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O'NEILL, NEBRASKA

Galveston has not only displaced all but one of her American competitors in the volume and the value of her foreign commerce...

Iceland is to have an art museum. The sculptor, Guas Jonsson, has long desired that his native country should possess an art collection...

Australia is perturbed by the discoveries of Mr. Batchelor, the commonwealth minister for external affairs, who has been inquiring into the illegal influx of Chinese...

The Farnham board of guardians yesterday were asked by the barber for extra payment upon the amount of his contract for shaving and hair cutting at the workhouse...

The largest grape vine in the world is 120 years old, and is at San Gabriel, Cal., planted by Franciscan friars. The stalk is one and one-half feet in diameter...

South America is not yet a trans-continental railroad, but soon will have a line reaching from the Atlantic to the Pacific. The promise has been given, and there is small doubt as to its fulfillment...

A project is on foot to found a social club house for the girl students of Boston. During the last school term there were said to have been 20,000 girls and women studying in that city...

Four years only have elapsed since the first indefinite news of the design of the Dreadnought became known, and now it is ready for service in varying degree the adoption of the all-big-gun principle...

An arrangement of a ship's lights in a definite triangle on a known plan is urged as a safeguard against collision. The lights would then show an observer on another ship the vessel's course, her distance from the observer, and her approximate speed...

Seaweed, dust, goat's hair and Irish moss, compounded by a secret chemical process, is claimed to be, by its inventor, John Campbell, a perfect substitute for leather, vulcanite, wood and marble. It makes serviceable soles for shoes...

Lady Aberdeen, who has been carrying on an energetic propaganda to better the health of the Irish people, has undertaken the editorial work of a monthly magazine, which will be issued by the Women's National Health association...

In some years the total of coffee, tea and cocoa imports into this country is considerably more than \$100,000,000. Coffee imports alone have on certain occasions approximated \$100,000,000 in value...

Dear bread sent Coriolanus into exile and Louis XVI to the guillotine; also Marie Antoinette, although she kindly suggested that the hungry people might eat cake...

The University of California is about to try the experiment of raising grapefruit from trees imported from Amoy, China, said to produce the best fruit of the kind in the world...

During 1908 19,328 foreigners landed at Yokohama and 15 other open ports of Japan, 1,460 fewer than in 1907. Chinese led with 6,844, followed by 3,422 British...

In the current number of Marz Albert Langen has an article on "The Barnum of German Music," in which that title is conferred on Richard Strauss...

Within a circle of 60 miles in diameter, with its center in New York, there are more telephones than in all Great Britain...

The annual emigration from Europe amounts to 960,000. A small percentage of these persons return after a few years...

Angeworms may live fully 10 years, as has been shown by experiments made in Marburg, Germany...

The hide of a cow weighs about 35 pounds, but that of a horse is about half that amount...

According to La Nature it has been found that good paper can be made out of grapevines...

Great Britain's coal output in 1908 shows a decrease of 2.35 per cent, or 8,306,473 tons...

The Japanese government has placed an order in England for an entire gun factory...

About 10,000 tourists visited Cuba during the last winter season to March 1...

The coal bill of the United States navy during 1908 amounted to \$5,545,000...

The microphone makes the footsteps of a fly plainly audible...

LINCOLN FLOODED FOUR FEET DEEP BY NIGHT STORM

Heavy Wind Accompanies Rain—Track Washed Out—Tornado Hits Beatrice.

Lincoln, Neb., May 18.—Two inches of rainfall last evening between the hours of 6 and 7 o'clock gave Lincoln a little flood and was a vivid reminder of that of last June, when several persons lost their lives...

Beatrice, Neb., May 18.—A tornado passed through a farming section south and west of Beatrice last evening and wrecked a number of buildings. Wires are down and the extent of the storm is unknown...

Twister at Beatrice. An elevator was blown over on the railroad tracks at Hollis, Kan., on the Concordia branch. Details of this storm are lacking and telephone and telegraph wires leading to that locality are down...

DAKOTAN DEFENDANT IN NEBRASKA SUIT. Lincoln, Neb., May 18.—Fred Schneringer, a wealthy land owner of Brown county, South Dakota, is the defendant in a suit filed by his wife, who wants a divorce and a liberal share of his \$50,000 worth of property...

JUDGE MUNGER RENDERS IMPORTANT DECISION. Omaha, Neb., May 18.—Judge Munger, in the federal court, yesterday handed down an important decision, settling the interstate commerce commission in allowing elevator charges to elevator concerns on the line of the Union Pacific railroad...

COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT LITTLE PASSES AWAY. Wayne, Neb., May 18.—County Superintendent Little, who has been sick for some time, died here last night at 10 o'clock...

STONE BREAKS NOSE OF A THIRD PARTY. Madison, Neb., May 18.—A stone thrown by one boy at another on the Madison school grounds yesterday struck a little daughter of Dr. Long in the face, breaking her nose...

WOMEN KUKLUX FIGHT BIG HAT. Los Angeles, Cal., May 18.—The police are looking for a number of women in this city said to have formed a secret society for the purpose of the annihilation of the big hat. The receipt of a dozen or more complaints from women regarding assaults upon their headgear is responsible for the activity of the police...

NORDICA SHUNS CONCERT WHEN ALDA IS STAR. London, May 18.—Passengers who arrived in London from the steamship Kaiser Wilhelm II. tell of an operative war on a small scale waged on the voyage. Mrs. Gatti-Casazza and Dippel and Mesdames Nordica and Alda were aboard, and gossips had it that neither impresarios nor singers were on the best of terms with one another...

BOY'S VISION OF HIS FATHER'S DEATH TRUE. Wilkes-Barre, Pa., May 18.—A strange prediction of the 3-year-old son of France Long, a Delaware and Hudson railroad brakeman, that his father would be killed came true. At night his mother heard the child talking and meaning on his bed. She asked why he was not asleep and was startled with the answer, "Papa is dead; he is dead under the cars and his legs are cut off."

GOTHAM BANKERS DINE M'VEAGH. New York, May 16.—Franklin M'Veagh, secretary of the treasury, was the guest of George S. Terry, assistant treasurer of the United States, at New York, at a private dinner last night at the Union League club. Mr. M'Veagh was introduced to the prominent banking presidents of New York, all of whom had been invited...

WOMAN MURDERED WITH A BUTCHER KNIFE. Harshorne, Okla., May 16.—Mrs. George Hooks, wife of a restaurant keeper, was found dead in bed in her home here today. She evidently had been murdered with a butcher knife which lay near the body. The body had been hacked and one arm broken, as if in a struggle, was found by the husband. There is no clue to the murderer, nor is a motive known...

PHYSICAL VALUE OF RAILROADS TO BE DETERMINED

Chief Engineer Named and Will Begin Task at Once—Will Take Two Years.

Lincoln, Neb., May 17.—With the appointment of E. C. Hurd, manager of the Interurban railroad, as chief engineer, the first step towards the physical valuation of the railroads of Nebraska has been taken. Mr. Hurd is a constructing civil engineer, having built a portion of the Northern Pacific. The selection was made from a large number of applicants...

OBJECTS TO CORNFIELDS ABOUT HER HOUSE. Lincoln, Neb., May 17.—Mrs. Elizabeth Paden, who confidentially informs the police that she is the world's maddest woman, as printed by President McKinley, is insisting upon the police restraining her neighbors from planting corn around her. Mrs. Paden lives in north Lincoln, where somebody owns five or 10 acres of land, and she fears that if she is surrounded by cornfields it will afford a lurking place for designing men who will attack her and her daughter...

COW DRAGS BOY TO DEATH BY ROPE. Omaha, Neb., May 17.—Daniel, the 8-year-old son of P. J. O'Brien, railroad yardman, was dragged to death by a cow last evening. The boy had gone to get the cow, picketed on a vacant lot, two blocks away. He tied the rope around his waist and started to drive the cow home, throwing the boy down. He was dragged over the stone pavement, bounding like a ball. The cow ran into the yard just as the mother came to the door. She fainted and neighbors who came to her aid found her insensible. His skull crushed and the flesh on his arms and face terribly lacerated. He was taken to the hospital, but died during the evening...

EX-GOVERNOR CROUNSE OF NEBRASKA DEAD. Omaha, Neb., May 16.—Former Governor Lorenzo Crouse died at his home in this city just before midnight, after an extended illness, the immediate cause of death being arterial troubles. Governor Crouse was born in Schenectady county, N. Y. He served during the civil war as captain of light artillery, being severely wounded in action. Coming to Nebraska in 1864 he served successfully as a member of the territorial legislature, justice of the supreme court, member of congress, assistant secretary of the treasury under President Harrison, and governor of the state, being elected in 1893. He was a republican in politics. Mr. Crouse is survived by four children, Mrs. G. M. Hitchcock, wife of the present congressman from this district; William G. Crouse, associated with Mr. Hitchcock in the publication of the Omaha World-Herald; Mrs. George McIntyre and Miss Marie Crouse, both of Omaha...

SAME OLD STORY OF UNLOADED GUN. Winslow, Neb., May 16.—The same old story of Herman Hoffman did not think the gun was loaded, but it was, and when it went off part of his hand went also. The accident occurred yesterday...

INDIAN STATUE FOR GOTHAM PROPOSED AT BUFFALO BILL DINNER. New York, May 16.—The erection of a colossal statue representing the American Indian to be placed in New York City opposite the statue of liberty was advocated by General Leonard Wood and other speakers at a dinner given at Sherry's last night by Rodman Wanamaker, son of John Wanamaker, in honor of Colonel W. F. Cody (Buffalo Bill)...

MAJOR T. ROOSEVELT, JR., DECLINES TO SERVE. Hartford, Conn., May 15.—Major Theodore Roosevelt, jr., son of ex-President Roosevelt, who was a military aide on the staff of the late Governor Lilley, will not serve in a like capacity in Governor Weeks' staff. The Lilley, today resigned. Governor Lilley's staff as his own, but Major Roosevelt's name did not appear, he having declined to serve...

WHY BANKERS WILL ATTACK THE DEPOSIT LAW

President Nebraska National Says It Does Not Guarantee and Is Vicious.

Omaha, Neb., May 15.—"Nebraska bankers are going to test the guarantee of deposit law in Nebraska, not because they do not want such a law, but because the one passed does not guarantee, is unconstitutional and vicious to the extent of being almost criminal," was the declaration of Henry W. Yates, president of the Nebraska National bank, of this city, in outlining the plan of attack which bankers are to make on the guarantee of deposit law in Nebraska. Mr. Yates made the statement in a service school at Fort Omaha yesterday afternoon when he said he believed the law was made a law which could be called illegal by the courts. "But the points on which we intend to attack the law are these: It is unconstitutional, because it provides for the levying of a tax of 1 per cent of the \$50,000,000 of deposits in Nebraska banks. No tax can be levied in any such way. We are going to contend as the law prescribes that a tax must be levied on property or certain occupations. This law proposes to levy a tax in an unheard of manner and not by assessing it against the capital stock of the banks, but against the deposits—actually against the debts of the banks. They will not pay proportionately, because the bank with \$100,000 capital, which has \$200,000 in deposits will pay on the \$200,000, while the bank with \$100,000 capital, which has \$600,000 deposits, will pay on the \$600,000 and not on the capital stock. There are technicalities in the title of the law, in the fact that it contains so many provisions that it is but one law, but a new chapter to the banking laws, but laying all these things aside, the state could never collect the tax in our judgment, and it is just as well to test it on the start as to wait until there is a panic and then have the people lose their money because of the failure of banks started by irresponsible people who could not start a bank if it was not for this law. Then the legitimate bankers will refuse to pay. The state will say they will close up a bank which does not pay. What if every member of the Nebraska Bankers' association says he will not pay. Will the state of Nebraska put all these banks out of business? Not yet. "The Nebraska law is framed differently from any ever framed in the world before. It is dangerous to depositors instead of being a safeguard, misleading them in the belief that the state has a fund collected and in the treasury to pay depositors immediately if a bank shuts its doors. As a matter of fact the total of 1 per cent of deposits is all assessed to the amount of \$600,000 to protect depositors for \$50,000,000 in Nebraska banks, but not a cent of it will be collected. It will only mean the banks must credit the amount they are asked to pay to a fund which they must set aside to help pay the losses of some other fellow if he fails. "For this reason the bankers of Nebraska are going to fight this law as well as test it because it is represented as safe and certain, while it is anything but that. The government money as safe in the hands of a crooked banker as in the hands of one who has a reputation for honesty covering a life time...

LIGHT SIX MILES AWAY BY WIRELESS SYSTEM. Omaha, Neb., May 15.—The lighting of the big auditorium by electric impulse from the wireless tower at Fort Omaha, six miles away, was a novelty to which visitors at the show of the Omaha Electrical exposition were treated last evening. The method used was developed by Dr. F. H. Millener, experimental engineer for the United States army, and is the same used by him some months in operating a motor at a distance. Dr. Millener had the cooperation of the United States army signal corps under command of Lieutenant Colonel W. A. Galloway, whom wireless experiments are particularly interesting. The corps has had wireless telegraph connection between the auditorium and the fort since the show opened. From now on the show will be lighted by wireless each night...

ALLEGED BANK ROBBER PLACED UNDER ARREST. Minden, Neb., May 15.—By the arrest at Alma of Regner Aabel, jr., of Minden, it is believed the mystery of the Keene and Hartwell bank robbery last fall is being solved, and of a large number of minor crimes has been solved. According to the report received here, Aabel has confessed to the sheriff of Harlan county and has implicated as his accomplices two men named Galloway and Crow, who have been living here for several months. Following the receipt of the news of the confession here Galloway and Crow hired an automobile and speeded to Kearney, where they took the train and have not been apprehended yet...

FINALLY DIVORCED FROM MOTHER LODGE. Lincoln, Neb., May 15.—The Nebraska grand lodge of the A. O. U. W. has summarily and finally divorced itself from the supreme lodge of the United States. This action was taken in spite of the fact that the supreme lodge sent two missionaries here to patch up a peace. All that the Nebraska lodge is willing to do is to be on fraternal relations, but it will no longer pay any part of the losses incurred by the national order in doing business in other jurisdictions. The whole trouble came up over the fact that the Nebraska order has a much lower death rate than the national order, and as it had the right to constitute itself into a separate jurisdiction, today such proposed Governor as are necessary to pay death losses within the state, it concluded that it was economy to keep on doing so. It has paid a considerable sum into the national coffers, but a supreme court decision has been secured to the effect that it does not have to do so, and it has been decided not to do so...

CHICAGO GIRL DANCES HERSELF TO DEATH. Chicago, May 14.—Marie Fron, 20 years old, danced herself to death in a public dance hall last night, according to the verdict of a coroner's jury. The girl possessed a frail constitution, but waltzing was her mania. She was warned by her parents not to exert herself, but when the music started she forgot the warnings and danced continuously until the last dance of the evening. Then she was carried out of the hall and died at a hospital...

SMOKE MINGLES FROM TWO LARGE PACKING CITIES

Sight Which Greeted Aeronauts From Army Fort When Nearly Mile in Sky.

Omaha, Neb., May 14.—"There is a point about 3,200 feet above the earth, and north of Tekamah, where the smoke of both Sioux City and Omaha can be seen. It's hard to tell which makes the most," said Captain Charles DeF. Chandler, of the United States Army signal service, when he returned here last evening, after his flight with Lieutenant James E. Ware, from Fort Omaha to Jackson, just west of Sioux City. Both officers declare the trip was successful, and the next time they decided to go up the Missouri river and drop in on some town for the night, they will go to Sioux City, though Jackson people gave them all the entertainment they could stand for after the explosion which wrecked their balloon and slightly injured both men. It was the first trip ever made by a United States army balloon from the signal service school at Fort Omaha. The explosion is explained by Captain Chandler by the fact that while in the high altitude, 4,400 feet, the balloon became charged with static electricity, and when near the ground an arc was formed, producing an electric spark. Another balloon is kept at the fort and a second one has been ordered, that the experiments may be continued. The explosion at Jackson is said by army officers to be the only one which ever occurred in this country, but the balloon blew up in Italy a short time ago, presumably from the same cause...

TAKES CERTIFICATE AND LEAVES CHILD. Aurora, Neb., May 14.—When Mrs. James Rice eloped with her husband's hired man, she accepted the latter's money and took along the marriage certificate and left the only child at home. As the witnesses to the marriage are not in this part of the county, Rice will not pay. What possible to prove his claim upon the woman in case he finds her...

MORE WAR BALLOONS AND AERONAUTS FOR FORT OMAHA TESTS. Washington, May 14.—Owing to the failure of congress to provide funds for the construction of a gas plant and balloon house at the Fort Meyer aerodrome, General James Allen, chief officer of the signal corps, has been forced to change his plans for the aeronaut trials and tests at Fort Meyer this summer. The army motor balloon No. 1, purchased last fall, will be shipped immediately to Fort Omaha, where a modern hydrogen gas plant and a hangar, or balloon house, has been erected. Within 16 days the balloon detachment and Lieutenants Lahm, Foule, Winter, Bamberger and Dickenson, of the aeronaut division, will go to Fort Omaha. In the meantime flights will be made in the signal corps spherical balloon No. 11, which has a capacity of 25,000 cubic feet of gas and can carry three men. Lieutenants Lahm and Foule will return to Washington for the aeroplane trials after instructing the other officers in the handling of the dirigible...

PLAN INDEPENDENT JURISDICTION FOR UNITED WORKMEN. Lincoln, Neb., May 14.—In connection with the meeting of the A. O. U. W. grand lodge, which began here yesterday, a movement was set on motion that may lead to the formation of an independent western jurisdiction. Delegates from the jurisdiction of Arizona and New Mexico are here seeking on behalf of the territories they represent to become part of the independent jurisdiction, which at present belongs to Nebraska alone by reason of its defection from the supreme lodge of the United States. It is declared that Colorado and South Dakota are favorably disposed to the plan...

WHAT WILL LINCOLN DO WITH THE CLUBS? Lincoln, Neb., May 14.—In order to prevent any legal action to overturn the vote for prohibition, the excise board, which is vested by law with the power to refuse all licenses, has adopted a rule that no saloons will be permitted, but it is likely that a dispensary under the control of city officials will be operated to supply the legitimate demands for medicinal, mechanical and sacramental purposes. The board has decreed that the Elks, Eagles and all other clubs in the city where liquor is sold to members must stop the practice, and the chief of police will serve notice to that effect today. The supreme court has held that where liquor selling is only incidental to the main purpose of the club it is not a violation of the Slocum law, but the city attorney holds that as another law vests the excise with the exclusive control of liquor selling in the city it forbids the social clubs from selling to members. Sentiment among the Elks favors a test of the power of the board. At a recent meeting the Elks voted down by a 10 to 1 vote a proposition to dispense with the bar, and they don't relish what they think is beyond the power of the board to order done. The board, however, thinks that it can't take away the poor man's club, the saloon, and leave the rich man one, his club. A peculiar thing about it is that this rule will not apply to the Country club, which has its club house across the street from the city line...

FAMILY EXPENSE FORCES COUPLE TO BANKRUPTCY

'The Butcher and Baker and Candlestick Maker' Make Showing in Court.

Lincoln, Neb., May 13.—Chester O. Rouse, who is now a traveling salesman, but who recently came from Mount Pleasant, Ia., holds the record among bankrupt applicants for a variegated line of credit. Rouse and his wife have first filed applications with the federal court to be adjudged unable to pay their debts and made free to accumulate new ones. Rouse's total amounts up to \$1,434, and the claims he admits as due numbered 67, divided among almost as many different classes of business. One claim is for \$50 for funeral expenses of a relative, owing to H. T. Bird, a Mount Pleasant undertaker. Babb & Babb, a firm of Iowa attorneys, are listed for \$15, and the debts he admitted include bills for drugs, newspapers, advertising, magazines, coal, clothing, drayage on household goods when he moved, (there are six or seven of these), rental for telephone. For removing garbage from home, service by gas company, doctor bills, groceries, a \$3 hat, milk, liquor, livery, butcher—in fact he seems not to have missed anybody. Both telephone companies in Lincoln were impartially treated. He mentions no bill as having been paid. The sum of \$1,200, being duplicates of the other. Among the items owing is a gas bill in Kansas City, and \$3 for the Literary Digest...

BARGAIN DAY PRICES IN LINCOLN WET GOODS. Lincoln, Neb., May 13.—Last night brought the close of the municipal year in Lincoln, and with it the banishment for a year of every saloon in the city for the first time in its history. It was "bargain day" in the 25 drinking places, the owners of the saloons making an effort by materially reducing prices to dispose of the goods on hand, and it is claimed with a good deal of success. More of the bar-rooms were dismantled early in the evening. Accumulated stocks will be shipped back to wholesalers. The saloon keepers who remain in Lincoln say they will unite with officials in striving for the enforcement of the prohibition law to the letter...

TORNADO WARNINGS GIVEN BY PHONE. Lincoln, Neb., May 13.—The farmers in the vicinity of Franklyn, Neb., have organized a Tornado league, its object being to devise some method by which a general warning can be given in time for farmers and their families to reach places of safety. "Twisters" have been frequent in that locality and in the tornado of last June several were injured and one man was killed. At that time people watched the storm coming and followed its track for a period of at least 30 minutes, and constantly communicate by phone with friends, warning them and getting assurance of their safety. From this experience it is thought that there will often be time to send out at least one general warning...

GASOLINE SETS FIRE TO BILLIARD HALL. Wayne, Neb., May 13.—An explosion of gasoline carried in pipes used for lighting in the D. A. Jones billiard and pool hall here last night destroyed the contents of the building, valued at \$3,000, and completely gutted the structure. Before the firemen could check the flames, although they did splendid work, they spread to the building adjoining, occupied by the Democrat, owned by W. S. Goldie, and considerable damage to the building was done. Mr. Goldie's loss will reach in the neighborhood of \$1,500. Only great work on the part of the fire boys prevented greater destruction of property...

ALLEGED WITCH IS SENT TO JAIL. Butler, Pa., May 13.—Alleged by her accuser to be a witch, Mrs. Laupaula Orber was tried on a charge of disorderly conduct, was convicted and sentenced to pay a fine of \$5 and serve 10 days in jail. The charge was preferred by Mrs. Julia Kroner, who alleged that Mrs. Orber went into Mrs. Kroner's barn and by the use of witchcraft cast a spell upon a cow which has prevented it from giving milk...

LITTLE NURSE GAVE THE BABY ALCOHOL. New York, May 13.—Because the sick baby she was nursing cried and she could not quiet it, Maggie James, a negro girl 17 years old, who was brought here from Shreveport, La., by Mrs. Sol Loeb as a nurse for her 4-months-old son, Charles Hill Loeb, attempted to kill the child by pouring wood alcohol down its throat. The fact that the child's stomach was weakened by illness so that it immediately rejected the alcohol, saved its life. In a statement to M. M. Bogie, an assistant prosecuting attorney, the girl said she was homesick and that the continual crying of the child made her desperate. She said she believed it did something to it, Mrs. Loeb would discharge her and send her back home...

EL PASO, TEX.—The town of Tobin, 10 miles northwest of here, was practically destroyed by fire. Two buildings in which were housed the equipment of the Interurban to El Paso and the work shops were among the buildings destroyed.

EL PASO, TEX.—Harold Sanborn, the young Chicagoan, now in a Mexican prison, as the result of a riot on the Sanborn plantation near Vera Cruz, in which six Mexicans were killed, is exonerated of any blame in a detailed story of the riots received here.

CINCINNATI, OHIO.—Nine veterans of the civil war, two of them official representatives of the state of Ohio, left last night for Selma, Ala., to return with proper ceremony the Confederate flags captured by the Fourth Ohio cavalry on the battlefield near that town.