

The O'Neill Frontier

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A kindergarten association has been organized in Sochow, China, where the natives are reported to be so much interested in the movement that the local assembly has voted to pay the way of a kindergarten training school. Upon completing their normal course the girls will return and open free kindergartens in their municipalities.

James G. Blaine had the rare gift of dismissing from his presence any one who had come to him for a favor which he could not grant, with a feeling that he was his big brother, and grieved to death at the compulsion of refusal. Although Blaine was universally beloved, yet he was defeated for the highest office in the gift of the people.

One of the belles at Severance stutters badly. The other night when her fellow started to leave she went to the door with him and said: "George, are you coming against next S-s-s-s—?" Before she could get out the word "Sunday," the dog, lying on the porch, thought she was trying to "sick 'em," and chased George off the premises.

Ever since the story went over the county telling how Effie Gladys Virtue, of St. Paul, had completed a novel, "Helen Dale," by writing the copy on a typewriter with her toes, she has been receiving letters from all parts of the United States. And she answers each letter personally. In other words, she replies with her toes.

A party of two hundred Columbia university students are planning to make a tour of France this summer. The trip will last eighty days, and will cost each man only \$375, according to the prospectus. The party will have its own system of government, but no money will be made unless all agree to it.

A Chinese cook and a Japanese waiter served Father Vaughan at an Alaska dinner with caribou steak, moose tenderloin, leg of mountain sheep, grouse, wild duck, salmon, crabs and brook trout. After that and a few other things he decided the United States drove a good bargain when it purchased Alaska for \$7,000,000.

During the first quarter of 1912 Cucaco exported 30,692 dozen of jipijapa straw hats, valued at \$91,126. The increased sale over previous years is due to great improvement in their quality wrought by the colonial government school of instruction, whose director visits homes all over the island instructing the braiders.

Ten years ago pork was 30 per cent cheaper than beef in Hungary; now it costs as much as veal, which is the highest priced staple meat on sale in that country. This advance in price is due in part to the ravages of hog cholera.

Next to tin, the most important product of northern Nigeria is the shea nut. From this an oil is made which, in various parts of West Africa is used for cooking, light and as a remedy for rheumatism and other ailments.

Lead production in the United States, last year, reached 1,000,000,000 pounds, an increase of 40,000,000 pounds over 1910. Imports, last year, were 180,000,000 pounds, a decrease of 37,000,000 pounds.

A recently invented safe that will float in case of shipwreck is a steel cylinder, divided into two compartments, one air tight, the other to hold valuables.

In this country 14,000 patents have been issued covering the manufacture of shoes and leather goods, and about half of them are now in force.

An ordinary 3-inch electric fan contains 1,372 feet of wire. In all there are more than 750 pieces of material used in constructing a fan.

During the last three years a quarter of a million new telephones have been installed in various farmhouses throughout the country.

Mines of the United States last year yielded \$2,700 worth of diamonds, \$9,500 worth of emeralds and \$215,313 worth of sapphires.

Twenty million pounds of butter were sent out of European Russia in the first three months of 1912. It was valued at \$4,859,000.

At Aden, Arabia, the water is pumped from the sea, condensed and sold at 73 cents for 100 gallons. All food is imported.

Of hons worth \$270,000 imported into Great Britain in the first six months of the United States.

On the high seas of the world there are 8,500 steamers, aggregating a tonnage of 17,000,000, sailing under the British flag.

Arizona, which heads the list of copper producing states, last year made its greatest output in the history of the industry.

Jamaica has a great deal of valuable wood in its interior, but the streams are not large enough to bring it to the coast.

Japan is to make her own 14-inch guns for the three new 28,000-ton battleships now building at miyazaki shipyards.

Merida, Yucatan, boasts 103 private automobiles and four garages. The streets are paved with asphalt and brick.

The steel entering into the manufacture of automobile wheels during last year amounted to 15,000 tons in this country alone.

The government mint at Denver is operated entirely by electric power, motors totaling 300 horsepower being used.

Ex-Sultan Abdul Hamid of Turkey is an accompanist. He plays the organ with the grace of a professor.

Handsome profits are being realized by the whaling industry, which has recently experienced a revival.

London has 8,000 public taxicabs.

France sends out a hospital ship to the Grand Banks. It ministers impartially to all nationalities.

New York has more than 1,300 electric trucks, and nearly 500 electric pleasure vehicles.

Workout machinery is now being reclaimed my ingenious applications of electric welding.

Tokio has more than 800 public baths, where more than 300,000 persons bathe daily at a cost of about 2 cents.

The hare runs 60 feet a second.

PHONE COMPANY ASKS RIGHT TO LIFT RATES TO MAXIMUM FIGURES

Pleads for Permission to Advance to Highest Point Before Merger.

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 14.—The Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph company, which brought out the Bell interests in the South Platte, has filed with the state railway commission permission to change rates at Havelock and in York and adjacent territory. Where the Bell rates were higher the company asks permission to cancel its old rates and adopt the Bell rates. Where the contrary condition prevails they ask that the Bell rates be cancelled.

As soon as the consolidation of exchanges in Lincoln is effected an increase of rates will be asked here. It is expected that these applications will open up a warm controversy between the company and the officials of the latter say that an increase is necessary in order to provide sufficient income for dividends and depreciation.

ASKS PAY FOR FLOWERS SENT TO FUNERAL OF BROTHER

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 14.—Notwithstanding the fact that Mrs. Wilhelmine Grage, of Sprague, received under the will of her brother, Fritz Fathauer, a third of his estate, she filed with the probate court a claim for \$7.25 for flowers that were sent to his funeral and that were used to decorate his grave. Her husband also put in a claim for \$15.50 for sitting up three nights and for two days' time spent in making arrangements for the funeral. When the claims came up before the county judge the woman and her husband were present to push them, but the court peremptorily disallowed them. She said that the people down in her neighborhood told her she ought not to stand all of the expense, and that people ought to live elsewhere, ought to pay part of it.

APPLES SELLING NEAR HOWE FOR 30 CENTS

Howe, Neb., Oct. 14.—Owners of commercial orchards are complaining of their inability to secure apple pickers this year. This year's apple crop is believed to be the largest ever known in this part of the state and conservative estimates place the amount at 100,000 bushels for this immediate neighborhood. The price is very low, considering the excellent condition of the fruit. None of the owners have been able to get more than 30 cents a bushel and many have sold for less for the very best apples. As the pickers get \$2.50 a day and the owners deliver apples at the cars it leaves very little for profit.

CASHES BOGUS CHECK AND THEN DISAPPEARS

Fremont, Neb., Oct. 14.—Tommy Fox, who returned recently from Atkinson, where he hunted with Fred Hoyt, a well known rancher, was confronted today by his former hired hand, known as Frank S. Harmon. Harmon wanted to be identified, so that he could cash a check bearing Hoyt's signature. Fox went with the man to the Commercial bank and attached his signature upon the name of Hoyt. Thirty minutes later he learned that Hoyt's name had been forged. Efforts were made to locate Harmon, but he had disappeared.

LANDLADY MARRIES QUEST ON THREE WEEKS' ACQUAINTANCE

North Bend, Neb., Oct. 14.—Mrs. Louise Gordon, landlady at the Gordon hotel, and Fred Mahar, who came here three weeks ago as manager for the Strupp Bridge company, of St. Louis, to build the bridge across the Platte south of Fremont, slipped over to the city today and were married. The announcement of the union was a big surprise. The couple met the first time when Mahar registered as a guest at Mrs. Gordon's hotel, three weeks ago.

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EXETER—Fred Kramer, jr., who, according to the evidence at the coroner's jury, accidentally shot George Cox, at the home of the former, north of here in York county, has given Mrs. Cox \$3,000. Kramer is released from all future liability as far as civil actions are concerned. Cox was fatally shot 19 days ago.

KEARNEY—E. S. Jenkins, route agent of the Adams Express company in charge of the Lincoln district, has announced that the accounts of C. L. De Long, the son of a banker who looked up his long time friend and has not been seen since, were badly mixed up but he thought there was no embezzlement. It is said that domestic troubles materially aided in making his work unsatisfactory to him. He has a wife and one child.

SCHUYLER—The Union Pacific Railroad company does not intend to allow the son of Schuyler to empty the contents of its sanitary sewer system into the drainage ditch on the railroad's right-of-way. Schuyler is just putting in a sewer system and the plans contemplate using the railroad ditch, but the company says that it cannot permit having the sewage flow for a mile or more along close to where its trains must pass.

RANDOLPH—Arrangements are being completed for holding the annual colts show here in the latter part of this month. At this show several classes are open for entry and the business men of the town offer good premiums for the best in each class. The show this year will have a large number of entries.

ST. PAUL—Thomas Ambrose, living six miles southeast of St. Paul, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. He had been in poor health for years. He was a well-to-do farmer, 50 years of age. He leaves a wife and two daughters.

CLARKSON—Frank Studnicka has sold his farm of 200 acres, two and a half miles northeast of town, to John Podany, for \$135 an acre, who turned in his place of 160 acres as part payment at the same price.

TECUMSEH—The voters of Richardson county will vote on the proposition of issuing \$20,000 worth of bonds for the erection of a new county jail.

YORK—The body of Charles Igenitz, the son of Chief of Police Igenitz of this city, was found at Saroville yesterday morning. The young man was with his car on route to the Pacific coast. It is believed that Igenitz attempted to hold the train as it pulled out of a siding at Saroville, and fell beneath the wheels.

FAIRBURY—A force of decorators are busy placing bunting and flags on the business blocks in the city for the fall festival which will be held from October 15 to 18. Arrangements have been made to run special trains into Fairbury on all the railroads.

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OMAHA—Six Omahans will testify in the Indianapolis dynamiting case against Frank M. Ryan and other labor leaders. They are: L. D. Pickard, jr., of the American Express company; Miss Lulu Sheldon, Western Union operator at the Union Pacific station; J. H. Dexter, R. B. Rutherford, George F. Wagener and Mrs. A. J. Hull. Mr. Pickard believes he is wanted to identify a suit case that passed through the Omaha office of the express company. Miss Sheldon, who is in Nevada spending her vacation, is believed to have forwarded a telegram concerning the case.

LINCOLN—The annual report of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad covering business done in Nebraska for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1912, was filed with the state railroad commission. The Northwestern's total earnings for the year reached \$6,675,785, as compared with \$7,340,230 for the previous fiscal year. With the decline of earnings came a corresponding reduction in the operating expenses, these totaling \$4,455,949, while for the fiscal year of 1911 the total was \$5,285,267.

FREMONT—A collision with a pig on the Omaha road east of Fremont resulted seriously to Herbert Smalls, a Fremont boy who is employed in Omaha. The impact threw him off and he sustained a fracture of his collarbone. Another motorcyclist found Smalls and revived him to consciousness. A telephone call brought his father, Cashier William E. Smalls, of the Farmers & Merchants National bank, to the scene. Young Smalls is at his Fremont home, where he will be confined for some days.

AUBURN—Already over 100 cars of apples have been shipped from this place and it is estimated that over 200 will be sent from here. Peru, Nemaha, Brook and Kearney are important shipping points. At Howe, over 15,000 bushels will be shipped from the orchard of Church Howe & Son, Shubert, just over the line in Richardson county, holds the record as an apple shipping point. Over 250 cars were shipped from here last year. The apples are of good quality this year.

WEST POINT—Following an address by Congressman Dan Stephens of Fremont last night fifty local democrats formed a Wilson-Marshall Campaign club. The work of organization went through without a hitch and the following officers were elected: F. D. Hunter, president; Emil von Seggern, vice president; A. F. Walla, treasurer. Mr. Stephens' address was upon the tariff, and his remarks called for rounds of applause.

FREMONT—Mrs. Harriet Fuller, of San Francisco, Cal., while on her way to Lead, S. D., where she intended to visit her mother, Mrs. J. W. Fuller, was taken ill as the Union Pacific train neared Fremont. She was conveyed to the home of Mrs. J. W. Swihart, of Fremont, with whom she was acquainted. She died there yesterday before relatives, who had been notified, could arrive. Mrs. Fuller was 72 years of age and feeble.

LINCOLN—The population of the state penitentiary has decreased to 394. Liberation of prisoners on parole and by pardon of the board of prisoners by reason of the expiration of sentence and the lack of commitment of prisoners by the courts during the summer vacations are reasons given for the decrease. During the past year or two the number of prisoners has averaged about 450.

HOOPER—By the changes brought about by the Hecker corner by the First National bank, it is likely that seven new brick buildings will be erected in Hooper during the coming few months. A number of shacks will be torn out as a result of the bank move and Main street property owners have signified their intention of replacing them with fine blocks.

OMAHA—W. J. Bryan will deliver the principal address before the State Teachers' association, which will be held in Omaha on November 6, 7 and 8. Mr. Bryan has made a study at first hand of education in many of the leading countries of the world. He will speak on Thursday evening, November 7, his address to be delivered in the auditorium.

OMAHA—Considerable anxiety is felt at the county and city jails since it was learned that Rudolph Lenz, 1321 Douglas street, a former inmate of both places, who died Tuesday at the county hospital, was afflicted with spinal meningitis. The county jail is to be disinfected, and it is probable that the city jail will be fumigated.

RANDOLPH—Mrs. Henry Koppelman, while going home in a buggy last night, was run into by an automobile driven by Elmer L. Pierce, who was driving. She and her son, Gus, were thrown out and Mrs. Koppelman, who is over 60 years of age, suffered a broken arm. The driver of the automobile did not stop.

FREMONT—Guests at the Terry hotel ran from their rooms and confusion ensued for a few minutes when the large range in the kitchen blew up. The water front burst with a crack like a cannon, completely shattering the stove, blowing out all of the windows and damaging furniture. Two cooks, who were in the room, escaped without injury.

RANDOLPH—L. F. Holtz, who has conducted a clothing and furnishing store here for many years, has sold his stock to Elche & Shultz, of Pierce, who will succeed to the business. Possession will be given about the 15th of October. Mr. Holtz will remain in Randolph and engage in other business.

FREMONT—The Rev. Carl Mader, a member of the Nebraska conference of Methodists, former pastor of the Methodist church in Omaha, has been elected assistant pastor of the United Congregational church, one of the largest churches in Boston.

BEATRICE—William Davis, a stranger, was arrested by a Burlington detective for stealing a bag full of coffee, cigars and other goods from a Burlington car. Others are supposed to be implicated in the theft and more arrests are likely to follow.

OAKLAND—The A. O. Ford farm of 200 acres, two miles northeast of Oakland, has been sold to Will J. Johnson for \$200 per acre. This is the first \$200 land sold in this vicinity. The farm is well improved and in a high state of cultivation.

ALMA—The Burlington station at Alma was broken into while the depot attaches were taking their noon hour and robbed of something like \$20. A tramp had been seen loitering around the depot and was arrested after an exciting chase.

LINCOLN—In company of a sheriff, Forrest Joy left Lincoln for Mount Pleasant, Ia., where he is charged with wife desertion. Joy was located and arrested at Fairbury. He is but 18 years old.

OSMOND—Preparations are being made for the gathering of one of the largest corn crops that this section of Nebraska has witnessed for many years. Yield of 60 bushels and higher per acre will be common. Help will be in great demand.

HOWELLS—S. Ruschhoff, a farmer living east of town, brought in three squashes, the largest measuring 48 inches in length, 65 inches in circumference and weighing 104 pounds.

OMAHA GIRL WITNESS IN DYNAMITE CASE

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 11.—Miss Lulu Sheldon, operator at the Union station office, has gone to Indianapolis, where she will be a witness some time during the next week, although possibly not till later. Miss Sheldon received and sent a number of telegrams which are declared by government detectives to be important links in the chain of evidence which is expected to tie the evidence to numerous dynamiting jobs over this country.

Some of the telegrams are those received here just before an explosion at the Douglas county court house, said to have been the work of Orville McManigal and an accomplice. Others were to some of the accused men who passed through Omaha and who sent or received messages during a brief stop here.

Miss Sheldon was in Nevada on a vacation when subpoenaed by the government. When she left last night she expected to return within a week, although she was told she might be detained in Indianapolis for the greater part of six weeks, should her testimony be of importance until a later date than that now planned.

STOLE FUNDS TO BUY BANK STOCK AND BUILD BUILDING

Lincoln, Neb., Oct. 11.—The strangest case of embezzlement of a bank officer ever known is the verdict of federal officials upon the case of E. H. Spicer, of Shelton, Neb., who was taken to Fort Leavenworth today to serve a five-year sentence. Every dollar that Spicer took from the funds of the bank he invested in bank stock and in a new building for the institution.

Spicer's father is a wealthy resident of Hastings, owns several hundred thousand dollars. The young man was an officer of the Shelton bank when he learned that some of the stockholders were anxious to retire. He was seized with the ambition to become a banker, and having the confidence of the stockholders he was able to purchase their holdings on time. He imagined that his father would come to his aid if he could not swing the deal himself, but when the notes he had given for the bank stock became due his father did not warm up to the proposition, and in his need Spicer paid them off with bank funds and covered up the transaction on the records.

A little later, the lease on his building expiring, he found the opposing bank, the Commercial, and the only way in which he could continue in business at a favorable location was to erect a building for the purpose. He used its funds for this purpose. When the bank examiner discovered things were wrong, Spicer ran away, but later came back to face the music. His father made good the bank's losses, but finding that his son had property equal in value to the \$25,000 abstracted, he attached this, say the young man's friends.

OMAHA PRISONERS FREED ON FRAUDULENT ORDERS

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 11.—Discovery of forged orders for the release of prisoners in the county jail was announced today. Investigation as to how many of these forged orders have been honored is now being made by the county officials. The first order brought to the attention of the authorities was one for the release of Emma Cole, sentenced to 30 days in jail. The release order was signed with a rubber stamp, similar to the one used by Police Judge Fisher. The magistrate today declared he had affixed his signature to no such order.

Just how many of such orders have been honored will not be known until the records are gone into. The discovery has caused a sensation in police and county official circles.

OCTOGENARIAN COUPLE SENT TO THE POORHOUSE

Fremont, Neb., Oct. 11.—Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burch, for 30 years hard working residents of Fremont, who are highly respected by their neighbors, were taken to the county poor farm today. Mrs. Burch is 84 years of age and his wife is 82. While in fairly good health, Mr. and Mrs. Burch are unable to earn a livelihood. Neighbors have been helping them along for several months past, but with the approach of winter it was thought advisable to have them cared for at the poor house.

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MADISON—The Liberal Publication company, of Creighton, Neb., has been incorporated with a capitalization of \$15,000 to take over the plant and business of the Nebraska Liberal. The plant of the Madison Post is to be consolidated with that of the Liberal. W. H. Green, former editor of the Liberal, is president; Henry V. Allen, former editor of the Madison Post, vice president and general manager, and Dr. C. C. Johnson, of Creighton, secretary-treasurer. The company will take active charge October 15.

BEATRICE—With the subsiding of the horse disease, hog cholera is making its appearance in various parts of Gage county, several herds having already been attacked. A large quantity of serum has been secured from the state, and local veterinarians are busy using it. The veterinarians express the opinion that the coming fall will be marked by an unnumbered number of cases of this disease, unless the farmers take prompt steps to check it by vaccination.

FREMONT—Owing to the unusual season, thousands of watermelons in the fields of Fremont growers are going to waste for want of a market. The 1,500 given away at the merchants' melonfest did not diminish the supply in a degree that could be noticed. Melons died poorly during the early season. Then heavy rains revived them, but they ripened slowly. Now thousands of them are ripening at once and the demand is small.

LYONS—W. J. O'Brien, superintendent of the fish hatcheries at Gretna, Neb., delivered a consignment of fish here to M. M. Warner, consisting of 15,000 channel cat, 30,000 crappies, 30,000 bluegills and 15,000 bass. Earl Lyon and Alvin Peterson put the crappies and channel cat in the Logan river and John W. Frey and Harry Nelson placed the carp and bluegills in the Blackbird creek.

RANDOLPH—The first number of the Randolph lecture course was presented last night by the Fellow's Concert company. The course is provided for by the improvement club and consists of five numbers. The remaining numbers are: Tom Beauchamp, November 25; Commonwealth Quartet, December 14; Colonel Bain, January 16; Litchfield Trio, February 27.

ASHLAND—An automobile driven by Leo Coppensmith, who with a companion, on route from Omaha to Lincoln, was destroyed by fire two miles west of town, and the occupants of the car forced to jump to escape imminent danger. The gasoline supply pipe and the exhaust pipe both sprung leaks, which caused an instant blaze. The machine was partially insured.

SARGENT—The funeral of Miss Bertha Carmody, 16 years old, daughter of James Carmody, who died suddenly from poisoning, was held at the Methodist Episcopal church, Rev. H. L. Denton, of the Christian church officiating, assisted by Rev. B. H. Maynard.

PLEADS GUILTY TO SOLICITING BRIBES

Ohio Legislator Also Gives Prosecutor Line On the Men 'Higher Up.'

Columbus, Ohio, Oct. 11.—Following the making of a full confession, in which he implicated the legislators and men "higher up," to Attorney General Hogan last Sunday, Dr. George E. Nye, representative in the last legislature from Waverly, Pike county, late yesterday pleaded guilty to having solicited a bribe for his vote on the Kimball bill.

The indictment to which he pleaded guilty charged that he solicited a bribe of \$1,000 from B. F. Kimball, the author of the bill, on April 18, 1911. The bill provided for the redistricting of the Pike and Adams county judicial districts. Dr. Nye was not sentenced, and probably will not be until after the grand jury is reconvened.

According to information given out by Attorney General Hogan, Nye told a startling story last Sunday that a lobbyist, who represents certain public service corporations, had absolutely dominated the legislature, and how he had been one of his chief lieutenants.

Made \$10,000 Per Year.

Dr. Nye is said to have declared that his revenue amounted to as much as \$10,000 a year from legislative graft, and to have corroborated the stories told at the bribery trials by state detectives.

Dr. Nye furnished the identity of persons who are keeping the family of Rodney J. Diegle, of Sandusky, sergeant at arms of the Senate, who is now in the penitentiary, and went into details of the arrangement whereby Diegle agreed to "keep his mouth shut" and go to the penitentiary if his wife and family were cared for, according to Attorney General Hogan.

Mr. Hogan also announced that Mr. Nye had disclosed the identity of the persons who are "putting up the money" for the defense of the accused legislators.

It was through Nye that the legislative bribery was originally exposed.

GOLDEN MARMOSET IS NEW DEBUTANTE PET

Furry Little Beast Is Worn With Collar, Chain and Thumb Ring.

Washington, Oct. 11.—And now it is the golden marmoset. The credit for introducing the new pet must be given to Miss Marjorie Stewart, daughter of a wealthy miller of St. Paul, who has come to the capital to attend a fashionable seminary.

She strolled up F street yesterday afternoon with a fuzzy little marmoset nestling closely to the bosom of her smart gray frock.

It is putting it rather mildly to say that Miss Stewart stayed at F street. Debutantes gasped in amazement at the furry little creature that blinked back at them without even a whimper and who seemed to thoroughly enjoy his soft, warm nestling place.

It is quite fashionable to dangle a heavy gold collar around the little creature's neck, from which hangs a chain that is fastened to a ring worn on the thumb.

AUTOMOBILE BANDITS SECURE \$3 000 ROLL

Saloonkeeper Held Up and Robbed in Broad Daylight in St. Louis.

St. Louis, Mo., Oct. 11.—Bandits who used an automobile waylaid Thomas J. O'Meara, a saloonkeeper, today and took from him a grip containing \$3,000 in cash. They held off a crowd of pursuers with revolvers and escaped. The number of the automobile was obtained by the police.

O'Meara had drawn the money from a bank to cash checks of workers near his saloon.

KOHLSAAT PURCHASES CHICAGO INTER-OCEAN

Chicago, Oct. 11.—H. H. Kohlsaat, editor and publisher of the Chicago Record-Herald, has bought the Chicago Inter-Ocean from George W. Hinman, who will retire from Chicago journalism.

Mr. Kohlsaat, according to an announcement made yesterday afternoon, will take immediate charge of the Inter-Ocean. Important changes in the business and editorial organization of the paper are said to be included in the policy Mr. Kohlsaat has planned.

Mr. Kohlsaat was part owner of the Inter-Ocean from 1891 to 1893. He became editor and publisher of the Chicago Times-Herald in 1895.

The Times-Herald and the Record were consolidated in 1901 into the Record-Herald. Mr. Kohlsaat was with the Record-Herald until 1902, when he withdrew, only to resume his connection with that paper January 1, 1910.

ALASKA COAL GRAFTERS ARE DECLARED GUILTY

Tacoma, Wash., Oct. 11.—Guilty as charged was the verdict of the jury today in the cases of C. F. Houston and H. Bullock tried in the federal court on a charge of conspiracy to defraud the government on coal contracts in Alaska. The jury was out 19 hours. Sentence will be passed November 9.

PEACE IN NICARAGUA.

New Orleans, Oct. 11.—Juan J. Zavala, Nicaraguan consul here, received a cable message last night from the Nicaraguan minister of foreign relations at Managua, announcing that peace had been re-established there. The message gave no details.

BEES STING HORSE TO DEATH.

Penn Yan, N. Y., Oct. 11.—Resulting from the efforts of a horse to "nose" their hives from their resting places, two colonies of bees attacked the animal, which died in great agony from the hundreds of stings.

STEEL TRUST MAY HAVE FINAL SAY

Great Concerns With Quarter of Billion Capital About to Be Merged.

Philadelphia, Oct. 11.—Aggressive buying of Cambria Steel stock, which carried the market price to the highest on record, and a bidding up of Pennsylvania Steel common five points, with that company's preferred stock also selling at the top price for this year, went hand in hand with very definite reports that the Pennsylvania railroad control of these two big independent steel companies is about to be sold, and the concerns will become units of a competitor of the United States Steel corporation.

Conference Held.

It is understood that a conference with this for its object was held in New York at the end of last week. Information from an inside and heretofore always reliable quarter in that the Pennsylvania railroad management is now prepared to part with the huge holdings of steel stocks, acquired in 1901 by the Cassatt administration for special purposes, which have been served and which no longer exist.

In financial quarters usually getting early information on Pennsylvania railroad matters, it was confidently believed yesterday that a few days at the most will see announcement that the Pennsylvania has sold its control of the two great steel companies. And it is equally believed that such happening will be followed shortly by the formation of a new great steel combination.

Great Wealth Involved.

The idea persists that the Cambria, Pennsylvania, Lackawanna and Bethlehem steel companies will sooner or later be drawn together into one corporation, second only in the steel industry to the United States Steel corporation. If such a combination is formed, Charles M. Schwab is expected to be at its head.

The Cambria Steel company has an aggregate capitalization, including that for which it is directly and indirectly responsible, of \$61,083,000. In the same way that of the Pennsylvania Steel company is \$51,326,800, that of the Bethlehem Steel corporation, \$62,247,500, and that of the Lackawanna Steel company, \$76,653,000. Should these four companies be brought under one corporate control, it will be the biggest financial deal in the industry which has ever supported, except that which created the Steel corporation.

GREAT DIRIGIBLE IS DESTROYED BY BLAZE

Friction of Gas Passing Through Cylinders Causes Explosion — Crew Safe.

Berlin, Oct. 11.—Germany's aerial fleet suffered a severe loss today by the total wrecking by explosion of one of its immense military dirigible balloons and of the hall in which it was stationed at Reimickendorf, a suburb of Berlin.

The dirigible, which was of the semi-rigid type, with internal balloons, to preserve its shape, invented by Major Gross, of the Prussian army, was being refilled with hydrogen gas by soldiers of the flying corps. The gas, which is highly inflammable, was being passed into the envelope from metal cylinders when the friction of the gas itself on the filling tube caused fire to break out. A violent explosion ensued, completely destroying the dirigible and blowing the hall to splinters. None of the crew was injured.