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The dome of the state capitol building is being painted.

Lightning killed five head of cattle for Mr. Jefferson, a farmer of Washington county.

Frank Towle, a farmer living five miles northwest of Weeping Water, had a horse and buggy stolen from his barn.

Chancellor MacLean has not announced whether he will accept the presidency of the Iowa State university, but it is thought in Lincoln that he thinks favorable of doing so.

During a violent storm, lightning struck the large barn at the soldiers' home, about a mile from Grand Island, and destroyed it with all contents, consisting of six horses, harness and buggies with a lot of feed. The famous herd of Holstein cattle were not injured, as they were out in the yards.

A man about 50 and a boy of 12 or 14 years of age, apparently Italians, while crossing the railroad bridge near North Platte were overtaken and struck by the engine of the eastbound mail train when within a few feet of the east end of the bridge and instantly killed. They had told a citizen of North Platte that they were from Colorado and were making their way to Chicago.

With a party of friends Lee Berry of Oxford went to Orleans and while bathing in the Republican river was the victim of a serious accident. In diving from a tree he miscalculated the depth of the water, and struck his head on a stone, with great force. At first it was thought that even if he recovered his mind would be left in a disordered state, but later reports are more encouraging.

New students, says a Peru dispatch, have kept pouring into Peru this week for the summer school, which opened Monday. The large attendance is a surprise to everyone and everything seems to indicate that the school will be a success from its start and will enable many teachers to receive the advantages of a normal training who would otherwise be deprived of the privilege. The full corps of teaching force has been retained.

During a terrific thunder storm at Paxton, Fred Crook, section foreman on the Union Pacific railroad, and a stranger named John Hufman, were both struck by lightning. They were rendered unconscious, and though they received immediate medical attendance, it is not thought they can live. The lightning struck in several other places, doing slight damage. Howard Miles' store building was struck and the windows all broken.

The Nebraska Funeral Directors' association, in session at Grand Island, elected the following officers: Walton G. Roberts of Lincoln, president; Frank R. Scheel of Wahoo, first vice president; Nicholas Carson of Nebraska City, second vice president; Charles Dangler of Fremont, third vice president. P. F. Bell of Fremont was re-elected secretary and treasurer. Members of the executive committee are: J. Sondermann, Grand Island; M. Reed, Hastings; B. King, York.

The prospect for a wheat crop in this county, says a Lexington dispatch, is not very flattering at the present time, owing, perhaps, as much to the great amount of weeds in the fields as to an insufficiency of rain. A nice shower of rain fell Tuesday night, which was general throughout most of the county. Corn is looking fine, and aside from the wheat there is no complaint except that the season is late and crops have not made the growth common at this time of the year.

Burglars entered Marsteller Bros.' general merchandise store at Harrison and cracked and gutted the safe. They secured in money about \$75, but the greatest loss of the firm is in notes, mortgages, warrants, etc., the total value of which will reach \$1,500. Several life insurance policies are also among the papers taken. No goods from the store were taken, except a revolver. No clue as to who the burglars are has yet been discovered. The work was that of professionals.

Owing to a misunderstanding as to when the city council of Central City would sell the \$25,000 city refunding bonds, the award to Kimball & Co. of Chicago, who bid \$25,345.50 for them has been refused the company. The council again took up the matter at a recent meeting, and have now sold the bonds to George M. Binkerhoff of Springfield, Ill., for \$25,106.75. These bonds bear 4 per cent interest and are payable at the city's option, from five to twenty years after date, and replace 6 per cent waterworks and bridge bonds.

Prof. C. H. Miller of David City is the subject of a peculiar and striking experience. Twenty-three years ago, when a mere lad, he ran an ordinary needle into his right leg, below the knee, breaking it off, about an inch and a half of the needle remaining in his leg. The other night, after putting out the lamp and while in the act of retiring, he brushed his limb against the bed, which caused an uneasy feeling. Reaching down, he pulled out the piece of needle, thinking at the time it was a splinter, but upon relighting the lamp he made the startling discovery that it was the rusted remnant of the needle which had pierced his leg twenty-three years ago.

A hail storm in the vicinity of Alma did a great deal of damage.

A. L. Sandall, E. A. Sandall, D. A. Sandall and C. A. Morgan, all well-to-do pioneer York county farmers, living in Lockridge township, have leased and purchased several thousand acres of grazing land in western Nebraska, on which, through the summer months, they will have hundreds of cattle grazing, and each fall will ship to their farms in York county such cattle as they wish to put on full feed. They have organized a company among themselves and incorporated, with a capital of \$75,000, under the title of the York Cattle company.

THE NEW ELECTION LAW

Numerous Applications Coming In for the Same.

MEASURE AWAITED WITH INTEREST

Several Features About the New Enactment of Interest to Politicians and the General Public—To Go Into Effect on the First of July, 1899.

The Election Law.

Lincoln dispatch: The secretary of state is just now receiving a great number of applications for copies of the primary and other election laws passed by the last legislature. The interest in the primary election law is perhaps the most general, and the supply of bills printed and left over from the legislature is likely to be exhausted before the session laws are printed by the contractor who has that work in charge.

There are several features about the Van Dusen primary election law that will be of interest to politicians and the general public. Not the least is the registration of the voters at regular registration times, each citizen then being marked down as affiliating with some particular party, and only those who register their party affiliation being permitted to take part in and vote at primaries to be held after the year 1899 for the nomination of county, state or municipal officers. This registration of party affiliation is not compulsory, and a refusal or neglect to so register does not debar the citizen from voting at the regular election, but a neglect or refusal to resignate his party affiliation does debar him from voting at a primary election held before the next regular registration days.

The proofs of the session laws compilation have been read by Colonel Long and Miss Goff, and it is expected that the printer will speedily finish whatever work remains. The number of new laws on new subjects which will go into effect July 1 makes the demand for the session acts more pronounced this year than usual, and the early completion of the distribution will be expected by the public, and a failure to get them out before the first of the month will cause a great deal of inconvenience.

A Big Irrigation Ditch.

D. E. Thompson has filed a claim for water for irrigating purposes. The claim was filed several days ago in the state irrigation department. In his petition Mr. Thompson asserts that he desires the right to build an irrigation canal from a point on the Platte river near Linwood to a point on Elm creek in Saunders county. The ditch is to be twenty-seven miles long and is to run from the Platte river in the northeast corner of Butler county, across the northern part of Saunders county. It will empty into Elm creek and thence back into the Platte. The creek empties into the Platte river not far from Fremont. The canal is to have its head in the southwest quarter of section 30, town 17, range 4 east, and empty into the creek on section 33, town 17, range 8 east.

Mr. Thompson went to Mexico immediately after filing the application and his purpose is not known. The records in the irrigation department show that an application of the Fremont Canal and Power company, covering almost the same ground, has been on file for a long time. It was signed by James T. Hanson. Whether Mr. Thompson has arranged to succeed the Fremont company or whether he intends to be in a position to secure the right in case the Fremont company fails to complete the work, is not shown. The irrigation department has not reached either of the claims and possibly will not be able to do so for some time. Mr. Thompson's application is for water for irrigating purposes, but the dimensions of the contemplated ditch indicate that it will be more suitable for power. As described in the application the ditch is the same size from one end to the other, whereas it is customary to make an irrigation ditch larger at the head than at the end. His plans call for a ditch eighty feet wide on the bottom, ninety-five feet wide on the top, and ten feet deep. The material to be removed is estimated at 3,500,000 cubic feet. It is not supposed that the ditch has been surveyed. The date of the filing is June 13 and the work is to be commenced within twelve months and be completed on or before July 1.

Nebraska Institute for the Blind.

Nebraska City dispatch: The board of trustees for the institute for the blind has been in session in this city attending to the transfer of that institution from the old superintendent, W. A. Jones, to the new superintendent, E. Harris. A number of Mr. Harris' appointments have been made and confirmed. F. H. Marnell of this city was appointed steward and his wife a teacher in the industrial department. Dr. E. M. Whitten is retained as physician, and teachers as follows: Miss Burlock of Lincoln, in charge of the literary department; Miss Sousey, piano; Misses Baker and Trueblood, vocal. A musical director and three teachers are yet to be named. All the old employees about the institution have been retained. The board at its meeting passed a resolution that neither at this school or at the school for mutes at Omaha should a member of the superintendent's family be employed by the board.

Dr. Sprague Will Quit.

Beatrice dispatch: Judge Letton, soon after the close of the argument in the Sprague-Lang injunction case this afternoon, decided against the plaintiff. He dissolved the temporary injunction, holding that the court was without jurisdiction. Soon after the decision was rendered Dr. Lang drove out to the institution and sought a conference with Dr. Sprague, which was granted. Dr. Sprague received him cordially, and when the correspondent telephoned for information Dr. Sprague said that he had decided to give up the fight.

Reward for a Murderer.

Sheriff Taylor of Hall county called yesterday at the governor's office, says the Lincoln Journal, and asked that the state reward of \$200 for the capture and conviction of a murderer be offered in the case of an unknown man named Tyler, who died at Grand Island from knife wounds inflicted by some one unknown. The reward proclamation was made out, forwarded to York for Lieutenant Governor Gilbert to sign, the governor being absent from the state. The sheriff was requested to file a written statement in the governor's office. It contained the following:

"The only facts in the case that I have been able to obtain are that one Tyler, first name to me unknown, staggered into H. D. Moyden's drug store at Grand Island on the evening of June 10 at about 9 o'clock and fell unconscious on the floor without making any statement. Upon examination he was found to have been stabbed in the back and to be bleeding profusely from the effects of which he died on the 14th of June, having been unable to make any statement whatever."

"The only clue as to the probable murderer or murderers I have been able to obtain is the statements of one Appleton, first name to me unknown, who claimed to have been in company with said Tyler for the past four years, and that they had just returned from California, beating their way on the railroad. That said Appleton was put off the train at Kearney, said Tyler continuing his way to Grand Island, and that said Appleton arrived in Grand Island on the morning of the 11th and found Tyler in this condition, and stated that a certain party, whose real name was to him unknown, but going by the cognomen of 'Fatty,' fell in with said Appleton at North Platte, and informed said Appleton that he and Tyler got into an altercation with some other tramps at Grand Island, and that he ('Fatty,' in stabbing at said other tramps, by mistake stabbed said Tyler. Said 'Fatty' then left the city before the officers of Grand Island and Hall county became aware of the affray, and his whereabouts is not known to myself or any others."

"The description given of 'Fatty' by Appleton is as follows: About 25 years of age, five feet eight or nine inches in height, weight about 180 pounds, light complexion, light hair, slightly gray, cut quite short and inclined to be curly, full heavy face, long heavy pointed chin, large Roman nose, scars on chin, cheeks and nose, the effects of kicks white in a fight with a brakeman about two weeks ago."

Asks for Information.

Lincoln dispatch: The following is a copy of a letter sent to attorneys general in nearly all of the states in the union by A. E. Sheldon of the secretary of state's office, asking for information concerning the anti-trust law:

Dear Sir: An answer to the subjoined inquiries will not only be a personal favor, but will aid in placing the facts of great present interest before the public. In return for your kindly cooperation I promise a summary of the results obtained.

1. Is there a state anti-trust law or laws on your statute books?

2. Date of its enactment?

3. Vote for and against its passage by political parties?

4. Have any prosecutions been brought under the statute? If so, when, by whom, and how many?

5. Have any convictions been obtained?

6. Have any combinations or trust organizations been dissolved as a result of the law?

7. What, in your judgment, have been the reasons for the effectiveness or non-effectiveness of the law?

8. What suggestions have you to make regarding the form of statute and means of its enforcement in restraint of trusts and combinations in trade?

Any printed matter relating to the history of the subject in your state will be gratefully received.

Better Than a Mile a Minute.

The run made by the Union Pacific passenger train No. 2 from Grand Island to Omaha, Thursday afternoon, says the World-Herald, caused considerable comment in railway circles. The distance from Omaha to Grand Island is 154 miles, and No. 2 made the run from there into the union depot in 150 minutes, fourteen minutes of which time was consumed in stops on the trip down.

J. R. Grover, a prominent citizen of Albany, N. Y., made the trip on No. 2. In describing it he said: "We pulled into Grand Island a little late, and as I was very anxious to get into Omaha to transact some business and catch a train east I felt very uneasy until the conductor told me that he was going to make a record-breaking run into Omaha. Then I felt better, and never in my life enjoyed a ride more. The country through which we passed was radiant with waving fields of green grain and long rows of corn. At times it seemed as if we hardly touched the ground, but were being whirled through space on some airship. One might have supposed that the trip would have been rough, owing to the fast time made, but such was not the case, and when I began to congratulate the conductor on the good time he shut me off by saying, 'That's nothing. We often do this out here in Nebraska.'

The roadbed on the Union Pacific between Omaha and the mountains is as smooth as a floor, which accounts for the rapid runs often made." After quite a contest, it has been decided that Bennett will not have a saloon this year.

The citizens of Plattsmouth are congratulating D. S. Guild of the supply department of the Burlington over the good news that his son, George S. Guild, has successfully passed the examination and was admitted to the military academy at West Point.

Halt Bros. & Rose of Syracuse, who recently received word from Washington, D. C., that they would receive a patent on the "Secure" acetylene gas generator, have got information from the board of insurance underwriters at Chicago that they have a safe generator. These gentlemen expect to make Omaha their headquarters.

Army Full Strength.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 24.—It is said by officials at the War department interested in the recruiting movement that this work is progressing with pleasing rapidity. Recruits have been received at the rate of 1,000 a week for the last three weeks and there are now at the Presidio at San Francisco about 5,000 men waiting transportation to the Philippines. Many of these are old soldiers and the others are being rapidly drilled and broken in.

ROBBERS ARE IN JAIL

Men Held in Montana Identified as Union Pacific Holdups.

BOTH OF THE MEN ARE RECOGNIZED

It Is Declared They Are the Roberts Brothers, Notorious Desperadoes and Highwaymen—Postal Clerk Who Was on the Dynamited Train Is Quite Positive.

ST. PAUL, June 26.—A Helena, Mont., special to the Pioneer Press says:

United States Marshal Woolman has advices from Beaverhead county indicating that the two suspects captured there Tuesday by under sheriffs are the men implicated in the Union Pacific robbery, for whose capture a reward of \$3,000 is offered.

Deputy United States Marshal Bush of Utah, who has seen the Roberts brothers, notorious highwaymen, for whom the government has been on the lookout since the robbery of the Big Piney postoffice in Uintah county, Wyoming, and one of the postal clerks by the name of Ditzick, who was aboard the train that was robber at Wilcox, Wyoming, arrived at Dillon yesterday. They proceeded at once to the county jail and both identified the men.

The deputy marshal is certain that they are Roberts brothers, while the postal clerk is certain that they belonged to the gang that held up the train.

Marshal Hodsell of Wyoming today telegraphed Marshal Woolman that the men are positively identified and that the Big Piney warrants be sent at once.

Marshal Woolman also received a message from Under Sheriff Moore of Beaverhead county stating that the Wyoming men who knew Roberts brothers would arrive in Dillon tomorrow morning, fully able to identify them. As soon as the identification is further strengthened the men will be given an early hearing at Dillon before the United States commissioner for the purpose of identification. That official will probably hold them to the federal court of Wyoming. Then application will be made for a warrant of removal. Sheriff Dunn of Carbon county, who is leading a posse of three men up the Stinking Water after six suspects, has not been heard from since last Wednesday, and it is feared he may have been overcome by superiors.

ALL DEPENDS ON ILLINOIS.

Mayor Harrison of Chicago Says It Can Make or Break Bryan.

CHICAGO, June 26.—Mayor Harrison declares that Illinois may decide whether William J. Bryan will be elected president in 1900. The mayor makes this statement in a letter he has written to D. Turnbolt, a democrat of Lincoln, Ill. Mr. Turnbolt wrote the mayor asking him why the personal differences between the former governor and himself should not be made up, so that the party could present a united front next year. The letter says:

"I agree thoroughly with you that Governor Altgeld and I should settle our personal misunderstandings through personal means. This is acting on the theory that we have any personal misunderstanding. As far as I am concerned, I have absolutely no personal differences with the ex-governor. The protest filed by the democratic state central committee against Governor Altgeld and his man Devlin at the St. Louis conference does not really concern me as an individual. The protest against Messrs. Altgeld and Devlin is made by Mr. Gahan, who is national committeeman of the democratic party of the state of Illinois, and who has been persistently ignored in all party matters for the past two years."

"Unless the regular organization of Illinois receives proper recognition I personally would despair of success in carrying the state of Illinois for the national ticket of 1900. Mr. Bryan will undoubtedly be the democratic nominee at that time. With the state of Illinois casting its electoral vote for him he would probably be seated as the successor of President McKinley, but Illinois cannot be expected to give her electoral vote for the democratic candidate for the presidency if the regular organization is hampered in its work, and if a reward is held out for the political hotbed and the political traitor."

Ex-Governor Altgeld declares that the railroads will be placed under fire by the democratic national convention. "It is my belief," said the ex-governor, "that if the convention were to be held within thirty days it would almost unanimously adopt a plank favoring governmental ownership of railroads."

"Without continuous assistance from the railroads the trusts could not survive a year. If they had to transact business on the same terms as their competitors, which do not belong to a trust, they would quickly disintegrate and go to pieces."

Goes Back to Luzon.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 24.—The gunboat Concord has sailed from Hong Kong for Lingayen for patrol duty. Lingayen is a fort in the bay of Lingayen, on the northwest coast of Luzon. If supplies are being furnished to Aguinaldo's insurgents they are probably landed in this bay, from which easy access could be had to the interior of the island.

Czar's Peace Proposal.

He Asks Only That for the Present Increasing of Armament Cease.

THE HAGUE, June 26.—M. de Staal, president of the peace conference, at a meeting of the committee, introduced the Russian proposals looking to the arrest of armaments and read a declaration disclaiming all intention of proposing a reduction of the armaments at present. But, he added, he was of the opinion that if a standstill could be agreed upon a reduction would soon come of itself. All the powers, he explained, had conferred with the czar relative to the immense evils of armed peace, and he, M. de Staal, now appealed to them to devote their energies toward the arrest of the continental increase in the cost of armed peace, which he asserted, cost more than a tremendous war.

ROUGH RIDERS GATHER

The Ex-Soldiers Spend Sunday at Memorial Services.

LIFE OF THE TROOPS PRAISED

Iowa Editor Speaks of the Campaign and Its Present Fruits—Nation Joined by New Bond of Sympathy—Troopers Honor Roosevelt with Gift of a Souvenir Medal—Incidents of the Day.

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