

A GREAT BOER VICTORY

Capture Two British Regiments and a Battery of Artillery.

ARE SURROUNDED AT LADYSMITH.

Royal English Fusiliers and Gloucestershire Regiments the Unfortunate Ones England Shows Consternation Over the Worst Defeat Suffered for One Hundred Years.

LONDON, NOV. 1.—The war office has received a dispatch from General White, commanding the British forces at Ladysmith, reporting that the Royal Irish Fusiliers, No. 10 Mountain battery, and the Gloucestershire regiment were surrounded in the hills by the Boers, and, after losing heavily, obliged to capitulate. General White adds that the casualties have not yet been ascertained.

The following is the text of General White's dispatch to the war office:

While minor reverses were not wholly unexpected, nothing like the staggering blow General Joubert delivered to General White's forces yesterday was anticipated. The full extent of the disaster is not yet acknowledged, if it is known at the war office. The loss in effective men must be appalling to a general who is practically surrounded. Two of the finest British regiments and a mule battery detached from the Ladysmith garrison weakened it about a fifth of its total strength and alters the whole situation very materially in favor of the Boers, who have again shown themselves stern fighters and military strategists of no mean order. The disaster cost the British from 1,500 to 2,000 men and six seven-pound screw guns, and as the Boer artillery is already stronger than imagined, the capture of these guns will be a great help to the Boers.

Further news must be awaited before it is attempted to fix the blame where it belongs. General White manfully accepts all the responsibility for the disaster, which apparently was at least partially due to the stampeding of the mules with the guns.

From the list it will be seen that forty-two officers were made prisoners, besides a newspaper correspondent, J. Hyde. The interest in the news was universal, pervading all classes and conditions of London's populace. The newspaper extras were eagerly read in business houses, on the streets and by women in their carriages.

Then there was a rush to the war office, which, by noon, was surrounded with private carriages and hansom, while many of the humbler class of people came on foot, and waiting and watching for the names they held dear. Never was the old saying "Bad news travels quickly" better exemplified than today. By noon gloom and bitter sorrow prevailed throughout the British metropolises.

At the government offices no effort was made to conceal the feeling of dismay prevailing. One official said to a representative of the Associated Press: "It is inexplicable and I am sorry to say that its moral effect is inestimable. We have lost heavily, and have had regiments almost wiped out, but to have regiments captured and by the Boers—it is terrible."

THREE ISLANDS NOT IN TREATY.

Spain Failed to Deed All the Philippines to the United States.

MADRID, Nov. 1.—A sensation was caused tonight by the declaration of Count D'Almadras, that by the ignorance of the Spanish-American treaty commission, three islands of the Philippines group, the two Batanes and Calayan islands, both north of Luzon, were not included in the scope of the treaty. These islands, he asserted, ought to be made the basis of negotiations for the liberation of the Spanish prisoners.

A Klondiker Dies at Sea.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Nov. 1.—Dr. R. D. McKean of this city has just received intelligence that his cousin, Lemuel Casturline, died and was buried at sea July 16, when only two days out from St. Michaels. Casturline had been in the Klondike country two years and was returning with a few thousand dollars on his person. He became ill and died within a few hours and from all appearances it is believed that he was poisoned, as only about one-fourth of his money could be found when the matter was investigated by the captain of the vessel. He was waited on in his berth by a couple of companions, who decamped as soon as the boat touched at Seattle. What money and personal effects that were taken charge of by the captain were sent to his wife in New York state.

Sheet Iron Mill Trust.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Nov. 1.—The options obtained last May on a majority of the sheet iron mills of the country with a view of forming a consolidation similar to the American Tin Plate company, expired today, but arrangements have been made to renew them at slightly higher figures than given six months ago. It is understood that the consolidation will be effected within a few months despite the rather restrained condition of the money market.

Murdered a Farm Hand.

PITTSFIELD, Mass., Nov. 1.—A stage driver who arrived from Hancock, a small town near the western border of the state, brought the news of a double murder which occurred half a mile from that village yesterday. Mrs. Rhoda Horton and her daughter, Eliza Jane Horton, were the victims and the alleged murderer is George Herman, a farm hand. The tragedy occurred at the Horton farm house. Both women were shot and Herman attempted to end his own life in the same way. He is so badly wounded that his recovery is doubtful.

THE LOSSES OF WHITE.

It is Estimated, Are Something Over Two Thousand.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—The war office today issued the following additional list of fifty-eight casualties sustained by General Yule's force from the time of the battle of Glencoe until it joined the force of Sir George White:

King's Rifles, four killed, thirteen wounded; Leicestershire regiment, one wounded, nine missing; artillery, one killed, one wounded, two missing; mounted infantry, twenty-seven missing. The last men reported were attached to a squadron of the Eighteenth Hussars that was entrapped by the Boers after the battle of Glencoe. They were undoubtedly captured with the Hussars.

A careful estimate of the British losses in all the engagements since the outbreak of hostilities, excluding casualties among the non-commissioned officers and men in Monday's disaster at Ladysmith, which are thus far unknown here, give a total of 916, to which probably 1,200 will need to be added when details regarding the Ladysmith reverse are received. This total is made up as follows: Officers, 133, nineteen being killed, sixty-one wounded and fifty-three captured; men, 783, being 130 killed, 492 wounded and 154 captured.

It was announced today in a special dispatch from Ladysmith that the Boers again closed around that place on Monday night, sending shells into the British camp. The two guns landed from the British cruiser Powerful opened fire on the Boers at dawn Tuesday. The Boers brought up more guns, but some of them were silenced. It is added that the Boers' loss must have been heavy. The garrison at Ladysmith is described as being in good spirits and confident and the troops are said to be full of fight. The artillery duel was still in progress Tuesday night.

REPORT ON THE PHILIPPINES.

Commission Will Prepare a Partial Review.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—The members of the Philippine commission—Admiral Dewey, Prof. Schurman and Worcester and Colonel Denby—will make a preliminary report to the president before the end of this week, and it is understood the report will be immediately given to the public. This report will be prepared at the request of the president as a result of the conference between the president and the commission at the White House today.

The president personally summoned the commissioners and an hour was spent in consultation, during which he explained the points he desired covered in the preliminary report. It may be weeks, possibly months, before the complete report is ready. Prof. Schurman, who is president of the commission, said after the members left the White House that the report to be made this week would cover certain phases of the situation which the president desired cleared up at this time.

YELLOW FEVER IS CHILLED.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—Reports to Surgeon General Wyman of the marine hospital service indicate that the yellow fever epidemic which prevailed at Key West for the past six weeks, has about run its course. Only one or two new cases a day are now reported, and the messages say that a good breeze has been blowing for the past two weeks, which, it is believed, has had a beneficial influence. The reports are also to the effect that the detention hospital at Dry Tortugas has been closed because of the absence of patients. Reports from Miami are not so encouraging. Two new cases reported yesterday and two deaths.

ESCAPES INTO NEBRASKA.

MANKATO, Kas., Nov. 2.—An attempt was made Sunday night to rob the postoffice at North Branch by a gang of robbers, who were shot at by the postmaster. The robbers escaped, but today one of them was found six miles from here, shot through the ankle. It now appears that the postmaster hit two of the robbers and that the other wounded one has crossed the Nebraska line and is being pursued.

Russia in Persia.

BERLIN, Nov. 2.—The Tageblatt heard from St. Petersburg that the construction of the projected Russian railway in Persia is assured.

M. Sachaniky, the engineer, is organizing a body of engineers and surveyors to carry out the preliminary work, for which the sum of 240,000 roubles has been assigned. Whether the line will be laid to Bushire or Bandar Abbas depends on questions of money. French capitalists are furnishing the money for building the line.

Increase of Hawaiian Imports.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—Special Agent Sewall at Honolulu reports to the state department that the total imports into Hawaii during the first nine months of 1899 amounted to \$13,667,372, an increase of \$5,306,792 over the corresponding period of 1898 and \$2,013,442 more than the imports for the entire year of 1898.

U. P. Dividend Turned In.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—Attorney General Griggs today turned into the treasury \$821,897, which is the government's dividend declared by the receiver of the Union Pacific railway.

The Public Debt Statement.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 2.—The monthly statement of the public debt issued today shows that at the close of business October 31, 1899, the debt, less cash in the treasury, amounted to \$1,146,581, a decrease during the month of \$2,276,199. This decrease is accounted for by the increase of the amount of cash on hand and the increased redemption of national bank notes. The debt is recapitulated as follows: Interest-bearing debts, \$1,046,049,020; debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, \$388,762,071; total, \$1,434,811,121.

HOBART NEAR HIS END.

Vice President is Sinking Rapidly at His Home in Patterson.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—Vice President Hobart, who has been ill for weeks at his home in Patterson, N. J., suffered a relapse this morning. He had a succession of choking spells, resulting from an imperfect action of the heart, an old affliction, complicated with inflammation of the stomach. Mr. Hobart has not been able to attend to his private affairs for the past two days, and an intimate friend has been given power of attorney to sign checks and attend to other matters of that character.

One of the physicians in attendance tonight at 6 o'clock, said that while the condition of Mr. Hobart was serious he was better than at any time within the last twenty-four hours. At 10:35 p. m. news came from the sick room of Vice President Hobart that he was conscious and able to recognize those about the bedside. It was stated that no early change for the worse need be expected.

Vice President Hobart has been ill ever since the close of the last congress. Dr. W. E. Newton says that between 11 o'clock last night and 2 this morning Mr. Hobart's condition was more critical than during the eight months he has been ill. After passing the critical period at 2 o'clock he rested well until daylight, when he began to gain strength, and during the day he was in good spirits and improved some. During the day he had been able to sit up in bed and was able to talk with Mrs. Hobart and their son.

The doctor refused to make any statement as to the cause of Mr. Hobart's illness. He said, however, that the report that Mr. Hobart's mind was in any way affected by the illness was quite untrue. This statement was also made by the family and by Hobart Tuttle. Dr. Newton said he might make a full statement within a few days.

DEWEY TO BE WEDDED.

Announces Engagement to Mrs. Hazen, Sister of John R. McLean.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 31.—Admiral Dewey announced to some of his more intimate friends tonight the fact of his engagement to Mrs. W. B. Hazen of this city. Mrs. Hazen is the widow of General Hazen, formerly chief signal officer of the army, who died about ten years ago, and is a sister of John R. McLean, democratic candidate for governor of Ohio. Mrs. Hazen has no children and since her husband's death has made her home with her mother. She is a woman of large means, about 40 years of age and popular in the best social circles of Washington. The date for the wedding has not been fixed.

Last Rites Over Gen. Henry.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—General Guy V. Henry was given military burial at Arlington today, his grave being close to the Temple of Fame and within sight of that of his old commander, General Crook. The president and the secretary of war and other members of the cabinet attended the services, both at the church and the cemetery. The military escort consisted of a battery of artillery, Troop I of the Third cavalry, now stationed at Fort Myer, where General Henry was once in command, and the members of Guy V. Henry's garrison, a colored veterans' association, comprising many of the old troopers of the Tenth cavalry, who served under Henry in the west.

Mail Clerks May Vote.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 31.—In accordance with custom the railway mail service, by order of the postmaster general, today reissued a general order of October 18, 1894, directing division superintendents to give such instructions to chief clerks and other employees "as will enable those who desire to vote at the approaching election to do so, irrespective of party affiliations." The order provides that there must not, however, be any interference with the proper distribution and dispatch of the mails, lessening of the security of registered matter in transit or confusion of records.

Four More Wives Found.

CHICAGO, Ill., Oct. 31.—Chief of Detectives Collieran received a telegram from Baltimore today, stating that Walter L. Farnsworth, the confessed bigamist now in jail here, and who is said to have had forty-two wives, is wanted in that city for marrying four women under the name of Sterling Orville Thomas. This is said to be his real name, and the prisoner does not deny it. Marie Larson, 718 Sixth street, Philadelphia, also thinks she is one of Farnsworth's wives, and has written Captain Collieran to send her a picture of the bigamist. Her marriage took place a year ago.

Movements in the Navy.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 31.—The Nashville arrived today at Gibraltar, en route to Manila. The Marietta, also bound for Manila, arrived at Ponta Delgada Saturday. Commander E. H. C. Leutze has been detached from the command of the Monterey at Manila and ordered home on waiting orders. His place will be taken by Commander C. C. Cornwall, now in command of the Petrel.

Dewey in His New Home.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 31.—Admiral Dewey today took possession of his new home. The last of the furniture was arranged in the house today and the admiral's trunks were brought up from the apartments he has been occupying at the Everett.

Extended Civil Administration.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Word has been received here of the further extension of civil administration in the towns adjacent to Manila. These include Pasig, Taguig and Pateros, where elections have been held under the different military officials in order to secure a full quota of native officers to carry on the civil affairs of the towns. An order from the Eighth corps also directs the election of a new mayor at Imus, as the one formerly chosen has failed to exercise his functions of late, and is thought to have gone over to the insurgents.

AS TO NEBRASKA BANKS.

Secretary Hall's Report Shows They Are in Excellent Shape.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 6.—The annual report of Secretary Hall of the State Banking Board has been received from the printers. The report shows that the number of banks transacting business under state jurisdiction at the close of the period covered by the report was 393, with a total paid-up capital of \$7,532,023.70. Of this number 314 were incorporated banks, sixty-nine were private banks and ten were savings banks.

The report covers the period from December 1, 1897, to November 30, 1898. "I can safely make the assertion that never in the history of Nebraska were her banks in as solvent a condition as today," are the words of Secretary Hall in opening the report. Since the expiration of the time covered by the report the condition of the banks has improved and is now even better than then.

Exposition County Collective Exhibits. OMAHA, Nov. 6.—A revision of the award of cash premiums in the county collective exhibit in agricultural building at the exposition has changed the position somewhat in the standing of the several counties as reported when the judges finished scoring the exhibits.

This change has been brought about by a committee made by the exhibitors in the settlement of what the counties were entitled to for continuous display. Some counties put in their exhibits when the exposition opened July 1, while others came in later, varying in dates from the opening of the exposition to the later part of September.

This was arranged by the exhibition to apply as follows: "All counties appearing at the exposition in time setting up an exhibit will allow an additional score of twenty points above what the judges may award in the score of the exhibits; this for continuous exhibit. Also to the counties appearing in July we allow a credit of ten points, and to counties in August a score of five points."

The proposition to harmonize the interests of the exhibitors, as to advantage claimed by time of putting up exhibits was adopted by the exhibitors and brings the standing as follows, for settlement with the exposition: Polk county, Ia., 2,095 points, \$1,000; Delaware county, Ia., 2,030 points, \$700; Lancaster county, Neb., 2,015 points, \$700; Dubuque county, Ia., 2,015 points, \$700; Cumming county, Neb., 1,988 points, \$600; Dawson county, Neb., 1,963 points, \$600; Lyon county, Kan., 1,945 points, \$600; Washington county, Neb., 1,887 points, \$600; Boone county, Neb., 1,887 points, \$600; Thurston county, Kas., 1,856 points, \$500; Thomas county, Neb., 1,751 points, \$500.

Resigned by Coal Dealers.

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 6.—Anticipating the rise in freight rates on coal from Chicago and the Mississippi river gateways November 15, coal dealers have been besieging the freight departments of the various railroads operating between Omaha and the east seeking early delivery of advance orders. The freight officials have not, however, been able to meet the demands for the reason that the coal traffic has been affected like all other branches of business owing to the car shortage. Still they have moved the coal almost as rapidly as the miners have been able to deliver it. For various reasons, the principal one being the exceptionally large stocks which coal merchants have been laying in, the miners have found themselves unable to supply the demand anywhere near as rapidly as the dealers would desire. The coal situation has also become somewhat complicated owing to the strikes in the Kansas coal mines, resulting in the supply from that quarter being cut off and necessitating the patrons of the Kansas mines to look to the eastern miners for their coal.

Work of the Wreckers.

OMAHA, Nov. 6.—A carload of tools and wrecking machinery has come in from Chicago and is being unloaded on the exposition grounds. Work will begin early this week tearing down the buildings. Already 200 men have been put to work and at least 300 additional are to be given something to do during the next ten days. The furniture is all out of the buildings, the press building being empty and the telegraph offices closed. The furniture is stored in the transportation building, where an auction will be had within a month. The public comfort building, the Nebraska building and every other building has been emptied. All will be ready for the wrecker by Monday or Tuesday.

New Elevator For Fremont.

FREMONT, Neb., Nov. 6.—The Omaha Elevator company is erecting a large elevator on the site of the one recently destroyed by fire near the Union Pacific tracks on Main street. The building will be 28x31 feet in size, with a driveway at the side, and will have eleven bins of a capacity of 20,000 bushels. A brick office, engine room and scale house, 14x24, will front on Main street.

Dropped Dead at Moulton.

MOULTON, Nov. 6.—Mrs. A. M. Stanley dropped dead Wednesday from the effects of heart trouble. Mrs. Stanley was the widow of the late A. M. Stanley, engineer on the Chicago, Burlington & Kansas City railway, who, more than a year ago, was fatally scalded by his engine turning over near Cincinnati, Ia.

No Money in Sight.

OMAHA, Nov. 6.—The financial conditions of the exposition association remain unchanged. No claims have been paid and the employees are still clamoring for their money. A large delegation of the men had arranged to meet at the Service building this morning and make a formal demand upon the members of the executive committee. However, only a few appeared and they did not find the parties they sought. The plan at this time is to assign all the labor claims to one man and then let him bring such suit as may seem proper.

CROWD OF CREDITORS

Trouble of the Exposition Managers Only Just Begun.

SCORES OF SUITS ARE BROUGHT.

Wrecking Company Enjoined From Tearing Down the Buildings—Report of the Secretaries of the State Board of Health Made Public—Miscellaneous Nebraska Matters.

Exposition Aftermath.

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 4.—The grounds of the Greater America exposition exhibit more activity now than during many of the days when the show was in full blast. All the gates with the exception of those on Manderson street have been closed against pedestrians. These however, are doing a good business, as through them pass all employees, the visitors and those parties who have claims which they seek to press against the exposition association. The number of creditors seems to be legion and they appear to be on the increase.

While an official statement has not been given out it is said that the unsecured debts of the exposition will aggregate about \$98,000. Of this sum, it is stated that about \$50,000 is due laborers and for material for the month of October. Scores of suits have been commenced, and more are being brought each day, nearly all of which are accompanied by injunction of the Chicago Wrecking company from tearing down the main buildings which it purchased and on which it has made a partial payment.

The guards and gatemen are the latest to consider the bringing of suits to recover their wages. A plan is under consideration by them now, and if it matures a meeting of all of these creditors will be called within a day or two. The plan is to assign all the claims to one man and then let him bring his action in district court, at the same time attaching everything in sight, supplementing this with an injunction to prevent the wrecking company from tearing down or removing any of the buildings which it purchased from the exposition.

Board of Health Reports.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 4.—The secretaries of the state board of health filed a report with the state board recommending that the certificate of Dr. Oren Oneal be revoked on the ground of unprofessional and dishonorable conduct. No action was taken by the board of health. The secretaries also rejected the application of Dr. B. W. Drasky of Brainard for a certificate on the ground that he had not complied with the Nebraska statute which requires a four years' course in college before a certificate can be issued to a graduate.

The secretaries were made the defendants in the matter of a restraining order secured by Dr. Benjamin F. Tolson of Omaha, who is connected with a magnetic healing institution in that city and who does not want the secretaries to hear certain charges against him. A temporary restraining order was issued by Judge Holmes and he will hear the case November 6.

Dr. Oneal had refused to appear before the secretaries to show cause why his certificate should not be revoked. He contended that the secretaries had no jurisdiction and it was intimated by him that he would appear before the board proper when the secretaries filed their findings and recommendations.

Murdered For Money.

CALLAWAY, Neb., Nov. 3.—Arthur Bird, a brother of Ted Bird, who is a highly esteemed and successful merchant of this place, was waylaid and murdered in Oklahoma territory. The news has caused much distress in the Bird family, as they were always much attached to their brother. Arthur Bird, the victim, was a traveling collector for some firm in the territory, and oftentimes had from fifteen hundred to two thousand dollars on his person; in fact at this time he had over two thousand dollars on his person which had been taken when found, establishing to a certainty that he was murdered for his money. Arthur Bird is a member of the Masonic and K. of P. lodges and reports received from his home say that the two lodges will leave no stone unturned towards running down the guilty parties.

Highwayman in a Hotel Yard.

RUSHVILLE, Neb., Nov. 4.—Shortly after the arrival of the passenger train a daring robbery was committed here. W. E. Kimball, a commercial traveler, had alighted from the train and gone to a local hotel. Instead of going to bed at once he had occasion to go to the yard, where he was attacked by some one who struck him two violent blows with a blunt instrument, knocking him down. Kimball was robbed of about \$50 in bills and silver. Mr. Kimball remained unconscious for nearly half an hour, when the landlord went in search of him. No clew was left by the robber, though every effort was made to discover his whereabouts.

Committed Suicide.

FORT MADISON Ia., Nov. 4.—Robt. Hoffman, son of Mrs. Katherine Hoffman, died at the residence just north of the city limits Monday afternoon from the effects of a dose of Paris green, taken with suicidal intent.

Young Man Becomes Insane.

TECUMSEH, Neb., Nov. 4.—Philip Strohaus, a young Poleander, was taken to the insane asylum at Lincoln. Strohaus has been laboring with many strange hallucinations of late notably among others that he believed he had been commissioned by Christ to take the life of Rev. Frederic Sperlien, pastor of the Catholic church here, as that gentleman was not preaching the Catholic doctrine correctly. The authorities considered him a dangerous man and took charge of him.

Old Resident Killed by Fall.

HASTINGS, Neb., Nov. 3.—News was received here of the death at Lincoln of Mrs. Mary Stevens from injuries received by falling down a stairway. Mrs. Stevens is well known in Hastings, having resided here for many years, and is the mother of Attorney J. C. Stevens of this city. Mr. Stevens went to Lincoln on the early morning train, but did not arrive until after his mother's death. The body was brought to Hastings for interment.

Wray's Assailant Held for Trial.

CULBERTSON, Neb., Nov. 3.—Jas. H. Ross, who shot and wounded J. T. Wray on October 30, was given his preliminary hearing before Justice White. W. S. Morlan and E. C. Eldred of McCook appeared for the defense. County Attorney Taylor being related to the defendant.

DEATH OF ALVIN SAUNDERS.

The Governor of Nebraska in Territorial Days Passes Away.

OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 3.—Ex-Governor Alvin Saunders died at his home in this city at the age of 85 years. He passed away easy and naturally and his death seemed to the members of the family gathered around the bedside as though he had merely gone from perfect consciousness into a gentle sleep. His end has been expected almost hourly for the last ten days. His strength first began failing about six months ago, when his heart showed signs of giving out, and the members of the family knew that his death could not be long delayed. Governor Saunders was appointed by President Lincoln territorial governor of Nebraska March 26, 1861. At that time the exigencies of the civil war and the hostility of some of the Indian tribes on the borders of the territory made the office of governor one of exceptional responsibility. When most of the able-bodied men of the territory were in the union army the Indians desolated the frontier and massacred men, women and children. Governor Saunders promptly issued a proclamation calling for volunteers to protect the frontier and his energetic measures were cheerfully supported. The difficulty was emphasized by the fact that there were no funds in the territorial treasury, but all the difficulties were overcome and the savages were effectually repulsed.

Governor Saunders was one of the earliest and most enthusiastic advocates of a trans-continental railway and in his first message to the territorial legislature in 1861, he said: "A mere glance at the map of the country will convince every intelligent mind that the great Platte valley, which passes through the heart and runs nearly through the entire length of Nebraska, is to become the route of the great central railway that is to connect the Atlantic with the Pacific states and territories."

Finances of Exposition. OMAHA, Neb., Nov. 3.—The World-Herald says of the late exposition: It is impossible to state the exact total receipts. The paid stock was \$89,300; sale of buildings and material about \$50,000; water plant, \$18,000; concessions, about \$70,000; admissions, something over \$130,000, making a total of something less than \$420,000 as received by the management. Of this amount \$420,000 has been paid out for labor, music, freight, improvements on grounds and buildings, amusement features, advertising, fuel, lumber, salaries, printing and so forth. At the opening of the gates the corporation was in debt something like \$60,000, this being borrowed money and salaries then due. At the time of the reorganization, a month later, the situation was very little, if any, better. The new management, by hard work, was able to secure loans to the amount of about \$40,000 within ten days of their taking control, and the work of keeping the enterprise afloat has been one of struggle and difficulty—the hand-to-mouth policy prevailing in every department. The gates closed with a debt due of something in excess of \$130,000, not counting the \$89,300 capital stock paid up. No statement of the real condition has been made public for six weeks or more. No one knows the exact financial situation, except the management and a few individuals. From different and various sources, however, some reliable figures have been obtained. The bills due at this time and unpaid are: Lumber, Cady Lumber company, \$3,500; other lumber dealers, \$1,000; paint, lime and material used in repairs about buildings, about \$2,000; printing and advertising, \$5,000; labor to date, \$12,000 or \$13,000; coal, one firm, \$4,500; another firm, \$600; Indians, salary for September, \$1,000; meat and provisions for Indians and hospital, \$600 or \$700; Thomson-Houston Light company, \$10,000; balance on rent on six boilers, \$1,000; use of brick about Grand Court, \$1,200; rent on dynamo, \$3,500 or \$4,000; salary to county exhibitors, \$1,000 or \$1,200; premiums awarded agricultural exhibit, \$15,000 or \$18,000; borrowed money, \$25,000; miscellaneous debts, \$8,000, making a total of \$96,600. These figures are approximately correct, but if wrong in any direction they are too low, rather than too high. Interested ones say that the total debt account will run \$8,000 or \$10,000 above these figures.

Other details will bring the total figures several additional thousand dollars, which will make the money necessary at this time to close the show free of debt at least \$125,000 or \$130,000, added to which is the capital stock, making a total of \$210,000.

Go Down With the Bridge. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Nov. 3.—While Contractor John Whalen with his son and William E. Schmidt were at work taking down the truss bridge across South Table creek, in this city, preparatory to putting in a new steel bridge, the whole structure gave way and went down into the bed of the creek, some twenty-five feet below. The three men went down with the bridge. Mr. Schmidt was cut on the leg and head and had a sprained ankle. Mr. Whalen was injured some internally, but not dangerously, and the son suffered a slight wrench of the hip. How the men escaped more serious injury is a mystery. The contractor had been warned that it was dangerous to attempt taking the bridge down in this manner, but did not heed the warning.

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