

In Hawaii grows the world's rarest plant called the silver sword. Its very name is odd and appropriate to the cactus like growth and the long, silky gray leaves which give it its peculiar name.

A Canadian soldier in a hospital near Bromley, Kent, has a thin metal splinter from an explosive bullet lodged in his heart. Its presence was disclosed by x-rays, and, for the time being, no operation is contemplated.

"New York, New Jersey and several other states," according to Rider and Driver, "have started a movement that is rapidly becoming general for the provision of strips on the sides of the motor highways suitable for horse drawn vehicles."

Among economic questions brought to the fore as a result of the present world conditions is that of fuel. Sweden's fuel supply is insufficient, hence the import of coal and oil is considerable, amounting to more than 100,000,000 crowns (\$26,800,000) annually.

The Victoria Falls and Transvaal Power company, Ltd., of Johannesburg, is by far the largest power and lighting company in South Africa, and it supplies from its four large stations nearly all the gold mines and reef towns with both power and light.

Referring to the German East African campaign the London weekly Times prints this curious dispatch: "Owing to transport difficulties rations were at one time reduced to a cup of rice and a piece of sugar cane."

"It is wrong to go into the water for a short time and come out and rest on the warm sand in the hot sun," says J. H. P. Brown in Modern Swimming. "If you desire a sun bath, take it either before or after your swim."

Tables of tidal currents for the Pacific coast in the vicinity of San Francisco and Puget sound have been published in order to make immediately available information relative to currents derived from observations by the United States coast and geodetic survey.

Commercial Attache Philip B. Kennedy at Melbourne, Australia, has received a letter from the Hon. J. M. Poyer, U. S. N., governor of American Samoa, stating that the highest bidder for the copra crop of the islands was Joan Rothschild & Co., of San Francisco, who bid \$108.66.

Among the Chinese a particular species of dog is said to be reared for the table. It is a small, fat greyhound shape, with a muzzle much more elongated than in terriers. The flesh of black dogs is preferred to that of animals of any other color on account of the greater amount of nutriment the black dogs are supposed to possess.

When seals are born they are snow white, which makes them invisible on the ice. Their eyes and noses are, however, black, and when the little ones suddenly close their eyes and their eyes, bury their noses and lie quite still. It is only when they begin to seek their own food that they become dark and sleek.

Lighting dangerous waters in which abound reefs, rocks and shoals has progressed from wood fires and candles to oil vapor and electric lamps. The early lighthouses were lighted by wood or coal fires burned in open braziers and later by candles inclosed in lanterns.

A well known American writer thinks that the signing of peace will lead to an emigration movement that will amaze the world. After the Franco-German war in 1870, 200,000 Germans settled in three American states—Nebraska, Minnesota and Iowa.

Under the rule of the United States more than 3,000,000 natives of the Philippines have had some instruction in the English language and more of them speak and write it than any other tongue.

The ratio of color blind people to those of normal sight is about 65 to 1,154. This does not mean that all of the 65 are color blind, but that 65 is the ratio of those who are more or less affected.

Sam R. Taylor, rural mail carrier on route 10, East Nashville, Tenn., handles more mail than any other rural carrier in the United States. During the month of April this year he collected and delivered 45,817 pieces of mail on his route, which serves 523 families. In one year Taylor has collected and distributed 6,549 pieces.

Commercial Attache William F. Montavon reports that, according to press advices from La Paz, crop conditions in Bolivia are worse even than had been anticipated. Early frosts have injured, if not completely ruined, the potato and barley crops.

FIVE PERSONS HURT IN HOTEL COLLAPSE; ONE SERIOUSLY HURT

Lincoln Landmark Erected In 1876, Drops During Early Hours of Morning.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 14.—Five persons were injured, two seriously and one probably fatally, when the Capital hotel, of this city, collapsed about 3:20 this morning. The injured are: C. F. Rudicell and H. F. Paylor, both of Broken Bow, Neb.; W. F. Davey, H. H. Weinburg and Guy Slade, all of Fairbury, Neb.

The hotel is an old landmark of the city, and was built in 1876. It was a four-story building on the main street and one of the best residences in the place sustained the most damage. Reports of the storm show that the rain was very heavy between Kanesaw and Oxford, with good showers along the Republican valley line of the Burlington railroad.

BURNS THE POSTOFFICE. Burwell, Neb., Aug. 14.—The Blake postoffice, located about 20 miles north of Burwell, was burned to the ground and all mail and other contents completely destroyed.

EDITOR DIES. Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 14.—Shirley A. Fossler, assistant city editor of the Nebraska State Journal and Lincoln Daily News, and son of Prof. L. A. Fossler, of the University of Nebraska, died at 7 o'clock this morning after two weeks' illness from tonsillitis and complications resulting from diseased tonsils.

STOP AUTO THEFTS. Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 14.—The increasing number of automobile stolen has led Sheriff Gus Hyers, of Lancaster county, and Chief Antles, of Lincoln, to work on a plan to organize a vigilance committee of car owners to assist in running down thieves.

GUARDS VOTE? Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 14.—Attorney General Reed proposes to lay the blame on congress if the 1,500 Nebraska guardsmen now in service on the Texas border are not allowed to vote this fall at the state election.

ASSESSMENTS. Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 14.—The state board of assessment has finished its task. In nine counties the assessed valuation on real estate was raised from 5 to 15 per cent and in 18 counties it was reduced from 3 to 10 per cent.

KNIFE IN HEART. Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 14.—Mrs. Elizabeth Luedtke, 50, the mother of eight children, plunged a butcher knife into her heart here Monday when she had locked the children in different rooms in the house.

FLEGE IN BAD LUCK. Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 14.—After spending a fortune in a series of vain efforts to gain the freedom of William Flege, serving time in the Nebraska penitentiary on conviction of the murder of his sister, the brothers of Flege, who are wealthy, have come face to face with what is believed to be a hostile parole board.

PUBLISHERS DELAYING PRINT PAPER REPORT. Washington, Aug. 11.—The federal trade commission today announced that its investigation into the price of news print paper is being delayed to some extent by failure of newspaper publishers to send in answers to the commission's questions as promptly as expected.

VALLEY.—Reports that the desperado who last Saturday held up and robbed the bank at Florence was in hiding on an island in the Platte river near Valley caused a posse of men to be formed and a hunt started for the stranger.

FULLERTON.—The park has been a scene of busy activity this week. Men and teams Monday and Tuesday hauled and erected over 100 small tents, the big tent, 9x120, the dining tent, 60x90, and the ice cream tent, 20x40 feet.

The banana takes the place of cereals among the Indians of South America, in the East Indies and in parts of Africa.

NEBRASKA NEWS NOTES

RAIN FOLLOWS STORM. Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 12.—The wind which rushed through Oxford Wednesday evening and changed to a westerly of a twister. Two men, one a merchant of the town, and the other a tramp, were hurt. The hobo was resting in the Burlington round house when it was damaged by the storm.

THURSTON FUNERAL. Omaha, Neb., Aug. 12.—The funeral of Hon. John M. Thurston, former United States senator from Nebraska, set for today, is under the direction of St. John's Masonic lodge of which Mr. Thurston was a member.

JONES RE-ELECTED. Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 12.—L. O. Jones, who has been president of the Nebraska Epworth assembly since it started 20 years ago, was again named for the office by the Nebraska Conference Epworth league.

CAR SHORTAGE. Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 12.—The state railway commission is adding Nebraska shippers by getting after the railroads to induce them to furnish more cars to hippers.

DEMOS TO OPEN. Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 12.—Democratic state headquarters will be opened at Lincoln the latter part of next week. Chairman Langhorst has named five persons who, with the executive committee, they are: J. S. McCarty, Lincoln; J. H. Caldwell, Fairbury; J. H. Corey, Clay Center; James C. Dahlman, Omaha; and A. P. Young, Nebraska City.

YEGGS OUT OF LUCK. Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 12.—Yeggs robbed the postoffice at South Bend, Wednesday night, by taking away a coolie. The coolie was the Sheriff Corey, of Cass county, with a posse, is in pursuit of the gang.

PROSPERITY PERMANENT FITZGERALD DECLARES. Saratoga Springs, N. Y., Aug. 12.—Unstinted praise of the Wilson administration was voiced by Congressman John J. Fitzgerald, of Brooklyn, temporary chairman of the democratic convention here today.

SPRAGUE RENAMED. Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 12.—Bert Sprague of York was again elected secretary of the democratic central committee at its meeting here. Dr. E. C. Webber, of Wahoo, was named vice chairman; A. F. Johnson, of Lincoln, was elected reporter. Sprague has done good work and no one was nominated against him.

STORM IN NEBRASKA. Holdrege, Neb., Aug. 12.—The Oxford bank and the Burlington roundhouse were partially demolished by a heavy wind storm which swept Oxford and adjacent territory last evening.

LIGHTNING HITS AUTO. Denver, Colo., Aug. 10.—L. D. Spalding, of Omaha, who, with his family, is making a tour of Colorado in his automobile, reports their narrow escape from death on the summit of Pike's peak, Friday afternoon, when their car was struck by lightning.

EJECT MAIL CARRIER FROM THE THEATER; WORE COLORED SHIRT

Nebraska Youth Has Experience In Kansas City—Doorman Causes Arrest.

Kansas City, Mo., Aug. 12.—Because he did not have a white collar on and wore a colored shirt, the management of the Regent motion picture theater, yesterday afternoon refused admittance to W. M. Kramer, 22 years old, a rural mail carrier from Meador, Neb., and later caused his arrest because he protested against being excluded from the house.

NO MORE MILEAGE. Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 11.—State Food Commissioner C. E. Harman has made a new rule. Hereafter his inspectors will be required to buy railroad tickets and obtain receipts for them and the use of mileage books will be discontinued.

NEBRASKA MEN WELL. Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 12.—According to Sergt. E. B. DeWolfe, of Company D, Fifth regiment, Nebraska troopers, the latter are well treated and are having a good time.

SAVED FROM DEATH. Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 12.—By standing on the corner of Charles Deesper, 210 South Eleventh street, and A. Anderson of 2300 South Fifteenth street, saved themselves from death when an elevator lift at the Shurtleeff apartment house dropped down nine stories.

EPWORTH ASSEMBLY. Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 12.—Big crowds at the Nebraska Epworth assembly this year are expected to permit the management to pay off all debts and leave a snug sum as a nest egg for the ensuing year.

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Won Fame as An Orator, One Speech Being Warlike—Was Prominent Politician.

Omaha, Neb., Aug. 11.—John M. Thurston, former senator from Nebraska, and nationally prominent politician, died here at 4 o'clock today. He had been critically ill for four weeks, following a heat prostration, and his death has been momentarily expected for three days.

On Christmas day, 1872, Mr. Thurston was married to Miss Martha Poland, daughter of Col. Luther Poland, of Omaha. She died March 14, 1898, and in November of the next year, Mr. Thurston was married to Lola, daughter of William J. Furman, former congressman from Florida.

LAND OWNERS PROTEST. Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 11.—Claiming that the land is too poor to justify the raising of a delegation of citizens from Boone county appeared before the state board of assessment to protest against a 10 per cent increase made by the board.

NO RECRUITS. Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 11.—Because few recruits were received the federal recruiting stations at Lincoln and Omaha are to be closed by an order of the war department. The stations are in charge of officers of the Nebraska national guard.

ELECTROCUTED. Norfolk, Neb., Aug. 11.—L. A. Williams, manager of the Nebraska Gas & Electric plant at Norfolk, was killed last night at Meadow Grove, a station 20 miles west of Norfolk. He was electrocuted. A helper named Beaumont was somewhat burned.

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CYRUS DIXON DIVORCED. Chicago, Ill., Aug. 9.—Mrs. Elsie Steiner Dixon, wife of Cyrus B. Dixon, of Sioux City, today was granted a divorce by Judge Leonard, in the Chicago courts.

25,000 MORE TROOPS ARE CALLED OUT

All Additional Guardsmen In Ohio, Vermont and Kentucky Ordered to Mexican Border.

WON'T WAIT TO RECRUIT Anarchistic State Throughout Mexico Is Reported to Be Growing Worse as Famine Pinches.

Washington, Aug. 14.—Twenty-five thousand more state troops were today ordered to the border by the war department. All Kentucky, Ohio and Vermont troops were ordered to move and all departmental commanders were instructed to send troops as soon as possible.

WON'T WAIT TO RECRUIT. It was stated at the war department that under these orders national guard regiments held at state mobilization points would be sent to the border without waiting until they were recruited to the mobilization strength.

Camps Are Available. Thoroughly equipped camps readily capable of expansion are waiting the troops, all details of water and food supplies have been worked out on a basis that the army is confident, in a cursa adequate provision for any number of troops and the addition of 25,000 troops to the border commands are not expected to create any new difficulties.

PITIFUL CONDITIONS GROW STEADILY WORSE IN MEXICO. El Paso, Tex., Aug. 12.—Conditions in Mexico City are bordering on anarchy because of food shortage, according to arrivals from the capital here today.

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BLAST KILLS 115. London, Aug. 12.—According to a telegram from Bucharest, the number of persons killed in the explosion in the powder factory at Dusted was 115. Earlier reports stated that only 20 persons had been killed.