitoes.

## A Big Hardware Combine.

St. Louis, March 24.—A \$30,000,000 combine of hardware jobbers has been formed and incorporation papers will be filed within a few days. Included in the deal are the Simmons Hardware company, of St. Louis; Hibbard, Spencer & Bartlett, of Chicago; the Bindley Hardware company, of Pittsburg; Bigelow & Douse, of Boston, and the Supples Hardware company, of Philadelphia.

## WERE TIRED OF PRISON.

Boy Inmates of Kentucky Reformatory Set the Building on Fire Hoping to Escape.

Lexington, Ky., March 21.—The Bradley cottage at the state school of reform, six miles from Lexington, was destroyed by fire at one o'clock Thursday morning. The inmates, 125 in number, were all gotten out without injury.

Two boys, inmates of the school, escaped during the fire and nothing has been heard of them. The management of the institution believe the building was set on fire by the boys who desired to escape. They also believe that others were in the plot to get away, but the night watchman's prompt action prevented it. Later several of the boys confessed that the suspicions of the management were correct; that the building was set on fire for the purpose of affording an opportunity for a general escape. The superintendent called out the guards and arming them with Winchester and shotguns held the boys completely under control.

## GAVE THE "WATER CURE."

Lieut. Sinclair Acquitted by a Court-Martial in Manila—A Defense of Reconcentrado Camps.

Manila, March 21.—Lieut. William S. Sinclair, of the Twenty-eighth infantry, recently tried by court-martial on the charge of causing the death of a soldier prisoner by gagging him and pouring water on his head, has been acquitted.

The two reconcentrado camps in Batangas province are most carefully maintained. The Filipinos in the camps are healthy and contented and the streets and houses are perfectly clean. The food supplied consists of rice and many vegetables. All the people in the camps have been vaccinated and rigid sanitary precautions are taken to prevent the spread of diseases. There are 6,000 Filipinos in one of the camps and 19,000 in the other.

## MILES MAKES A THREAT.

Says if the New Army Bill Becomes a Law He Will Resign as Lieutenant General.

Washington, March 21.—Gen. Nelson A. Miles Thursday told the senate committee on military affairs that if the bill introduced by Senator Hawley at the instance of the war department for the organization of a general staff of the army should become a law he would decline to longer hold his commission. The reason he gave is that the bill is utterly subversive of the interests of the military establishment, and he said that he would not be a party to such a proceeding to the extent even of continuing to hold his place.

## Excludes Them from World's Fair.

Washington, March 21.—The terms of the Chinese exclusion act, agreed upon by the senate committee, would prevent the Chinese from taking any part in the Louisiana Purchase exposition in the way of presenting a Chinese village or theater. Senator Cockrell will endeavor to have the bill amended.

## This Cashier Short \$70,000.

Indianapolis, Ind., March 21.—Arthur J. Simpson, a bookkeeper employed by the Warman-Black-Chamberlain company, live stock commission brokers at the Union stock yards, was arrested Thursday on the charge of embezzlement. It is said his shortage will reach \$70,000.

## Can't Sell Liquor to Students.

San Antonio, Tex., March 21.—Under a recent decision of the supreme court of Texas saloonkeepers may not sell liquor to students of educational institutions without laying themselves open to suit for damages.

## Presided at Two Notable Trials.

New York, March 21.—Noah Davis, formerly a justice of the supreme court of this state, is dead of old age. He presided at the trials of William M. Tweed for official malfeasance and E. S. Stokes for the Fisk murder.

## Gov. Dockery Offers a Reward.

Jefferson City, Mo., March 21.—Gov. Dockery has offered a reward of \$300 for the arrest and delivery to the sheriff of St. Louis of J. K. Murrell, recently indicted for bribery and now a fugitive from justice.

## To Advance Prices of China.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 21.—Seventeen chain manufacturers representing the largest concerns in the country are in session here discussing trade matters and the advisability of advancing prices.

## One Result of Prince Henry's Visit.

Wilhelmshaven, Prussia, March 21.—Emperor William has directed that a former torpedo boat, now used as a guard ship here, shall be renamed "Alice Roosevelt."

## The Rock Island May Get It.

Chicago, March 21.—It is rumored that the Chicago & Northwestern railroad will be absorbed by the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific.