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An unusual series of courts martial is now sitting at every army corps headquarters in Italy. It appears that a large body of the warrant officers from all the garrisons have become so dissatisfied with the conditions, and so hopeless of seeing it improved through the ordinary channels, that they have sent a collective petition direct to the war minister. And now at every post a court martial consisting of a colonel, two lieutenant colonels and two captains is trying the delinquents on the question "Shall They Be Degraded?" At Milan alone, twelve quartermasters are being tried.

The naming of the avenues in the southern part of Philadelphia after governors of the state which has been in progress for several years, was further exemplified recently, when Stuart avenue was so designated in honor of the present gubernatorial incumbent. Other such avenues are Pennsylvania, Stone, Snyder, Patterson, Beaver and Hastings. There is room for only four more and the next four governors will probably be the honored ones. After the death of the other, incorporating the names of governors will have to be found.

The Monument, London's famous column, which, as Pope wrote, "like a bully lifts its tail and lies," is a source of profit to the city corporation, says the Pall Mall Gazette. The actual surplus for the current year is placed at about \$600. The tolls charged to visitors appear at \$2,700, and the sale of the booklet is estimated at \$100,000. On the other side of the account, internal painting will cost \$500 and gas and water \$250, respectively, while wages and clothing will absorb \$1,300, and the grant to the pension fund is \$225.

It is said, that a long time back, the Bank of England discovered that mathematical errors of the clerks were at a minimum in the early morning hours, but progressively increased as the day advanced. The worst time was in the late afternoon and there was so much money loss, due to errors at that time, that as a matter of economy clerks were forbidden to work after a certain hour, which we understand was 3 o'clock. In France the same law of sequence was brought to light, as was to be expected.

Curious ways the Japanese merchant has of doing business. A special agent of the United States government who is now in Japan gives some illustrations. The buyer, he says, makes no payment until the arrival of the goods. If in the meantime the market has dropped, the Japanese will often go to the American and intimate that he is not prepared to stand all the loss and that the American should divide the loss with him, though to do so might wipe out all the profit on the transaction.

New York state health commissioner Porter has given out advance copies of an article on the pollution and self-purification of ice, which will be published in the bulletin of the department, soon to be issued. The article summarizes the history of well known infection from ice and makes it clear that there is less danger of infection therefrom than is popularly supposed. Dr. Porter points out that ice tends to purify itself by reason of the low temperature.

While some excavations were going on at San Patrizio, a suburb of the town of Pavia, Italy, seventy skeletons were found placed in a straight line, and some fragments of weapons. It appears that the bones are those of soldiers killed at the famous battle of Pavia, fought on February 24, 1525, between King Francis I. of France and Emperor Charles V., when the former was taken prisoner while writing the "All is lost" sentence: "All is lost but honor."

Admiral H. N. Manney, one of the American representatives at the wireless conference in 1906, is quoted in Berkeley authority for the statement that, whereas before the war the range of a mile was the limit for wireless telephony, it is now possible to communicate over a distance of thirty miles. The system experimented with is by means of the use only, as it is more costly and less effective on land than the ordinary system.

That strict secrecy which was observed in the construction at Fairfield, Glasgow, of the cruise ship, "Indomitable" will henceforth be the rule in the case of all ships built for the British navy. The staff will be sworn in before being entrusted with the carrying out of minute details, and no one in the yard will be able to learn anything like complete details of warship designs.

Missionary work among the British North Sea fishermen has its difficulties. The pastor of Lerwick says that when a fish boarded a fishing boat, some of the men rushed down into the cabin, two jumped into the funnel and another sprang overboard.

The London Building Journal hears that two distinguished architects, noted for their forceful language, are about to issue a book on "The Bricklayer's English," with an appendix of special words by an American building superintendent.

The progress of the Catholic church in Australia is perhaps the most striking religious fact in modern history. There are men living who remember the time when there was not one priest on the Australian continent.

Senor Carlos Silva of Santiago, editor of El Mercurio, the oldest daily newspaper in the republic of Chile, is visiting this country for the first time, and is accompanied by his wife. He is at present in Washington.

In the Neuchatel courts the speeches of lawyers will in future be limited to ten minutes, five minutes being allowed for cross-examinations. An official timekeeper will see that the regulation is observed.

A one-act play in the French language has been written by Queen Victoria of Spain. In all probability it will be produced by aristocratic amateurs at San Sebastian during the summer.

A home for supernumerary preachers and deaconesses of Nebraska is the gift of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Crowell of Blair. There are men living who remember the time when there was not one priest on the Australian continent.

To the Mullans, who were displeased at his exclusion into Freemasonry, the late king explained on his return from India that nothing in the craft opposed to Mohammedanism.

The production of Indian corn in Portugal and possessions in 1906 amounted to about 100,000 bushels, which large crop resulted from the seed for foreign corn.

INVALID TAKES OWN LIFE WITH GUN BEFORE A MIRROR

Charles Murray Wheeled to Dresser to Comb His Hair Kills Himself.

Pender, Neb., May 15.—While calling at the home of his father here, Charles Murray who for six months has been a helpless paralytic, asked to be wheeled to a dresser that he might comb his hair. A loaded revolver lay in a drawer and with it Murray shot himself in the right temple dying in two hours.

Murray was formerly engaged in the barber business here, but six months ago from some spinal trouble, he was incapacitated for work through paralysis. He has been dependent because his wife has had to open a restaurant to support their family including several small children.

Saturday night Murray was at the home of his father, Joshua Murray, where the tragedy occurred. He was apparently feeling as well as usual, but the sight of the revolver it is believed suddenly suggested a way to end his pain and remove a burden from his wife.

FARMER KICKED IN HEAD BY HORSE; DEATH RESULTS

Pender, Neb., May 15.—George W. Wilson, a farmer living in the eastern part of this (Thurston) county, was kicked in the head by a horse last Friday night and died the following night.

POSTAL CARD PERUSERS TO HAVE BIG CONFAB

Omaha, Neb., May 15.—Fifteen hundred Iowa and Nebraska postmasters will meet in Omaha June 25 and 26, it being the occasion of the annual meeting of the Nasby's of the two states. An interstate meeting of this nature is something out of the ordinary, and politicians who are watching the matter with a keen eye see considerable political significance to the meeting.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Nebraska Postmasters' association was held in Omaha Saturday, at which the above date was decided upon for the annual meeting, and Iowa was present, the Nebraskans. Fourteen hundred personal invitations have been sent to postmasters in Iowa and the occasion is expected to be one of considerable importance. First Assistant Postmaster General Hitchcock will be present, together with several other postoffice officials.

PASTOR ELOPES WITH 17-YEAR-OLD GIRL

Chicago, May 15.—Rev. Harry L. Baynes, Grace gospel mission, has eloped with Miss Margaret Martin, 17, daughter of George Martin, 6619 Union avenue, and she is pretty and quiet. Her work in the office of James Baynes & Son Publishing company, 325 Dearborn street, a firm which prints religious works, brought her into daily contact with the minister. He dictated letters to her and spent long hours in her company in the office. Some times he took her out to luncheon.

Miss Martin is considered a friend of the minister's wife and often interchanges visits with her.

PRAYER CHAIN LETTER WRITERS USE THREATS

Philadelphia, May 15.—Once more the prayer chain letter, which contains a threat as well as a prayer, has started on its rounds. The postal authorities broke up a similar prayer chain last winter. Its perpetrators said Bishop Lawrence was responsible for it, but the bishop denied it.

The letter which is now in circulation is very similar. Numerous complaints about it have been received, together with several "links" in the chain. This is one of the links.

"O Lord Jesus Christ, we implore Thee, O Eternal God, have mercy upon mankind. Keep us from all sin and take us with Thee through all eternity. Amen."

TUNNEL TO REVEAL \$200,000,000 IN GOLD

Cripple Creek, Colo., May 15.—The beginning of the work on the long projected Cripple Creek drainage tunnel was celebrated here today by festivities participated in by the most prominent mining and business men in the state. There is general rejoicing throughout the Cripple Creek district.

The tunnel will drain and permit the opening up of virgin territory containing, it is estimated, over \$200,000,000 worth of gold ore, which will prolong the life of Cripple Creek.

KILLED TWO, LOST SWEETHEART, NOW FIGHTS FOR LIFE

But Frank Barker, Sentenced to Death June 15, Has Hard Battle.

MICKEY SHIFTED CASE

Retiring Governor Put It Up to Successor—Barker Slew Brother and Sister That He Might Have Home for Bride.

Lincoln, Neb., May 14.—Frank Barker, under sentence of death for killing his brother and sister in order that he might have a proper place to take his sweetheart here was engaged to marry, will again make an effort to escape the gallows.

SIGHT AND TOUCH OF BABY RESTORES REASON.

Central City, Neb., May 14.—The sight of her baby, the touch of its little hand and the sound of its voice have been the means of curing Mrs. Mae Collins, a beautiful young woman in this town, of a violent attack of insanity.

COUSIN'S FAILURE MAY COST W. J. BRYAN \$6,000

Centralia, Ill., May 14.—Thomas S. Marshall, formerly cashier of the Sellen National bank, an own cousin of William J. Bryan, a member of the Illinois state board of agriculture from the Twenty-third congressional district, filed yesterday and filed a petition in bankruptcy in the United States court at East St. Louis, fixing his liabilities at \$300,000.

LIQUOR QUESTION LOOMS IN NEBRASKA

Temperance People Form Union and Great Issue Is Being Shaped Up for Political Battle.

Lincoln, Neb., May 14.—At a state conference of temperance workers which closed here last night, it was decided to start the agitation for legislation in 1909 that will put the legalized saloon out of existence in Nebraska, or at least end the option principle from city and village to county.

An organization known as the Nebraska Temperance union was formed. It will work independent of all political parties, but it is proposed to make it a force within all parties to the end that county option is made an issue in legislative districts and the forces of the organization are being enlisted in favor of who will agree to vote for that legislation.

SIX-STORY BUILDING COLLAPSES; NONE HURT

Omaha, Neb., May 14.—This morning the six-story building occupied by the Parlin-Orendorff-Martin company, who handle farm implements, collapsed, \$40,000. No one was injured, although many narrowly escaped.

HERMAN BOCHE GIVES HIMSELF UP; WOUNDED

Norfolk, Neb., May 14.—Herman Boche, who murdered Frank Jarner, is now in custody.

Friday night word was sent to Constable Conley to come out to the Boche farm, and when the officer arrived Boche surrendered himself.

A cursory examination of the prisoner shows that Sheriff Clemens' bullet struck him in two places on the night after the murder.

The capture comes as the result of a two days' truce between the officers and the relatives of Boche.

Boche says Jarner robbed him of \$760 the night of the murder. His preliminary hearing this afternoon.

WHEAT SOARS OVER \$ MARK AT CHICAGO

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WHEATS IN BAD CONDITION IS REPORT

Special Investigating Committee Visits Fields of Nebraska and Kansas.

Omaha, Neb., May 15.—The special train filled with a committee of fifty members of the Omaha grain exchange, which has been making a tour of investigation of Nebraska and Kansas wheat fields, returned this morning. The consensus of opinion follows:

"Wheat, especially in the southeastern portion of Nebraska, has suffered about 10 per cent. owing to the influx of green bugs and continued dry weather. Summer county, Kansas, will not make over 40 per cent. Bugs have done great damage to fields we have examined. Some members declare the entire crop ruined between Caldwell, Kansas, and Wichita, a distance of fifty miles. The party agree the yield of wheat this year will be very light compared to former years. We find wheat in mighty bad condition."

SEEDING ALL DONE, BUT WHEAT ACREAGE IS SMALL

Aberdeen, D. C., May 15.—Careful investigation in this and adjoining counties show wheat seeding is late this year. Seeding is practically finished, but the wheat acreage is about 10 per cent smaller this year than last with corresponding increase in oats, barley and flax.

CHARITY CARNIVAL DRIVES WOMAN TO COMMIT SUICIDE

Wife of St. Louis Globe-Democrat Publisher Gives Way to Nervous Strain.

St. Louis, May 15.—Mrs. Agnes Barlow Houser, wife of Daniel M. Houser, president of the Globe Printing company, publishing the Globe-Democrat, is dead from the effect of a self-inflicted bullet wound in the right temple.

Mrs. Houser was found dying by her husband on his return from an automobile ride with his sons.

She had been in a very nervous condition for several months. Members of her family are at a loss to assign a reason for her act. Worry and mental strain in participating in the charity carnival given Friday are the only causes they can assign.

ACQUITTED, HE GETS JOB FROM ROOSEVELT

St. Louis, May 15.—David P. Dyer, Jr., formerly a teller in the St. Louis sub-treasury, and recently acquitted of a charge of embezzlement, is on a special foreign mission to which he was appointed by President Roosevelt.

FEW PASSES GIVEN OUT BY RAILROADS

Union Pacific Issues 27 Annuals and the Omaha but 13

Lincoln, Neb., May 13.—According to the first monthly statement of the Union Pacific railroad, filed with the railroad commission, there are very few pass holders of any prominence now on its rolls. The report consists of a dozen pages of typewritten names, but most of these are women relatives of officers and employees. No attorneys, physicians or political agents appear thereon. Several politicians of more or less state-wide prominence are listed as "stock yards officials." Among these are L. D. Richards, the political boss of Fremont; John Bratt of North Platte, and W. G. Whitmore, a former member of the board of university regents.

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DISTANCE TARIFFS ARE FAVORED IN NEBRASKA

Lincoln, Neb., May 13.—The fact that the state legislature adopted several laws providing for a uniform reduction in several classes of freight tariffs has put the state board of railroad commissioners into a hole. The board was anxious to adopt the present schedules as a temporary working basis, and figure reductions therefrom. Instead, it has been compelled to refer the whole matter to the attorney general.

It is believed that the commission is certain to adopt the distance tariff system as it is in vogue in Iowa. The railroad men who were here Tuesday made strong arguments against such a plan, claiming that its commercial progress has been impeded by the distance tariff, and that as a result of it no great cities had been built up. The prosperous character and number of Iowa cities ranging from 5,000 upward in population has impressed the commission as a good thing to transplant to Nebraska. Although Omaha and Lincoln each have a man on the commission, the sentiment is against any system of rates that will discriminate in favor of either of these points.

RECOUNT MAY BE ASKED IN LINCOLN MAYORALTY

Lincoln, Neb., May 13.—While nobody in authority is prepared to make a statement, it is likely that a recount of the ballots cast at Tuesday's election will be demanded on behalf of the defeated candidate for mayor, A. H. Hutton.

Not only the closeness of the count, but the fact that it was against all odds to get two reports of precinct counts that agreed and the probability therefore that error may have been committed have led to the expression of the opinion that a recount ought to be had. The certification is also one that needs some investigation.

W. J. BRYAN'S HOME CITY ADOPTS THE REFERENDUM

Lincoln, Neb., May 13.—The initiative and referendum has been adopted at the home town of Mr. Bryan. It was submitted at Tuesday's election, and incomplete returns show that it received 3,900 votes, or about 60 per cent. Under the provisions of the state law a majority voting on the proposition carries it, and it, therefore, becomes a part of the governing machinery of the city.

The referendum, under the state law, can be adopted only by a vote of the city. Although this act has been on the statute books for ten years, this is the first time Lincoln has voted on its adoption. It merely provides a way to substitute the popular will for the will of the council in certain matters of legislation. It does not apply to every act of the council, and one cannot be held until petitioned for by 20 per cent. of the voters.

SECRETARY GARFIELD SUED BY NEBRASKA MAN

Washington, D. C., May 13.—Peter G. Cox of Nebraska has instituted suit in the supreme court of the District of Columbia against Secretary Garfield, for the purpose of compelling him to compel Mr. Garfield to grant a hearing in a case involving title to a quarter section of land in the O'Neill land district in Nebraska. Cox was the original settler on the land under the homestead laws and his entry was successfully contested by a man named Wells. Cox now alleges that Wells was not in a position to make a valid entry under the homestead laws because he had previously exercised his right. On the other hand, the department decided Cox's right to make a second entry had been assured under the act of 1906, giving the right to such entry under certain conditions. The trial of the case will involve the construction of that law.

YOUTHFUL IOWA COUPLE DENIED MARRIAGE LICENSE

Omaha, Neb., May 13.—Because of their youthful appearance, Lucius D. Wells and Fannie M. Leffingwell, who came to Omaha to be married, were sent back today to Exira, Ia.

County Judge Leslie refused to believe that the groom was 22 and his bride 18. Her dresses came only to her shoe tops. "I prefer that you go back to Exira where they know your ages better than I do," said the judge, and the couple left the court exceedingly dejected.

IS IN JAIL THE DAY SET FOR HIS WEDDING

Beatrice, Neb., May 10.—William Johnson, for some time past construction foreman for the New Home Telephone company, was arrested yesterday and lodged in jail on the charge of stealing copper wire from the company. He was arraigned in county court and pleaded not guilty. His preliminary hearing was set for today at 2 o'clock, and in default of \$1,000 bonds he was remanded to jail. He was to have been married today to a prominent young woman of this city, and his arrest has caused quite a stir in social circles.

FRENCH COMPOSER WEDS IOWA GIRL

Raoul Laparra Meets Fiancee in Omaha and Marriage Ensues.

Omaha, Neb., May 10.—Just to be married and to hear the Indians sing, Raoul Laparra, foremost among the younger school of French writers of opera, came all the way from Paris to Omaha.

His marriage today to Miss Marie Shanafelt, of Monroeville, O., a voice teacher in Tabor college, Iowa, is the culmination of a romance which began in "gay Paris" four years ago when the bride was studying voice culture. Young Laparra had just returned from Italy, where he had taken the grand prize at the academy in Rome, and was beginning to write operas. They met, their friendship rapidly ripened into love; when Miss Shanafelt sailed for America a year later, she had promised to be the young composer's bride. He visited her once since. Monday they met by appointment in Omaha and were married. Laparra came direct from France, and Miss Shanafelt came from Tabor, thirty miles away in Iowa.

Before leaving Paris, Laparra had just placed his new opera "La Habanera" with the Opera Comique. He is now writing a Greek opera.

His second mission in this country will be undertaken within a week. He intends to hear the Indians sing and will write down the music that he may incorporate in an opera which he will prepare on his return. M. and Mme. Laparra will spend several weeks in the west before starting for Paris.

SEVERE FROSTS AND SNOW CRIPPLE SEASONABLE WORK

Lincoln, Neb., May 10.—The state weather and crop bulletin for the week ending May 6, follows:

The past week was unseasonably cold and snow occurred in nearly all parts of the state. The mean daily temperature averaged about 15 degrees below the normal. Several frosts occurred several nights, and in a large part of the state a frost occurred each night of the week. The minimum temperatures occurred generally Tuesday morning and they were mostly 20 degrees or below.

The precipitation of the week was nearly all snow. On Monday, April 29, snow fell nearly all day in the southeastern counties, while a general snow storm passed over the state Thursday night and Friday morning. Light showers occurred Saturday night in the eastern counties. The total precipitation for the week, however, was decidedly below normal. It was very light in the northern counties, generally less than one-tenth of an inch, while it ranged from a quarter to half an inch in most of the central and southern counties, although at a few places it slightly exceeded half an inch. The total precipitation from April 1 to date ranges from less than a quarter to about one-half the normal amount.

WHILE FATHER ANSWERS DUTY CALL, SON DIES

Omaha, Neb., May 10.—While his little baby boy, John, lay dying at his home at 924 North Twenty-fifth avenue, Captain Dineen of the fire department, was heroically answering his call to duty, a small blaze requiring a command. When he returned the lad had passed away.

Little Johnnie Dineen broke out with measles several days ago, which rapidly developed into pneumonia.

WILL INSPECT SANITARIUM AT HOT SPRINGS, MAY 23

Washington, May 10.—Captain Henry E. Palmer, postmaster at Omaha, who is one of the board of managers of National Homes for Disabled Soldiers, arrived in Washington yesterday, from Newark, N. J., where he attended a banquet given by ex-governor Franklin Murphy, president of the board.

It was his intention originally to join other members of the board of managers in their annual visit of inspection to the southern branch of the home at Hampton, Va., but the business of the Omaha postoffice prevented him from carrying out his intentions, and he will not meet his associates until they reach Leavenworth on the 19th instant. After inspecting the western branch at Leavenworth, the board will proceed to Hot Springs, S. D., where they will remain two days, leaving there on the 24th for the Pacific branch at Los Angeles, where they will be on June 1 and 2. The tour will come to an end in Chicago on June 7.

STRIKING PACKING HOUSE MEN TO GO TO HOT SPRINGS

Omaha, Neb., May 10.—Most if not all of the packing house strikers at the Armour plant returned to work as the result of a conference with the officials. By the strikers gave instructions for an increase in pay to all common laborers to 19 cents per hour, and this met the demands.

ANSWERED HIS AD IN UNEXPECTED WAY

Winslow, Neb., May 10.—"Call 23 for Schneider." This advertising catch sign (23 being his telephone number) at last brought results that Schneider did not want, for a village board did "call 23 for Schneider" yesterday and put him out of the shoe business. They also did the same to a Reeder, another applicant and this town will have but one saloon the coming year instead of three as heretofore.

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