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A simple method for analyzing limestone for relative purity, together with an apparatus for making the tests, has been designed by Dr. Cyril G. Hopkins, of the college of agriculture of the University of Illinois. The method is not patented, but is designed and offered to the public for the service it may render in helping to place American agriculture on a more scientific and profitable basis.

The Iowa department that buys supplies for state institutions has come to the decision that rice is the cheapest food of high nutritive value on the market today, and consequently has bought 44,000 pounds of it. Twenty-two thousand pounds of cheese will be bought during the year at 16.5 cents a pound, 1 cent a pound more than a year ago.

Small gasoline engines for starting larger engines on sea planes and airships are now being tried in England. The engine weighs only 23 pounds, develops more than four horse power, and operates at more than 4,000 revolutions a minute. A few years ago it would have been thought impossible to make a motor of any kind so powerful for its weight.

A prize for the best code of morals for teachers and parents in the character education of children in the school and the home has been offered by the National Institution for Moral Instruction. By invitation of the institution, educators from various states are preparing codes and they will all be printed in pamphlet form.

The college of mines at the University of Washington is to co-operate with the department of chemical engineering to determine the efficiency of wood tar and oils in flotation work. The experiments will correlate the work of the chemists in the investigation of wood products and the miners in the use of the flotation process.

Assyria, history tells us, was a purely destructive nation, a Hun of the ancient world, existing merely to ravage and contributing nothing to civilization, being therein quite the opposite of the Babylonians. Isaiah described Assyria as God's ax and saw to do the rough hewing that providence needed for the shaping of the race.

John H. Brister and Miss Ermine Medford, of Central City, Ky., were married a short time ago by the Rev. J. J. Pogue, who is a blacksmith, and was so busy when this couple came to him that he would not leave his work; accordingly they were "welded" in the bonds of matrimony in the blacksmith's shop.

Modern physics explains a comet's tail as a swiftly moving stream of atom fragments carried away from the nucleus by the similar emanations from the sun. Thus the tail always points away from the sun and the orbital motion of the nucleus causes the tail to curve like a stream of water from a moving nozzle.

California's lemon crop in 1915 was 132 per cent more than was raised there during the previous year. To prevent a complete waste of that part of the crop not needed in the markets, the inferior grades of fruit will be used in making lemon oil, citrate of lime and other such products.

At a meeting of the council of the Yorkshire Agricultural society, held in York, on February 3, it was decided not to hold the annual Yorkshire show this year. The decision was brought owing to the inability of the associated railway companies to undertake the additional work involved.

The world's largest plate mill will soon be in operation at Coatesville, Pa., where the rolls made use of will be from 200 to 264 inches long, capable of rolling a finished plate 16 feet in width. The largest mill of this character at the present time is in Witkowitz, Hungary, which has rolls 178 inches long.

Deep and treacherous peat beds encountered in the construction of Berlin's new subway system have been bridged by heavy underground spans of concrete and steel, seemingly bridges over the solid earth, though actually bridges over the earth where it is not sufficiently solid.

Miners of Cripple Creek, Leadville and other Colorado towns on the Fourth of July and other holidays hold contests in stone drilling. There is great rivalry among the miners to see who can pound a drill through a granite block in the quickest time.

Three-quarters of the 150,000,000 or so acres owned by Czar Nicholas of Russia is rich timberland, yielding large rentals, and the rest mining properties, all of which net him some 500,000 gold dollars a day, the world's greatest individual income.

About 19 per cent of the area of France is under forest, which is managed by the government to prevent overcutting and obtain the maximum timber production.

An Ohio man's racing automobile has a hood so high that a driver cannot see over it and is equipped with a series of mirrors to enable him to watch the road ahead.

By hydraulic mining gravel is obtained from a bank in Michigan, screened, washed and loaded on wagons ready for road building without the use of hand labor.

English tests with radium to aid plant growth have shown that it is most effective when used in the proportion of one seven hundredth of a gram to a ton of soil.

The latest plan for draining Holland's Zuyder Zee contemplates the construction of an embankment 182 miles long and work that will take 33 years to complete.

For drying towels or clothing there has been invented a band to be clamped around a hot water boiler, carrying hooks on which to hang the articles to be dried.

Sailors in the British navy now utilize their spare time in making munitions, for which they receive no remuneration.

In an Illinois inventor's double acting churn, turning the handle revolves the paddles in one direction and the barrel in the other.

Harness that holds chickens' wings down and prevents them flying away from home has been patented by a Missouri woman.

Cyprus has revived its former native tobacco industry, producing tobaccos suitable for cigarets of Turkish and Egyptian types.

The world's production of whale oil in 1914 amounted to 780,000 barrels.

SUTTON HAS NARROW LEAD OVER M'KELVIE

Official Count on Republican Governor Shows Winner Has Margin of Only 721.

Lincoln, Neb., May 8.—The complete official vote shows that Sutton was made the republican nominee for governor over McKelvie by the narrow margin of 721 votes. Neville won from C. W. Bryan by 13,130. Cummins leads Ford by 3,406. The totals so far as they have been made, with Douglas, the last to come in, are as follows:

Democratic —	
Wilson	69,506
Ross	9,417
Republican—	
Cummins	30,290
Ford	26,884
Hughes	15,690
Estabrook	8,132
Ross	5,506
Roosevelt	1,764
Democratic Vice President—	
Morehead	69,469
Marshall	160
Scattering	79
Republican Vice President—	
Burkett	61,815
Webster	13,687
Scattering	44
Democratic Governor—	
Nevill	46,162
Bryan	33,032
Republican Governor—	
Sutton	30,918
McKelvie	30,197
Miles	20,020
George	8,426
Madgett	5,039
Republican Railway Commissioner—	
Clarke	25,442
Randall	24,978
Johnson	22,735
Long	12,317

STATE CONVENTION CANNOT PREJUDICE PROHIBITION

Lincoln, Neb., May 8.—State political conventions cannot act with legal authority upon the constitutional amendment relating to prohibition. This is the ruling made by Attorney General Reed in answer to a question from State Chairman Thompson. The latter gave no reason for making the request, but it is suspected that he desired this official ruling because of an intimation that the "wets," who won the primaries so decisively, might seek to have the state convention bind the party on the question.

Attorney General Reed says that the language of the constitutional amendment creating the direct legislation method is so clear and unequivocal that it cannot be disputed. This says: "All propositions submitted in pursuance hereof shall be submitted in a nonpartisan manner and without any indication or suggestion on the ballot that they have been approved or endorsed by any political party or organization."

The question arose because before the adoption of this amendment it was the practice to strive for party endorsement of proposed amendments because the court permitted all straight party votes to be counted in favor of the amendment if it had been endorsed by the party on the theory that it was just as binding with relation to amendments as to candidates.

ATTORNEY PRICE DEFENDS ALLEGED EXORBITANT FEES.

Lincoln, Neb., May 8.—W. B. Price, Lincoln lawyer who beat W. J. Bryan out of a job as delegate to the democratic national convention, is defending a suit in court in which the present legal representatives of a mentally incompetent woman charge that Price and his partner, Ray J. Abbott, overcharged her $2,600 in getting a divorce and alimony settlement. The woman was the wife of John M. Devine, at one time a prominent populist politician and congressional candidate in the Third district. She had been mentally incompetent for years and had taken treatment, facts alleged to have been fully known to Price and Abbott. Her divorce suit was uncontested and her husband voluntarily paid her $17,000 alimony in cash. It is averred the services were worth but $400. The defendants say the negotiations were prolonged and the financial interests large and involved, and that $3,000 was a proper fee.

COOPERATIVE BUREAU TO REPLACE TEACHERS' AGENCY

Lincoln, Neb., May 8.—A cooperative system of securing positions for educators is to be placed in force at the state university as a result of a recent unsuccessful attempt of a teachers' agency to collect a fee of $125 from J. H. Frandsen, head of the department of dairy husbandry. It is claimed that it is the practice of teachers' agencies to demand a fee in each instance where a man lands in a position included in their list of vacancies, the educator getting the tip and doing the hustling for the job himself. The proposed bureau will be run in connection with the National Teachers' association.

WILSON REQUESTS THAT BRANDEIS BE CONFIRMED

Washington, D. C., May 8.—President Wilson wrote a letter yesterday to Senator Culberson, chairman of the Senate judiciary committee, supporting the nomination of Louis D. Brandeis to the supreme court. The letter probably will be made public after it has been read to the committee.

The nomination has been pending for several weeks and has met with determined opposition. The president has been urged to withdraw it, but has absolutely refused to do so. In his letter to Senator Culberson he is understood to set forth his position in detail.

Mr. Brandeis' nomination was first considered by a sub-committee of the judiciary committee which finally reported it favorably to the full committee by a majority of one vote.

The full committee, has postponed a final vote several times because of differences among the members, and it is considered possible the nomination may be reported to the Senate without recommendation.

Estimates of the United States Steel earnings for the second quarter, to end June 30, are running as high as $75,000,000.

The old time corner stone laying is about to take its place among the relics and back number customs, for in so many of the buildings of the more modern type the corner stone has lost its significance. Its place is being taken by the driving of the silver rivet, as was done recently in 26-story building being erected at Forty-second street and Madison avenue, in New York city. The rivet was driven with the ceremony that usually goes with the placing of the corner stone, and on the completion of the structure it will be

The inhabitants of Cochin China prefar rotten eggs to fresh ones.

RECLAIMS BABY LEFT AT HOME IN LINCOLN

Mother Could Not Stand Having Little One Sent to State Home For Children.

Lincoln, Neb., May 6.—The mother of the young baby that was abandoned on an East Lincoln doorstep the other morning has reclaimed the child. The baby was deposited on the steps of the home of D. C. Reitz, an acquaintance.

The mother expected that Mrs. Reitz would take the baby and keep it. When she read in the newspapers that the child had been turned over to the state home for dependent children, she told her mother and father what she had done. The families live in a small town near Lincoln—names and place being kept from the records and the reporters—and the grandparents at once came and got the baby. They have returned home with it.

The young mother had hysterics for several hours after she saw in the papers what had been done with the child. Until she told her parents they had not known of the child's birth. The babe was about five weeks old, and was deposited in a suit case, into the top of which a hole had been cut so that breathing would be possible. The clothing was of the finest make. The moving impulse of the parents is understood to be the birth of the baby within six months after their marriage.

NEW MILITIA COMPANIES AUTHORIZED IN NEBRASKA

Lincoln, Neb., May 6.—Four new militia companies—all in northeastern Nebraska—have been authorized by the state military board. They will be located at Wayne, Wisner, Osceola and David City. The vacancies were created by the failure of existing companies in other towns to come up to the requirements of the war department, which furnishes equipment, pays the expenses of officers and half of the pay of men while in camp. The military board considered in secret the reports made by army inspectors, but declined to discuss with the reporters the extent or character of the criticisms contained therein. It was decided that if the government can spare a few troops a joint camp of regulars and militiamen will be held at Fort Robinson from the 8th to the 17th of August.

WAYNE TAKES PART IN WIRELESS CHESS GAME.

Wayne, Neb., May 6.—What was probably the first game of chess ever played by wireless has just been completed between Wayne Normal school and Wesleyan university at University Place, Neb. Wayne won the game after two weeks had been spent in maneuvers amounting to about 25 plays. The suggestion that such a contest be held came from Prof. I. H. Britell, of the department of physics in the normal.

LINCOLN GETTING BACK TO NORMAL ON THIRST PARLORS.

Lincoln, Neb., May 6.—Lincoln is beginning to get back to normal conditions as far as alleviating the thirst of the people is concerned. Eighteen saloons out of the 25 have been authorized to open and do business. Ben Floyd, who operated the Lindel hotel bar, has been unable to find a location, the Lincoln management having decided to go it "dry" from now on, and Lincoln may have one less saloon this year.

EDITH LATHROP RESIGNS RURAL SCHOOLS SUPERVISION

Lincoln, Neb., May 6.—Miss Edith Lathrop, one of the leading educators in the state, has resigned as a member of the state superintendent's staff in charge of rural schools. She has also declined an offer on the faculty of the Chadron normal, and as soon as she secures her master's degree at the state university will go to John Hopkins university as an instructor in the rural school department.

PERU MINISTER APPLIES FOR BANKRUPTCY RELIEF

Lincoln, Neb., May 6.—For the first time in the history of the bankruptcy court here a minister of the gospel has made application to be declared a bankrupt with all of his debts forgiven by law. The minister is William W. Krantzner, of Peru, and he is joined by his wife. The debts are listed at $1,726.51, and the assets applicable to the payment thereof but $30. The minister lists an insurance policy of $2,000 and household goods of a value of $37.50. These are on the exempt list, however.

RODGERS ARRESTED FOR TRYING TO DEFRAUD BANK

Lincoln, Neb., May 6.—Henry S. Rodgers is in custody charged with attempting to defraud the Lincoln State bank. He came to town yesterday with Henry Lammers, a wealthy farmer of Pleasant Dale. Knowing Lammmers was not returning home for a few days, he wired the bank to send $500 to the Lincoln bank, and signed Lammers' name. He presented a check for the amount, but his actions caused the banker to suspect him and he was arrested.

LINDSAY IS REELECTED TO TWO STATE JOBS—$4,000

Lincoln, Neb., May 6.—The supreme court has reelected Harry C. Lindsay as clerk of the court and state librarian. The position pays $2,500 for clerk and $1,500 for librarian. The term is for four years. Mr. Lindsay has already served 12 years.

SEIZED IN NEUTRAL WATERS.

Stockholm, (via London), May 6.—Witnesses who testified at an inquiry here regarding the capture of the Danish schooner Olga by a German trawler while en route from Halmstad to England in March, declared that the vessel was seized while in Swedish waters.

Be Your Own Butcher.

"Cured meats can be handled by the farmer individually," says Farm and Fireside, "as modern methods of slaughtering, curing and handling have been so perfected and simplified that any average person can have a supply of choice meat on hand at all times and thus secure the satisfaction of knowing whence comes the meat he uses on his own table."

Carranza as Leader.

National Magazine.

That Carranza has been and is a wealthy, aristocratic landholder, patriotic, and high minded, is doubtless true, but that he has ever effected anything in the field, or indeed in the civil and financial branches of his inchoate government may well be doubted; except as he has availed himself of the funds, authority, and prestige earned by the valor and practical resourcefulness of the fighters of his cause, of whom Francisco Villa had been chief.

Admiral von Tirpitz of the German navy always wears elastic boots.

RECORD VOTE IN 1916 PRIMARY IN NEBRASKA

Three-Fourths of State Voters Participated In Making Party Nominations.

Lincoln, Neb., May 6.—Totals made at the office of the secretary of state show that more voters cast ballots at the late primary than ever before in the history of the state. More than three-fourths of the total vote of the state was cast, 102,751 by the republicans and 86,887 by the democrats. The best posted politicians in the state had not gone higher than 80,000 republican and 70,000 democratic in their pre-primary estimates. The total number cast was 192,027, or 45,069 more than two years ago and 58,414 more than four years ago, when a warm race was supposed to have been staged in both parties over presidential candidates. The total includes Douglas county, but the total vote there is the only return so far received from that district. The figures show that of the increase over two years ago Lancaster and Douglas, in which are located Lincoln and Omaha, furnished nearly a third or 14,289.

The following is the total vote cast at the primary elections of 1912, 1914 and 1916:

	1912.	1914.	1916.
Republican	78,957	74,493	102,751
Democratic	51,269	67,299	86,887
Populist	1,097	1,396	433
Progressive	....	2,364	432
Socialist	1,707	1,027	1,031
Prohibition	583	379	493
Totals	133,613	146,958	192,027

The republican vote at the recent primary is 28,258 more than the republican vote two years ago and the democratic vote shows an increase of 19,588.

SPRINGVIEW COMPANY IS ALLOWED TO RAISE RATES

Lincoln, Neb., May 6.—The Springview Telephone company, at Springview, Keya Paha county, has been given permission by the state railway commission to increase its rates considerably. Business phones will be $2 a month instead of $1.25, residence $1.50 instead of $1, rural lines $1.50 instead of $1. The company has had the experience of many other small companies. In the first six or eight years these all pay well, but depreciation begins to set in about that time and the expenses eat up the income. In the case of the Springview company the commission experts found the company received but $1,092 last year, while its expenses were $1,420.

RONALD'S BANK ADS ARE CENSORED IN NEBRASKA

Lincoln, Neb., May 6.—W. R. Ronald, newspaper publisher at Mitchell, S. D., will not be permitted to sell an advertising scheme he had devised for the use of Nebraska banks that are under the guarantee law. Secretary Royse, of the state banking board, rules that the advertisement contains statements not permitted by the guaranty law to be used on bank advertisements. One objection is that the advertisement declares the bank to be "fully" guaranteed by the law, and that it is impossible for a depositor to lose any part of money deposited in a state bank. The guarantee fund contains only about $1,000,000, while there are $130,000,000 on deposit, and there is a bare possibility that a panic might find the fund insufficient to make good all losses.

BLIND WOMAN PUSHING LIQUOR DAMAGE CLAIMS

Pierce, Neb., May 6.—The $35,000 damage suit of Mrs. Estella Glaze, of Pierce, against 50 saloonkeepers and their bondsmen in northeast Nebraska towns is being tried here in district court, under Judge Oleson. Mrs. Glaze alleges that the defendants sold liquor to her husband, who is an habitual drunkard, to such an extent that he neglected to contribute to the support of herself and her four minor children. Mrs. Glaze is unable to work, being totally blind.

A large array of legal talent is represented on both sides. Eleven saloon men settled with the plaintiff out of court.

PIERCE SALOON MEN HAD TROUBLE IN GETTING BONDS

Pierce, Neb., May 6.—Pierce was "dry" for 24 hours this week, due to the inability of the saloon men to furnish satisfactory bonds for the ensuing year. The drouth was broken yesterday when all but N. H. Neuens opened for business, and he will be ready in a few days.

The new city council appointed the following officials for the coming year: C. Richardson, chief of police; George Goff, water commissioner; M. R. Dutcher, street commissioner.

LINCOLN REMONSTRANCES ARE OVERRULED BY BOARD

Lincoln, Neb., May 6.—Sixteen saloons are now in operation in Lincoln, no appeal having been taken from the action of the excise board in overruling the remonstrances filed by third party prohibitionists. Seven are still closed, while the board hears the protests against them.

WESTINGHOUSE STRIKE MAY BE SETTLED SOON

Pittsburgh, Pa., May 4.—E. M. Herr, president of the Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing company, whose plants are closed because of a strike of 15,000 workers for an eight-hour day, told a committee of strikers today that he would be unable to discuss a settlement with them until tomorrow.

Federal and state officials are endeavoring to bring the company and the men together.

While almost 1,000 state troops were on duty in the Turtle Creek valley and conditions about the closed plants were quiet, unrest was manifested in other parts of Allegheny county. Seven hundred Pressed Steel Car company employes joined the 2,000 already out. The police were guarding the factory of the McKinney Manufacturing company, where several strikers attacked those who refused to join them and ducked one in a horse trough.

HOOPER IS NOMINATED; DELEGATES UNINSTRUCTED

Nashville, Tenn., May 4.—Former Gov. Ben W. Hooper was nominated for United States senator and Senator John Overall for governor by the state republican convention here last night. The convention sends its delegates at large to the national convention instructed for Representative W. E. Humphrey, of Washington, for vice president. Otherwise the delegates will go uninstructed.

GIRL SHOOTS SELF IN TRYING TO GET HAWK

Weapon Discharged Accidentally as She Trips on Stairway —Seriously Wounded.

Alliance, Neb., May 5.—Charlotte, 17-year-old daughter of Fred Mollring, living just outside the city was shot and seriously injured Monday afternoon.

The girl saw a hawk in the field near her home and told her mother she was going to shoot it. Getting an old-fashioned pistol belonging to her brother, she started downstairs and tripped and fell. The weapon was discharged and the bullet entered her breast above the right lung. She was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, where she is in a serious condition. Miss Mollring graduated from Alliance high school last year.

SAYS STATE AND FEDERAL BOARDS CLASH ON RULINGS

Lincoln, Neb., May 5.—The Union Pacific railroad tells the state railway commission that it is caught fast between the meshes of federal supervision. The secretary of the Nebraska Cooperative Grain & Live Stock association has complained to the commission that the company is charging about 10 times as much as rental price for elevator sites than it has in the past, and the commission is taking testimony in the matter. The attorney for the railroad says that the charge is true, but that the Interstate Commerce commission has ordered that it must not give any service for nothing and that the policy it is pursuing is to charge 6 per cent on the value of the land used. It is doing this with all elevator companies and owners. It has increased one lumberman's rental in Omaha from $1 a year to $900, and he is objecting.

Attorneys for the Missiuri Pacific have notified the state commission that it was all a mistake on the part of the chief clerk at the Falls City headquarters, and that the records of the road are open to the inspection of the representatives of the commission whenever they desire to look at them. The chief clerk said he had been instructed by the general attorney to refuse to allow the rate experts for the commission to look in the books for evidence to defend against the suit brought by the road to set aside the 2-cent fare law.

STAND FALLS AT GRAND ISLAND WITH 250 SINGERS

Grand Island, Neb., May 5.—Nearly 200 young men and women were on a specially built seating stand in final rehearsal for the evening program of the May festival of music, when the stand gave a warning crack and collapsed. Director Walter Damrosch, of the New York Symphony orchestra, surmising the danger, spoke assuredly to the chorus and asked the members to descend, one by one. He had scarcely concluded the warning when, with a crash, the supports of the seats collapsed with all of the singers. Luckily only four persons were slightly injured, though one young woman was buried to her neck in the wreckage. The most serious injury is a broken or sprained ankle, and, so far as known, only one victim has been taken to a hospital. The singers attribute the fact that panic was averted and that no more were injured to the coolness of Mr. Damrosch and the quick assistance of the members of the orchestra, who were on the solid stage in front of the temporary seating.

WOMAN REJOINS HUSBAND AND ABANDONS AFFINITY

Lincoln, Neb., May 5.—Mrs. Frank Leary, who eloped with her husband's brother, George, from Joplin, Mo., has made it all up with her husband and will return home with him. Frank Leary will be held on a white slavery charge, and taken back to Missouri or Kansas if the federal authorities here so decree. The woman admits that they lived together as husband and wife, and says the trip was taken on money belonging to her husband. George Leary boarded with his brother, and the wife says that he kept continually telling her of her husband's alleged infidelities that she finally agreed to fly with him.

VISITS OLD HOME AS SPECIAL STATE INVESTIGATOR

Lincoln, Neb., May 5.—Attorney General Reed has commissioned Judge Stark, who is the democratic candidate for congress in the Fourth district, to go back to Massachusetts and find out if the persons who claim to be the heirs of Alton S. Nichols, who recently died near Aurora, leaving a $50,000 estate and no will, are entitled to receive the property. The trip will enable Judge Stark to visit his old home in Connecticut and see the folks he hasn't seen for years.

The state house reporters are having fun with the attorney general, claiming he has selected a good democratic friend to find out what might easily be ascertained from a certified copy of the pension records. A few years ago Nichols applied for a pension, and a government agent investigated, and set down all the facts connected with the life of the man and also ascertained who were his relatives. The attorney general hastened to have Judge Stark named as administrator and claimed the estate for the state of Nebraska. It was known at the time that Nichols had heirs in the east, from where he enlisted in the union army.

DECREASE FOR MONTH IN STATE'S CASH BALANCE

Lincoln, Neb., May 5.—The monthly report of State Treasurer Hall shows a cash balance on hand of $1,303,018, or a decrease of $79,000 for the month. Trust funds invested in bonds and the property of the permanent school and university funds total $9,665,562. The cash on hand carries 3 per cent interest from the banks wherein it is deposited. The uninvested trust funds on hand amount to $137,000.

5,000 TO BENEFIT.

Denver, Colo., May 3.—Details of the wage increase, affecting 5,000 men, which was recently announced, will be worked out by employes' representatives and company officials at Pueblo, May 10, according to notices posted today at the steel plant of the Colorado Fuel & Iron company.

KENNEDY TO WASHBURN.

Lawrence, Kan., May 3.—Dr. A. R. Kennedy, a football coach at Haskell Indian institute, and formerly coach at the University of Kansas signed a contract today to become athletic director of Washburn college at Topeka, Kan.

HOLD UP MUNITIONS.

Douglas, Ariz., May 3.—Orders were received here from the war department yesterday replacing the embargo on explosives, particularly ammunition destined for Mexico. The new order is said to be very stringent in its provisions.

42 VILLA BANDITS SLAIN IN BATTLE WITH AMERICANS

Troop of 230 Cavalrymen of Eleventh Regiment Engage and Rout Larger Villista Force.

NO YANKEE CASUALTIES

Number of Outlaws Wounded In Clash at Ojo Asules—Final Agreement With Carranza Near.

Field Headquarters near Namiquipa, (by wireless to Columbus, N. M.), May 8.—A full squadron of 230 men of the 11th cavalry surprised and routed a much larger force of Villistas at Ojo-Asules, 17 miles south of Cusihuiriachic, early yesterday.

By actual count 42 Mexicans were killed and a number wounded, but there were no American casualties.

The American commander under Maj. Robert L. Howse, had been pursuing the Villistas under Generals Cruz Tominguez and Julio Acosta for several days, when they encountered them today encamped in the huddled adobe jackals of Ojo Azules. The Mexicans were utterly surprised and sprang from their pallets half clothed. After firing a few wild shots they began a flight, each man shifting for himself. Some of them were able to seize their horses already jaded from a hard ride previously, but others made their way into the hills afoot.

In Major Howe's report, he said the rout had been absolute and that he was still pursuing the scattered remanent of the band. The band engaged is the largest remaining under the Villa standard, and today's decisive victory gave much satisfaction to military men here.

While the dispatches do not state, military men on the border believe that the band is the same as that defeated at Temochic, April 12, by Colonel Dodds command.

El Paso, Tex., May 6.—Telegraphic exchanges between General Obregon and General Carranza over the tentative agreement for American and Mexican cooperation in the scattering of Villista bandits have been completed. It is expected General Obregon will hold his next conference with General Scott today on the American side of the Rio Grande and that a protocol covering the agreement will then be drawn up.

It has been the expectation of Generals Scott and Funston that final meeting with General Obregon would take place yesterday. At the last moment, however, it was learned that Carranza still held to the opinion that the American troops should set a definite and early date for withdrawal. It was said that a large part of yesterday was spent by the Mexican officials here in convincing the first chief that the tentative agreement should be adhered to in the main.

It is said that there are a few details yet to be assented to by General Carranza and that these will have to be threshed out at the next meeting between Generals Scott and Obregon. Persons in a position to know say that the matters in dispute are so inconsequential that they are bound to be adjusted.

El Paso, Tex., May 6.—General Pershing's official report of the defeat of a band of Villa's men at Ojo Azules by Major Howse, described the action as a cavalry charge with pistols, the first to occur since operations were begun. The men had ridden 30 miles from Santo Ojo Azules, 75 miles west of Cusihuiriachic.

The pursuit of the scattered Mexicans was continued for two hours. Information that the band was near Ojo Azules had been secured by General Pershing two days before. It was said to have attacked and defeated a Carranza force a few days before that. The commanders were Cruz Dominguez, Antonio Angeles and Julio Acosta.

General Pershing reported that the counted dead was 42. Seventy-five horses and mules were taken from the Mexicans and six Carranza prisoners they had been holding for execution. Many wounded were reported, but the number was not given.

Washington, May 6.—Officials of the war and state departments have no information on the reported opposition of General Carranza to features of the tentative agreement made by Generals Scott and Obregon. If General Carranza insists upon fixing a definite time for withdraway of the American forces army officials said the border conferences probably would go over into next week.

The friendly attitude of the Carranza government was reflected in official dispatches today and it was announced that more supplies to General Pershing were moving over the Mexican railroads. Consul Letcher at Chihuahua reported that General Herrera, Carranza commander at Parral, had published a proclamation exhorting the citizens to avoid any anti-American demonstrations.

HIGH TEMPERATURES TO PREVAIL COMING WEEK

Washington, D. C., May 6.—The weather bureau's forecast for the week beginning May 7, shows:

During the coming week temperatures above the seasonal average are indicated for the middle Atlantic, south and gulf states, the middle plains states and the great central valleys. In the northern plains states, the Rocky mountain and plateau regions and the Pacific state, temperatures will average below the seasonal normal. A change to considerably lower temperature will overspread the northwestern states, the northern Rocky mountain region and the north Pacific states Tuesday or Wednesday and will be attended by local frosts.

An extensive area of low pressure that now covers the northwestern states and the western Canadian provinces will advance slowly eastward, reaching the middle west by the middle of the week. It will cause local showers in the region of the great lakes, the extreme upper Mississippi valley, the northwestern states and the north Pacific states.

By the middle of the week local showers and thunderstorms are probable over the great central valleys and the plains states.