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## BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The plague has broken out at Odesa, Russia.

The president has issued a commission to Director Merriam under the new permanent census law, as director of the census.

Thirty persons were drowned by the sinking of a small passenger steamer on the Luge river, near Probroa-Schenskala.

The government paid \$660,000 for the transport Grant in 1898. Now the Grant is for sale, and the best bid the government can get is \$51,000.

Andrew Carnegie has given £10,000 to Eastbourne, Sussex, for the establishment of a library for which the duke of Devonshire has given the site.

Ex-President Iglesias of Costa Rica has issued a challenge to the author of certain anonymous letters in the local papers. A sensational duel is expected.

A. S. Humphreys has resigned as circuit judge at Honolulu, after prolonged difficulties with local lawyers on account of his severity in court room practice.

The police of Cleveland, O., have ordered all fortune tellers and clairvoyants to quit business or leave the city, on account of the recent swindling of visitors.

The Helena Waterworks company notified the city that its bill for June not having been paid, it would shut off water for fire and sewer purposes at noon, July 24.

The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Mail says official reports received describe a formidable Macedonian rising in the Vilyat of Monastir, European Turkey.

The sheriff at Forsyth, Mont. arrested James Kelsey, who is under indictment in the federal court at Kansas City, charged with forging the pension papers of his father.

An imperial decree has been issued giving the American China Development company authority to issue \$40,000,000 in bonds, to complete the railroad from Hankow to Canton.

A formidable Macedonian uprising is reported in European Turkey. The rebels withstood 1,000 Turkish regulars for a week, but were finally dispersed. Massacre and pillage followed.

The Bourse is urging a repeal of the law prohibiting the dealing in grain futures, which, they allege, gives American grain exchanges a dominant influence over the German.

The remains of a boy supposed to be George Meyer of Chicago were brought to Council Bluffs from Underwood, where the boy had been killed by a freight train on the Rock Island.

Mrs. William Pike, charged with attempting to murder her husband, was discharged at a preliminary hearing at Rockwell City, Iowa. Her son, under arrest as being implicated, was also released.

Frank Harris, while on a train near Doe Run, Mo., was shot and killed by Bill Dooley, and a large posse is looking for the murderer. The shooting is the result of an old feud between the two families.

C. E. Ward, private secretary to the president of the Great Western railroad at Chicago, committed suicide at Canon City, Colo., by shooting himself in the head. He was suffering from nervous prostration.

At Christiana, Norway, the United States warships Illinois, Chicago and Albany were decreed, and joined with the other ships in firing a salute on the arrival of King Oscar. His majesty invited Rear Admiral Crowninshield and staff and the commanders of the Albany and Chicago to dine at the palace, July 17.

Another severe shock of earthquake is reported to have occurred at Salouca.

The fall of the Bastille was generally and effervescently celebrated in Paris, with carnivals, illuminations and outdoor dancing.

Miss Etta M. Maddox has been admitted to the bar of Maryland. She is the first woman lawyer in the state.

The queen of the Belgians, who has been suffering for some time from heart disease, has suffered a relapse and her condition is critical.

Rumors of the approaching resignation of Lord Milner, governor of the Transvaal, are denied.

Marconi has received wireless signals at Cronstadt, Russia, from the Cornwall station, 1,400 miles away, partly overland.

Mrs. Maria J. C. Mason, the nearest descendant of Thomas Jefferson, died suddenly at Alto, Va.

Former Governor F. M. Drake of Iowa is reported to have made over \$1,000,000 through the recent rise of corn.

# SAMAR CAMPAIGN

COL. GROESBECK DISCUSSES CASE OF GEN. SMITH.

## THE WATER CURE PRACTICE

He Believes in It—Says that it is the Most Human Method of Obtaining Information So Far Known to Modern Warfare.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 21.—Colonel Stephen Grossbeck, formerly judge advocate of the division of the Philippines, has arrived here from Manila en route to Chicago, where he will take station as judge advocate of the department of the lakes. Colonel Grossbeck was chief reviewing authority in the trials of Major Waller and General Jacob H. Smith, both of whom were court-martialed for methods used in the Samar campaign.

Discussing the Waller trial, Colonel Grossbeck characterized Major Waller as a tactician, not a leader. In reviewing the case he said:

"I could only give a qualified approval of the findings of the court because I believed him responsible largely for the condition that caused his men to commit the offenses charged. An attempt was made to lead a detachment of his command, consisting of four officers, fifty-four enlisted men and thirty-three 'cargadores' from east towns across the island of Samar in search of the enemy, and when about midway of his course he found himself in the heart of an uninhabited, mountainous section, without rations and without medical attendance. The march had been begun without proper provisions being made. The men's shoes were worn away, their clothing hung in tatters, their feet bruised and bleeding, their bodies lacerated by thorns and, added to this wretchedness, the leeches which abound attacked and greatly aggravated their exposed wounds. To the cry for food the 'cargadores,' it is alleged, did not efficiently respond, and the suspicion arose in the minds of the starving men that the 'cargadores' were conspiring against their destruction. For this they were placed under fire, and all of those from whom a cry of retaliation came were executed."

Referring to the famous "kill and burn" order alleged to have been issued by General Smith, Colonel Grossbeck said:

"No such order was ever issued by Smith, but he is an impetuous and erratic man, and, when going over the ground at Balangiga, after the massacre of an entire company of the Ninth Infantry, he remarked to Waller that they would be justified in killing and burning as they went."

He did not think that Waller or any of the officers of his command should be held accountable for the lives destroyed, but he believed that had more careful provision been made when the fatal march was begun it would not have ended with such destructive results. He spoke of General Smith as a fine officer and expressed regret at the humiliation attached to the recent orders for his retirement.

Colonel Grossbeck believes in the water cure and said that in all the complaints caused by this method of forcing the insurgents to give information as to where arms were hidden, etc., it had been abused only by young officers over-zealous and inexperienced in their work. "I believe," he said, "the water cure as practiced by the American army in the Philippines to be the most humane method of obtaining information from criminals of war that is known to modern warfare."

**Bank Officers Sentenced.**  
SALT LAKE, Utah, July 21.—Harry T. Duke and Alexander A. Robertson, formerly cashier and paying teller, respectively, of the Wells-Fargo bank, appeared before Judge Morse in the district court and pleaded guilty to the charge of embezzling \$60,000 from the bank and were each sentenced to four years' imprisonment in the penitentiary.

**Secretary Began.**  
BOSTON, July 21.—John Willis Baer, secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, has tendered his resignation, to take effect October 1, and has accepted a position as assistant secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Home Missions. Mr. Baer begins his new work in New York on October 1.

**Death is announced of the wife of Senator Patterson of Colorado.**

**President's Quiet Sunday.**  
OYSTER BAY, N. Y., July 21.—President Roosevelt passed a quiet Sunday at Sagamore Hill. There were no callers on the president and his family attended religious services.

**German Spinners Lose Money.**  
BERLIN, July 21.—The West German cotton spinners are agitating for a general curtailment of production. They claim they lose 8 pfennigs to every pound of yarn sold.

## SHORTAGE OF HARVEST HANDS.

Farmers in Vicinity of Pierre Offer Good Wages.

PIERRE, S. D., July 21.—Wheat harvest will begin in this part of the state within a few days, and haying is now under full swing—where the farmers and ranchers have been able to secure help. Crops will be the best for years and there is a demand for farm help, which cannot be secured. Good wages are waiting for a number of farm laborers in this part of the state. One man in from the range a few days ago said he would take out twenty men with him if he could secure them, and guarantee every man work in his immediate neighborhood at from \$40 to \$45 per month, or in case he failed, to return them to this city at his own expense.

## JOHN W. MACKAY IS DEAD.

President of Postal Telegraph Company Succumbs at London Home.

LONDON, July 21.—John W. Mackay died yesterday afternoon at his London residence, Charlton House Terrace. The immediate cause of death was heart failure. The right lung was found to be congested and the symptoms indicated pneumonia. He was conscious most of the time yesterday. Mrs. Mackay is prostrated with grief. Mr. Mackay came to Europe for his health and apparently had benefited by the change, but the sudden hot wave affected him injuriously and while attending to some business in the city last Tuesday he was taken with faintness and dizziness. No arrangements have yet been made for the funeral.

## FATAL MISTAKE OF HUSBAND.

Takes Husband and His Brother for Burglars and Kills Both.

ST. LOUIS, July 21.—A special from Murphysboro, Ill., says that Mrs. George Joubert shot and killed her husband and brother-in-law, Moses Joubert, whom she took for burglars, about 2 o'clock this morning.

The Joubert family reside about five miles east of Ava. George and his brother, Moses, had been to that village and returning home in an intoxicated condition, proceeded to break down the door, which Mrs. Joubert had locked.

The woman became frightened, and, supposing they intended to kill her, fired with her husband's revolver, instantly killing both men.

## Celestial Has English Wife.

NEW YORK, July 21.—The Hon. C. K. Tseng, secretary of the Chinese legation at Washington, who arrived at quarantine on the Umbria, came up to the city yesterday. The secretary brought with him his wife, who was formerly Miss Burnett of London, England. Mrs. Tseng said she would spend the winter in Washington with friends. She was dressed in ordinary garb, but her husband had on his native dress.

## Love Drove Him to Murder.

MARSHALL, Mo., July 21.—George Wiley shot and killed Miss Dovie Flynn, step-daughter of Richard Dearing, a Chicago & Alton railway employe, at the latter's home here and then committed suicide. The woman had refused to marry him. Wiley had intercepted Miss Flynn on her way home from a religious meeting and walked with her to her home. Mrs. Dearing had called to her to come into the house, and as she was passing through the door Wiley shot Miss Flynn from behind. She died within a few minutes without making a statement. Later Wiley's body was found in the street in front of the Dearing home. He had shot himself between the eyes and apparently died instantly.

## Returning to Washington.

UTICA, N. Y., July 21.—Colonel William Cary Sanger, assistant secretary of war, accompanied by Mrs. Sanger, left here for New York and Washington. Secretary Root sails for Europe next Thursday and during his absence of six weeks Colonel Sanger will be in charge of the war department.

## New Dates for Chautauqua.

TECUMSEH, Neb., July 21.—The Tecumseh Chautauqua, which was to have been held from July 12 to 20 and had to be postponed on account of the rainy weather and floods, will be held from July 26 to August 3, inclusive.

## Vultures Eating His Flesh.

GREEN RIVER, Wyo., July 21.—C. D. Crisman a ranchman of Marston, Wyo., reports the finding of the body of an unknown man near there, in a badly decomposed state. Crows and vultures were feeding on the flesh, which was dropping from the bones. A murder is suspected, but there is no clue to the identity of the unknown. The body was quite concealed in the thick brush on the banks of a stream.

## BOND TO PAY DEPOSITORS.

Stockholders of German Bank of Murdock to Wind Up Affairs.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 19.—Acting in accordance with a section of the Nebraska banking act, the state board of banking today approved the bond the stockholders of the defunct German bank of Murdock, under which the stockholders agree to pay all claims against the institution within the next six months. By the terms of the agreement they are to be given possession of all of the paper and records of the bank. They will wind up its affairs in their own way, but are liable for all deposits and bills outstanding. It is understood that the stockholders will appoint C. F. Cushman, cashier of the Bank of Murdock, as trustee. The liabilities of the defunct bank are approximately \$40,000. The paper of the bank is said to be good for its face value. Mr. Cushman was one of the stockholders of the institution. Under this arrangement no receiver will be appointed. The bond is for \$70,000. The German bank of Murdock was closed by order of the state banking board two weeks ago, it having been learned that one of its officers had been guilty of a direct violation of the law. This violation was the issuance of a certificate of deposit for \$3,000, without having it registered in the bank, or the deposit credited.

## LOOKS INTO STOCK THEFTS.

Men Accused of Rustling on Trial at Greeley.

GREELEY, Neb., July 19.—District court convened here with Judge John R. Thompson on the bench and quite an array of outside legal talent in attendance.

This session of the court promises to be of a good deal of interest on account of the alleged cattle and horse thieves that are to be before it. Mike Lamb and Marr, alias Hill, will be the chief figures, both being charged with securing a carload of cattle and half a dozen horses and mules and running them off. For ten or a dozen years a gang in the northeast part of this and the edge of Boone and Wheeler counties have been operating with more or less frequency and success, many cattle, hogs and horses have gotten away that could not be traced, but now and then the parties have been apprehended and partial punishment meted to them. Two of them have been in the penitentiary for short terms, and three have been shot and killed in the last six years.

## Will Enlarge Orphans' Home.

FREMONT, Neb., July 19.—An addition 40x16 and three stories in height is to be built to the main building of the orphans' home. The school building will be moved some distance to the north. The board of directors decided to petition the city council to extend the water works system to their building. The financial condition of the orphanage is far better than ever before and there is enough money in the treasury to erect the new addition.

## Reward Offered for Murderer.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 19.—Acting Governor Steele issued a proclamation announcing the state's reward of \$200 for the apprehension of Charles J. Alexander, wanted for the murder of Charles Hall at Madison on July 4. Hall, an Omaha gambler, was shot down in cold blood, Alexander walking boldly down the street to a horse and escaping without injury. He has not been seen or heard of since.

## Opposes Adjunct School Law.

FREMONT, Neb., July 19.—The adjunct school district law passed by the last session of the legislature meets with little favor in this county. Of the eighty-three school districts in the county of the vote on the proposition have been received from all but nineteen. It was defeated in all of them and the total majority against it in the county is about 200.

## Grasshoppers Dying Off.

CALLAWAY, Neb., July 19.—Grasshoppers in this locality are dying by the millions, and farmers cannot explain the cause. They crawl up to the top of whatever they are on and fasten their feet in a deadly grip and die. A bunch of the dead hoppers has been sent to Prof. Bruner of the state experimental station for examination.

## Pass Counterfeit Money.

HASTINGS, Neb., July 19.—A couple of counterfeiters struck Hastings and succeeded in exchanging several spurious coins for the genuine article.

## Young Man Drowns in Lake.

SARONVILLE, Neb., July 19.—Hardy Aspegren, son of Adolph Aspegren, a popular young man, was drowned in Peterson's lake while bathing.

## Ainsworth to Have a Carnival.

AINSWORTH, Neb., July 19.—At a mass meeting of citizens it was decided by a unanimous vote to hold a carnival in Ainsworth September 16, 17, 18, and 19, 1902.

## THEIR WORK FOR THE YEAR.

It is Outlined by the Nebraska Society for the Promotion and Improvement of Religious Education.

On the 5th and 6th of last April a body of Christian ministers and laymen met in the parlors of the First Congregational church of Lincoln. The call for this religious conference was issued by E. Benjamin Andrews, W. F. Dann and E. L. Hinman on behalf of the University of Nebraska, and by B. M. Long, H. O. Rowlands and M. A. Bullock on behalf of the Lincoln Pastors' association.

The result was a fair attendance and a most interesting discussion. A permanent organization was made by the election of Prof. Charles Fordyce, Wesleyan university, as president; T. M. Hodgman, University of Nebraska, secretary, and a board of managers—Chancellor E. B. Andrews, N. M. Mann, Omaha; President George Sutherland, Grand Island college; W. G. Whitmore, Valley, and Prof. A. B. Fairchild, Doane college.

At a session of the officers and managers held April 11 it was decided, among other matters, to call the organization "The Nebraska Society for the Promotion and Improvement of Religious Education," and the committee whose names are signed to this article was instructed to prepare an address setting forth the origin and immediate purposes of the society.

The names of the men who initiated and who are carrying on this movement are a sufficient guarantee that it is non-sectarian but wholly Christian. In a modest way the society aspires to do its share in laying the foundations of faith broader and deeper.

Unaided, this society can do little, but with the cordial co-operation of the religious leaders in Omaha, Grand Island, Hastings and Beatrice it is hoped to hold district conferences in these centers during the fall and winter. A splendid opportunity for the agitation of the topics below is presented to the many denominational gatherings that occur this summer. We appeal to those having these programs in charge to provide a place for the discussion of some of the topics about to be stated. The secretary will be grateful if the best of these papers are sent him. To a limited extent the society can furnish speakers if request is made to the secretary.

In the judgment of the society the best results will come by concentrating attention this year upon the admitted decay of parental religious instruction and the query as to whether bible school teaching in its present condition is a full equivalent.

To what is this decay due? Is it a dimming of faith? Are the exactions of society and business robbing the religious life? Is confusion of thought arising from the wider dissemination of agnostic literature? Does the breaking down of denominational barriers undermine the convictions of the individual? Is it a natural timidity incident to the loss of the habit of religious meditation and self-analysis induced by the old catechizing system? Or is it another illustration of the modern spirit of specialization whereby the parent deliberately commits the religious training of his child to the supposedly better equipped bible school teacher?

Upon the last point there is in the minds of careful observers a grave doubt as to whether the confidence of the parent is not misplaced. What are the reasons for the weakness of the bible school instruction? Why do the young men and women so easily drop out of the Sunday school?

Admitting that the great burden of religious training rests upon the bible school, does it not behoove us to the remedy? A great looseness of the remedy? A great looseness of religious thought, a fatal flabbiness in religious conviction characterize our young people. There is reform demanded somewhere. Other states are awakening to this fact. Shall Nebraska lag behind?

(Signed.) CHARLES FORDYCE, President.

A. B. FAIRCHILD, T. M. HODGMAN, Secretary.

## Corn is Prey of Chinchbugs.

FREMONT, Neb., July 21.—Farmers report considerable damage being done to early corn by chinchbugs. They come from wheat fields from which the wheat has been harvested and confine their attention to the outer rows.

Some husbands are devoted to their wives and some are devoted to themselves.

## Active Work on Coal Mine.

WAHOO, Neb., July 21.—Active work on the Swedeburg coal mine shaft is now in progress, and any skepticism that may have existed in the minds of some regarding the stock company's further action in development work has been removed. The company strongly maintains that the substance is there in paying quantities, not only of coal but valuable clays, and they have no hesitancy in sinking a shaft.

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