

The O'Neill Frontier

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O'NEILL NEBRASKA

The managers of the state railway of Baden, Germany, are evidently anxious to make travel on its lines easy for American and English tourists who have no knowledge of the German language. An official circular states that "the administration has organized courses in English in order to facilitate the knowledge of that language. The numerous staff speaking English will, therefore, find an excellent opportunity for practice. Special lessons will be given to the train staff, so that English speaking travelers will find it easy to make themselves understood and to get any information asked for."

Naval officers appointed to test the new gyroscopic compass, which was installed experimentally on the destroyer *Warden*, found it to be remarkably free from oscillation due to the rolling and pitching of the vessel. Experiments which have been made with the same compass aboard a submarine show that it enables a helmsman to steer a more accurate course when the vessel is submerged.

The most persistent treasure hunt carried on by the Peruvians has been that for the golden chain made by the Huayana Capac, which was long enough to be stretched all around the great square of Cuzco, and was thrown into the lake of Urocos lest it should fall into the hands of the Spaniards. Everybody believes it to be still at the bottom of the lake, which is very deep.

The co-operative farm for women farmers in England has been so well supported that it will very shortly be in full swing. Over 200 acres have been bought in Sussex. All the organization has been done by women, the entire management of the farm will be in the hands of women and practically the whole necessary capital of \$50,000 has been subscribed by women.

If Mr. Wilson is so disposed he can reduce his expenses almost to the vanishing point. There is a legend in Washington to the effect that a former president of parsimonious habit was so successful in his economies that when he passed into retirement he carried the full salary for his four years with him, having actually succeeded in living upon the interest thereon.

At Mead, a suburb of Cairo, is a sun power plant of unusual interest. It consists of five reflectors, each 204 feet long, whose glass focusing is in the form of a parabola, with the generator units at the focus. The last named are of zinc, built of rectangular sections 14 inches wide. To render them efficient, they are painted with black paint.

American paper money is so superior to that of most other countries that Germany, Greece and Brazil are reported to have lately considered or resolved upon the adoption of our methods in producing such money. China, under the new regime is, it is said, actually having its notes printed in this country.

A resident of Quincy, Mass., who has just past his 89th birthday, celebrated the anniversary by setting aside a fund of \$16,000, the income of which is to be divided among the 30 organized churches of that city for the purpose of breaking down interdenominational barriers.

In Seville, the chief seaport of southern Spain, flour costs nearly \$10 a barrel at retail in small quantities, but oranges are less than a cent apiece. Ham averages about 40 cents a pound and sugar 9 cents.

The chairman of the canary bird group of an ornithological society in Germany rejoices in this title which ornaments his visiting cards. *Kanarienvogelzuchvereinsvorsitzender*.

The United States Steel corporation will this year expend \$35,000,000 on construction work. This does not include expenditures for proposed Duluth and Sandwich plants.

Montgomery Ward, the "watch dog of Chicago's lake front," is retiring from the scene, having sold his Michigan avenue skyscraper property, tower and Diana, for \$1,300,000.

Bob McClanahan, "the fog horn of the Ozarks," called the figures for the ancient square dances which decorated the inaugural ball of Missouri's governor.

Mrs. Peter Yantz, who lives in a poor little log cabin near Redwood Falls, Minn., has just fallen heir to \$50,000. She says she will not leave her cabin.

Milligan Meadow ranch, Colorado, comprising 1,920 acres, sold for \$150,000 a few days ago, while 24,000 acres of land in Cheyenne county went for \$50,000.

About 400,000 bicycles are still made every year in Great Britain. Two-thirds are used at home and the remainder exported to many countries.

Mrs. Dora Quillen, aged 36, of Whitesbury, Ky., is the mother of 13 children, including three sets of twins and one set of triplets, all living.

The world's whaling industry in 1911 resulted in obtaining about 600,000 barrels of oil, which was almost double that of the year before.

In the last six months of 1912 there were constructed in the United States 781 boats of an aggregate tonnage of 163,554.

Fr. Gabriele Napanetian, of Venice, wants to rearrange the calendar so that Easter will become a fixed date.

In the densest parts of Bombay there are 740 persons to the acre. New York has 1,000 in the same area.

The sausages eaten in this country in the course of a year would encircle the earth more than six times.

Washington will hereafter grade salaries of public school teachers according to their experience.

New York's department of education last year employed 396 lecturers who delivered 5,573 lectures.

Pittsburg is asking for a new and more adequate postoffice building.

Two Los Angeles chauffeurs have confessed to stealing 31 automobiles, valued at \$45,000.

St. Louis schools are to have a dental clinic with volunteer dentists.

The house fly is the principal source of infantile paralysis infection.

The salary of the president of the United States is \$75,000 a year.

H. C. Frick is to build a mansion in New York to cost \$2,000,000.

This year \$25,000,000 may be spent on Panama canal work.

RESTORED TO NORMAL MIND JOYOUS WOMAN REJOINS HER SISTER

Mrs. Maggie Davis Arrives at Hartington, Where Twice Tried for Murder.

Hartington, Neb., Feb. 24.—In spite of the protestations of County Attorney O'Gara that Mrs. Maggie Davis is another Thaw, whose liberation is a menace to society and dangerous to all concerned, Mrs. Davis returned to this city this morning smiling and happy and a free woman.

The proceedings by which this was effected were held yesterday before Judge Welsh at Norfolk, to whom was submitted the report of the committee appointed by the court, which examined the woman as to her sanity and found her mentally sound. Mrs. Davis will visit her sister here for a short time, but soon goes to La Porte, Ind., to make her home with her aged parents, whether her daughter will accompany her.

Mrs. Davis was twice tried for the murder of Ira Churchill, near Coleridge, in the courts of this county. On the first trial she was convicted and given a life sentence. The second jury found that she was insane at the time of the killing, and the woman was committed to the asylum at Norfolk, where she was detained until yesterday she received her bill of mental health from the court.

County Attorney O'Gara announces that he will appeal the case.

WOMAN DEEPENS MYSTERY BY SECOND DISAPPEARANCE

Tecumseh, Neb., Feb. 24.—The mysterious disappearance of Mrs. Leslie Close from her home at Pawnee City has caused the officers there and her relatives and friends a great deal of worry and still the mystery is not clear. On December 23, Mrs. Close did some shopping in Pawnee City and on returning home with her purchases left her in a woodshed. She has not been seen from that day to this. It is claimed that the woman had domestic troubles. She deserted her husband and two children, one a tiny baby and the other not 4 years old. For a time it was thought she might have killed herself, but that she is still alive seems quite probable for the sheriff at Pawnee City has received a letter written at Haddam, Kan., the writer, Lucy Shearer, being a sister of Mrs. Close. In the letter the sister says Mrs. Close was at her home about the first of the year. She disappeared suddenly from that home about January 13.

PARDON BOARD COMMENDED FOR ACTION IN STEHR CASE

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 24.—A delegation of citizens from Madison county were in Lincoln yesterday and commended the board of pardons very highly for their action in refusing to grant a pardon to Henry Stehr, the man convicted of manslaughter, by the district court of that county, and said some very harsh things against W. V. Allen for his action in trying to get Governor Morehead to grant a pardon over the recommendation of the board at Beatrice.

Stehr was found guilty of being responsible for the death of his little stepson, who was kept out in a cold building until his feet became frozen and then refused to call a physician to minister to his sufferings until too late to save the boy's life.

STILL UNCONSCIOUS: ASLEEP FOR 60 HOURS

Grand Island, Neb., Feb. 24.—Local doctors have been perplexed over John Arnett, a colored man of this city, who has been unconscious over 60 hours and is still asleep, although last night he was quite restless. He is a porter in a barber shop and was found asleep in the basement of the shop. Physicians were later called and ordered the man taken to the hospital. For a time it was believed that he was under the influence of some drug, but later it was found that this was not the case. Paralysis of one side has developed. Arnett has been in the city but a few months, coming here from Hastings.

FORMER POLICEMAN IS HELD FOR BREAKING JAIL

Fairbury, Neb., Feb. 24.—Former Policeman W. H. Donaldson, of this city, was arrested at the home of his father-in-law, Russman, in the north part of the city, by Deputy Sheriff Pat Shea and Chief of Police Dodge. Donaldson was wanted by the authorities at Table Rock, Neb., on the charge of breaking jail.

The sheriff at Table Rock notified Sheriff Ed Hughes to be on the lookout for Donaldson and at noon a raid was made on the home of Russman, where he was found hiding.

Donaldson served a couple of years as night policeman of Fairbury, but was finally asked to resign by the mayor.

DEATH OF NEW HEAD OF SOLDIERS' HOME

Hastings, Neb., Feb. 24.—Judge C. E. Ellis, of Sterling, Neb., recently appointed by Governor Morehead to be commandant at the state soldiers' home at Grand Island, died here yesterday as a result of pneumonia. He had been in Hastings for a week. The state accountant today was to have checked up the accounts of the present commandant preparatory to Judge Ellis taking charge of the home next week.

TAKES FIFTY STITCHES TO CLOSE UP THE GASH

Morse Bluff, Feb. 24.—Phillip Walla, a well known merchant of this place, is in a serious condition, and A. R. Widener, section foreman for the Northwestern, is in the county jail at Wahoo, as a result of an encounter. Widener slashed Walla so severely with a knife that 62 stitches were necessary to close the wounds. The trouble grew out of Walla's sending Widener's boy home from his store.

STEFFENS TO TESTIFY.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 24.—Lincoln J. Steffens, the writer and Fremont Oider, editor of the San Francisco Bulletin, were among the witnesses in the defense expected to call today in the second trial of Clarence S. Darow, but they had not been reached early in the afternoon.

FAVOR ESTABLISHMENT OF ROCKEFELLER FUND

Washington, Feb. 24.—That the proposed \$100,000,000 Rockefeller foundation for benevolent purposes constitutes the safest disposition that can be made of that portion of John D. Rockefeller's immense fortune is the conclusion expressed in a majority report from the Senate judiciary committee to the Senate recommending the passage of the Rockefeller foundation bill.

NEBRASKA NEWS NOTES

NELIGH—President C. J. Anderson of the Neligh Driving association has announced a meeting to be held in city hall next Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The purpose is for the annual election of officers for the ensuing year, and the appointment of the various committees to assist the officials in making the 13th annual race meet and baseball tournament a success. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, August 5, 6 and 7 are the official dates now announced.

GRAND ISLAND—Albert Vieregg, aged 25, was instantly killed here last evening. While sweeping out his office he overturned a gun with his broom, the weapon being discharged, the contents passing through his heart. He was a member of the firm of Vieregg & Son, manufacturers of mineral water, and a member of the state association. He was also prominent in whisky circles of the state, taking part in many large contests. He leaves a widow and three children.

NORFOLK—The appointment by Governor Morehead of M. C. Wilde, of Winnetonka, as one of the Nebraska bank examiners is an incident of particular interest in Norfolk, where Mr. Wilde was born and reared. The new bank examiner is a son of Carl Wilde of the Norfolk National bank staff, and his appointment may have some bearing on the Norfolk postmaster battle, as Carl Wilde is one of the active candidates for the appointment.

FREMONT—Fifty Fremont baseball fans went to the union passenger station yesterday to see the White Sox go through on their way to California. Harry Smith, a former Fremont player, who was bought by the Sox, has been farmed to Lincoln for the coming season. Billy Tonnen, another Fremont player, was on the train, bound for the Pacific coast league. He played with Boston in one of the big games last year.

SUNDAY BASEBALL ONLY ON AFFIRMATIVE VOTE

Lincoln, Feb. 21.—As amended and recommended for passage by the house, the Sunday baseball bill prohibits playing on Sabbath unless by a vote of the people of the city, village or county.

Yesterday was Sunday baseball bill day in the house. Nothing else of any consequence was done, save to reinstate the Bollen bill prescribing how constitutional amendments shall be submitted. This was killed because it substituted pamphlet advertising for that in the newspapers. It was sent back to the committee of the whole to have this cut out. It still retains provisions that the amendments shall be printed on a separate ballot and that a majority of those voting on a proposition shall carry it.

The baseball bill had a narrow escape at the morning session, and when it emerged it was exactly the opposite to what its supporters desired. The present law prohibits Sunday ball altogether. The proposed law provides that Sunday ball shall be legal except where the authorities decide they don't want it.

The bill, as amended at the morning session, prohibited, except where the authorities allowed it. Another amendment allowed the matter to stand as submitted to a vote of the people.

One amendment that was argued for at times provided that baseball should be illegal on Sunday only when an admission fee was charged.

One curious fact that developed was that the delegation from Lincoln was against the original bill and that from Omaha in favor of it, both being Western league towns, where Sunday baseball has been played for years. The representatives from Hastings and Kearney and one from Beatrice, where there are state league teams, were also against the bill as drawn originally.

TRAFFIC MEN CLAIM KECKLEY IN ERROR

Lincoln, Feb. 21.—The railroad traffic men have filed with the house committee on railroads a statement in which they quote figures to show that Representative Keckley sadly erred when he tried to give the committee what he said was a comparison between Iowa and Nebraska rates.

The statement contains what the railroad men say is a correct quotation from the rate sheets, and that these show that Mr. Keckley got his figures from the wrong tariff.

The Keckley figures are not those contained in a tariff issued by the Iowa railroad commission and known as the joint two or more line through tariff, that is infrequently used in that state, and which is not in force in Nebraska. It is intended to give the division between companies that jointly participate in shippers.

As to Keckley's charge that the railroads earn \$1,800 a mile net in Iowa and \$3,300 in Nebraska, they also have an answer. They say that Keckley quotes figures from an Iowa report in a tariff issued by the Iowa railroad commission and known as the joint two or more line through tariff, that is infrequently used in that state, and which is not in force in Nebraska. It is intended to give the division between companies that jointly participate in shippers.

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