

# THE O'NEILL FRONTIER

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Lecturing upon the "Hygiene of the Home" at the Hygienic institute yesterday, Mr. Somerville Hastings advocated the abolition of carpets, hangings and everything that could harbor dirt and dust. The quantity of dust that would lie on the point of a pin was sufficient to raise 3,000 colonies of germs, most of them noxious to human beings. Our hardy forefathers of the reigns of Mary, Elizabeth and James I. never washed face, hands or clothing, and a bath was unknown. King James confined his personal ablutions to wiping the tips of his fingers with a damp napkin. Only students of history know the horrors of life in the middle ages. It was almost inconceivably dirty.

Manufacturers of talking machines are elaborating their enterprises to an extent never dreamed of before. It will not be long before an entire opera cast will be heard on one of these machines. Formerly a tenor or prima donna was enough. Now the costly artists from the opera house sing duets, trios and quartets. The services of such performers are made possible by the fact that all of these celebrities are now content to take a royalty on the sale of their songs rather than a fixed price. It was formerly customary to pay a certain sum, but the singers now clamor for a percentage, since there is such a great demand for them in this way.

Curious tales are told of the Masai, one of the most warlike of the native African tribes. They have been attacking the natives in the German protectorate with great daring, driving off great herds of cattle with regular ease. Half the attacking force will sweep down on a peaceful village, engaging in a bloody fight with the inhabitants, while the other half will drive away the herds. The Masai have a wonderful knack in the use of the spear. A German writer says that a single Masai is often able to coax behind him a whole herd of cattle by lightly whistling and tapping with his spear against his huge shield.

General Grant once described an illiterate surgeon in the employ of a certain northern regiment. A promising young officer had been wounded, and this surgeon had dressed the wounds. General Grant sent for the surgeon later to ascertain the young officer's chances. "He is wounded," said the surgeon to the commander-in-chief, "in three places." "Are these wounds fatal?" General Grant asked. The surgeon nodded a grave assent. "Two of the wounds are fatal," he said. "The third is not. If we can leave him to rest quiet for a while, I think he will pull through."

An innovation is said to have crept into the English house of commons recently, when hand-clapping, familiar to the world over, but forbidden in the mother of parliaments, was for the first time heard. The custom of the house calls for "Hear! Hear!" as the expression of approval. "Hear! Hear!" according to learned authorities, is a modern shortening of "Hear him! Hear him!" the regular parliamentary shout of approval down to the early part of the last century.

Islanders have a strange but effective plan for preventing horses from straying away. They tie the head of one horse to the tail of another, and the head of this to the tail of the former. In this state it is impossible for the horses to move on, and if they do, it will be only in a circle, and even then there must be mutual agreement to turn their heads the same way.

The voracity of the eagle is a well-known fact, but it has been left to a Swiss hunter to define exactly the variations which take place in its daily menu. In a nest in the Alps, side by side with an eagle, he found a hare, freshly killed; twenty-seven, chamois' feet, four pigeons' feet, thirty pheasants' feet, eleven heads of fowls, eighteen heads of grouse, and the remains of rabbits, marmots and squirrels.

Dr. Nicholas Senn, of Chicago, will start on April 4 for a four months' trip through Africa, to make a study of the lowest types of humanity. He will go from New York direct to Lisbon, Portugal, where he will attend the annual session of the medical congress from April 19 to 25. Crossing the Mediterranean to Africa, he will travel the length of the continent by caravan and rail to Cape Town.

With the exception of the larger towns the precautions against fire in France are remarkably inadequate. Many towns of from 500 to 3,000 people have no water supply other than ordinary wells, operated by bucket draws instead of pumps, and no fire apparatus except occasionally a hand force pump, such as is used by contractors.

The Chinese imperial commissioners, in the Boston public library the other day, expressed great astonishment that no one could tell them which book in the library was the oldest. From the Chinese point of view, the oldest book is the best. There are no "six best sellers" in China. A book under 1,000 years old is read by no self-respecting man.

A curious circumstance in connection with the death of the king of Denmark is the fact that one of the Danish colonies, Greenland, will not learn the news for three months, owing to the difficulty of reaching the island. In ignorance of the event the Greenlanders will celebrate King Christian's birthday on April 8 in the usual manner.

The British government stands to lose its naval reserve unless it changes recent regulations, which require twenty-eight consecutive days' service at sea on a battleship each year. As most of the men are engaged in liners and other seagoing vessels, this gives them the choice of leaving the reserve or losing their ships.

Fishes have no eyelids, and necessarily sleep with their eyes open; they swallow their food whole having no dental machinery. Frogs, toads and serpents never take food except that which they are certain is alive. Serpents are so tenacious of life that they will live for six months or longer without food.

Peron Takahashi says four-fifths of the Japanese boys are now studying English, and that it will soon become the language of Japan and later of the world. The language seems to be following the drumbeat in its circuit of the globe, and it represents a conquest of a far higher order.

In recent years the construction of railways proceeded in Germany at the rate of about 62.5 miles a year. The entire trackage exceeds at present 34,000 miles. The electrification of railways is still confined to a few suburban lines, where the system works satisfactorily.

# RACING CIRCUIT OF NORTH NEBRASKA

## The Final Arrangements Made at Neligh With the Towns.

### EIGHT ARE MEMBERS

#### Races of the Circuit Will Open at Norfolk on August 15 and Continue at Convenient Points During Eight Weeks.

Norfolk, Neb., March 28.—P. J. Barnes of Norfolk, and J. L. Rynerson of Madison returned from Neligh, where they attended a meeting of the North Nebraska Racing circuit, composed of the towns of Norfolk, Neligh, Battle Creek, O'Neill, Creighton, Madison, Stanton and Tilden. The meeting was held at Neligh and was for the purpose of making final arrangements for the racing meetings to be held in the circuit during the season.

The dates determined upon are as follows: Norfolk, August 15-17; Neligh, August 22-24; Battle Creek, August 29-31; O'Neill, September 5-7; Creighton, September 12-14; Madison, September 19-21; Stanton, September 26-28; Tilden, October 3-5. This arrangement of dates will insure a big string of horses at all of the meetings, for the reason that a horse can start at Norfolk and be sure of a purse in sight during the remainder of the racing season. The purses throughout the circuit run from \$200 for class races to \$250 for free for alls. Stanton will give an additional merchants' purse of \$300.

The entries for the various races will close as follows: Norfolk, Neligh and Battle Creek on the evening before the races at Norfolk; O'Neill and Creighton on August 29; Madison, Stanton and Tilden, September 13.

It was decided that each association belonging to the North Nebraska circuit during the remainder of the season of the American Trotting association, thus making the rules of the meetings uniform throughout.

The various tracks interested in the association were represented at the meeting in Neligh as follows: Norfolk, P. Barnes; Neligh, Mat Hoffman and W. Cole; Battle Creek, W. C. Day; O'Neill, S. J. Weekes; Creighton, W. C. Caley; Madison, J. L. Rynerson; Stanton, John Hancock; Tilden, Chas. Wurzbacher.

### FALLS DEAD AT BIER.

#### Woman Victim of Heart Disease at Friend's Funeral.

Hastings, Neb., March 28.—While here to attend the funeral of J. F. Kealey, the Burlington yardmaster who was run over and killed here, Mrs. Catherine Young, of Lincoln, died of heart failure.

Mrs. Young started to the church to attend the funeral services, and felt severe pains near her heart before she had gone more than a block. She sank to the ground and very shortly died.

She was the mother of Conductor Ed Young and John Young, employed by the railroad at Lincoln, and at one time resided in Hastings with her family.

She was over 70 years of age.

### SHORT IN ACCOUNTS.

#### Assistant Cashier of Beemer Bank Is Under Arrest.

West Point, Neb., March 28.—Charles Mead, assistant cashier of the Beemer State bank, was arrested here and now lies in the county jail on a charge of embezzling the sum of \$8,300, the funds of the bank. It is alleged that the peculations have extended over a period of three years, during the whole of which time Cashier Ira E. Williams has been suspicious of crooked work, but has not been able to detect Mead in any specific fraudulent act. The alleged shortage occurs in the account of time deposits which the accused is alleged to have manipulated to his profit. A. D. Beemer, warden of the state penitentiary, is president of the bank. It is believed that the friends of Mead, who is well connected, will make good the shortage. The bank is one of the solid institutions of Cumming county.

### FISH HATCHERY.

#### Hinshaw Secures Amendment to Bill Affecting Nebraska.

Washington, March 28.—Representative Hinshaw has secured an amendment to Senator Burkett's omnibus fish hatchery bill, appropriating \$25,000 for a fish hatchery in Nebraska, the location of the same to be left to the fish commissioner.

### GOLD AT BEATRICE.

Beatrice, Neb., March 28.—The discovery of gold in a sand bank along Indian creek has created a furor of excitement. The gold was found in a sand deposit north of this city and was largely mixed with iron pyrites.

### NOVELTIES OF THE NEWS.

Paris.—A woman of 60, calling herself the Countess Potocki, has been emulating Mme. Humbert by piling up debts amounting to \$2,000,000, on the strength of an alleged inheritance of that sum. Symptoms of insanity were first observed recently when some of the creditors discovered that her debts very nearly equaled the amount of the "inheritance." She barricaded her house, and the police had to burst open the door. Even then she would only consent to accompany them on condition that she might take her pet spaniel with her to prison.

New York.—In a codicil to her will, executed September 3, 1881, at 245 West One Hundred and Eleventh street, Mrs. Neva March, formerly of Clinton place, says: "I wish to be cremated. If my little dog, Beauty, is living when I die, I wish her to be chloroformed and cremated with me, and scatter my ashes to the winds." Her will has been offered for probate. Mrs. March died December 13 last.

Wilmington, Del.—Mrs. William Kennard, 66 years old, died in this city of hydrophobia.

Darlington, Pa.—The unusual spectacle of a group of music-loving farmers bidding up a second-hand \$10 phonograph to \$125 just because it rendered such popular songs as "Nobody Works But Father" and "Always in the Way" in good shape was presented at an auction sale of William Fausnaught's furniture. Fausnaught operated the machine while the sale progressed and kept everyone in a good humor, and when the auctioneer put the music box under the hammer as the last article to be sold the crowd surged forward and the most spirited bidding during the sale began.

# STATE WITHOUT MINE NOW BREAKS RECORD

## Professor E. H. Barbour, Geologist, Inspects the Coal Prospects.

### HE IS WELL SATISFIED

#### Samples of Coal Taken from Forty-Four-Inch Vein Near Peru Found to Be Excellent in Fuel Test.

Lincoln, Neb., March 27.—"Nebraska's record as a state without a mine will be broken, I feel sure," said Professor E. H. Barbour, state geologist, after he had examined the coal from the new Peru mine. A sample of the coal was brought to the governor's office yesterday by T. J. Majors and J. W. Crabtree and it was pronounced by Professor Barbour to be a splendid specimen of bituminous coal. The sample is about a foot square and almost as thick. Colonel Majors stated that the coal produces a hot fire and leaves a clean, white ash.

Professor Barbour expects to visit the mine at Peru and will bring samples for examination to the geology laboratory. Tests will be made as to the heating power of the fuel, the amount of carbon and the amount of water. Professor Barbour will examine the vein and make his report to the state officials. He believes he will be able to make a report which will allow the discoverers a right to the \$5,000 offered for the first discovery of a 26-inch vein of coal in Nebraska. The appropriation has long ago lapsed, but it is thought the next legislature will renew it.

President Crabtree stated this morning that the miners have followed the vein about fifty feet and find it constantly thickening. The top of the vein is level but the bottom is dipping. Professor Barbour says it does not seem possible that the vein will grow thinner as it goes on. He believes it will thicken and that it will be found to cover an area of several square miles.

"It is a so-called pocket, but a large one," said he. "A well was bored to a depth of 1,000 feet at Nebraska City a few miles away and only a 6-inch vein of coal was found. This shows that the Peru strike is in the form of a pocket."

President Crabtree stated that the coal was found by digging into the bank of the Missouri river. A sort of charcoal extending from the bank led to investigation. As the miners progressed, the vein became more coal-like and right now is 44 inches in thickness and of a good variety. The stratum above the coal is hard and that below is soft, both of which is considered favorable.

"Plenty of coal has been found in Nebraska, but not in veins thick enough to pay for the mining," said Professor Barbour. "A vein of less than 18 inches will not pay. Usually, other veins have been found with hard strata above and below the coal, and after the cost of production, as some of each layer had to be dug out to get the coal."

### STRUCK BY TRAIN.

#### Dr. S. F. Hunt of O'Neill Killed by Freight.

O'Neill, Neb., March 27.—Dr. S. F. Hunt of Stuart was instantly killed in the railroad yards here while attempting to board freight train No. 63. The doctor was here as a witness in the Irwin murder trial, and went to the depot to take the freight for his home at Stuart. The train had started when he reached the depot and he made a slip on the icy ground and fell under the wheels, the rear trucks passing over his body just below the arms, instantly crushing his life out.

Coroner Flynn soon arrived upon the scene and impaneled a jury, and after viewing the body adjourned. The body was shipped to his home at Stuart.

Dr. Hunt was one of the most popular physicians in this county, and had practiced medicine at Stuart for nearly twenty years. He leaves a wife and three children.

### NORTH NEBRASKA TEACHERS.

Norfolk, Neb., March 27.—Present indications point toward the largest attendance at the coming meeting of the Northern Nebraska Teachers' association, ever known. The meeting begins in Norfolk April 4 and closes on the following Friday night. There are reasons to believe that there will be fully a half thousand pedagogs in the city for the meeting.

The program has been issued by President Wilson, of Wayne. It is as follows:

Wednesday, April 4—General session, assembly, high school building.

Invocation, Rev. W. J. Turner.

Papers on "A Broader and More Substantial Elementary Education," Superintendent A. V. Teed, Dixon county; Superintendent J. S. Stine, Hartington; Superintendent J. A. Stahl, Cumming county; Superintendent L. P. Sornson, Neligh.

Annual contest North Nebraska Declaratory society at Methodist church. In this contest representatives from schools all over the northern part of the state will take part.

Address, "Industrial Education in Nebraska," Deputy State Superintendent E. C. Bishop.

Violin solo, selected, F. C. Marshall, Center, Neb., county superintendent of Knox county.

Address, "The Personal Element in Teaching," Superintendent J. A. McLean, South Omaha.

Address, "The Characteristics of a True Teacher," Professor J. M. Pile, Wayne.

Address, "The Certification of Teachers," Deputy State Superintendent E. C. Bishop, Columbus.

General session, featured by a lecture delivered by Dr. Thomas Green. Rev. J. F. Poucher will pronounce invocation and there will be music by Misses Mabel Bruner and Nellie Stewart, Miss Johanna Anderson, Miss Florence Yakish.

Dr. G. E. Condra of the state university will feature the Friday morning program with an address on methods of reclamation. J. A. Doremus of Madison will tell to what extent a teacher should enter into the life of her pupils and Mrs. Frances Carter will give an address on "Reading."

# CRAZED BY DRINK.

## Ed Miller, a Nebraska Farmer, While in That Condition, Attempts to Exterminate Family.

Windsor, Neb., March 24.—After shooting his wife, his father-in-law and mother-in-law, this morning, Ed Miller, a farmer living eight miles south of here, mounted a horse and fled.

A posse of wildly excited and enraged neighbors are seeking him and if he is caught today he will surely be strung up to the first tree.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hohnke, parents of Mrs. Miller, came to see her this morning in answer to her appeal. Her husband had been abusing her. They had scarcely entered the house when Miller, still ugly from a drunken spree, entered the house and began shooting at all of them. When all the bullets had gone from his revolver his wife and both her parents lay on the floor. He then fled.

### Mrs. Hohnke Will Die.

Although all three victims are seriously wounded it is thought the wife of her father-in-law, while Mrs. Hohnke will surely die.

Miller is 40 years of age and he was married two years ago under compulsion, his wife being then but 14 years of age. They have always been unhappy.

Two weeks ago Miller tried to drown his wife in a well.

Mrs. Miller died last night of her wounds. Mr. Hohnke, Miller's father-in-law, may recover in spite of the Miller, still ugly from a drunken spree, while his wife merely lost her fingers when she grabbed the revolver to protect her husband. After the wounded father-in-law seized a shotgun and drew blood in the assailant's neck Miller ran a mile to the home of a neighbor named Miller, borrowed a horse and rode away. The shooting began in the barn at 7 o'clock yesterday morning, where Miller found Hohnke. He began firing and followed Hohnke into the house.

### G. W. FRANK DEAD.

#### Noted Nebraskan Who Built the Kearney Canal.

Lincoln, Neb., March 24.—George W. Frank died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. C. H. Chas. Frank, yesterday. He was 75 years of age. Death followed several years of feebleness caused by a general breaking down of health. He will be buried at Warsaw, N. Y.

Mr. Frank was for many years a well known business man of Kearney, where he was prominently engaged in the management of many enterprises, some of them of considerable magnitude. He went to that city in 1884, after having for several years owned considerable property in that city. He at once organized a company to dig the Kearney canal for the purpose of furnishing water power to the city, and he spent his fortune and the best years of his life in trying to make Kearney a great city. His enterprises were well under way when the boom struck Kearney in the late '80s and property values were greatly inflated. During that period he assisted in bringing many industries to that city, and he was largely successful in his donations and his energies in promoting the matter that the little city gave \$250,000 in money and property to secure the location of the cotton mill.

### BUTTE WANTS ROAD.

Norfolk, Neb., March 24.—James J. Hill is going to penetrate into the Rosebud country of South Dakota, by way of an extension from O'Neill, if the citizens of Butte, Neb., have not missed their guess. An official of the road has been in Butte this week talking with business men regarding the new road, and it is said to be known at Butte for a positive fact that the Great Northern has purchased an old abandoned grade between O'Neill and Butte.

This line into the Rosebud will give the Great Northern a vast stretch of territory in competition with the Northwestern, and will start them toward the Great Northern in their war with grain and into Sioux City, St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Butte is the county seat of Boyd county and is three miles from a railroad. When the Northwestern built into that county, Butte's hill was too steep to climb and it was passed up. Now it knows it is to have a railroad and the citizens are happy.

### A FARMER OUTRAGED.

Pierce, Neb., March 22.—Nick Lackas, one of the prosperous farmers of Allen precinct, says that last Sunday night some one tried to kill all the hogs on his place. Monday morning eight of them were found lying around the yard, some being cut around the neck and others on the legs with the flesh sliced off from two. Eight were either dead or in a dying condition. He offers \$50 reward for information leading to the arrest of the guilty parties.

### ORATORICAL CONTEST.

Pierce, Neb., March 22.—The high school declamatory contest was held at the opera house, and every seat in the auditorium and gallery was filled. Every actor on the program was well rendered and received hearty applause. Miss Nora Henzler, of the dramatic class, won first honors. Her piece was "The Sioux Chief's Daughter." Lloyd Mohr, of the humorous class, won second honors, his selection being "The Flood and the Ark."

### WANT 3-CENT GAS.

Omaha, Neb., March 22.—Fine illuminating and heating gas produced at 3 cents per thousand cubic feet is a proposition that has not been before the city council. A committee has jumped at this as important, if true, and has ordered the selection of a commission of scientific men and engineers to go to St. Joseph to investigate. The machine that makes it is known as the Parker gas producer, and the gas is produced from bituminous coal.

### FIRE AT RANDOLPH.

Randolph, Neb., March 22.—A fire which broke out in the Pill Bros' general merchandise store caused a loss of about \$18,000. The stock of Pill Bros. was a total loss. The fire was caused by a gas leak and by insurance. The building is owned by N. W. Trent, and his loss is \$2,000, covered by insurance. The firemen did excellent work in fighting the flames and preventing their spread to the adjoining buildings. It is believed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion in oil soaked rags left by painters in the store of Pill Bros.

### IN JAIL AT DAKOTA CITY.

Dakota City, Neb., March 22.—Bert Davis, the 18-year-old son of Andrew Davis, of Homer, is in jail here charged with an attempt to outrage Miss A. Labohn, of Omaha, on last Sunday. The charge was made in Judge J. J. Elmers' court by the girl's brother, Charles Labohn. On last Sunday evening Miss Labohn left the home of Elmer Blessing, of Homer, where she was visiting. She was accompanied by her brother, Charles Labohn, who was with her there, it is alleged, she was attacked by Davis. James Harrington heard the girl's cries for help and came to her rescue.

# DAN CUPID'S ACTS ARE UNFORGIVEN

## Many Otoe County, Nebraska, School Teachers Yield to Him.

### INSTRUCTORS ARE SCARCE

#### In Several Instances Teachers Have Shown Such Inclination to Wed That Directors Have Been Forced to Close Schools.

Nebraska City, Neb., March 26.—Love affairs have been no numerous among the school teachers of Otoe county, of which this city is the seat, that many of the children are without instructors and several of the schools are closed. A real marriage epidemic has prevailed for several months and the condition has become so serious that the county superintendent of schools has had to appeal to the state department of education for help.

Professor R. C. King, the county superintendent, realizes that he has been defeated in his contest with Cupid. He has, in fact, been forced to acknowledge that defeat by issuing a number of emergency certificates, to teachers who could hardly stand the ordinary test, in order that some of the schools might be kept open.

Nearly fifty "school ma'ams" have been married in this county since last fall, and the prospects for a greater number of affairs of the kind among the remaining instructors are so strong that the superintendent is in a humor to issue a proclamation against all marriages during the teaching months. He would if he dared. With only 100 school districts in the county, Cupid has played his pranks in about half of them.

The board of education of this city requires women teachers to sign a contract at the beginning of the year's work not to wed within the year, and the county authorities are thinking of enforcing the same rule in the rural districts. Some teachers have broken their contracts, but the agreement holds good with most of them.

# STANDARD OIL MAN AND ELK A SUICIDE

## Otto T. Tappert, Oldest Traveling Agent for the Rockefeller Trust, Takes Poison in Lodge Room.

Norfolk, Neb., March 26.—Otto T. Tappert, the oldest commercial traveler in America for the Standard Oil company, having been in its service thirty-five years, and the most prominent traveler in northern Nebraska, committed suicide in the parlor of the room of the Elks club, of which he had charge for six years, as the jolliest fun maker in the lodge. He took carbolic acid.

The funeral will be Sunday afternoon.

### STATE COMMITTEE.

#### Republicans Will Meet at Lincoln First Week in April.

Lincoln, Neb., March 26.—William P. Warner, chairman of the republican state central committee, has issued a call for a meeting of the republican state central committee at Lincoln, Neb., in this city, for 8 o'clock on the evening of April 5.

This promises to be one of the most important gatherings of a state committee in recent years. The call provides that the chief business shall be to fix a date and place for the next state convention, but as the committee is the master of its own destinies, it can discuss other things if it wants to.

The question of holding a state primary is one that will be brought forward. Some time ago Victor Rosewater, one of the committeemen from Douglas county, submitted a plan for a primary, which has been favorably commented upon in some quarters. Mr. Rosewater is coming prepared to bring the matter to the attention of the committee and urge its adoption.

Some time ago the railroad politicians secretly boasted that they had the committee plugged so that it would not include senator in the call for a convention this year, but recent developments have demonstrated that this looks like an idle boast. In fact, it is understood the railroads have about made up their mind that they won't oppose it at all.

### CIGARET LAW HIT.

Lincoln, Neb., March 26.—The making of "coffin nails" for one's own use is not a violation of the law. The "cigaret flend" may "cook" his own "pills" without fear of interference by the police, because the word "manufacture" as used in the Nebraska anti-cigaret law means "to engage in and carry on the business of manufacturing." The supreme court has so decided in the cigarette case appealed from Omaha, where Edward Stutz was arrested for rolling a cigarette for his own use. The decision affirms the decision of the district court of Douglas county and dismisses the defendant from custody. The syllabus and opinion are by Chief Justice Sigsbee.

### TO SAVE THE FORT.

Washington, D. C., March 26.—The prospect that Fort Niobrara will be given an appropriation and rehabilitated as an important center of army activity has slumped off recently. Considerable effort has been made by Nebraskans in behalf of the movement. Other states with influential delegations want a share of the army post business; and whatever the department might like to do, it finds embarrassments in the political requirements of influential statesmen.

The Nebraska delegation will meet soon and visit Arlington in connection with the purpose of inspecting and formally accepting the monument to Captain John M. Stotsenburg of Nebraska, killed in the Philippines. The monument, built under an appropriation by the Nebraska legislature, is a handsome granite block with appropriate inscription, and will rank among the impressive ones in the great bivouac of the national dead.

### DEATH OF G. A. R. VETERAN.

Butte, Neb., March 24.—C. P. Dewey, an old and highly respected citizen of Boyd county, died at the home of his daughter, a few miles east of Butte, of pneumonia. He was a member of Horten G. A. R. post. This is the second member they have been called upon to give up in the last week, as only last week they buried their commander, A. R. Utley.

### PAPERS CONSOLIDATE.

Geneva, Neb., March 22.—The Press and Gazette of this place have consolidated,

# ANOTHER CATTLE BARON IS IN TOILS

## The Arrest of Thomas Huntington May Now Implicate Several More.

### IT IS AN IMPORTANT CASE

#### The Prisoner is in Hands of Federal Law on Charge of Subornation of Perjury in Connection with False Homestead Entries.

Omaha, Neb., March 24.—Upon a charge of subordination of perjury in connection with the procuring of false homestead entries within the Richards and Comstock enclosure, Thomas Huntington was arrested yesterday at Jordan, Neb., by Deputy Marshal Proctor.

The arrest is an important one in the land fraud investigations and prosecutions now being carried on by the secret service department of the government.

Huntington is the president of the Maverick Loan and Trust company and is a prominent banker of Jordan. He is a son of D. W. C. Huntington, former chancellor of Wesleyan university of Lincoln.

It is alleged that Huntington procured perjured affidavits from Samuel M. Maynard and Francis J. Porter of Woodbine, Ia., when they swore concerning their homestead entries.

It is alleged that the affidavits were false, inasmuch as they stated that the men had taken up a legal residence on the homesteads. The government claims that no good title residence was established and that the benefit of these homestead entries was derived by Thomas Huntington, Bartlett Richards and William G. Comstock.

Huntington will be taken before the United States commissioner at Cody, Neb., and given a preliminary hearing. With his arrest, the government has forged another link in the chain which is rapidly being welded around Bartlett Richards and William G. Comstock, the noted cattlemen. Thirteen land fraud cases have been worked up by Secret Service Agent L. C. Wheeler and his men and will be submitted to the federal grand jury in May.

Many of these cases concern the making of false entries in the Richards and Comstock enclosure. Two bankers, two government employes and a county attorney are implicated in the recent arrests made.

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### THE THAYER FUNERAL.

#### Big Military Parade to Honor the Late Nebraska Soldier-Statesman.

Lincoln, Neb., March 24.—All state offices will be closed tomorrow during the funeral of General J. M. Thayer. Adjutant General Culver, who is in charge of the funeral arrangements on behalf of Governor Hickey, has issued a general order specifying the formation of the funeral escort. The military detail will consist of one officer and sixteen men from each of the companies stationed close to Lincoln, the Second regiment band of Omaha and the companies and detachments of the national guard stationed at Lincoln. The formation will be as follows:

- Second regiment band.
- Military escort.
- Clerical escort.
- Funeral car.
- Palbearers and honorary palbearers.
- Members of the family.
- Mourners.
- Surviving members of the original First regiment.
- Grand Army of the Republic.
- Veterans of the civil war.
- Spanish war veterans.
- Philippine war veterans.
- Distinguished visitors.
- Citizens parades.
- General John M. Thayer will be buried with military honors.

### WAS INDIAN FIGHTER.

#### Late General Thayer Was in Battle Creek Battle.

Norfolk, Neb., March 24.—The death of General John M. Thayer at Lincoln recalls to Northern Nebraskans his famous campaign against the Pawnee Indians in 1859, whom he defeated completely at a creek near here, afterward called Battle Creek,