

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The total income of all American farmers last year was about \$5,500,000,000.

Geronimo, the famous Apache chief, has joined the Methodist church at Fort Sill.

The farms of the United States cover 841,000,000 acres and employ nearly 10,500,000 people.

Adelina Patti has bequeathed her wonderful larynx to the Museum of the Royal College of Surgeons.

The Marquis of Londonderry has tendered his resignation of the office of lieutenant of the city and county of Belfast.

The number of crimes increases necessarily as civilization advances because new laws are made constituting new crimes.

Manitoba is the greatest wheat-raising country in the world. It yields twenty-five bushels to the acre. North Dakota yields only thirteen.

The grand jury at Cynthiana, Ky., has returned an indictment against Juror King for alleged false swearing in connection with the Jet-White case.

The value of the diamonds in the United States is estimated to be \$500,000,000. Of this amount \$170,000,000 worth are owned by residents of New York.

Prof. C. G. Hopkins of the Illinois Agricultural college declares that the fertility of the soil is the most important question in the business of farming.

American marines may be landed in Constantinople as a result of a warning by the sultan that the Macedonians contemplate the destruction of the embassies.

Kansas manufactures binding twine at her state penitentiary as a check on the binding twine trust, which has often advanced the price of twine 50 per cent at harvest time.

The estate left by W. E. Henley, one of the most successful of modern writers of story books for boys, amounts to but \$5,000, although his books have had an enormous circulation.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson tells William E. Curtis of the need of the teaching of practical husbandry in the common schools and of the benefit that would result to the nation therefrom.

Count Tolstol spent his 75th birthday in strict privacy among his children at Tula. He was in the best of health. The papers printed glowing eulogies of the count on the occasion of his birthday.

The republican campaign will be opened in Ohio at Chillicothe on September 19. Governor Nash will preside and addresses will be made by Senators Foraker and Hanna, Myron T. Herrick and Warren G. Harding.

The Paris foreign office says the fact that the third arbitrator in the Venezuelan claims at The Hague was not appointed, necessitating the postponement of the opening of the case, will cause considerable delay, but it is anticipated that the court will open October 1.

George W. Crawford, the negro who was graduated from Yale last June and won the Townsend oration prize, has been appointed a clerk in the probate court at New Haven, Conn.

A special meeting of the Southeastern Railways Land and Industrial Agents' association was held in Buffalo. It is understood that the chief importance attaching to the meeting is in connection with the immigration movement, having for its object work in the east, middle west, and in the Canadian provinces.

The United States bureau of forestry has established a station for timber testing at Purdue university. This station is to be the nucleus of a thorough testing outfit for the Mississippi valley hard wood region, and is in charge of W. R. Hart, who has been making special investigations for the department at Washington.

A dispatch from Albuquerque, N. M., says: Miss Annie Peck of New York, who has achieved fame as a mountain climber, accompanied by Dr. W. G. Tipton, president of the University of New Mexico, and two Swiss guides, has successfully ascended Mount Sorata, in Bolivia, the highest peak in the Andes. This is the first time the summit has been scaled.

Escape of a Greek bootblack from his master at Kalamazoo discloses a system of white slavery in several Michigan cities, boys being bought from their parents in Greece and brought to this country to work as bootblacks for small pay.

Armour & Co. are said to have secured a monopoly of the fruit carrying trade from the Michigan belt and to have trebled and quadrupled charges for icing. Growers make bitter complaint and threaten to appeal to the interstate commission.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S NARROW ESCAPE.

No one better than President Roosevelt realizes how near he was to death at the hands of a crazed would-be assassin when, attracted by the noise of a disturbance in the grounds surrounding Sagamore Hill, Mr. Roosevelt

At the same time two men, who have not yet been captured or identified, were prowling about the grounds, while the president was left entirely unguarded in his house, all the secret service men having hurried

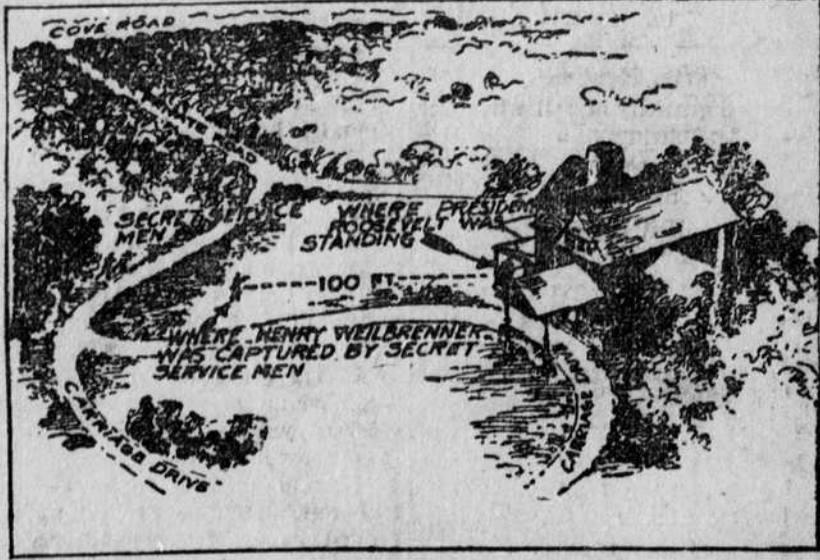


Diagram Showing How Close the Would-Be Assassin Got to President Roosevelt.

veit stepped out to the porch. Less than one hundred feet away in a buggy stood Henry Weillbrenner, a young farmer of Syossett, L. I., with a revolver aimed directly at the president as he stood silhouetted by the light from his library. Within a fraction of a second a bullet would have been sped on its way had not the maniac's revolver been knocked from his hands by a secret service agent.

to the spot where Weillbrenner was cverpowered. Apparently these strangers were scared away.

The diagram shows the road by which Weillbrenner drove to the president's house, the spot where Mr. Roosevelt was standing, and the position of Weillbrenner when seized by the secret service agent.

THEIR WORK DONE

IRRIGATION CONGRESS IS NOW OF THE PAST.

CHANGE OF CERTAIN LAND LAWS

The Great Fight of the Session Comes Upon Report of the Committee on Resolutions—Delegates Finally Get Together.

OGDEN, Utah.—The eleventh National Irrigation congress came to an end Friday afternoon. It re-elected Senator W. A. Clark of Montana president and decided to hold the congress of 1904 in El Paso. It adopted a platform which requested congress to make needed modifications of the existing land laws in order that speculation and monopoly of public domain be prevented. The great fight of the congress came up when the report of the committee on resolutions was made. Over the adoption or rejection of the clauses the majority report requesting that congress repeal the desert land act, and timber and stone act and the commutation clause of the homestead act occurred a debate of four hours' duration, exceedingly bitter at times and participated in by some of the most prominent men in the work of irrigation.

The opposition to the National Irrigation congress committing itself in any such manner was led by former Senator Carey of Wyoming, Congressman Mondell of Wyoming and former Congressman Shafroth of Colorado, and when a substitute for these provisions of the majority report was offered by Congressman Needham of California, simply requesting congress to modify the land laws, the whole strength of the opposition was thrown in its favor.

The result is regarded by them as a decided victory, in that the national body of irrigationists did not come out in direct opposition to the laws they so strongly defended.

The debate was prolonged until evening, and although a number of interesting papers were to have been presented by bureau chiefs of the department of agriculture, the congress, tired out by the long, and at times acrimonious, discussion, adjourned without listening to them.

El Paso won its picturesque fight for next year's congress on the first ballot. A desperate effort was made by the northern states to bring the honor to Boise, but it was unsuccessful. It was apparent that the desire to go to Portland, Ore., in 1905 had much to do with the action in giving the honor for 1904 to the southwest.

Many delegates left for their homes Friday. Several hundred will go on an excursion through Cache Valley, viewing the state agricultural school at Logan and the great irrigation works of the Bear river valley.

Fully half our earthly trouble is the result of calling things by another name.

Snow Breaks Trees.

STURGIS, S. D.—A large number of fruit and shade trees were ruined by the recent rain and snow storm—the trees being yet in full leaf, they could not hold up the heavy snow which stuck to them, bearing them to the ground and in many instances breaking off large limbs. The storm lasted for several days, and is said to be the worst that ever visited the Black Hills country at this time of the year.

OUR ARID ACRES.

Irrigation Congress Considers Colonization Scheme.

OGDEN, Utah—It developed Wednesday that the fight over the proposition to commit the national irrigation congress in favor of a repeal of several of the extinguished land laws, including the desert land act, the timber and the commutation clause of the homestead act, will be a very close one. Champions both for and against such action were heard at the session of the congress. George H. Maxwell of the executive committee and Senator Paris Gibson of Montana favoring such action, while Congressman Mondall, in a lengthy speech, took strong grounds against such repeal.

It was evident from the feeling displayed that if the congress does recommend the repeal of these laws, and it is the belief that the committee on resolutions will report favorably, that it will only be after a hard fight. Interest in the possible action of the congress on this point, in fact, overshadows everything else that has come before it.

Wednesday was a day of hard work for the delegates. Besides listening to half a dozen interesting speeches, numerous resolutions were introduced and referred to the resolutions committee, of which Senator Smoot of Utah has been elected chairman. Action on the long considered consolidation with the Trans-Mississippi congress was also taken.

The committee, through its chairman, Senator Carey of Wyoming, reported against such action on the ground that the time had now come for such action and the irrigation congress would best preserve its individuality in the work it set out to do. The report was adopted.

The morning session of the congress was devoted to colonization and the opinions of railroad men and socialists on the best methods of settling the arid region with a desirable class of farmers and small stockmen were listened to with much interest. The feature of the morning session was the speech of Commander Booth-Tucker of the Salvation army, who gave a very complete description of the methods pursued by the Salvation army colonies of California and Colorado in settling them with people from the tenement districts of the east.

The commander made a plea for government aid for the great colonization projects of the Salvation army to be under the control of the secretary of agriculture. All of the speakers urged more complete co-operation between states, land owners and railroads in the general scheme of colonization, without which, they claimed, the scheme of irrigation would be of no value.

Aerography on Battleship.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Rear Admiral Barker, commander-in-chief of the North Atlantic fleet, has recommended the equipment of all the battleships and large cruisers of the navy with wireless telegraph apparatus.

An Iowa Bank Burglarized.

DES MOINES.—Robbers entered the Farmers' bank at Rhodes on Tuesday night by cutting a hole through the roof. They entered the vault through the top and secured \$1,000 in silver that they found outside the safe proper. The latter was dynamited and the contents exposed but nothing appears to have been taken. This is taken to indicate that the robbers were frightened away. They left no clew.

General Nebraska News.

SHORT ON SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Those Above Third Grade Could Find Jobs in Nebraska.

Eastern teachers could find good employment in Nebraska just about this time if they happened to be of that class that rates above the third grade. Reports received by the state superintendent show that the state is short about 150 teachers. This is not due to a scarcity of material from which instructors are made, but from the fact that the ready made variety are all engaged, and that is the only kind the school boards of the state want. Reports show the number of teachers now lacking in these counties: Cherry, twenty; Custer, twenty; Dawes, ten; Red Willow, eight; Frontier, fifteen; Cheyenne, ten; Brown, ten; Boyd, ten, and Logan, four. This latter county employs only about twenty teachers in all.

In these counties no teacher holding a third grade certificate will be employed, none but the best being wanted. The school term on the average is six months, and the salary is from \$35 to \$50 a month. From the superintendent's office it is learned that the state has just as many third grade teachers as formerly and that it is the higher quality demanded that has caused the shortage.

BONDS DECLARED ILLEGAL.

Saunders County People Must Vote a Second Time.

WAHOO—Great disappointment was felt by Saunders county people when the news was received from Lincoln of the refusal of the state auditor to accept the \$85,000 bonds recently voted by Saunders county for a new court house, owing to the illegality of the call for the special election, which lacks one day of the required twenty-eight that must intervene between the day of first publication and the day of election. The county commissioners acted upon what they considered good legal advice in drawing up the call and fixing the dates. During the past week the board has been listening to plans of architects and while it was not intended to commence work on the new structure this fall, efforts were being put forth to get everything in readiness for early spring. Another bond election will necessarily have to be held, but whether it will occur at the general election in November or another special be called, the county board has not yet determined.

Requisitions by the Governor.

LINCOLN—Governor Mickey has issued a requisition upon the governor of New York for the return to Nebraska of "Count" Jules Diagneff, who is wanted in Omaha for forgery, having passed bogus checks upon Rome Miller, proprietor of the Her Grand and Millard hotels.

Fined for Selling Diseased Hogs.

WEST POINT—Charles G. Doescher, a prominent farmer living west of the city, was arraigned in justice court, charged with selling diseased hogs to a local dealer for shipment. Doescher was found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 and costs of prosecution.

Stolen Cattle Recovered.

WOOD RIVER—The twenty-one cattle stolen from W. H. Farber's pasture near the Platte river were found on the Jacob Sherer farm, three miles north of town. The thieves had headed for the bluffs and abandoned the cattle.

Farmer Commits Suicide.

MINDEN—Nels Swanson, a substantial and prominent Swedish farmer living about eight miles southwest of Minden, killed himself by cutting the veins and arteries of both wrists while under the influence of liquor.

Blind Institute Opens.

NEBRASKA CITY—The Nebraska institute for the blind opened for the term with a full corps of teachers and an attendance that compares favorably with other years.

Mrs. Samuel Chambers of Plattsmouth, 60 years of age, has been examined and pronounced insane by the board of insanity.

Wants Out of Jail.

LINCOLN—William M. Campion, who is in jail at Seward, wants to go out under habeas corpus proceedings, and to that end a brief has been filed in the supreme court. Campion was convicted of being the father of the child of Nellie M. Lattimer, unmarried, and was assessed \$1,000 for the support and maintenance of the child. He failed to pay up and since the trial some months ago has been in jail at Seward.

THE STATE AT LARGE.

Beatrice schools opened with an increased attendance.

Senator Millard, has returned from his European trip.

A party of Gage county farmers have gone to Oklahoma to buy land.

James L. Kennedy, alias Williams, on trial for complicity in the robbery of the bank of Rogers in Colfax county on the night of June 17, has been convicted.

A war is being waged in Nebraska City over telephone rates. The Nebraska Telephone company has announced a raise to \$3 for long-distance phones, and as a result the local grocers' association is trying to have business houses discontinue the service.

Every school in the rural districts of Cass county has been supplied with teachers. The county school authorities are well pleased over this condition of affairs, as it looked several months ago as though there would be a shortage of teachers this year.

As the northbound Union Pacific passenger train, No. 95, due to arrive in Beatrice from Manhattan, Kan., was pulling out of Stockdale, Kan., the rails spread, causing two coaches to roll into the ditch. The train was not running fast and consequently no one was injured.

H. W. Field, who claims Sioux City as his residence, was robbed of his watch and chain on a Northwestern train between Blair and Fremont. Field says a very plous, devout-looking stranger occupied the seat with him and he thinks the stranger relieved him of his watch while he was about half asleep.

Henry Macken and Guy Peyton, two young men, were hunting ducks at Sturgeon's lake, York county. Ducks flew up about fifty yards away from Macken, who became excited and did not think about Peyton being between him and the ducks, and in shooting at the ducks a number of shot struck Peyton in the head. He was painfully but not dangerously injured.

Ira Ketchum, the young man of Sarpy county implicated in the criminal assault case with Edward Snodgrass, and who has been confined in the Omaha jail for the last two months waiting for trial has been released. Judge Day, in district court, dismissed the case against both men, as young Snodgrass had married the complaining witness, Miss Glassman.

The time for the completion of one-half of the cells at the penitentiary, for which the board of public lands and buildings agreed to pay the Van Doren iron works of Cleveland \$69,000, elapsed a few days ago and no cells are done. In fact, not a turn has been made and no member of the board seems to know anything about when the work will be done.

Unless the corn crop turns out well in Nebraska, the crop yield of grain for the state will be decidedly poor, according to railway men. The latest estimates on wheat indicate that the average yield per acre is about twelve and one-half bushels, which is far below what was expected early in the summer. Moreover, the quality of the grain is poor. A bushel of this year's wheat rarely weighs more than fifty-three pounds and is generally as light as fifty or fifty-one pounds.

The fine new elevator of the Harvard Farmers' Co-operative Grain and Live Stock company is now completed and ready for business. The building will be formally dedicated soon, each of the stockholders bringing in a load of wheat and with their families and friends partaking of a picnic dinner at the school house grove, followed by a short program and a social time.

The injunction filed by Boyd county settlers against Commissioner Follmer to restrain him from releasing lands until the matter could be settled in the supreme court came up before Judge Westover. Judge Ryan and Captain Murfin appeared for Follmer and Attorney General Prout for the state, who objected to any other attorney appearing in the case except himself for the defense, stating that in reality it was a state case and that he was the proper representative of the state's interest. The objection of the attorney general was sustained. Immediate action on the part of the settlers will be instituted before the supreme court at Lincoln.

The supreme court has decided that a state normal school does not come under the head of internal improvements, as enumerated in the statute authorizing and precinct township city of the second class or village to issue bonds in support of these improvements.

Theodore Bittenbender, aged 30 was arrested and brought before Justice Nelson on the charge of statutory assault on Lena Johnson, aged 13, whose mother is a resident of Sutton. He was held to the district court.

Beggars in a Combine.

The beggars of Spain have formed a combine and are going to try to keep all of the 2 centimo pieces out of circulation by holding them whenever they secure any. The object of this beggars' trust is to make people give a larger coin.

Iowa Farms \$4 Per Acre Cash, balance 1/2 crop till paid. MULHALL, Sioux City, Ia.

Warning.

She—The temperature is falling. He—Oh, well, don't let that worry you. Perhaps some one will catch it. She—If it falls far enough, all fresh, green things will catch it. You'd better look out.

RED CROSS BALL BLUE

Should be in every home. Ask your grocer for it. Large 2 oz. package only 5 cents.

Two Remarkable Families.

In Webster county, W. Va., live two remarkable families. Currence Gregory has thirteen sons, all over six feet tall and all weighing more than 200 pounds. They all vote the democratic ticket. Each boy owns a farm. Mr. Gregory is still young at 72. His wife does all the housework at 65 years. The other family is that of Benjamin Hamrick, a near neighbor of the Gregorys. He is six feet five inches tall, and has nine sons, all over six feet tall. They weigh from 155 to 226 pounds. All in his family vote the republican ticket.

How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Props, Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by him. WEST & THURMAN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. WALKER, KEYSER & MARTIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75c per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Think Goats Bring Good Luck.

English medical papers are commenting on the remarkable survival of superstition at Cambridge, where a dairyman possessed of a goat is sending the animal, by request, into and around the houses of his neighbors in an area affected by the small-pox. The rustic superstition that goats bring good luck is widespread and the London Lancet quotes many instances.

When Your Grocer Says

he does not have DeFiance Starch, you may be sure he is afraid to keep it until his stock of 12 oz. packages are sold. DeFiance Starch is not only better than any other Cold Water Starch, but contains 16 oz. to the package and sells for same money as 12 oz. brands.

"Tim" Healy's Tall Hat.

The appearance of "Tim" Healy in the house of commons wearing a new silk hat brought out the fact that for ten years since the fight on the home rule bill, when his high hat was smashed, Mr. Healy had worn a high hat sent him by the corporation of Alexandria. He prized the hat highly, and wore it to its utmost limits. Last week he was forced to buy a new title, and the present from the corporation of Alexandria is carefully preserved on a shelf as a relic of strenuous days for home rule.

The Family Jewel.

"Mr. Br—Brown," said the young man, stammering, "I—I want to ask your consent to my marrying your daughter. I know it's asking a great deal; she's the pride and comfort of your heart, the jewel of the family, and—"

"Young man," interrupted the prospective father-in-law, "five nights in the week, on an average, I'm kept awake till midnight with banging on the piano, cackling, giggling, rattling of the furniture and slamming of doors. I'm gettin' darnation tired of it and anything that promises relief is welcome. Take her, my boy, and hurry up the happy day."

Texas Finds a Remedy.

Fate, Tex., Sept. 21st.—Texas has seldom, if ever, had such a profound sensation, as that caused by the introduction recently of a new remedy for Kidney diseases. This remedy has already been tried in thousands of cases, and in almost every case the results have been wonderful.

Henry Vaughan, of Rural Route, No. 3, Fate, says of it:

"I suffered with Kidney Trouble for over 18 months. I was very bad and could get nothing to help me till I heard of the new remedy, Dodd's Kidney Pills. I began to use these pills, and very soon found myself improving. I kept on and now I can say I am absolutely cured and free from any symptom of my old trouble."

"I am very glad I heard of this wonderful remedy and I would strongly advise anyone suffering with Kidney trouble to try it, for I know it will cure."

Preserve, by all means in your power, "a sound mind in a sound body."

Avoid politicians who have a new specific for all public ills.

Love is the lever that lifts and honor is the foundation that holds the structure of the home.

Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup. For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic, etc. a bottle.

The world soon forgets a man who wins his laurels and then quits.

It doesn't cost any more to be cheerful than sad and it does a heap more good.

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Itching, blind, bleeding or protruding Piles positively cured or money refunded. ALLEN'S DISCOVERY for PILES, a new discovery that absolutely cures all kinds of Piles. Prepared for Piles only. All Drug Stores, 50c. Sent by mail on receipt of price. Address Lock Box 852, Le Roy, N. Y.

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