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ONEILL, NEBRASKA

"I've got the best alarm clock in the business and Uncle Sam provides it for me," said a Brooklyn business man of irregular hours. "Two or three days of each week I have to rise early. Our postman has a remarkably piercing whistle and also always rings the doorbell when he leaves any mail. But although he comes regularly as clock-work at 7 a. m., he does not always leave mail for me and consequently his whistle does not always blow and the doorbell ring. So I just buy a post card the afternoon before and mail it to myself. It has never failed to arrive in the early mail, accompanied by the whistle and bell."

The Swiss military musketry experts are conducting experiments to solve a problem that has proved a difficulty for all armies. The object is to find a cartridge which will be of equal efficiency at short and long range. Now, in France and Germany this and is not very attained. The German bullet (Mark S) is light and is good at short ranges, while not so precise at the long ones. The French bullet (Mark D) has the opposite defect—it is weak at ranges shorter than 400 yards. The Swiss authorities believe they have a bullet which will solve the problem.

Congressman J. Adam Bede, of Duluth, one of the wits of the house, was a newspaper reporter in Washington for years. He was first a Democrat, and desiring appointment as marshal, made application to President Cleveland on a piece of birch bark, which he sent through the mails. Mr. Cleveland was so struck with the originality of the applicant that after investigating his character, appointed him. Mr. Bede resigned the marshalship in 1896, when he left the democratic party to support McKinley.

Honeybees are generally credited with instinctive skill in making the cells of the comb hexagonal in shape, but it is probable that this construction, is merely the ordinary result of mechanical laws. Solitary bees always make circular cells, and the bees in a hive no doubt make them circular also, but mechanical pressure forces them into a hexagonal form. A well known naturalist, in speaking of the matter, says that all cylinders made of soft, pliable substances become hexagonal under such circumstances.

According to Professor Beekman felt was invented before weaving. The middle and northern regions of Asia were the birthplace of the most populous nations, whose manners and customs appear to have continued unchanged from the most remote antiquity, and to whose simple and unformed existence this article seems to be necessary as food. It is the principle substance both of their clothing and of their habitations.

In six years with an increase in the population of about 2,400,000, or something more than 10 per cent, the south has increased the value of its farm products by \$728,000,000, or 57 per cent, and the value of its manufactures \$761,900,000, or 52 per cent. It has added \$493,000,000 to its cotton mill output, an increase of 56 per cent. Its mills used in 1906 about 2,375,000 bales of American cotton, or 48 per cent. more than in 1900.

A machine which automatically shuffles a pack of cards in an instant with the cards concealed from the sight and which changes the position of nine out of every ten cards is the latest mechanical device for card players. It is only a matter of time before the inventor, but gives an absolute no deal shuffle. The machine, says Popular Mechanics, weighs four pounds and attaches in a moment to any table. It is about twelve inches high.

Norris Brown, the new United States senator from Nebraska, is both a young and a poor man. He succeeds Joseph H. Millard, who was the opposite, both elderly and rich. Mr. Brown's father was a farmer and a boyhood was largely devoted to the farm. For several years he rode eight miles to school on one of the farm horses. In 1879 he entered the state university of Iowa and was graduated four years later.

A "Carl Schurz memorial professorship" is to be established at the University of Wisconsin as a result of the movement recently started in Milwaukee by a number of prominent German-Americans. The plan is to raise an endowment of \$50,000, the income of which will be used for the establishment of an annual course of lectures to be given by prominent professors of German universities.

The state medical board of California has forty-six mandamus suits against it. The allegations are that certain physicians who control it are maintaining a doctors' trust to keep other physicians from other states from securing licenses in California. Among those barred, it is alleged, is Dr. Charles English, of Washington, D. C., who was the family physician of President Benjamin Harrison.

Japan is the largest copper producing country of the far east, but as far as her output (1905) is only one-fifth of that of the United States. The world. The output rose from 23,890 tons in 1889 to 36,600 tons in 1905. Copper mining is at present one of Japan's weak points, the operations being conducted without method. Her home consumption is about 7,000 a year.

William P. Letchworth, whose gift of 900 acres at Fortage Falls, on the Genesee river, for a public park has been accepted by the state of New York, is an adopted member of the Seneca tribe of Indians, and bears the name, Haiwa-te-is-tah, "the man who always does the right thing."

With the exception of nesting birds, few wild animals perish in a forest fire. They have instinctive knowledge of it long before it reaches them and fly to swamps and large rivers. They generally outrun the flames. Human lives have been saved by horses instinctively taking to water.

A judgeship at Sacramento, Cal., was open. There were three candidates. Two of them, who believed their chances equal, agreed to shake dice as to which should withdraw, and did so. The governor heard of it and appointed the third candidate to the place.

The heir apparent of the Sirgusa state, a boy of 11 years, has developed a remarkable aptitude for shikar. He began to use a gun when only 7 years of age and up to the present time has accounted for seven tigers, six panthers and two bears, not to mention other large and small game.

When the thirty-seventh session of the California legislature was opened the other day the chaplain prayed that the Lord would deliver the legislature "from graft," and, as soon as he had said "amen," they proceeded to swell the roll of paid attaches to the number of 101.

NEBRASKA SOLONS

Proceedings of the Week in Brief in Both Houses of the Legislature.

THURSDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 14.—The influx of railroad lobbyists has apparently provoked the legislature to more drastic action. This morning the anti-pass bill, scheduled for passage, was torn up and a new one drawn which recited that the legislature should be notified of live stock men employed in the service and families of men killed on the road. Lawyers and doctors must be in receipt of at least \$1,000 a year salary from the companies in order to make themselves eligible to pass on the bill.

The standing committees today reported for passage bills regulating the number and operation of trains on branch lines and providing for the sale of mileage books good for use by anyone at 2 cents a mile.

Bills were introduced today appropriating \$12,000 for representation at the Jamestown exposition and \$10,000 to pay bounty for discovery of coal. The senate ordered engrossed for the third reading the anti-tipping bill, a bill prohibiting pooling by bridge contractors, and the Gibson employers' liability measure, against which the Burlington has been making a desperate fight.

The senate standing committees recommended for passage a comprehensive pure food bill and one permitting Omaha to forcibly annex South Omaha.

FRIDAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 15.—In the house no further action will be taken on the 2-cent bill until a plan has been evolved by which the friends of the measure, now divided into hostile camps over whether to exclude or include a provision giving the railroad commission power to raise the rate, where a road can show it to be non-compensatory, can get together.

Representatives in congress sent replies today to the two legislative members asking them to vote against the ship subsidy and for an income tax. Pollard and Kennedy are the only ones who line up in favor of the subsidy. On the income tax, all promise careful consideration and best attention. The house made the bill a special order for next Thursday afternoon. In the meantime an effort will be made to secure a republican caucus.

The bill permitting communities to say whether they wish Sunday baseball was recommended for passage by the standing committee, also a bill establishing seven junior normals in north Nebraska.

The senate this morning passed the Gibson employers' liability bill, twenty-five voted for it, none against it. It provides that a railroad company cannot make the holding of a policy in an insurance department maintained by it a bar to suing for damages for injuries, but may deduct the amount from the judgment secured. The bill giving street railway companies the right to invest in the stock of interurbans was passed from the standing committee. Favorable reports were made on the Clarke child labor law passed by the house and a bill barring from the state any life insurance companies which pay an officer \$50,000 a year.

HAS NEBRASKA LUMBER DEALERS ON THE HIP

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 16.—Judge Sinclair, of the state's counsel, in the lumber trust prosecution, has returned from St. Louis, Kansas City, where he went to hunt up evidence among the wholesalers of the unlawful dealer of the Nebraska association.

He says he found plenty of proof that the association compels wholesalers to reduce shipments to all "irregular" lumber dealers and will present it later in the shape of depositions.

"SKIP" DUNDY LEAVES HIS ESTATE TO MOTHER

New York, Feb. 15.—Elmer S. Dundy, who, with Frederic Thompson, directed Luna Park and several other big theatrical enterprises, in his will, left the greater part of his estate to his mother, Mary H. Dundy, of 233 West Eighty-third street.

To his widow, Mary Dundy, a resident of the state of Ohio, who has a temporary residence at Broadway and 102d street, is bequeathed \$50,000 worth of the bonds of Luna Park. The will says that it is to be "in full of claims of every kind and nature, including dower and right of dower." The mother is made sole executrix. The will is dated February 4, the day before Dundy's death.

FACES SERIOUS CHARGE.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 16.—Miss Myrtle Furlong maintains that George Younger, under arrest, is the one who sexually assaulted her recently. Friends of the negro have exerted themselves to establish an effective alibi for him, but have not been entirely successful. In fact the effort has failed after thorough investigation, and there has been time during which he has been able to establish his whereabouts on the night of the assault, which would have afforded time for him to have done the deed of which the misused young woman accuses him.

PANIC IN THEATER WHEN ENGINE FALLS

Chicago, Feb. 20.—A stationary engine weighing five tons crashed through thirteen floors of Cook county's new \$5,000,000 building, carrying with it a large section of the easy wing and James Lynch, a laborer, at work on the twelfth floor.

The supports of the engine sank slightly on one side. The engine shifted, and the increased weight on the weakened floor caused it to give way. The mass of iron, with its contents of smothered fires, crashed downward, crushing Lynch beneath it and driving the mangled human pulp under the gathering avalanche of terra cotta walls, concrete floors and iron girders.

As the weight tore through each story the loud explosions of breaking floors sounded like a succession of bombs and caused horses in the streets to run away. The audience in the Grand, Chicago, Colonial and other theaters heard the reports and started in the vague fear that an earthquake was endangering their lives.

MERCHANT AND GIRL DIE IN HIS STORE

Washington, D. C., Feb. 14.—Leonard T. Brown, 36, a merchant, and Margarette Strawb, 25, were found dead in the rear of the former's store today. Murder and suicide.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 16.—The workmen at the street railway power house have gone on strike, tying up all the lines, as a protest against the profanity of experts from New York who are putting up machinery.

WARRANT WILL CHARGE MURDER; NOT SERVED

Ponca, Neb., Feb. 19.—Although a warrant charging murder is in the hands of the sheriff, for service on Frank Brink, for killing Miss Bessie Newton, who killed him, the paper may not be served for some time. Brink is still in the office of Dr. Young, where he was taken after he fired three bullets into his own body in a futile attempt to commit suicide. He is in bad condition, but it is thought he will recover.

DRAGGED FROM ENGINE CAB AND CRUSHED

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 19.—Death came to Barlie Nunn, a Burlington hostler, in an unusual manner, this morning. While running an engine slowly past a coal chute his coat caught on a piece of wire and he was dragged out of the cab window, suspended in mid air and was crushed between the engine and the chute and died several hours later.

PARENTS RELIEVED BY NEWS FROM THEIR SON

Gordon, Neb., Feb. 19.—Glen Moffatt, the Gordon boy, who disappeared from his boarding house in Chicago so mysteriously on the 5th inst, has been located in Louisiana, from which place he wrote to his parents explaining that his nervous system became shattered from over study and hard work and he realized that something had to be done at once or he would be in a state of collapse, so he decided suddenly to join an excursion for the sunny south land and did not have time to write and explain fully until after he reached his destination. After recuperating in the balmy breezes of the south and taking out door exercise for a few months, he expects to return to Chicago and complete his musical course.

BELIEVE BONES OF PADILLA ARE FOUND.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 19.—The unearthing in western Nebraska of a skeleton with a small metallic crucifix incrusting by rust and resting against the chest prompts the officers of the Nebraska Historical society to believe that the bones are those of the martyred Spanish friar, Padilla. Padilla wandered among the Indians as a missionary more than two centuries ago, and was slain by those whom he sought to convert. Historical research shows that he converted to Christianity many of the savages in the sixteenth century. He was killed in 1546. The Historical society has arranged to transport the skeleton to the museum of Nebraska.

TELEGRAPH COMPANIES FACE DISCRIMINATION CHARGE, WIRES IDLE

Interstate Commission Asks Why Large Grain Men and Packers Have Advantage.

Omaha, Neb., Feb. 19.—The Interstate Commerce commission is to investigate the relationship between the Western Union and the Postal Telegraph companies on one side and the packing houses, grain firms and other business houses throughout the country which have heretofore had special telegraph wires and special operators furnished them.

This morning all the wires of this description were discontinued and only "pony" wires, running from these offices into the main telegraph offices were left.

The commission takes the position that the furnishing of these large customers of telegraphs with facilities denied smaller customers is discrimination and an investigation is demanded.

MACKAY COMPANIES MAKE GOOD SHOWING

Boston, Mass., Feb. 19.—The annual meeting of the shareholders of the Mackay companies was held yesterday and the number of trustees was increased from five to seven. The present trustees, Clarence H. Mackay, William W. Cook, George C. W. G. Ward, Dumont and Charles E. Platt, were re-elected. The new trustees, Pliny Fisk, head of the banking house of Harvey Fisk & Sons, New York City, and R. A. Smith, of the banking house of Osler & Hammond, Toronto.

The Mackay companies is the largest stockholder in the Bell Telephone company, its holdings being more than four times those of any other stockholder. The trustees state that notwithstanding these trusts of money borrowing and mortgage giving they are again able to announce that the Mackay companies has no debts.

After paying the dividend on its stock a large amount remaining was carried to reserve, in accordance with its long established policy. The Commercial Pacific Cable company in 1906 laid submarine cables to China and Japan and those cables are now in working order. The land line system, the Postal Telegraph, is being constantly extended and also shows substantial increased gross receipts and net profits over the previous year.

All free passes have been abolished on the Postal Telegraph system and during the past year there has been inaugurated and put into successful operation a plan whereby the employees of the organization are given an opportunity to purchase preferred shares in the Mackay companies, and to make payments therefor by installments.

The balance sheet is as follows: Investments in other companies \$81,887,487.50 Cash 230,459.32 Total \$82,117,947.22 Preferred shares issued \$50,000,000.00 Common shares issued 41,380,400.00 Surplus 72,547.22 Total \$82,117,947.22

The books of the Mackay companies are audited by chartered public accountants.

PATRIOTS HURL PAPER WEIGHT AND INKSTAND

Guthrie, Okla., Feb. 19.—The lie was passed between Delegates Baker and Haskell and a personal encounter between them enlivened the proceedings of the constitutional convention here this morning. Haskell hurled a heavy paper-weight at Baker, and the latter retaliated with an inkstand.

FLOOD DRIVES 200 FAMILIES FROM HOME

Two Nebraskans Killed By Angry Waters That Roil the Platte.

BIG BRIDGES MENACED

Ice Begins to Break and Fear of Formation of Gorges is Entertained.—Railroads Are in Trouble.

THAW CASE AROUSES WASHINGTON SOLONS

Spokane, Wash., Feb. 18.—Following closely upon the dramatic recital by Evelyn Nesbit Thaw in the New York court, where her husband is on trial for the murder of Stanford White, the house in Olympia has passed a bill for the protection of young girls.

A canvass shows the senate will take similar action and the measure will be hurrying to the Governor Mead who will make it a law.

While the prevention of runaway marriages by girls under the legal age appears the main object of the bill, it is wider in scope than any similar law yet enacted in the northwest. The principal clauses follow:

It shall be unlawful for any person to take any female person under the age of 18 from her home for any purpose whatsoever, without first obtaining the consent of her parents, guardian or person having the right to her custody.

Press Gives It Support.

"It shall be unlawful for any person having knowledge of the whereabouts of any girl under the age of 18, who has absented herself from home, to withhold such information from her parents, guardian or other person entitled to the legal custody of such girl."

BILL TO PREVENT THE PRINTING OF HORRORS

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 18.—Two drastic bills to restrict the freedom of the press have been introduced in the legislature. One bill by Senator Booms is exactly the Pennsylvania bill with the penalty portion omitted. The other bill is by Senator Graves. It prohibits the publication of suggestive stories and prohibits any account or reference to an execution, burning, lynching or hanging of a criminal or the details of the commission of any crime or of any criminal trial, reports of police court proceedings, and prohibits publication of advertisements of medicines to cure certain diseases.

TEXAS PAPERS TOLD NOT TO PRINT TESTIMONY

Dallas, Texas, Feb. 18.—W. H. Atwell United States district attorney for the northern district of Texas, today issued a letter of warning to the newspapers of his district with reference to the publication of the Thaw trial proceedings. Mr. Atwell calls attention to that section of the federal statutes which prohibits the publication of obscene matter in the mails and delivery in the United States.

EVEN OLD ROBE CALLS BAN MOVEMENT PRUDISH

Rome, Feb. 18.—"Usual American prudishness," is the way the Roman Messagero refers to the attempt of the Washington authorities to suppress details of the Thaw case. Newspapers throughout Italy are taking great interest in the great trial, and the threat to exclude United States papers from the market for publishing testimony in full is calling forth many sarcastic comments.

EX-LOVER WRITES HE WILL END HIS LIFE; BRIDE KILLS SELF

Kansas City's "Little Italy" Stirred by Suicide That Is Prompted By Mail.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 18.—Because she received a letter from her lover, Antonio Legardi, in Italy, telling her that, since she had married, he was going to commit suicide, Mrs. Maria Cuzzo, a young Italian bride of a few weeks, shot and killed herself in "Little Italy," this city.

When Maria came to Kansas City she was not happy and her relatives insisted that she marry a man of their selection. She protested, but was finally won over and married to Michaelo Cuzzo.

In "Little Italy" they have not yet heard whether Antonio really killed himself.

GILTED LOVER SUES TO GET BACK GIFTS

"I want that brand new cook stove, I want that chair, I want that looking glass, and the comb to comb my hair. You may jab, and stab me, but I want those presents back."

Wilksbarre, Pa., Feb. 18.—Because she refused to return a wedding dress he bought for her and money he had given her to purchase other wedding finery after she jilted him, Felix Rash-efski had Miss Celia Petrowski, of Nanticoke, arrested and taken before Justice of the Peace Burnett.

She admitted the jilting, and the Justice held her under \$100 bail, and advised them to try to reach an agreement.

OREGON LEGISLATURE DEMANDS PASSES

Salem, Ore., Feb. 18.—The legislature has passed a compulsory pass bill which makes it obligatory on the part of the railroads to furnish free transportation to state and district officers, county judges and sheriffs.

The bill has gone to the governor for signature. His action is problematical.

BILL FOR EIGHT JUDICIAL DIVISIONS IN NEBRASKA

Washington, D. C., Feb. 16.—The house committee on judiciary yesterday favorably reported the bill introduced by Representative Norris, dividing Nebraska into eight judicial divisions. The committee adopted an amendment raising the salary of United States marshal for Nebraska, from \$2,500 to \$4,000 per annum.

Judge Norris will call the bill up next Monday, when he expects to get consideration on it under the suspension of the rules.

TWO CENT FARE WAR SWEEPS THE COUNTRY

Chicago, Feb. 18.—The 2-cent railroad fare crusade is sweeping through the United States. In nearly a score of state legislatures bills fixing the maximum rate for the carrying of passengers on railroads at 2 cents a mile are pending and in most of these states they seem certain of passage.

Ohio led the way a year ago by passing a 2-cent fare law and already this year the legislatures of West Virginia and Arkansas have sent 2-cent fare bills to the governors for signature.

In Iowa, Indiana, Missouri and Pennsylvania, a 2-cent bill has passed one or the other of the two houses of the legislatures and bills are pending in Illinois, Kansas, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Carolina and Oklahoma.

In only one state so far, South Dakota, has the 2-cent fare bill been definitely defeated.

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When asked why she jumped, she declared that she was in the habit of doing that, and also that she thought she was on the ground floor.

MAKES "LUCY" "LUCILE" MAN ASK DIVORCE

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 19.—The elaboration of her baptismal name "Lucy" into "Lucille" is but one instance, declares Frederick G. Hammel, of the general sophistication developed by his wife before and after she forsook, in 1902, the rustic simplicity of Platin, Mo., for the urban refinements of St. Louis.

The couple is reciprocally suing for divorce.