

NEBRASKA NEWS

HARVESTING MACHINE MADE TO WORK IN THE MUD.

DEVICE TO SAVE THE GRAIN

Gas Engine Drives the Binder Leaving Nothing but Weight for the Horses to Pull.

—Other News.

By attaching a two horse power gasoline engine to his harvester to drive the machinery, leaving nothing for the horses to pull but the weight of the machine through a muddy field, C. E. Bradley believes he has solved a problem which will save thousands of dollars for Nebraska farmers.

Mr. Bradley lives sixteen miles northwest of Fremont. His farm is on the Platte bottom and because of high water and continued rains the fields on his farm are wet and the ground soggy. The binder would not work



A typical scene at the Nebraska State Fair, held in Lincoln each fall.

In the field, the drive wheels sliding along in the mud and not revolving to furnish power to drive the machinery. Mr. Bradley had a field of wheat which he desired very much to save and he devised the plan of attaching the engine to run the machinery while the team pulled the binder through the field. With this attachment he has cut grain standing in water six inches deep.

EMPLOYEES GET DIVIDENDS.

Dempster Mill Company Makes Semi-Annual Payment.

The Dempster Mill Manufacturing company of Beatrice has made its semi-annual distribution of dividends to its employees, the sum distributed amounting to \$4,720.56. The company established the plan of sharing its profits with employees years ago and the past year the sum of \$9,441.12 has been distributed. In addition to this plan on the death of an employee his family is entitled to share in the dividends, the sum of \$75 is set aside to pay his funeral expenses and his widow or other beneficiary may claim that portion of his salary for one year, being limited, however, to \$50 per month or \$600 per year. An employee, to be entitled to share in the dividends must have worked for the company continuously for two years or over and must have abstained from the excessive use of intoxicating liquors. The company has found that the plan works satisfactorily and that it helps both the company and its employees.

CANDIDATES SHOULD ATTEND.

Bryan and Taft Would Find Great Treat at Epworth Assembly.

The second largest annual gathering in Nebraska is said to be the Epworth Assembly which has come to be exceedingly popular and to attract great throngs of people to its annual sessions.

The assembly officers report prospects for attendance for the present year unusually good. The program is like a great bouquet of American Beauty roses and includes many of the most notable eloquent platform speakers in the land, such as Senators Bob Taylor and LaFollette, Russell H. Conwell, Col. George W. Bain, Governor J. Frank Hanly and others of the class. From across the sea came "Gypsy" Smith of England and Bishops Oldham and Robinson, two of the most illustrious missionary leaders of the present day. Two bands of national fame and a high class jubilee company will give a series of charming concerts.

It will be a program worth the attendance of Taft and Bryan and all their admirers.

DATE SET FOR HANGING.

Supreme Court Affirms Sentence of Murderer Shumway.

R. Mead Shumway, the slayer of Mrs. Sarah Martin of Gage county, is to be hanged October 30. The supreme court in special session Friday filed an opinion affirming the judgment and sentence of the district court and setting a day for the execution of the death sentence. The opinion of the court was written by Chief Justice Barnes. No ground for reversal was found by the court, the evidence being found to be of most convincing character.

Shumway was employed as a farm hand on the farm of John Martin last fall when the murder was committed. He fled to Kansas where he had found employment on a railroad. He was arrested and brought direct to the Nebraska state penitentiary for safe keeping until his trial in the district court.

The prisoner was indicted on two counts, the first count charging murder in the first degree and the second charging murder in the first degree for killing, in the perpetration of a robbery. He was found guilty on the second count, the jury imposing the

death penalty. The opinion of the supreme court closes as follows:

"Owing to the great importance of the case and the fact that the jury had imposed upon the defendant the death penalty, we have carefully read all of the evidence and reviewed the whole record, and to us it seems that the jury made no mistake in their verdict. The evidence is of a most convincing character. It appears that the defendant had a fair trial, by an impartial jury, and the record fails to show any reversible error."

BURLINGTON EMPLOYEE CRUSHED

Caught Between the Cars and a Wall of Rock.

J. S. Ford, a Burlington brakeman, was crushed at the rock quarries near Louisville Wednesday afternoon. He died from his injuries while on the way to Lincoln. He was formerly in the station service of the company at Roca, and began work in the train service but a few months ago. Reports as to how Mr. Ford was hurt say that he was at work in the quarry yards switching and was caught between a string of moving cars and a wall of rock. His injuries were near the hips, and while the body was not mutilated they were recognized as serious from the first.

Car on Fire.

As Union Pacific train No. 59, known as the Grand Island freight, was leaving Columbus Friday morning it was discovered that the way car was on fire. The fire was said to be due to spontaneous combustion. Prompt action on the part of the crew saved the total loss of the car, which was badly damaged. The burning caboose was taken into the roundhouse where the flames were fought and the switch engine hauling it was badly scorched.

Costly Fire at Geneva.

The clothing store of Curry Bros. of Geneva was gutted by fire Thursday night. The blaze started at the rear of the store and when discovered had attained such a headway that the building and contents were badly damaged before it was extinguished. Willing hands carried a great deal of the stock into the street. The stock was valued at \$15,000. The loss is \$10,000, fairly well covered with insurance.

Old Settlers' Reunion.

An old settlers reunion will be held at Union August 14 and 15. Excellent programs consisting of oratory, band music and sports have been prepared. For the twentieth time the old residents of the state are invited to attend the reunion, the first reunion having been held in 1839.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

Most Important Happenings of the Past Seven Days.

Interesting Items Gathered From all Parts of the World Condensed Into Small Space for the Benefit of Our Readers.

Miscellaneous.

Mexico is in the throes of a financial panic. Lack of free coinage of gold is blamed for the situation.

Three deaths from heat occurred at Coffeyville during the recent hot spell. Attorney General Wade Ellis of Ohio is said to be slated to succeed Milton B. Purdy as assistant attorney general of the United States.

An effort to regain possession of the thousands of acres of public school lands which have been sold in recent years is to be made by the state of Kansas. Much evidence of fraud has been secured by State Accountant Gafford.

Dr. W. A. Hemphill, accused of complicity in the death of Miss Lizzie Gleason, whose deathbed statement incriminated the physician and Rev. Clyde M. Gow, was convicted of manslaughter at Troy, Mo., and sentenced to three years in the penitentiary.

Six persons were killed when a train on the Pennsylvania railroad struck an automobile at Columbia City, Ind.

A joint board of the war department and bureau of forestry has taken up the matter of preserving the forests on military reservations.

The government is to make a military and naval exhibit at the proposed exhibition at Albuquerque, N. M.

The Arab patrol of Ararat temple of Kansas City was awarded first prize in the competitive drill of the Shriners at St. Paul.

The Standard Oil company has made overtures to the administration at Washington to consent to a nominal fine in each of the cases against it, on the principle that this was its first offense. The administration's reply was an emphatic "no."

The excess of this country's exports of merchandise over imports in the 12 months ending June 30, 1908, was \$666,500,000, making a new record for a year's trade balance.

The deathbed accusation of Elizabeth Gleason, who died in Elsberry, Mo., from the effects of a criminal operation, has cost Rev. Clyde Gow his license to preach as a Methodist.

Striking miners fired on a train containing strikebreakers at Jefferson, Ala., mortally wounding a deputy marshal. Several of the strikers were also wounded. State troops have been ordered to the scene of the disturbances.

The Interstate Commerce commission reports that during 1907 the railroads of the country killed one passenger for every 1,432,631 carried, and injured one for every 67,012 carried. A total of 122,855 persons were either killed or injured during the year.

A pleasure launch carrying 75 persons was caught in a typhoon in Manila bay and 25 of those on board were drowned. Three Americans were among the lost.

In the federal court at Chicago Judge Kohlsaat handed down a decision upholding the anti-pass law and declaring that railroads could not exchange transportation for newspaper advertising.

A suit involving \$36,000,000 worth of bonds with interest has been filed in the federal court at San Francisco against the various Pacific railroad companies and E. H. Harriman.

The Democratic candidate for president and vice president have issued a joint appeal to the farmers of the country for campaign contributions.

The Krupps have bought all the rights outside of Sweden for the Unger torpedo, one of the deadliest instruments of destruction yet invented.

Herbert Cutler, president of the Cutler Paint & Glass Co., of Kansas City, committed suicide by taking acid in his private office. Business reverses caused by floods is given as the cause.

A dynamite bomb was exploded in a fashionable apartment house in New York where 40 families resided. The building was badly damaged, but no loss of life occurred.

The emperor of China is reported ill again in Peking.

The Democratic national committee has adopted a resolution declaring no campaign contributions will be accepted from corporations, and that no one may give more than \$10,000. All gifts of more than \$100 will be made public on October 19.

The Shriners have selected Louisville, Ky., as the place for the 1909 meeting.

In attempting to escape from the Nebraska penitentiary at Lincoln J. G. Farrell was drowned.

The Socialists, Prohibitionists and People's parties must hold delegate conventions in Missouri in order to get their presidential electors on the official ballot.

According to a statement issued by the bureau of labor the average wages in 1907 were 3.7 per cent higher than in 1906. During the same time the average price of food advanced 4.2 per cent.

Senator LaFollette is to discuss the record of Senator Long of Kansas in a political speech at Emporia on August 1.

The railroads comprising the Southeastern Freight association and the Southeastern Mississippi Valley association have agreed on an advance in freight rates amounting to from four to ten cents a hundred pounds, to take effect on the first of September.

The Atchison (Kan.) Oatmeal and Cereal company mill, the only "anti-trust" mill in the west, has been sold to the Battle Creek Breakfast Food company.

The Western Federation of Miners and the United Mine Workers of America have reached an understanding regarding a complete and uniform exchange of working cards.

Steve Adams, a member of the Western Federation of Miners, has been acquitted of the charge of killing Arthur Collins, a Colorado mine superintendent.

The Santa Fe railroad is reported to be handling 50 cars of new wheat a day in southwestern Kansas. Most of it is going to Kansas City.

The fire which has been raging in the Santa Maria oil fields of California has been finally brought under control.

An explosion in a powder magazine at Cle Elum, Wash., caused the death of nine persons and serious injuries to a number of others.

The Prohibition national convention at Columbus, O., nominated Eugene W. Chafin of Chicago for president and Aaron S. Watkins of Ada, O., for vice president. Rev. W. B. Palmore of St. Louis was first named for vice president, but declined. The platform adopted is the shortest on record, containing only 350 words.

The thousand-mile relay race from New York to Chicago by members of the Y. M. C. A. started on time from the city hall in New York. Two thousand boys, each to carry the message from Mayor McClellan to Mayor Busse a half mile, engaged in the race.

Giuseppe Alia, the murderer of Father Leo Heinrichs in a Denver church, was put to death in the state prison at Canon City, Col. He was bitter to the last and went to the scaffold calling down maledictions upon the Roman priesthood.

The Modern Woodmen of America have filed a suit in the federal court at Des Moines to recover \$420,755.49 which was on deposit in the First National bank of Chariton, Iowa, at the time of its failure. The receiver and the comptroller of the currency are made defendants.

Chairman Hitchcock has arranged for a series of conferences with Republican leaders of the various sections of the country to map out the campaign plans. The first meeting is scheduled for Colorado Springs July 20 and 21.

The city council of St. Joseph has passed an ordinance creating a public utilities commission over the veto of Mayor Clayton.

Judge Dabbs in the circuit court at Carthage, Mo., set aside a deed to a fifth interest in the Carter estate of 538 acres of valuable mining land near Webb City, on the ground that the deed was obtained through misrepresentation.

Personal

William H. Taft has been elected a member of the International Society of Steam Shovelmen.

Col. William H. Rossington, for many years one of the most prominent members of the Kansas bar and a powerful force in politics, died suddenly at his home in Topeka. His daughter found him dead in his library on returning from a short automobile ride.

Mrs. Mary Holliday, widow of the late C. K. Holliday, projector of the Santa Fe railroad, is dead in Topeka of old age.

William F. Walker, the New Britain, Conn., absconder, has at last arrived in this country from Mexico. He will be returned at once to Connecticut for trial.

Miss Ethel Roosevelt, second daughter of the president, recently celebrated her eighteenth birthday with a fancy dress party at Sagamore Hill.

John M. Kern was warmly welcomed upon his arrival at his home in Indianapolis by a nonpartisan gathering of citizens. Vice President Fairbanks escorted the Democratic candidate from his home to the public square and made the address of welcome.

Thomas D. Jordan, formerly comptroller of the Equitable Life Assurance society, and who was under indictment in connection with the Armstrong insurance investigation, dropped dead in the subway at New York recently.

Prof. Edward G. Frazier of the Kansas university has resigned to accept a professorship at Rochester university at Rochester, N. Y.

DECREASE IN IMMIGRATION.

A Marked Falling Off From Russia and Japan.

Immigration to the United States from all countries, particularly Russia and Japan, showed a marked falling off for the month of June as compared with the same month of 1907, according to figures made public by the bureau of immigration and naturalization. The total immigration aggregated 31,947, compared with 154,734 in 1907, a decrease of 79 per cent. The total number of immigrants from Russia was 6,202, compared with 32,112 in 1907, a decrease of 81 per cent, while that of Japan amounted to 960, a decrease of 1,264 as compared with 1907.

The total number debarred for various reasons was 543, compared with 1,211 in 1907, a decrease of 59 per cent.

The total immigration from all countries for the six months ending with June last, was 192,656, compared with 743,952 in 1907, a decrease of 74 per cent. That from Russia aggregated 34,369, compared with 132,185 in 1907, a decrease of 74 per cent. The number of debarred from all countries was 3,799, compared with 5,962 in 1907, a decrease of 37 per cent.

CITED FOR CONTEMPT.

Labor Leaders Must Answer for Violating Injunction.

In the Buck Stove and Range case, Justice Sanderson of the district supreme court at Washington, summoned Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor; Secretary Frank Morrison of that organization, and John Mitchell of the executive council, former president of the United Mine Workers of America, to appear in court on September 8 next, to show cause why they should not be punished for contempt of the court's injunctive order.

The citation is based on a petition of the Buck Stove and Range Company of St. Louis, which alleges that an order issued by Justice Gould forbidding a national boycott by the American Federation of Labor, has been violated by the public utterances and addresses of the three labor leaders named. It also is stated that Gompers caused to be published in the Federationist, the official organ of the federation, a certain article reflecting on the court's decision and it alleged open defiance, printing the name of the Buck Stove and Range Company in the "We don't patronize" list.

Big Returns in Land Values.

Returns made to the state board of assessment by the county assessors of Nebraska indicate the increase in the value of land over the old assessment will be enormous, probably \$50,000,000 or more in the assessed value, or \$250,000,000 in actual value. Some of the counties are still out, but enough are in to give a general idea of what the total increase will be. Thirty-nine counties from the far west to the eastern border of the state return land at an assessed value of \$86,810,931. Lands in the same counties last year were assessed at a total of \$63,243,704. This is an increase in the assessed value of this class of property of \$23,567,227, an average increase in these counties of \$604,287.

Victory for Employes.

The shop employes of the Canadian Pacific railway, gained a signal victory Monday when the conciliation board, which has been investigating the matter in dispute between the company and the men, presented its report. The nine-hour day will continue to prevail in the west and will soon be granted in the east. No reduction was made in the scale of wages, there will be no sliding scale and helpers will not be allowed to use tools. No increase was granted in the wages of apprentices.

No Drinking on Trains.

Drinking, even out of one's own flask on passenger trains in Louisiana, constitutes a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine or imprisonment, or both, according to a new state law which went into effect Monday. This act makes it unlawful to drink intoxicating liquors of any kind in or upon any railway passenger train, or coach, or casket, or vestibule, or platform, except in case of actual sickness. After a hard fight a section was added making the law inapplicable to stimulants taken with meals in a regular dining car.

Drowns Self and Children.

Despondent because of ill health and fearful of the fate which might await her two little children if they were left alone to face the world, Mrs. Gussie Benson sought peace for all in the waters of the East river, at New York, Monday. For several years Mrs. Benson had lived with her husband and children on a South Dakota farm, but when her health failed she decided to return to her old home in New York City. Mrs. Benson sprang from a ferryboat with the children in her arms.