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DUEL county farmers are jubilant over the crop outlook.

BUTLER county's district court opened with one hundred cases on the docket.

THE home of Edgar McCarty, of Otoe county, was destroyed by fire.

NEAR Wisner a feed grinder fell onto Wm. Wegner and crushed him so badly that he died soon after the accident.

A NEW bank has been established at Atkinson by Gallagher & Co., who operate the First National bank at O'Neill.

THE First State bank of Lush ton has gone into voluntary liquidation and is paying off depositors.

A MAN in Cheyenne county started off on a hunting trip and after going eleven miles his horse broke loose and started home.

E. T. GREGG of Crawford had four horses badly cut and one killed by getting tangled up in a barb wire fence.

FIRE broke out in the livery barn at Marquette, burning up six head of horses, one colt and a cow.

PERRY & MATHEWS' Syndicate circus, Museum and Menagerie company came to grief at West Point.

J. S. WRIGHT, of Omaha, for endeavoring to bribe jurors, was given two years in the Douglas county jail.

R. KINMAN, an inmate of the asylum for the incurable insane at Hastings, escaped some days ago and made his way to his home in Polk county.

REV. JONATHAN C. REDDING, the evangelist, will begin special evangelistic meetings at Nebraska City June 13.

THE races which were to have been held at Lincoln park during the third week of June, have been declared off on account of the small number of entries.

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THE HUMAN OSTRICH.

WHAT HIS DISSECTED STOMACH BROUGHT FORTH.

An Inventory of its Contents—Nails, Knives, Glass and Tacks by the Handful—The Barlow Knife that Worried Him—A Successful Operation.

What the "Ostrich" Open.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., June 14.—Dr. E. Von Quast of the city health department has a two-bladed pocket-knife with an ebony and brass mounted handle which, it is asserted, is the property of the city marshal of Pilot Grove, Mo.

The knife was swallowed one week ago to-day by Harry Whallen, otherwise the "human ostrich," while giving a street performance of gastronomic feats in that place.

Dr. E. Von Quast, assisted by a number of other surgeons, cut Whallen's stomach open at the German hospital this morning and took therefrom over 120 nails, knives, screws and tacks, among them being the marshal's big Barlow knife.

This is an actual and complete inventory of the hardware, glassware and cutlery taken from Whallen's stomach:

WHAT HE HAD IN HIM.

1 4-bladed knife, 3 1/2 inches long.

1 2-bladed Barlow knife, 4 inches long.

1 knife blade, 2 1/4 inches long.

1 knife blade, 3 inches long.

2 knife blades, 2 inches long.

1 knife blade, 1 inch long.

32 large eight and ten-penny fence nails and spikes.

34 six-penny wire nails, sharp pointed.

26 shingle nails, 1 inch long.

16 carport tacks and small wire nails.

1 horseshoe nail.

3 large screws.

1 barbed wire staple.

3 ounces fine glass.

The astonishing fact is that Whallen carried this remarkable collection of junk in his stomach a week and is still alive.

The case is the most remarkable of its kind that has ever come to the attention of doctors and surgeons in Kansas City, and it has few parallels in the history of surgery.

Whallen is a professional showman. He began swallowing nails and glass when he was a lad 10 years old.

He soon found his way into a dime museum and later into a side show. He traveled all over the United States with Barnum's and other big circuses as a "human ostrich" and a contortionist.

He can twist himself into almost any shape, so supple are his joints, and until a week ago he could swallow with safety any object that would pass down his throat.

CAUSE OF HIS TROUBLE.

Not long ago Whallen was stranded in St. Louis. He began to work his way to Kansas City by giving street performances in small towns.

Upon these occasions he would swallow nails, knives and tacks and any incredulous individual in the audience who cared to risk his pocket knife for the sake of further testing Whallen's swallowing ability was generally accommodated.

The pocket knife feat caused Whallen's trouble. He swallowed a two-bladed Barlow knife belonging to the city marshal of Pilot Grove and it lodged in his stomach.

Thursday he went to the city dispensary and told Dr. Van Quast and Dr. Smythe that he had 100 nails, knives, tacks and other hardware and cutlery in his stomach.

They refused to believe his story, but upon examining him found that some hard substance had lodged there. Whallen insisted that he was telling the truth and it was determined to apply the X rays.

This was done by Dr. J. N. Scott in the presence of several doctors and newspaper reporters. X ray photographs of Whallen's stomach were taken with the powerful Crooke's tube machine.

WHAT X RAYS SHOWED.

These photographs showed the bone frame work of the man's body and a dark spot almost as large as a man's hand showed the exact location of the mass of knives, nails and glass.

An effort was made to look through Whallen's body with the X rays and the fluorescent. His ribs and vertebrae could be easily discerned, his heart pulsations seen and the metal mass outlined, but the rays were not powerful enough to define what the object really was.

It was found that the metal was lodged in the large sack which is technically called the stomach. Whallen's sufferings became intense as the incongruous substances remained in his stomach, and he determined to have an operation performed.

As his calling would indicate, the "human ostrich" is a man of nerve. He said he did not fear the operation.

At the conclusion of the operation Whallen was weak and of course unconscious, but the surgeons said his condition was good and that his chance of recovery was excellent.

Turkey's War Preparations Continue.

CONSTANTINOPLE, June 14.—The Turkish government is draining the Asiatic provinces of the empire for troops to be sent to the Balkans, and has ordered an additional 150,000 Mauser rifles.

Loomis Expected to Explain.

WASHINGTON, June 14.—Mr. C. A. Loomis, the Republican candidate for Congress in the Second Missouri district against Mr. Bodine, is expected in Washington within two or three days.

Mr. Loomis has made a number of recommendations of postmasters in his district, but lately, because of certain complaints received at Washington, his indorsements have not been acted upon promptly.

He is expected to explain criticisms made of his recommendations when he reaches the city.

To Preserve the Dead.

NEW YORK, June 14.—The board of health will approve a plan within a short time to erect on the shore of the Hudson a large mausoleum in which 10,000 bodies, treated by a new process, will be interred.

According to the plans the bodies of the dead will be embalmed in a new way, by which the flesh will be withered up. Heat will not be employed, as having a tendency to injure the bones.

A laboratory for the embalming process is provided for, as well as a crematory in which to burn the refuse matter.

AN EDITOR ASSAULTED.

Major John L. Bittinger of the St. Joseph Herald Attacked.

St. JOSEPH, Mo., June 14.—Ex-Congressman George C. Crowther and Major John L. Bittinger, editor of the Herald, had a bloody fight on a street car just before noon to-day.

They took the same seat on an open street car and disputed about an interview with Major Bittinger published in the Daily News yesterday, in which he had called the ex-congressman a liar.

Major Bittinger said the interview was correct. He was then attacked by Crowther, who hit him several times in the face.

Blood poured from the cuts made by the ex-congressman's fist, and the two men grappled. The car proceeded and the combatants nearly fell off in their struggles.

Bittinger bled freely, but the fight was continued until they were pulled apart by other men on the car.

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NO MORE JUDGES YET.

COURT PASSES UPON THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS.

The State's Judicial Tribunal Declares that They Were Not Adopted—A Majority of All the Votes Required—Only Three Judges.

The Constitutional Amendments.

The supreme court has decided that the constitutional amendment increasing the number of judges of the court from three to five was not adopted at the election last fall.

This decision was handed down Thursday before the court adjourned for the sitting. The question was raised in a banking case from Johnson county and the court has passed upon it, holding that a majority of all votes cast at the election on any proposition is necessary for adoption of a constitutional amendment.

The court rendered practically the same opinion in the suit instituted by W. J. Bryan to prevent the city of Lincoln from issuing gold bonds.

The question of adoption of the constitutional amendment was raised by attorneys in the case of the Teumseh National Bank vs. Anna R. Saunders, error from Johnson county, on a motion for a rehearing. The attorneys gave several reasons for asking a rehearing. One reason that the case was reversed by the action of two judges, Chief Justice Post and Judge Harrison joining in an opinion for reversal and Judge Norval for affirmance.

The attorneys alleged that before the court rendered an opinion a constitutional amendment increasing the number of judges to five was adopted by a vote of the people and therefore two judges of the court could not render an opinion for the court, the necessary majority of the court being lacking.

The court has overruled the motion for a rehearing. Commissioner Ryan writing the opinion. Judge Norval dissents, but concurs in that part of the opinion relating to the constitutional question. All members of the court and the commissioners concur in that part of the decision and in Judge Norval's opinion so far as it relates to the constitutional question.

The syllabus of Commissioner Ryan's opinion is as follows:

"A rehearing will not be granted when it is clear that no other conclusion than that already reached, is possible.

"A proposition to amend the constitution of this state can only be submitted at a general election at which there is elected senators and representatives.

"To affect the adoption of an amendment to the constitution of this state it must receive more than one-half the highest number of votes cast at such general election, whether such highest number be for the filling of an office or for the adoption of a proposition."

Relics of the War Missing.

Some time ago ex-Gov. Furnas was at the state house, and while visiting in the rooms of the adjutant general of the Nebraska national guard expressed surprise that the flags, guidons and other relics of the Second Nebraska and the four companies of the Curtis Horse were not in the state house.

The Curtis Horse was made up from Nebraska men, but was consolidated with the Fifth Iowa cavalry. The relics of the First Nebraska are at the office of the adjutant general, but whereabouts of the others are unknown.

Gen. Barry wrote to Mr. Furnas about the matter, and has received a reply which says:

"My Dear General: Referring to yours of May 28, when I left the office of governor, all the war relics of the Second Nebraska cavalry were in the capitol building. What has become of them I know not. I have not one of them, nor do I know who has. As I said when in your office, I was surprised to find none of them in there. I advise that you write to me for their location. It is important. All I can do to that end will be done willingly and cheerfully. Hoping that you may succeed in obtaining these relics for the state archives, I am, as ever,

Yours very truly,

ROBT. W. FURNAS.

Gen. Barry is making every possible effort to find the missing relics, as their proper place is at the state house alongside the flags of the First Nebraska.

May Establish an Indian School.

Senator Allen was recently in Omaha, and having been asked what would probably be done with the old Fort Omaha reservation, the senator said that he had had this subject in mind for some time and he had a suggestion which he thought might solve the problem to the eminent satisfaction of the government, the state of Nebraska and especially the people of Omaha.

His plan is that the site be used for an Indian school. The interior department has decided to recommend that another Indian school be established to meet a positive necessity for the accommodation of about 500 pupils and Senator Allen is sure that the Fort Omaha reservation will so perfectly serve the purpose that he proposes soon to introduce a bill providing that the school be established there. It is thought that some of the buildings now on the site can be remodelled so as to be made suitable for the purpose without great expense.

Morgan Must Hang.

The judgment of the Douglas county court and death sentence in the case of the state vs. George W. Morgan has been affirmed by the supreme court.

The date of execution is fixed October 8. Morgan, it will be remembered, was convicted of ravishing and afterward choking to death, little Ida Gaskell.

State Fair Outlook.

Secretary Furnas told a newspaper reporter that the prospects for a large attendance and a profitable exhibit at the state fair this year were excellent.

So far the applications for space had been unusually numerous. The farmers throughout the state were looking forward to a large crop this year and were enjoying more prosperity than for several years back.

He considered it an assured fact that they would turn out in large numbers to the fair and would swell the attendance last year over 20 per cent.

Elgin barbers have reduced the price of a hair cut to 10 cent.

RAILROAD PROJECT.