

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Postmaster General Payne stated that he had been greatly benefited by his trip to the Catskills.

Anthracite coal fields have been discovered in Colorado equal in extent to those of Pennsylvania.

Almost \$30,000 has been collected for the relief of the sufferers by the Oakford Park dam at Jeannette, Pa. The work of relief has been systematized.

The director of the mint purchased 75,000 ounces of silver for account of Philippine coinage at an average of 53.85 cents an ounce, delivered in Philadelphia.

Signor Marconi, the inventor of wireless telegraphy, is said to have discovered a method by which oxygen may be extracted from air at a very slight expense.

Dr. George Harris, president of Amherst college, told the educators in convention in Boston that if sports stopped at colleges and schools the moral tone would suffer.

The secretary of the treasury has selected as a site for the public building at Grand Island, Neb., the southwest corner of Locust and Second streets. The price is \$9,500.

A representative of a Wisconsin tannery purchased \$1,000,000 worth of hides from the Kansas City packing houses. The hides had been covered by water during the flood and were sold at a discount.

The executive board and officers of the Iron Molders' International union met in Cincinnati. Trade demands and grievances affecting over 7,000 men in all sections of the country will be considered.

United States Minister Beaupre called the state department from Bogota that the Panama canal treaty is dragging along before the Colombian congress. He does not indicate its chance of ratification.

Ex-Congressman Allen of Mississippi is in Washington in connection with his duties as national commissioner of the St. Louis exposition. He stoutly maintains that the national capital is a fine summer resort.

Roger W. Woodbury, a pioneer newspaper man and banker of Denver, died, aged 62. Mr. Woodbury was a native of Francistown, N. H., and had been a resident of Colorado for about thirty years. He was one of the founders of the Denver Evening Times.

At a meeting of the Oregon congressional delegation and the directors of the Lewis and Clark exposition it was decided to ask congress for \$700,000. Of this amount it is desired to expend \$100,000 on the Alaskan exhibit and \$100,000 on a Philippine exhibit.

W. F. Thummel, who was appointed by President Roosevelt to be a member of the board of general appraisers for the port of New York, has declined the position. Mr. Thummel is a son-in-law of Congressman "Pete" Hepburn of Iowa, and the position which he declined pays \$7,000 per annum.

United States Minister Wilson makes from Santiago, Chile, a rather long report by cable to the state department, touching the plague. He says the disease has spread to nearly all Chilean ports; that the postal service is disorganized, and that no American mail has been received at Santiago for nine weeks.

Father Antrabus, the superior of Brompton oratory, is dead in London. He was regarded as a possible successor to Cardinal Vaughan as archbishop of Westminster. In his early career he was in the diplomatic service, and for a time filled the post of second secretary of the British legation at Washington.

Dr. August Manns, who has been the recipient of a presentation from the Handel festival choir in London, was born a Pomeranian some eighty-eight years ago, and has been associated with the Crystal Palace, as musical director, for not far short of half a century, and with the Handel festival, as conductor, since 1883.

Hot weather and strikes are having a marked effect upon the savings banks. Amounts drawn out by depositors during the first few days of July have been largely in excess of the money taken out during the same time last year and the year before, while many banks say that in their cases the withdrawals break all records.

Lord Salisbury has an old fashioned weakness for huge fires of wood, and at Hatfield House there is a species of trolley for the conveyance of the logs to the gigantic grates in the drawing room, long gallery, and library.

Major Lazarovics, who is credited with firing the first shot at King Alexander, having threatened to resign because his name was omitted from the list of King Peter's birthday promotions, has been made a lieutenant colonel.

HIDDEN PICTURE PUZZLE.



"I am going over to see Eben." Where is he?

PORTS ARE OPEN

RUSSIA AGREES NOT TO INTERFERE WITH POLICY.

TRADE FREE TO THE WORLD

WASHINGTON—The Manchurian question has been settled satisfactorily to this government.

Assurances have been received from the Chinese government that it will, in the far future, open, as treaty ports, several ports now closed to the world's trade.

The Russian government has conveyed formal assurance to the United States government that it will not in any way oppose such opening. While the ports to be opened are not yet specified, it is gathered from the communications received that they are Moukden, the principal island port of Manchuria, and Ta Tung Kao, at the mouth of the Yalu river.

The state department is highly gratified at the outcome, feeling that it has secured not only for American commerce, but for the commerce of the world at large, a very substantial gain.

It now develops that the meeting of Russian officials at Port Arthur, just concluded, was but one of the steps, though an important one, which the St. Petersburg government had planned in execution of its purpose to place matters of internal administration in Manchuria in such condition that the ports desired by the United States and Japan could be opened to trade without causing disturbance or involving undue sacrifice of proper Russian interests.

It already had been reported that much of the friction that had grown out of the Manchurian question was caused by a sort of triple yet independent administration of affairs in Manchuria, by representatives of the different branches of the Russian government.

The result was that one official would not feel bound by the pledges made by another, so that foreign nations complained of bad faith. It is understood that now, following the Port Arthur conference, a compact and responsible direction of affairs has been arranged for and orders issued from St. Petersburg are certain to meet with speedy and exact compliance.

Although no set time is mentioned in the promise to open the ports, it is believed that this will follow soon after the Russian evacuation in September.

It is now known that the negotiations which have terminated so successfully were practically brought to their present phase by Secretary Hay and Count Cassini at a meeting at the Russian embassy on June 28, the day before the secretary left for Newport, for the ambassador then had in hand the necessary authorization from his own government to make the pledges which are now in process of redemption.

Harriman Plans Fine Villa.

MIDDLETOWN, N. Y.—E. H. Harriman is having plans prepared for the erection of an Italian villa in the wilderness of Arden.

The work of construction is to begin as soon as Mr. Harriman returns from Europe.

Will Test His Airship.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Prof. Langley's new air ship was towed down the Potomac on a house boat to a secluded point on the lower Potomac where it will be given its preliminary trial as soon as some few details can be arranged. Prof. Langley, who is head of the Smithsonian institute, in planning his air ship, it is stated, studied the movements of the buzzard and tried to develop a machine that would have strong pinions.

CANDIDACY OF CLEVELAND.

What W. J. Bryan Has to Say of the Same.

MILWAUKEE, Wis.—W. J. Bryan was interviewed here as to the Cleveland movement. Mr. Bryan said: "It is a comedy as it now stands, but a tragedy if it should succeed."

Mr. Bryan declared that all he desired to see was the nomination by the democratic party of some one who would stand by democratic principles. "By democrats," said he, "I mean the principles enunciated at the Kansas City convention of the democratic party, the last opportunity the party had to declare the principles on which it stands."

Asked if there was any danger of the old line of Cleveland democrats capturing the next convention, Mr. Bryan said: "I do not think such a thing is a probability. If there were such a probability, danger would be the right word to use in connection with the results it would work to the democratic party."

ATTEMPT TO BRIBE A JUDGE.

An Attorney Alleged to Have Offered \$250,000.

BUTTE, Mont.—The disbarment case of A. J. Shores, chief attorney for the Amalgamated Copper company, charged with attempting to bribe Judge Harney with \$250,000, in connection with the Minnie Heath mine decision, was called for trial Tuesday after six months' delay. F. A. Heinze and John McGinnis of the Montana Ore Purchasing company, to whom the mine was awarded, were subpoenaed by the defense, which alleges a business and political conspiracy on the part of the opponents through Shores.

An affidavit of Charles W. Clark, son of the Montana senator, was read, admitting that he offered Judge Harney the money, with the approval of Mr. Shores and other Amalgamated attorneys.

MOVE TO CHANGE THE DATE.

Would Have Memorial Day Fall on Sunday.

SALEM, O.—Dr. A. C. Yengling, Grand Army department commander, and his staff of this city have inaugurated a movement in this county to change the date of Memorial day from May 30 to a later date. Posts of this county and this section are asked to take action along these lines. The reason for taking this action is the manner in which the day is desecrated in the eyes of the old soldiers by holding sports and other events. Sunday is suggested by the state commander, as he believes that on that day the event can be observed in the manner originally intended.

Grain Yield in Hungary.

BUDAPEST—The latest official report of the ministry of agriculture estimates the yield of wheat in Hungary at 39,600,000; rye at 12,120,000, and oats at 11,100,000 metric tons (a metric ton is equivalent to 440.92 pounds).

Canal Treaty Dragging Along.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—United States Minister Beaupre cabled the state department from Bogota that the Panama canal treaty is dragging along before the Colombian congress.

Will Open Manchuria in Six Years.

ST. PETERSBURG.—According to the newspaper Novikrai, published at Port Arthur, Russia has informed China that she is compelled to exclude foreigners from Manchuria and postpone the opening of Manchurian ports, owing to the presence of Englishmen and American, who, in disguise, are engaged in espionage. Russia, according to the paper, promises to open the ports six years hence, when the country has been tranquilized.

General Nebraska News.

The new Christian church at Brownville is about to be dedicated.

A number of deaths have occurred in Nebraska as results of the Fourth of July festivities.

The ninth annual G. A. R. reunion in now an assured thing for Republican City this year, August 10th to 14th, inclusive, being the dates.

John Van Boskirk, a prominent farmer residing four miles north of Beatrice, suffered a stroke of paralysis and is not expected to recover.

Work on the new Lutheran church at Wasau is being pushed with vigor, and in about two months it will be ready for occupancy. The building will cost about \$12,000.

There will be no state encampment of the Nebraska national guard this summer, but instead the militia will take part in the military maneuvers of the regular army this fall.

Hastings police, on information from the Phelps county sheriff, apprehended Frank Wiley, said to be wanted at Holdrege for stealing a horse and buggy and for robbing a farm house. Wiley has been working for a farmer, N. J. Closs, living near that place.

By comparison of the school census and that of the municipality of Norfolk there appears to be one child of school age for every two and one-half persons in the town. It is considered quite a remarkable ratio as compared with figures sent out from other cities.

According to Treasurer Mortensen, it will make no difference what the size of the bonus to be offered by the town which gets the new normal school is, it will be impossible to open the school until after the legislature can have appropriated money to run the school, which will be in 1905.

Sheriff Lusk returned to Tekamah from Lincoln with Ed Schroeder, who has just completed an eighteen months' sentence in the penitentiary for stealing a horse and buggy in Pierce county. Lusk is wanted for disposing of mortgaged property. The warrant for his arrest is dated October 10, 1899.

The Grand Island committee of pastors having in hand the petitions for the prohibition of base ball games on Sunday hereafter is canvassing the business men, and received forty-five signatures, though many of the leading business men refuse to sign it, some going as far as to say that they will discontinue their church subscriptions.

A peculiar accident occurred at Adams. Dr. Sloan drove his team of horses up before his office, where he hitched them. Shortly after he left the team one of the horses became frightened, and rearing up it lunged forward and came down squarely upon the hitching post, which entered its abdomen. The animal died soon after.

Nebraska will have a modern institution for the care of insane patients in the new Norfolk asylum. The state board of public lands and buildings has been considering plans and will build several small cottages for the housing of the inmates. The asylum was burned a year ago, and the last legislature appropriated \$100,000 for its rebuilding.

George Trexler of Allentown, Pa., hired a livery rig at West Point, and though several days have elapsed, nothing has been heard of the man or horses.

It is now believed that the York county apple crop this year will be the smallest that the county has produced in years. According to reports of apple growers, the fruit did not revive after the frost as rapidly as the smaller fruits and its progress seems very slow. The apple growers will have some apples to market, but nothing like what was grown last year.

The quarterly statement of the condition of the state banks has just been issued. The statement has been delayed on account of the tardiness of three banks in making their returns. But for these banks the report could have been made July 4. The statement shows the condition of 493 banks, which is thirty-four more than at the same time last year, and eight more than the quarterly statement of three months ago.

Congressman J. J. McCarthy has announced that an examination for appointment to the West Point cadetship will be held in Norfolk August 6 and 7, beginning at 11 o'clock on the 6th. The candidates must be between the ages of 17 and 22, unmarried, of good habits and sound.

Omaha is to have a school of taxidermy. Articles of the Northwestern School of Taxidermy were filed with the secretary of state by J. W. Elwood, P. F. Greve and R. H. Smith. The capital stock is \$10,000.

THE STATE AT LARGE.

EXPERIENCE IN A HAIL STORM.

A Callaway Liveryman in a Pedilous Position.

CALLAWAY—During the recent severe storm J. N. Savidge, a liveryman of this place, was caught out in the hills about ten miles north of town. In order that the high wind might not capsize his buggy, he took shelter in the canyon against the north bank. He endeavored to unhitch his team from the buggy before the storm struck, but had only loosed three of the traces when a large hailstone struck him on the head, knocking him down. Fearing the hail would beat him into insensibility he jumped into the buggy and held the cushion over his head to protect him from the hailstones, which came through the buggy top as if it were paper. One hailstone struck him on the head, causing an ugly bruise, and another on the foot. Fortunately the team was too badly frightened to run away. Mr. Savidge was in the canyon about fifteen minutes, and as soon as the hail ceased he began to hitch up the loose traces, and before he had done so the water was knee deep. He says that he drove for an eighth of a mile with nothing of his horses in sight but their heads, and with the water running over the buggy seat.

REDUCTION IN ASSESSMENT.

Valuation of Counties is Scaled This Year.

LINCOLN—With the meeting of the state board of equalization only a week away, there are yet to be heard from nine counties that have not sent in returns on the assessment. If these are not in by the time of the meeting, under the statute, the board will be empowered to base the assessment on last year's valuation.

Despite the fact that the railroads were left at practically the same low figure as last year and the fact that the levy this year may be increased 2 mills, the assessment from the majority of counties is considerably increased. It is expected that the entire increase will amount to \$8,000,000. Douglas county has raised its valuation \$200,000 and Johnson county \$300,000.

Claims Are Prescinded.

LINCOLN—Several members of the visiting committees in the last legislature have filed, after a long delay, their claims for mileage. According to a resolution introduced by Representative Harrison these claims must be accompanied by affidavits to the effect that the traveling was not done on a pass, but that the actual expenses, railroad fare and hotel bills, were paid out of the pocket of the claimant. Some half dozen have been filed, accompanied by the affidavits. They lack only the signatures of Speaker Mockett. Most of these claims have been scaled down from the original to considerably less.

For an Electric Line.

LINCOLN—After some little delay the articles of incorporation of the Sioux City, Homer & Southern Railway company have been filed with the secretary of state. This will be an interurban electric line which will operate from Sioux City and eastern Nebraska.

Little Girl is Cremated.

STOCKHAM—Mrs. John Bullock went to a neighbor's across the lot, leaving her three children in the house. She had not been gone but a few minutes, when, on looking toward her home, she saw her two children running, a boy of about 4 years and a girl of about 2 years. The girl was enveloped in fire from head to foot. She fell before her mother could get to her. She died in about two hours.

Five Inches of Rain.

HASTINGS—This section was deluged with the heaviest downpour of rain of the season. For fully one hour the water came down in veritable waterspout fashion. In fact it was the next thing to a cloudburst. The surface of the earth resembled a huge lake. Many cellars were filled and those in basements in the business blocks had to resort to strenuous means to keep from being flooded. The wind blew quite strong.

Bad Storm at Oxford.

OXFORD—A most disastrous wind lation eight miles wide. Houses were and hail storm visited this locality, leaving in its path a scene of desolation. Barns were destroyed and scores of windmills blown down. Thomas Cheffrey's barn was wrecked and fifteen horses killed. The rainfall was little less than a cloudburst. Much wheat that promises well will not be cut.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations From South Omaha and Kansas City.

SOUTH OMAHA.

CATTLE—There was an extremely light run of cattle, which makes the supply for the week smaller than for either last week or for the same week of last year. Packers took hold quite freely and the general market could be quoted steady to strong. Beef steers made up the bulk of the offerings, and the quality was fully as good as usual of late. A good many sales were made around \$4.90, and as high as \$5.00 was paid. The general market could be quoted fairly active on desirable grades and steady to strong. There were only a few cows and heifers on sale and very little change in the prices paid was noticeable. Trading was not exactly brisk, but at the same time buyers went around and bought up practically everything in sight at good, steady prices, with some sales apparently a little stronger. Bulls, veal calves and stags also did in about the same notches they did on Thursday. There were very few cattle in sight, and as is generally the case at the close of the week not many were wanted. The tendency of prices has been downward all this week, especially on the less desirable kinds, as the demand from the country has been very limited.

HOGS—There was a liberal supply of hogs, including those that were carried over from yesterday. The market opened fully a dime lower than yesterday's average, with the bulk of the hogs selling at \$5.20 and \$5.22½, with choice light loads selling as high as \$5.25. By the time half of the hogs had been disposed of, however, the market suddenly weakened and trading came to a standstill. In fact, buyers were not even bidding on what was left for some time, and as a result the close was extremely dull and weak.

SHEEP—Quotations for grass stock: Good to choice lambs, \$5.50@5.75; fair to good lambs, \$5.00@5.50; good to choice yearlings, \$3.75@4.00; fair to good yearlings, \$3.50@3.75; good to choice wethers, \$3.50@3.75; fair to good wethers, \$3.00@3.50; good to choice ewes, \$2.75@3.50; fair to good ewes, \$2.50@2.75; feeder lambs, \$3.50@4.00; feeder yearlings, \$3.00@3.50; feeder wethers, \$2.75@3.25; feeder ewes, \$1.50@2.50.

KANSAS CITY.

CATTLE—Best steers, steady to strong, others slow to 10c lower; fat cows and heifers, steady to strong; stockers and feeders, active; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$4.60@5.15; fair to good, \$4.00@4.65; stockers and feeders, \$3.75@4.00; western fed steers, \$3.00@4.85; Texas and Indian steers, \$2.40@4.00; Texas cows, \$2.10@2.90; native cows, \$1.60@4.00; native heifers, \$2.25@4.50; calves, \$1.00@2.40; bulls, \$2.00@3.75; calves \$2.25@4.50.

HOGS—Market opened strong and closed weak; top, \$5.50; bulk of sales, \$5.37½@5.50; heavy, \$5.25@5.37½; mixed packers, \$5.30@5.45; light, \$5.20@5.50; yorkers, \$5.45@5.75; pigs, \$5.10@5.50.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Market active and firm; native lambs, \$3.20@6.00; western lambs, \$3.00@5.75; fed ewes, \$3.00@4.85; Texas clipped yearlings, \$3.20@5.00; Texas clipped sheep, \$3.00@4.90; stockers and feeders, \$2.90@3.85.

OUTLOOK IS ENCOURAGING.

Conditions Are Satisfactory Outside of Speculation.

NEW YORK.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

"Conditions continue satisfactory, outside the region of speculation, many reports indicating further improvement. During recent months the two disturbing factors have been labor controversies and weather conditions, but each week has brought better things in these two respects, until the outlook contains much that is encouraging. Crops are making rapid progress and the army of unemployed is diminishing. Railway traffic is heavy, earnings thus far reported for July exceeding last year by 13.6 per cent, and those of 1901 by 19.2 per cent. Retail trade in seasonable merchandise is fully up to the average and there is less than the customary midsummer quiet among wholesalers, while the preparations of jobbers and manufacturers indicate confidence in a large fall business.

Unsettled conditions still exist in forge and foundry pig iron markets, while Bessemer iron is only barely steady. The chief difficulty appears to be the inclination of prospective purchasers to wait for the lowest possible quotations. This is a condition to be expected in a declining market, but appears usually aggravating in the present instance.

Hawaii Will Make Showing.

HONOLULU, by Pacific Cable.—The territory of Hawaii has appropriated \$30,000 for an exhibit at the St. Louis exposition. It is understood that objections have been made to hula hula dances and other similar displays.

Orders Low Rates of Fare.

CHICAGO.—James Charlton, chairman of the Transcontinental Passenger association, announces reduced rates on the basis of one fare for the round trip for the American Bankers' association, San Francisco, October 20 to 23; triennial conclave Knights Templar, San Francisco, 5-9; National Live Stock association, Portland, Ore., January 12-15; Trans-Mississippi Commercial congress, Seattle, August 18-21.