

News from Over the State

There Were 146 Graduates.

At the University of Nebraska commencement degrees were granted to 146 members of the senior class. The degree of doctor of laws was conferred on Gen. John M. Thayer, formerly governor of Nebraska, and Irving G. Monatt, of Providence, R. I. Booker T. Washington delivered the commencement oration, his subject being "On the Race Problem." He said in part: "I believe that for years to come our race will find its greatest usefulness and most secure foundation in ownership and cultivation of the soil. Down at Tuskegee we are teaching them so that they will return to the farm rather than yield to the temptation to go to the cities and live by their wits. Those who would help save my people should use their influence to keep them out of the large cities, especially in the north. Out of our schools are sent graduates who are bringing about a new era of reconstruction, not the old era that emphasized politics and hatred of southern whites, but that which emphasizes the buying of land, building homes, creating of schools and strengthening of the bond of friendship between the two races. Wherever I have gone in the south I have found that the negro who has education, who has secured property and has high character is, with few exceptions, respected by the members of both races. What the negro wants to do is to make himself of value in the community so that it will be felt that it cannot dispense with his services and presence."

Kinkaid Named for Congress.

In the Sixth congressional district republican convention at Crawford, a nomination was reached on the 177th ballot, Moses P. Kinkaid, of O'Neill, being the nominee. Up to almost the last ballot the proceedings were featureless, the 34 counties balloting for a half dozen candidates with tedious repetition. Efforts were made to combine the field against Kinkaid, always the leading candidate, but this failed and Buffalo and Dawson counties started a break that landed Kinkaid. The last ballot was as follows: Kinkaid, 124½; Grimes, 30½; Currie, 43; Cady, 9.

Lincoln Lawyer's Sudden Death.

Genio M. Lambertson, one of the leading lawyers of Lincoln, died in Chicago at the Palmer house of heart disease. Mr. Lambertson went to Chicago Saturday and in the evening attended a banquet at the University of Chicago and responded to a toast. In company with his wife he returned to the hotel and retired shortly before midnight. Upon arising Mrs. Lambertson discovered that her husband was unconscious. A doctor was summoned and after an examination declared that Mr. Lambertson was dead.

They Voted as Directed.

Senator Millard and Senator Dietrich are recorded voting against shelving the proposed constitutional amendment for the election of United States senators by direct popular vote. The legislature that elevated Nebraska's two senators to their positions declared squarely in favor of the election of senators by direct vote of the people.

Tried to Burn an Office Building.

An attempt was made to burn the Woodard block, one of the largest office buildings in Beatrice at two o'clock the other morning. The flames were subdued before headway was gained and the firemen discovered that a bold attempt had been made to destroy the building. It is the third time the building has been fired.

Age Would Wed Youth.

The snows of 84 winters have whitened the locks of Frederick Renard, of Oakland, but he still wishes to marry and unless his heirs succeed in preventing the service, he will make Miss Nellie Craig, aged 22, his wife at the earliest possible opportunity. Incidentally Nellie will get the large end of a \$150,000 estate.

Upholds the Treasurer.

Officials of the department of public instruction express approval of the action of Treasurer Coddington, of Dodge county, in refusing to pay public funds to school treasurers who have not filed their bonds in accordance with the law.

Reward for Youth's Murderer.

Gov. Savage offered a reward of \$200 for the arrest of the murderer of 15-year-old Walter Harbold. The boy was killed on the morning of June 12 while passing along the road just south of Grand Island. He resided in Campbell.

Increasing Sales of Public Lands.

Figures for the receipts from sales of public lands in Nebraska are \$55,534 for 1899, \$85,688 for 1900 and \$103,040 for 1901.

Narrow Escape for Two Women.

Mrs. Minnie Stromer and her sister, Miss Annie Anderson, had a narrow escape from death. The two women had started to drive from Holstein to Leroy, and while attempting to cross a bridge at Thirty-two Mile creek the horse got into a deep ditch full of water and was drowned. The women only escaped with their lives by standing on the top of the buggy until help arrived. Mrs. Stromer had her infant child with her, and came near losing her own life while saving her child when the horse went down.

Gov. Savage Takes a Hand.

Gov. Savage has refused to approve a contract made by the board of public lands and buildings with a local broom factory for the use of convict labor at 45 cents a day. The governor takes the stand that 50 cents is low enough for this class of labor and has ordered Warden Davis to refuse to allow convicts to go to the factory at the lower figure. The governor is not a member of the board of public lands and buildings, but the law provides that he is a party to the letting of prison labor contracts.

Wayward Couples Fined.

Fred Sparger and Scott Blair, two young men from Mound City, Mo., who were arrested at the Central hotel in Humboldt while in company with two young women who were registered as their wives, pleaded guilty to the charge of registering falsely and were fined \$25 and costs. The women were dismissed and the mother of one of them took them in tow. The mother also paid the fine for the men and they all departed together.

Death from the Clouds.

William Staley, a farmer six miles south of Lexington, was instantly killed by lightning. He was riding one horse and leading another to the pasture when the bolt descended, killing him and the horse he was riding. His wife, who was sick in bed, was so overcome by the shock that her life is in danger.

More Pay for Andrews.

The state university board of regents raised the salary of Chancellor Andrews to \$6,000, the \$1,000 increase being allowed for lectures on ethics. This is the first time in the history of the institution that provision has been made for paying the chancellor more than \$5,000 a year for his services.

Coughing Fits Cause Death.

Mrs. Fannie Honn, aged 74 years, died suddenly at Humboldt. While at breakfast she was attacked with a fit of coughing, which caused the rupture of a blood vessel in the lungs. She at once fainted away and death came before the arrival of medical aid.

Found Dead on the Prairie.

Mr. Long, a ranchman living five miles north of Mullen, was found on the prairie by Joe David, a peddler. Mr. Long had gone to a neighbors on a saddle pony to get some harness. His horse became frightened and threw him.

Change in Hastings College.

At the annual meeting of the board of trustees of Hastings college Prof. F. N. Filson tendered his resignation as president of the institution and Rev. E. Van Dyke Wright, of the Presbyterian church, was elected to succeed him.

Negroes at a Banquet.

Booker T. Washington was banqueted at the Grand hotel in Lincoln by the Afro-Americans of the city. The spread was elaborate and speeches were made by prominent members of the colored population, and were responded to by the distinguished guest.

Bad Storm Strikes Pierce.

A heavy rain and windstorm from the northwest struck Pierce, blowing down several residences and moving the new Catholic church a foot on its foundations.

Power Plant for Stromsburg.

Seven leading citizens of Stromsburg organized a power heating and electric light company, with a capital of \$15,000, and will install a first-class plant.

Old Soldier Falls Down Shaft.

E. Wilson, a member of the soldiers' home, fell down an elevator shaft in Grand Island, breaking two ribs and sustaining various bruises.

Reunion at Beatrice August 13.

The Southeastern Nebraska G. A. R. reunion will be held at the Beatrice Chautauqua ground August 13 to 20.

Flood Damage Fifty Thousand.

A telegram from Beatrice said the damage by the recent flood in Gage county is estimated at \$50,000.

ELKINS TAKES THE LEAD.

West Virginia Senator Introduces Resolution Providing for Annexation of Cuba and Its Admission as a State.

Washington, June 16.—When the senate met Saturday, Mr. Elkins (W. Va.) introduced a resolution providing for the annexation of Cuba and its admission as a state of the union. Elkins is one of the "insurgent" senators opposed to granting concessions to Cuba.

The resolution grants the consent of congress to the erection of the republic of Cuba as a state of the



SENATOR STEPHEN B. ELKINS.

union "to be called the state of Cuba with a republican form of government, to be adopted by the people of said republic by deputies in convention assembled with the consent of the existing government." A condition is specified that the constitution of the proposed state shall be submitted to congress not later than January 1, 1904. There also is a provision that the debts of Cuba shall not become a charge upon the general government.

The resolution provides for the appropriation of \$100,000 to carry its provisions into effect.

WILL MAKE TWO TRIPS.

In September the President is to visit the Northwest and in October the South and Southwest.

Washington, June 15.—The president will start on a somewhat extended trip through the west and northwest during the latter part of September. He has accepted invitations to go to Detroit, Minneapolis, and other cities, returning by the way of Springfield, Ill., where he will attend the state fair on October 2.

Some time in October the president will take a trip through the southwest, his objective points being the fair at San Antonio, Tex., and a bear hunt in the swamps of Mississippi. The itinerary for this trip has not been definitely arranged. The journey may include points in Kansas and Nebraska going out and New Orleans and other southern cities returning.

"HEROES IN HOMESPUN."

At the Anniversary of Battle of Tippecanoe Henry Watterson Thus Referred to Those Who Participated.

Lafayette, Ind., June 16.—The Tippecanoe Battlefield association held its annual exercises in the tabernacle at the battle ground yesterday. Special trains on all roads were run and an immense crowd attended. The graves of the men who fell at the battle of Tippecanoe were beautifully decorated. An address was delivered by Hon. Henry Watterson, editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, his subject being: "Heroes in Homespun."

NOT TILL NEXT SESSION.

Republicans of the Senate Postpone Action on the Bill Giving Statehood to Three Territories.

Washington, June 16.—The senate committee on territories has decided to take up for consideration early in the next session of congress the omnibus statehood bill, admitting into the union the territories of Oklahoma, New Mexico and Arizona. The decision was reached upon motion of Senator Nelson and the motion was adopted by a strict party vote, the republicans voting in the affirmative and the democrats in the negative.

Churches a Mark for Lightning.

Chicago, June 16.—Chicago was visited by an electric storm yesterday afternoon which wrought death, caused a panic among 100 school children and damaged considerable property. Three churches were struck by electric bolts, one of them, the Memorial German Episcopal, being destroyed. Calvary Presbyterian, West Congress and Forty-second street, was struck while the Sunday school services were being held.

Memorial Arch to Confederate Dead.

Columbus, O., June 16.—The unveiling and dedication of a memorial arch to 2,250 confederate dead attracted 5,000 people from all parts of the country to this city Saturday. The arch was the gift of William Harrison, of Cincinnati, a former citizen of Columbus. The dead soldiers were prisoners at Camp Chase, west of Columbus, during the war and died in prison.

MAJ. WALLER HOME.

Veteran Fighter Talks of Massacres in Samar Island.

Says He Made It "a Howling Wilderness." Think Stern Measures Must Invariably Be Resorted to in Dealing with Natives.

San Francisco, June 14.—Maj. L. W. T. Waller, United States marine corps, who arrived here on the transport Warren, which brought the remnant of the fighting Ninth infantry into port, expressed emphatic views in the matter of the war in the Philippines. "You can't stop the revolution in the Philippines unless you take the severest measures," said Maj. Waller in an interview. "You would hate to see your wounded and lead mutilated. I cannot describe the fearful condition in which we found some of the bodies of men who were under my command who were murdered by insurgents. I received both verbal and written orders from Gen. Jacob Smith to kill all insurgents who were caught armed or who refused to surrender. It was the only thing that could be done, and I never questioned Gen. Smith's orders with one exception. This exception I refuse to state. A fair estimate of the number of natives killed by the men of my command would be 400 to 500. These were all killed in battle with the exception of 11 carriers, insurgents at heart, who were tried by court-martial and shot. There was only one woman shot and she was only slightly wounded. She happened to be in the breastworks of a fort my men were storming. 'I have fought in every country in the world except Australia,' said Maj. Waller, 'but Samar—well, hell is a winter resort compared to Samar. I left Samar a howling wilderness. They tried to make it that for us, but we made it a howling wilderness for them.'

COMPETENCY ALONE COUNTS.

Hereafter Fourth-Class Postmasters Will Not Be Removed on Account of Their Politics.

Washington, June 14.—Under the recent ruling of Postmaster General Payne the appointment of fourth-class postmasters has been taken out of politics. This change is especially gratifying to members of congress, as well as those who now hold a post office of this class. Retention in office depends now wholly upon good behavior and attention to duty. Thus a fourth-class postmaster is not now removed merely to make room for another so long as the first appointee administers the duties of his office faithfully and honestly.

WANTS CHEAPER MAIL BOXES

Senator Tillman Says 49 Cents Is Enough to Pay for Receipts Now Selling for \$1.25 to \$3.

Washington, June 14.—In the senate Friday Mr. Tillman (S. C.) presented some advantages of supplying metal mail boxes for rural free delivery and showed to the senate a sample box of sheet steel which could be purchased for 49 cents. Boxes now supplied by private individuals cost from \$1.25 to \$3 each. Such a price, he said, was a serious burden upon the farmers. Already \$7,500,000 a year was paid for rural delivery of mail and he believed such rural delivery would expand until it exceeded the cost of city mail delivery.

WIPED OUT BY FIRE.

Alexander City, Ala., Destroyed by Flames While the Terror-stricken People Looked on.

Opelika, Ala., June 14.—Alexander City, a place of 1,500 inhabitants, was wiped out by fire, the loss reaching at least \$750,000, which the insurance will not begin to cover. The place has no water works and all the terror-stricken people could do was to save what belongings they could and then flee from the awful heat. The railroad has established its telegraph lines under a tree, and appeals for help and for food are going out.

MISS LEE ARRESTED.

The Daughter of Gen. Robert E. Lee in Trouble for Riding in a Car Reserved for Negroes.

Alexandria, Va., June 14.—An arrest that caused considerable excitement occurred shortly after seven o'clock last night when Miss Mary Custis Lee, daughter of Gen. Robert E. Lee, was taken into custody, charged with violating the law affecting the Washington, Alexandria & Mount Vernon Electric railway, which provides for the separation of white and colored passengers.

France Gets First Place.

New York, June 14.—America, through the commissioners of the St. Louis exposition, has given to France the place of honor at the 1904 fair. In addition, France has been allotted five times as much space as the republic had at the Chicago exposition.

WHEN DEWET SURRENDERED.

The Intrepid Boer Fighter Was the Recipient of a Great Ovation from His Followers.

London, June 16.—Dispatches received here from South Africa show that the surrenders of Boers are proceeding with the greatest good will. The total of those who have already surrendered numbers 16,500, and the British are extending every possible kindness to the men who come in.

The appearance of Gen. DeWet at the camp at Winburg was the signal for a great display of enthusiasm. When he arrived at camp Gen. DeWet was at once surrounded by thousands of Boer men, women and children, who struggled and clamored to shake the hand of their hero.

THREE PERSONS DROWNED.

During a Gale a Rowboat Was Overturned on Lake Huron and Three Lives Were Lost.

Port Huron, Mich., June 16.—During a gale yesterday afternoon Arthur Martin, aged 21; Beatrice Abraham, aged 14, and Norma Abraham, aged seven, were drowned in Lake Huron by the overturning of a rowboat off Edison beach. The accident was witnessed by a number of people, but the storm was so fierce that no help could reach the young people. The storm blew up suddenly with the wind from off the shore. Martin endeavored to get the bow of his boat into the wind but it swamped in the heavy sea. All three bodies were recovered.

AWFUL CRIME ENACTED.

Near Okfuskee, I. T., the Wife and Daughter of an Indian Were Hanged in Their Cabin.

Okmulgee, I. T., June 16.—A posse of United States marshals have arrested William Bear and George Jacobs, two full-blood Indians, charged with the killing of the wife and daughter of Bear, near Okfuskee. The killing is said to have grown out of the refusal of Mrs. Bear to deed away some land. The women were found dead, hanging in their cabin.

Temperance Flambeau Clubs in Kansas.

Topeka, Kan., June 16.—F. W. Emerson, the nominee of the Kansas prohibitionists for governor, has adopted a unique method of campaigning. He will organize flambeau clubs in various parts of the state and all members of his clubs must be total abstainers. The Topeka organization has been nearly perfected and is expected to begin parading the streets soon.

May Appeal to Congress.

Washington, June 16.—The president it is stated on good authority proposes to apply, directly or indirectly, to congress for legislation which will enable him to meet the coal strike situation. It is understood that the president and his advisers argue that there is no law which would meet the case and settle the issues satisfactory.

Dr. Burnett Sentenced to Fifteen Years.

Chicago, June 16.—Judge Baker denied a motion to arrest judgment in the case of Dr. Orville S. Burnett, the dentist who entered into a compact with Mrs. Charlotte S. Nichol to commit suicide, which resulted in the death of the woman. The judge sentenced the prisoner to 15 years in the penitentiary.

A Big Deal in Chicago Realty.

Chicago, June 16.—A \$10,000,000 deal for the Palmer house "block" is reported to be under way. John Wamamaker is named as back of the negotiations, and it is stated with equal assurance that his plans contemplate building the largest department store in the world on the site of the Palmer house.

Absent Treatment "Doctors" Indicted.

Jacksonville, Fla., June 16.—In the United States court true bills were found against Helen Williams Post, Charles E. Post and Charles F. Bargman on the charge of improper use of the mails. It is alleged they agreed to cure diseases by mental science treatment and "absent treatment."

No New Cabinet Office Now.

Washington, June 16.—After a conference with the president Saturday, Chairman Hepburn, of the house committee on commerce, announced that action on the new cabinet office to be known as the department of commerce would be postponed until the next session of congress.

Boers Going to London.

Brussels, June 15.—It is understood that Gens. Botha, Delany and Meyer, and Mr. Reitz, formerly state secretary of the Transvaal, will visit London in August in connection with the details of the peace settlement.

A Child Attacked by a Rooster.

Hopkinsville, Ky., June 16.—A little daughter of William Blankenship was attacked by a rooster and injured so that it is thought she will die. The bird sank its spurs in the top of the child's head.