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Snake venom is one of the strangest as well as most costly articles of commerce. There is a growing demand for it in medicine and other branches of science.

The oldest temple in the world has been discovered by explorers excavating at Bismya, in central Babylonia.

For "Middlemarch" George Elliott got \$40,000 and for "Romola" \$35,000.

At a recent meeting of the corporation of Harvard it was voted to establish 25 additional university scholarships.

There is at present on exhibition in one of the rooms of the national House at Washington a magnificent painting of the Battle of Gettysburg.

"Engine" is a noteworthy instance of specialization and also of verbal development.

Because Muggs, an English coach dog, owned by J. N. D. Reeves, objected so persistently to the sale of a horse by his master, the former owner repurchased the horse.

There are few able bodied paupers in Holland. A tract of public land, containing 5,000 acres, is divided into six model farms.

In an article on the danger of long hours in druggists' shops Hygienische Zeitschrift says that during the four years ending July, 1907, 13 dispensing assistants in Germany committed suicide and seven others attempted.

Professor Schofield has returned to Harvard university after spending the first half of his vacation year lecturing in German universities.

That earthquakes as well as squirrels may aid the forester is the novel suggestion of an American naturalist.

One political club in New York city has 387 members in the fire department, 184 in the dock department, 287 in the street cleaning department and 29 affiliated young women who are public school teachers.

George O'Brien received \$10,000 for "The Master" as a novel, and \$15,000 from it in the first three months.

On June 30, 1906, the total sheet stock in the United States was 224,362,177 miles of paper.

An English writer says that Londoners are developing into a race of dwarfs owing to smoking and riding in trams.

More than 120,000,000 pounds of tallow are produced every year in the manufacture of candles in the United States.

It is estimated that South America produces about 61 per cent of the world's supply of India rubber.

BACHELOR DIES WITHOUT HEIRS; \$7,000 IN ESTATE

Wayne Officials Waiting for Relative to Claim Money--Left No Will.

Wayne, Neb., March 17.—Seven thousand dollars in cash is awaiting anyone who can prove that they are a lawful heir of Alexander Beattie, an eccentric bachelor, who was found dead in bed several years ago on his farm in the south part of the county.

No heirs appearing at the time, the county authorities took charge of his property and appointed J. M. Cherry administrator. After settling up the affairs of the dead man, \$7,000 remained.

The administrator has made every effort possible to find an heir but without success. Beattie had a sweetheart in Ireland to whom he had promised to leave his property, but there was no will to that effect and she cannot get it. Parties in Canada claimed relationship, but had no conclusive proof.

Luther Peterson, the young business man of Wayne, who accidentally killed himself Thursday, made a prophecy a few days before his death that proved to be a true one. He recently attended a family reunion at Red Oak, Ia., and a group picture was taken. When Peterson received one, he showed it to his business partner with the remark: "That is likely to be the last time we will all be together."

ROSE NAMED AS ATTORNEY FOR "Q" AT \$7,500 SALARY

Lincoln, Neb., March 17.—Lincoln's leading lawyer, Halleck F. Rose, has been drafted by the Burlington legal department, and will go to Omaha on April 1 to take up the duties of assistant general solicitor of the lines west of the Missouri river. The position pays \$7,500 a year.

Rose will succeed J. E. Kelby, who was recently promoted to general solicitor. When J. E. Manderson ended his career in the United States Senate as Nebraska's representative, he stepped into the office of general solicitor. A short time ago he resigned, and as the death of J. W. Deweese, a leading Burlington lawyer, occurred about the same time it became necessary to call into service some attorney of proved value. Rose was offered the place at \$6,000, but he declined. He has been attorney for a number of local corporations, and has appeared for the state in recent litigation in which the railroad and express companies were the opposing parties.

SIX YOUNG GIRLS IN SUICIDE PACT

New York, March 17.—A startling story of how five young girls who came to New York from St. Paul a little more than a year ago, have died each by her own hand, was told today by 17-year-old Helen Baxter, after she had made vain efforts to end her own life. Helen said she was one of a party of six girls, who came to New York to make their way in the world after receiving a course of training in a business school in St. Paul. She turned on the gas in her room last night, but was found this morning in time for her life to be saved.

The girl refused to give the names of any of her friends.

CHINA AND JAPAN BURY THE HATCHET

Peking, March 17.—Negotiations looking to the settlement of the difficulty between China and Japan growing out of the seizure of the steamer Tatsu Maru, are making favorable progress. The Chinese foreign board today approved the draft of the document in which China accepts the proposals made by Japan yesterday.

China will pay Japan \$10,700 and retain the arms that form the cargo of the Tatsu Maru. Japan will pay also \$5,000 demurrage on the steamer.

It is expected that the steamer will be released Monday.

JAPANESE WARSHIPS ON SECRET SERVICE

Hong Kong, March 17.—Information has been received here from Formosa that the first Japanese naval squadron will sail today on secret service. The cruisers Yaumo, Akitsushima, Asama and flotilla of smaller vessels have been coaled ready to sail at any minute's notice, since March 7. At the Sasebo station everything is exceedingly busy.

The Tatsu affair has caused a sensation in the navy, and some action in this department has been surmised.

A despatch from Tokyo March 9 announced part of the first Japanese naval squadron was to leave that port on March 14. Coaling and other preparations for departure were proceeding rapidly. At the office of the admiralty in Tokyo it was declared the squadron was about to begin a series of maneuvers. It was pointed out further that this fact was announced two months ago and that therefore the activity at Sasebo should not necessarily be considered in connection with difficulty with China arising from the Maru incident.

HEAVILY INVOLVED, HE SHOTS HIMSELF

Akron, Ohio, March 17.—Attorney George C. Kohler, son of former State Attorney General Kohler, committed suicide early today by shooting. Kohler is said to have been heavily involved financially.

STATE CONVENTION OF NEBRASKA REPUBLICANS

Labor Delegates in Republican Convention Opposed Taft Instructions. Platform Adopted Indorses Roosevelt Policies and Follows Lines of That Adopted by the Ohio Convention.

Delegates at Large—Governor George L. Sheldon, United States Senator Norris Brown, Victor Rosewater, of Omaha, Judge Allen W. Field, Lincoln, Alternates at Large—C. Rankin, Furness county; I. G. Baright, Douglas county; Lieutenant Governor M. R. Howell, Burr county; Paul H. Marlay, Custer county.

Omaha, Neb., March 16.—William H. Taft was indorsed for president of the United States by the republican state convention of Nebraska, in session here yesterday. A solid delegation will go to the Chicago convention instructed to vote for his nomination. Harmony prevailed throughout the meeting of the convention, although some discussion was apparent in the district gatherings and over the matter of selecting a national committee man.

Labor Opposes Taft. The Second and Sixth districts held their conventions at the Rome hotel during the forenoon, and the representatives of organized labor made a demonstration on the floor of the Second district gathering. Toney Donahue, an Omaha labor leader, who was a delegate to the district convention, made a formal protest against the candidacy of William H. Taft.

Donahue was heard respectfully, but the convention took no action and the matter was not brought to the attention of the state body. The platform adopted by the state republican convention is as follows: We, the republicans of Nebraska, in convention assembled, renew our faith in the legislative wisdom and patriotic purposes of our party. There can be no higher proof of a party's fitness for the record of achievement, and by that test the republican party commands the respect and appeals for the support of the whole people.

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We declare ourselves irrevocably in favor of a continuation of the wise policies inaugurated and carried forward by the Roosevelt administration. We demand the nomination of a successor to President Roosevelt who is committed to a continuation of the Roosevelt republican policies. While we recognize the high ability and statesmanship of our party, we nevertheless declare our belief that the candidate who best meets the demands of the hour is Hon. William Howard Taft, of Ohio. Possessing personal, moral and intellectual endowments of a high order, to these he adds a judicial and administrative training that pre-eminently fits him for world-wide duties that devolve upon our executive. Therefore, be it Resolved, That we earnestly selected by this convention to the national convention and are hereby instructed to vote for William Howard Taft for president, and to give him their support until he is nominated.

We are strongly in favor of a revision of the tariff and believe that this should be done by a special session of the congress along lines that will conserve and maintain the true principle of protection which is given expression in the following declaration of the Ohio republicans: "By imposing such customs duties as will equal the difference between the cost of production at home and abroad, together with a reasonable profit, to the end that without excessive duties American manufacturers, farmers, producers and wage earners may have adequate protection."

We indorse with pleasure the work of our senators and representatives in congress. They have shown fidelity to the national interests as well as to those which are of importance to the people of Nebraska, and we especially commend them for their efforts in behalf of the people in seeking to provide the different localities of the state with trained experts whose duty it is to help the farmers to get the best results from their land.

Resolved, That we point with pride to the splendid work of the last republican legislature. It is pleasurable to the people to be relieved to the letter, making it a record unique in the legislative annals of the country.

Believing that the interests of the state imperatively demand an increase in the number of judges of the supreme court of Nebraska in order that the important business coming before that court may receive the attention it demands, and that the salary now paid to our supreme court and district court judges are inadequate, we indorse the proposed constitutional amendment submitted by the last legislature, to amend sections 4, 5, 6 and 13 of article 4 of the constitution of the state of Nebraska, relating to judicial powers.

MINT IS A BEE HIVE OF INDUSTRY

Philadelphia, March 16.—With the returning wave of prosperity, the United States mint in this city again has become a golden bee hive of industry. Throughout the week, employees who had been laid off have been receiving notifications to resume their posts. Today a full force was at work, aggregating about 550 persons.

WEALTHY MERCHANT, IN QUEST OF DUCKS, ACCIDENTALLY SHOT

Luther Peterson, of Wayne, Neb., Loses His Life on Hunting Expedition.

Wayne, Neb., March 14.—Luther E. Peterson, a prominent and wealthy hardware merchant of this city, accidentally shot himself while hunting ducks on the Reservation lake, seven miles south of Wakefield. News of the accident received here states that his head was blown off.

In company with C. M. Craven and Harry Fischer, prominent residents of the town, Peterson started out on a hunting trip Tuesday night. They established two blinds on the lake, Peterson being in one and Craven and Fischer occupying the other. This morning there was a good flight of ducks. Peterson fired once at a flock and his failure to take another shot when the ducks were so thick, aroused the suspicion of the two men in the other blind. Investigation revealed his death.

Peterson carried a new automatic gun with him on the trip but was not familiar with its mechanism. It is the supposition that in discharging it the gun exploded, killing him. An inquest will be held this evening.

TEACHER RESIGNS; NO PLACE TO BOARD

Bloomfield, Neb., March 14.—Miss Grace Johnson, a Knox county school teacher, has won a victory over a rural school board that sought to have her certificate revoked. County Superintendent Murphy ruled in her favor and she was upheld by the state superintendent.

Miss Johnson signed a contract to teach and when school opened, she found that no one in the district where the environments were suitable would board her. She resigned and the school board sought to have her certificate revoked with the above result.

RAILROAD TERMINAL AT EMERSON IS VALUABLE

Emerson, Neb., March 14.—The Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha railroad has declared its terminal property in Emerson for taxation purposes to be worth \$104,000. With the exception of Omaha, the railroad has more terminal property here than at any other point in the state.

HIDING FROM LAW, WINS \$500,000

Galveston, Tex., March 14.—The Santa Fe railroad has reimbursed for the \$100,000 it paid out on fraudulent cotton bills of lading a year ago, made out in the name of Elmar Windstrom, formerly a wealthy cotton buyer of Texas. Windstrom was known to all the Santa Fe agents, but reverses exhausted his fortune and during the time the cotton season he obtained bills of lading for 2,500 bales of cotton by telling the agents the cotton had been delivered to the railroad yards at Belton and Temple.

The bills of lading were cashed at a bank and when the railroad found it had issued bills of lading, but had no cotton to show for them, it was forced to pay the \$100,000. Meantime Windstrom left for parts unknown and was never apprehended. Indictments were found against him in four counties. He finally recouped his fortune by speculating in the cotton and stocks and bond markets, and says he realized \$500,000 in nine months.

REPORT MADE ON QUEBEC'S BRIDGES

Ottawa, Ont., March 14.—The report of the royal commission on the collapse of the Quebec bridge, in which four score of lives were lost, has just been presented to parliament. The commission finds that the collapse was due to defect in design and that the parts of the bridge which first gave way were the lower cords in the anchor arm near the main pier.

MME. GOULD TRAVELS UNDER ASSUMED NAME

Paris, March 14.—It became known here today that Mme. Anna Gould, who sailed yesterday for New York on the steamer Adriatic, booked her passage on the vessel under the name of Miles.

KNOCK OUT BLOW TO HIGH SCHOOL "FRATS" DEALT BY CHICAGO

Chicago, March 14.—Members of fraternities and sororities, commonly known as Greek Letter societies, will not be allowed to attend high schools in Chicago after the end of the present school year, according to a rule adopted by the Chicago board of education. The vote was 16 to 3 in favor of the rule.

OMAHA BANKER THREATENED BY AN ANARCHIST

Nitroglycerin in Hand, Unknown Man Proposes to Blow Up Institution.

Omaha, Neb., March 12.—This morning an unknown anarchist entered the Merchants National bank and demanded a large sum of money, at the same time displaying a bottle believed to contain nitro-glycerine and threatening to blow up the bank if the request were not complied with.

Later the man gave his name as L. L. Fee, and said he came from Rockford, Ill., last October. Soon after the doors were thrown open the man came in and asked to see Vice President Luther Drake in his private office. Mr. Drake seated himself opposite the man, who began talking in a rambling manner about having had \$5,000 in the National Bank of Commerce, Kansas City, when that bank failed.

"And since all you fellows are in together, you had just better hand me over my money or I will blow you and this bank and all of us to hell," suddenly said the fellow, producing a three-ounce bottle containing a thick, yellow liquid.

"Don't make a move. This is filled with nitroglycerine, if you move you are a dead man."

"You don't want to die yourself, do you?" coolly asked Drake.

"Oh, yes. I came in here ready to die," responded the stranger, "but when I die I will take everybody in this building with me."

"Well, I will go and get the money," said Mr. Drake, rising from his chair.

"Sit down," said the anarchist. "If you get up again without my permission I will just drop this bottle. You know what will happen."

Drake sat down. Drake then told the man he would talk it over with him. The stranger accepted, all the time keeping the bottle in sight.

Noticing the man seemed thin and pinched, Drake asked him if he was not hungry.

"I have been studying over this matter for several days and have not eaten a thing for forty-eight hours," answered the man.

"Well, let us have breakfast and talk this over," proposed Drake.

"All right, but don't try any monkey business or you are a dead man," replied the anarchist.

President to Rescue. President Hamilton entered the next room during the conversation and heard enough of it to enable him to know what was going on.

As the stranger left the room together, Hamilton telephoned the police station for a detective to follow the two men to a nearby restaurant.

Drake and the man were on opposite sides of the table when three detectives, accompanied by Hamilton, entered the room. Slipping up behind the stranger the detectives pinioned his arms and relieved him of his bottle.

The bottle was taken to the police station. There he refused to talk.

The bottle was sent to a chemist for analysis of its contents.

MURDERS WIFE AND KILLS SELF

Omaha, Neb., March 12.—Crazed with jealousy and because his wife had abandoned him, Glen Rathbun, whose parents live at Sigourney, Ia., this morning shot his wife dead and then took his own life.

The shooting occurred in the fashionable home of S. R. Hall, English consul and prominent attorney. Mrs. Rathbun came here from Des Moines a week ago and secured a position as domestic in the Hall family. Her husband followed on Monday and, following a quarrel last night, he went to the home this morning and committed the bloody deed.

Letters found in his pocket indicate that the woman left him some time ago. He was a printer by trade and was employed once on the Clarion, Ia. Monitor.

In letters to the coroner, police and hotel proprietor, he requested the bodies be sent to his home at Sigourney, Ia.

OFFICIALS BALK WIFE'S ATTEMPT TO ARREST HUSBAND

Lincoln, Neb., March 12.—Mrs. Mary Miller Kellogg, who was married at Glenwood, Ia., on January 10 last, to Edward B. Kellogg, a wealthy resident of College View, two and a half times her age, tried to secure his arrest Monday in Madison, S. D., last week, but she failed because the local officers refused to answer a charge of wife desertion was denied.

Kellogg's son is county superintendent of schools at Madison. When the officers returned without him yesterday Mrs. Kellogg fled suit for divorce. She is 30 years of age, and was a widow when Kellogg wooed her. She says that he promised to build her a fine home if she would marry him. Instead he took her to his home, where his children rose up in anger and by poisoning his mind against her induced him to leave her. Then they drove her out of the house. She charges the old man and that the children's enmity towards her is occasioned by the fear of losing a share of his property. She says the children have circulated scandalous stories about her, and she demands substantial alimony as well as a divorce.

WIFE OF FORMER NEBRASKA GOVERNOR DIES IN SOUTH

Atlanta, Ga., March 12.—Mrs. Frances A. Dawes, wife of Major James W. Dawes, U. S. A., and former governor of Nebraska, died here yesterday. The body will be taken to Milwaukee for interment.

SURGEON'S REPORT TELLS OF DRUGS AT THE PENITENTIARY

Declares One-Third of the Prisoners Are Victims of Habit Acquired There.

Omaha, Neb., March 11.—A special to the World-Herald from Lincoln, says: "Hopefully enthralled by a relentless master, scores of convicts will be prisoners for life even after they are released from Nebraska's prison."

"That the Nebraska penitentiary is not a reformatory, but a 'dope shop,' that of the 412 prisoners at present confined in the institution there are between 100 and 150 addicted to the morphia habit; that morphia is being regularly supplied to the prisoners by outside persons, whose fidelity is unknown, and that he favors the establishment of a strict quarantine of the prison as the only method of stamping out the evil, are the statements made in a report submitted by Dr. R. E. Giffen, prison surgeon, to Governor George L. Sheldon, two weeks ago, the details of which, however, were not made public until last night."

Dr. Giffen further alleges that the insidious practice of selling morphia to the prisoners has been in vogue at the institution for several years and as a result scores of the prisoners have acquired the habit since their incarceration.

In his report the doctor gives the names, number and condition of 12 cases of prisoners who are "morphine fiends," and it is with this data as a nucleus that Governor Sheldon intends to start his crusade against the evil—a crusade which threatens the guilty traffickers in the drug with a \$1,000 fine and also with imprisonment.

Information as to the source cannot be obtained from the victims of the habit, though they freely admit that they obtained morphia. They state that should they divulge the source of the supply their lives would not be worth a penny, should they even be suspected by their fellow "fiends" and prisoners. In fact, though it has not been announced in the local newspapers, there have been several cutting affrays in the state penitentiary broom factory, recently. The officers in these affrays have been prisoners suspected of "peaching" to the authorities.

REPORTER WILL GET \$40,000 FOR SCOOP

Philadelphia, March 11.—Hot on the trail of the Philadelphia fines and confiscations growing out of the notorious battleship Oregon smuggling cases, Frank Walker Winch, a San Francisco newspaper man, has secured from the postoffice building getting information from the government officials here who have had to do with these proceedings.

Winch stands to win \$40,000 from the government as a reward for keeping his eyes open while out on an assignment for the San Francisco Post.

As the marine reporter for the paper he went out in a launch to ask the officers of the Oregon when the battleship was steamed from the coast on the time of her commission. The Oregon was anchored in midstream in San Francisco harbor, this being April 6, 1906.

On the deck Winch found a notice posted that the Oregon would start next day and an Oregon reporter would examine the officers and men would be examined. The reportorial suspicion was aroused, as the Oregon had just arrived from a cruise to orientate the coast and had not yet been visited by the customs inspectors stationed at San Francisco.

While on board Winch saw several launches make fast to the Oregon, and the men on the battleship began passing boxes and the bales of goods, which were accepted to the Oregon by an express agent on the battleship for the purpose.

Suspecting that wholesale smuggling was going on, Winch hid behind coils of rope and took down the names of the senders of the packages, which officers and seamen on the Oregon, and the names of the persons to whom they were to be sent. In four hours Winch got 1,468 names and addresses.

It was Saturday afternoon and the Post is an evening paper, which held the story for a scoop on Monday. Then informed the government. Two carloads of the dutiable goods were seized in San Francisco and one carload in Bakersfield. These cars stood in the San Francisco yards through the earthquake and fire of April 18 and succeeding days and were not burned.

Before the government became alert hundreds of the packages had been forwarded by the express company, some to Philadelphia, and some broadcast over the United States. All have been traced and seized.

Winch is entitled to 25 per cent of the sum realized by the government from the sale of the goods and the fines imposed. Only one case is not as yet disposed of, that at Empire City, Ore. It is estimated that the aggregate sum will amount to \$175,000, so that Winch's share after paying his expenses in watching his interests ought to be \$40,000. He will pay for one "detail," as a newspaper reporter's daily task is called in San Francisco.

In Washington Winch was told by the assistant treasurer that his claim was legal and just, and that the treasury department had much to thank him for. But Winch still has his eye peeled, expecting the usual red tape difficulties that in the government department keep a man from his money.

The inquiry into the smuggling case developed that nearly every officer and all the 768 men on the Oregon had a hand in the smuggling. While in Japan the officers had sold their swords to buy silks to fetch duty free into the United States.

WORSE FLOOD IN OHIO

Gallipolis, Ohio, March 11.—Heavy rain fell again and started all the rivers in this section to rise. Indications today are for a disastrous flood.

AGED COUPLE DIES IN SUICIDE PACT

Chicago, March 11.—Theodore Englebeck, age 70, and his wife Anna, aged 75, were found dead in a room at the home of their daughter today. Death was caused by asphyxiation by illuminating gas. The police are of the opinion that the couple discouraged by the loss of their home by fire last Saturday entered into a suicidal pact with each other.