

# KILL AN OUTLAW

## A HORSE THIEF FIRES ON PURSUER AND MEETS DEATH.

## A BATTLE IN THE SAND HILLS

### Ex-Sheriff Houck of Ord Hurt in the Fight—One Thief Shot Down and the Other Captured—Miscellaneous Nebraska Matters.

**GREELEY CENTER, Neb., April 30.**—Charles Wilson, horse thief, is dead, and ex-Sheriff Houck of Ord is wounded, as a result of two battles with two horse thieves near North Loup, Geo. Haskell, Wilson's partner in crime, is in jail in this city. Wilson was shot in the head by his pursuers in the second battle. Haskell was captured soon after without resistance. Houck was shot in the foot and in the hand. His injuries are not serious.

The battles resulted from a chase after horse thieves in Greeley, Sherman and Valley counties. Thursday night six horses were stolen, two each from Farmers Fritchard, Peterson and Giles, living about seventeen miles northeast of Greeley Center. The trail of the thieves was at once taken up. The pursuers were aided by Detective C. M. Franklin and Malone's bloodhounds from Lincoln. The posse pursued the thieves until ex-Sheriff Houck and Sheriff Kake came upon them in the sand hills. The horse thieves turned on their pursuers and a battle ensued in which Houck was wounded, being hit twice. Many shots were fired by both sides. Finally the thieves escaped. The chase continued and in the afternoon Meyers and the Hutchins brothers again got within range of the fugitives. They at once opened fire.

The shooting attracted other sections of the pursuing party, scattered over two or three miles of sand hill territory and they began closing in on the thieves. When they reached the first party they found that Wilson had been killed and that Haskell had been taken prisoner.

From near Spaulding, where the horses were taken, the thieves took a westerly direction into Sherman county. Then they moved northward into Valley county, where the pursuers, by cutting across country, soon overtook them. They passed through Loup City with the horses. When they reached the sand hills they apparently thought they were on safe ground and proceeded more leisurely.

The six horses were recovered, the two men having them in their possession. They have been identified by their owners. Haskell admits that he and Wilson stole them.

### Pay Tribute to Morton.

**WASHINGTON, D. C., April 30.**—Officials of the department of agriculture adopted resolutions on the death of former Secretary Morton at Chicago. Dr. O. E. Dyson of the Chicago headquarters of the bureau of animal industry; H. J. Cox, of the Chicago weather bureau, and Dr. D. C. Ayer, of Omaha, were appointed a committee to attend the funeral as representatives of the department.

### Cherry Duchess Is Dead.

**ASHLAND, Neb., April 30.**—The famous show cow, Cherry Duchess No. 49178, owned by the Riverside ranch at Ashland, Neb., died April 27. Cherry Duchess met with an accident on April 11, and her owner, in order to relieve her of her suffering, ordered her killed. Cherry Duchess was not only a show cow, but a first class breeder also. She died at the age of 12 years.

### New Corporations.

**LINCOLN, Neb., April 30.**—The Provident Land Investment company, incorporated by C. M. Chittenden and O. H. Davidson of Omaha, has an authorized capital stock of \$100,000.

Thomas R. Ashley of Decatur has applied to the state banking board for permission to start a private bank.

### But Nine Cases for Trial.

**FREMONT, Neb., April 30.**—Judge Hollenbeck in district court called the cases which will be tried at the May term, nine in number. This is the smallest list which has been made up for any term in Dodge county for the last ten years. None of the cases are of special importance.

### Former Nebraskan Dead.

**YORK, Neb., April 30.**—A telegram was received here stating that Charles F. Dillon, a former resident of this place, had died at Lead City, S. D.

### The Town in Mourning.

**NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., April 30.**—The news of the death of J. Sterling Morton has caused the town to take on the garb of deepest mourning. Long streamers of black crepe are hanging from the front of both public and private buildings. Telegrams of condolence have been coming in from Mr. Morton's friends all over the country, bringing additional evidence of the great regard in which he was held in this city.

### Working the Farmers.

**RANDOLPH, Neb., April 30.**—Many farmers in this vicinity are wiser but poorer for confidence they placed in W. G. McKay. He came here as agent for a Chicago grocery house, but later organized the Farmers' Trading association, the members of which were to receive 15 cents per dozen for eggs and 20 cents a pound for butter in cash the year round. A membership fee of \$10 was collected. From this source McKay got about \$2,500.

## TO KEEP MEMORIAL DAY.

### Grand Army Commanders of the State Called to Observe It.

**LINCOLN, Neb., April 28.**—This order has been issued from the headquarters of the Nebraska department, S. A. R., for observance of Memorial day, May 30:

A third of a century ago the renowned volunteer soldier, our comrade, John Logan, by special order, designated May 30 as a day sacred to the memory of our dead comrades, and on which to decorate each soldier's grave with flowers and to plant over it the flag under which he fought.

It is meet and proper for us to remember the sacred duty we owe to the memory of our comrades who have "crossed over to the other shore." Let us not forget that, while to many this day is a memory of glorious deeds and battles won, by some, at least, it is a day of memory for unfortunates, heroes, who died that this nation might live.

Let the rising generation forget, let me remind them that the patriotism and deeds of heroism of the dead and living of the civil war have given to this nation a mortal fame that commands the admiration of the world and bequeaths to generations to come a heritage so full of lessons of love and loyalty, so replete in unselfish sacrifices in the cause of freedom, that only those devoid of gratitude can ever forget the debt they can never repay those gray-haired veterans.

Heretofore it has been the privilege of the surviving heroes of the civil war and the patriotic people of this nation to decorate with flowers and flags the last resting place of their heroes, and as the Spanish war has shown that the worthy "sons of noble sires" will, whenever an opportunity offers, follow the old flag to victory, it is the very heart of the celestial empire, it is earnestly recommended that all graves of those gallant boys of this war be decorated.

Commanders, be it that Memorial Sabbath is observed as sacredly as Memorial day, and so arrange that all may attend.

Post commanders will see to it that the Memorial day committee make proper arrangement with the school boards for patriotic exercises in the public schools on the Friday preceding Memorial day, and that comrades be detailed to visit each school at an hour agreed upon to conduct the services. Invite the members of your auxiliary to assist in these services, and where there are representatives of our department of patriotic instruction consult with them in relation to program, etc.

It is the duty of the comrades to see that the flag is raised at half-mast on all public buildings and every school house in the state on May 30.

No effort should be spared to have all exercises and demonstrations consistent with the purposes to which this sacred day has been dedicated, and all exhibitions or amusements that would have a tendency to detract from its proper observance or profane its solemn purpose should be promptly and emphatically discouraged and frowned upon by all good citizens.

The thirtieth national encampment provides that the reading of President Lincoln's Gettysburg address be made a special feature of all Memorial day exercises held under the auspices of the Grand Army of the Republic. I hereby inclose same, and post commanders will see to it that it be read in connection with the services.

### Winter Wheat is Favored.

**LINCOLN, Neb., April 28.**—Winter wheat as a crop for Nebraska has enormous possibilities, declares Associate Director Lyon in a bulletin issued by the Nebraska experiment station. Not only are the large yields of this wheat such as to recommend its culture to the farmers of the state, but the quality of Nebraska winter wheat gives it a high standing among buyers and consumers.

### Inspect Beatrice Institute.

**BEATRICE, Neb., April 28.**—State Treasurer William Stuefer, Secretary of State George Marsh and Commission of Public Lands and Buildings George Follmer, comprising the State Board of Public Lands and Buildings, were here inspecting the Institute for Feeble Minded.

At Clinton, Ark., the safe in the Van Buren county court house was blown open with dynamite and \$6,000 of the school fund was stolen.

### Poisoned by Eating Salmon.

**NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., April 28.**—William Secord, a fireman at the starch works in this city, was poisoned and is seriously ill at his home in Elmwood from eating canned salmon. His physician now thinks that he is out of danger. The salmon was allowed to remain in the can for several hours after it was opened and it is thought that the poison is the result of the chemical actions of the juices on the tin.

### Nebraska Debaters Winners.

**LINCOLN, Neb., April 28.**—The debaters of the University of Nebraska won in the contest with representatives of the University of Kansas. The question was, "Resolved, That the United States should, by appropriate concessions in its tariff duties, extend its export trade and cultivate amity." The negative was supported by the Nebraska debaters, who were Charles M. Bardeen, John C. Doubt, Jr., and Samuel C. Hawthorn.

# STOCKMEN HEARD

## WANT A LEASING BILL IF NO MORE CAN BE SECURED.

## COMMITTEE ASK QUESTIONS

### Mr. Richards Presentation of the Case—The Nebraskans to Be Presented to the President Before the Cabinet—Other Nebraska Matters.

**WASHINGTON, D. C., April 29.**—Bartlett Richards and the delegation of stockgrowers from Nebraska had a hearing before the public lands committee of the house. Mr. Richards, as in the case before the sub-committee of the senate committee on public lands, was the principal speaker, and for upwards of an hour occupied the floor. Colonel John P. Irish, who is the representative of the Cattle Growers' association occasionally interrupting in order to make more clear Mr. Richards' argument. The members of the committee asked a great many questions during the progress of Mr. Richards' presentation of the case. Acting Chairman Mondell calling attention to the fact that there were no mountainous regions in Nebraska and that in view of the fact that there was a very large irrigation project pending before congress, asked Mr. Richards whether it would not be better to pass a specific act relative to Nebraska and the lease of the public domain in that state than to depend upon congress to pass a general leasing measure.

To this Mr. Richards replied that since he came to Washington the question of specific legislation for Nebraska had been submitted to him by the Nebraska delegation and that he looked with favor upon the measure if no general land leasing law be enacted. In view of the vast interests which were represented by himself and his associates of the delegation he felt that some general measure ought to be passed, but he would be content at this time if some special act could be passed which might be an entering wedge for future legislation of a wider scope.

He presented similar petitions to mittiee and he had not concluded his argument when time came for adjournment. It was therefore agreed by the committee that they would hear other members of the Cattle Growers' association on Monday morning.

In the afternoon the delegation of cattle growers met the senators and representatives from Nebraska in Senator Millard's committee room, all members being present with the exception of Mr. Mercer. The whole subject of leasing was again gone over, the stockmen being especially enthusiastic over the treatment they had received before the committee, which had accorded them hearings during the past two days. No definite conclusion was reached, however, as to future action.

Senator Millard has made arrangements to present Mr. Richards and his party to the president on Tuesday before the meeting of the cabinet, and it is expected the entire Nebraska delegation will accompany them to the White House.

### Select Former Nebraskan.

**LAWRENCE, Kan., April 29.**—The Board of Regents this morning unanimously elected Frank Strong, president of the University of Oregon, to fill the vacant chancellorship of the University of Kansas. The place pays \$4,500. Strong was graduated from Yale in 1884. He has spent most of his life in the west, being principal of the St. Joseph (Mo.) High school from 1888 until 1892, where he put great life and stability into that school. From 1892 till 1895 he was superintendent of schools at Lincoln, Neb., and was for a time first vice president of the Nebraska Association of Superintendents and Principals. From 1897 to 1899 he lectured on history in Yale university and has been for a number of years a frequent contributor of historical articles to many of the leading magazines.

### Disease Changes Color.

**PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., April 29.**—Colonel G. C. Mayfield is the owner of a Poland-China brood sow, which, he alleges, changed from black to white within a few weeks. She took the cholera and upon recovering her hair commenced to turn white. She now has a fine litter of pigs, but, unlike their mother, they are as black as crows.

### Little Litigation in Dodge.

**FREMONT, Neb., April 29.**—At a session of the district court Judge Hollenbeck called the docket for the purpose of setting cases for trial at the next term, which convenes this week. The docket was the smallest in the county for twelve years. Only eight civil and one criminal case were set for trial. James Stewart was before the court on a writ of habeas corpus to secure his release on a charge of contempt.

### Pierce to Have a Gas Plant.

**PIERCE, Neb., April 29.**—Benjamin Lindsay, a representative citizen of Pierce, has asked the town board for a franchise to install a lighting plant. In weeks past he has investigated the lighting question quite thoroughly and is now convinced that the cold gas process is the cheapest and best for a town the size of Pierce. The light will be used for lighting business places and streets, and also used for cooking purposes and fuel.

## GRANTS RHEA A REPRIEVE.

### Governor Postpones Date of Execution Until July of Next Year.

**LINCOLN, Neb., April 26.**—Governor Savage has granted a reprieve to William Rhea until July 10, 1903. He gives his reasons in the following statement for taking this action:

"The foregoing reprieve of William Rhea is issued because I believe, after a thorough investigation of all the facts involved, that it is doubtful if the death penalty ought to be imposed upon the said William Rhea. At the same time I am reluctant to commute the sentence to imprisonment for life, for the reason that history shows that in many cases a life sentence in the penitentiary does not mean confinement for life.

"In my opinion, the said William Rhea ought not at any time to be given his liberty. I grant a reprieve for this long time in order that the coming legislature may have an opportunity to amend the law relating to pardons and commutations, if it sees fit to do so, and I direct that this explanation of my action be recorded in the records of the state penitentiary, and also in the office of the clerk of the supreme court."

"Following is the agreement signed by Rhea:

"I, William Rhea, the prisoner mentioned in the foregoing reprieve, having read the same and being fully advised and aware of the meaning thereof, do hereby voluntarily consent thereto and hereby accept and adopt the provisions and conditions of said reprieve, consenting that the date of execution may be delayed and postponed as therein provided for, and I request and direct that E. D. Davis and George W. Martin, who are to me well known, shall sign this, my consent and approval and acceptance of said reprieve, as witnesses, and that they make proof of my signature and acceptance before the said clerk of the supreme court of the state of Nebraska, and that the reprieve and this approval thereof and said proof of said witnesses may thereupon be recorded in the office of the said clerk of said supreme court."

"The governor's order to the warden follows:

"Whereas, it seems proper that said execution should be delayed for the time hereinafter mentioned,

"Now, therefore, this is to command you to postpone and delay the said execution of said William Rhea until the second Friday of July, A. D. 1903, being the 10th day of said month, at which time you will carry said mandate from the clerk of the supreme court into effect between the hours mentioned and in all respects in accordance therewith, only the date of said execution being hereby altered.

You will retain said William Rhea in confinement in the said penitentiary in the meantime at hard labor during the hours of labor and keep him in solitary confinement during the hours that the other prisoners are kept in their cells."

### Janitors Threaten to Strike.

**LINCOLN, Neb., April 26.**—Janitors at the state house are threatening a strike because of the action of the State Board of Public Lands and Buildings in ordering them to have all dandelion plants removed from the capitol lawn before May 1. They say it will be impossible to do the work in the time allowed and that rather than pay other men out of their wages to assist them they will give up their positions.

### Tour the World Afoot.

**WEST POINT, Neb., April 26.**—Amandus Krause, William Gelfeke, George Meier and Ed Clancy expect to make a tour of the world on foot and without money, starting on May 1. They will start out with a pack mule and a camping outfit and expect to make the tour in about two or three years.

### Nebraska City Man Loses Diamonds.

**NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., April 26.**—James H. Butler of this city lost a diamond stud valued at \$1,000. Whether the stone was stolen or was lost from the setting is not known.

### Takes Deserter to Fort Crook.

**TECUMSEH, Neb., April 26.**—Sheriff W. H. Cummings received orders from the army authorities at Fort Crook to bring Fred Bellie, the deserter, there at once.

### Beatrice Church is Dedicated.

**BEATRICE, Neb., April 26.**—The Mennonite church recently erected in this city at a cost of \$4,000 was dedicated Sunday.

### York County Crops Flourish.

**YORK, Neb., April 26.**—Growing crops are in fine condition in York county. Never in the history of the county has there been a spring when winter wheat looked any better. There are fields of winter wheat in York county which stand from four to seven inches high. About 50 per cent of the acreage here is winter wheat. Quite a little acreage has been put in oats and it is coming up through the ground in fine shape.

### Rhea Making Brooms.

**LINCOLN, Neb., April 26.**—Dressed in a brand new suit of striped clothes, Rhea, the condemned murderer who received a reprieve at the hands of Governor Savage has been put at work in the broom factory. He seems somewhat brightened up as a result of his new lease on life, but seems to have learned something in his narrow escape. His tongue is not nearly so loose as it once was and he no longer curses the guards and warden.

# THE TWO OFFERS

## CANAL PROPOSITIONS WEIGHED BY CABINET OFFICIALS.

## OUTLINES MUCH THE SAME

### President Roosevelt is Anxious that a Decision Be Reached in the Matter at This Session of Congress—Miscellaneous Washington Matters.

**WASHINGTON, April 26.**—The cabinet held a short session today, during which the relative propositions of the Colombian and Nicaraguan governments in connection with the proposed canal were discussed.

The president is exceedingly anxious that, whatever determination congress may come to as to the relative merits of the two routes, in any event some decision may be reached at this session.

A comparison of the outlines of the agreements or treaties made the State department with Colombia in relation to the Panama canal and with Nicaragua and Costa Rica as to the Nicaraguan canal shows a general resemblance in the scope of the arrangements, but important differences in detail.

One point of resemblance is the amount of money to be paid down at once by the United States government to the country making the concessions. In each case this is \$7,000,000. If the Panama route is chosen Colombia gets all of this money. If the choice falls on the Nicaragua route Nicaragua will receive \$6,000,000 and Costa Rica \$1,000,000.

The delay that occurred in consummating the arrangements was owing to the difficulty in reaching a basis of agreement between Nicaragua and Costa Rica, and this is generally fixed upon as about 6 to 1 in favor of Nicaragua.

No provision is made in the Colombian protocol for the payment of any annual rent—that matter will be left to future adjustment, though of course it is expected that some rent will be charged. The agreements as to the Nicaragua canal, however, specifically state the rent to be paid, which is \$30,000 per annum, of which Nicaragua will get about \$25,000 and Costa Rica \$5,000.

While this rent is merely nominal, it serves a useful purpose in the estimate of the isthmian republics, namely, to continually assert the nominal sovereignty of Nicaragua and Costa Rica over the territory through which the canal is cut.

The original proposition was to pay a lump sum representing the capitalization of this rent for 100 years, but the republic prefer to have the money paid in recognition of their sovereignty, and in consideration of the allowance of their wish in this matter they have gone to the length of making the lease to the United States perpetual as against the 100-year renewal release of the Colombian agreement.

Neither of the ministers—Nicaraguan or Costa Rican—has yet received the full powers from their governments necessary to the perfection of the treaties.

The question of the fiscal agency in the Philippines was also discussed by the cabinet, but no conclusion was reached and it was stated that none can be until the attorney general sends his opinion on the power of the Guaranty Trust company to keep its agency.

### Plans for Governor Taft.

**WASHINGTON, April 25.**—Governor Taft will leave here at noon tomorrow for New York. He will return to Washington to confer further with the president and Secretary Root respecting Philippine affairs preliminary to his return to Manila. He will go to Manila by way of New York and the Mediterranean, stopping en route at Rome to confer with the authorities of the vatican regarding the disposition of the friar lands.

### Amos J. Cummings a Sick Man.

**BALTIMORE, April 26.**—It was learned from a reliable source late last night that Congressman Amos J. Cummings of New York is critically ill from pneumonia.

### Officers Are Not Guilty.

**MANILA, April 26.**—Major Waller and Lieutenant Day of the marine corps, who were tried by court-martial here on the charge of executing natives of the island of Samar without trial, have been acquitted.

### Pays Penalty on Gallows.

**NEWARK, N. J., April 26.**—Henry Schaub was hanged today for the murder of his wife and child. The drop fell at 10:10 o'clock. As the body fell the head was never severed and blood spurted from the neck. Schaub was a barber, but did not work steady and was dissipated. His wife made arrangements to leave him and when he learned of her determination he killed her and their child. He cut his own throat, but not fatally.

### Body Found in Narrow Well.

**FORT DODGE, Ia., April 26.**—A mysterious death was brought to light here when the body of Mrs. H. J. Meyer, wife of an old and well known farmer, living at Lotts Creek, near Alzona, was discovered in an old and narrow well, not far from her home. Mrs. Meyer had disappeared some four days previous, and the find was the result of the search which was instituted. The matter is being investigated.

## THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

### Latest Quotations from South Omaha and Kansas City.

### SOUTH OMAHA.

**CATTLE.**—There was a liberal run of cattle, which makes the receipts for two days this week approximately in excess of the same days of last week. The big bulk of the receipts was made up of beef steers and the quality was fully as good as it has been of late. Packers were bidding a good deal lower than they were yesterday, but as a general thing that was one of the less desirable grades. The very best cattle, such as sold from \$6.75 to \$6.90, were very little if any lower than they were yesterday, but when it came to such kinds as sold from \$6.75 down the market was undoubtedly lower. There were not very many cows and heifers in the yards, so that the market did not show much change from yesterday. There was also very little change in the prices paid for bulls, veal calves and stags where the quality was satisfactory, but the common stuff was weak and more or less neglected. Stockers and feeders were scarce and the demand was in fairly good shape good prices were paid. Common and light stuff was as hard to move as ever, but desirable grades of heavyweight cattle sold at very satisfactory prices.

**HOGS.**—The general market was about 20¢ lower, but there was a fairly active at the decline. A good many hogs were bought and shipped to points where the receipts were not as heavy, which helped out the market here to some extent. Some of the local packers held out and would not buy anything unless they could get it at a flat 6¢ lower, and for that reason the last end of the market was slow and right around a dime lower. The bulk of the good weight hogs sold from \$10 to \$12, and medium weights went mostly from \$8.50 to \$9. The lighter weights sold from \$6.50 down.

**SHEEP.**—Good to choice lightweight yearlings, \$5.00 to \$5.25; fair to good, \$4.75 to \$5.00; good to choice wethers, \$5.00 to \$5.25; fair to good, \$4.75 to \$5.00; good to choice lambs, \$3.50 to \$4.00; fair to good, \$3.25 to \$3.50. Woolled stock sells about \$2.50 to \$3.00 above clipped stock. Choice Colorado woolled lambs, \$3.00 to \$3.25; fair to good, \$2.75 to \$3.00.

### KANSAS CITY.

**CATTLE.**—Slightly killing and feeding cattle steady; inferior grades, 10¢ to 15¢ lower; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$6.75 to \$7.00; fair to good, \$6.50 to \$6.75; stockers and feeders, \$5.75 to \$6.00; Texas and Indian steers, \$5.75 to \$6.00; Texas and Indian cows, \$5.25 to \$5.50; native cows, \$5.00 to \$5.25; native heifers, \$4.75 to \$5.00; canners, \$2.50 to \$3.00; bulls, \$3.00 to \$3.50.

**HOGS.**—Market steady to 1¢ lower; top, \$12.50; bulk of sales, \$12.00 to \$12.25; packers, \$10.00 to \$10.25; light, \$9.75 to \$10.00; pigs, \$8.25 to \$8.50.

**SHEEP AND LAMBS.**—Market steady; native lambs, \$4.00 to \$4.25; western lambs, \$3.75 to \$4.00; native wethers, \$3.75 to \$4.00; western wethers, \$3.75 to \$4.00; Texas clipped yearlings, \$6.00 to \$6.25; Texas clipped sheep, \$5.00 to \$5.25; stockers and feeders, \$3.00 to \$3.50.

### ON THE DEATH OF MORTON.

**Expressions of Condolence from President and Others.**

**CHICAGO, May 1.**—Among the expressions of sympathy received at the Morton home at Lake Forest were the following:

President Roosevelt: "I am greatly shocked and grieved at the death of your father. I respected and admired your father as a public man and I loved him as a friend. I sympathize deeply with you and feel that the country has sustained a real and great loss."

Former President Cleveland is on a hunting expedition in Florida and a message announcing the death of his former cabinet member had not reached him, it is thought, late last night. The following message from Mrs. Cleveland was received by Mark Morton yesterday morning:

"I have forwarded your sad news to my husband in Florida. Pray accept my warmest sympathy."

### FUNSTON SUBMITS PLAN.

**Approved by MacArthur and the Capture of Aguinaldo Follows.**

**DENVER, May 1.**—When General Funston's attention was called to the declaration of General MacArthur that he (MacArthur) was responsible for methods used in the capture of Aguinaldo, he said:

"That is right. General MacArthur made a similar statement several months ago. This is simply a repetition of his former utterances, when he said he was responsible for the methods in the capture of Aguinaldo. I got up the plan and submitted it to General MacArthur. The whole plan was submitted to him and he endorsed it. Then the expedition was entered upon and carried out, resulting in the capture of Aguinaldo. General MacArthur is right in what he says."

### New Salmon Trust.

**TACOMA, April 30.**—Options have been secured on ten of the largest salmon canneries on Puget Sound, and Alaska now outside of the trust, with the object of floating a new salmon combination, capitalized at \$3,000,000.

### Ready to Pay for Peace.

**NEW YORK, May 1.**—W. Bourke Cockran, who has just returned from a trip to Rome, Egypt and London, said that, in his opinion, if the Boers will make an oral concession of defeat the English will pay them almost any sum to restore their destroyed homes and repair the ravages of the war. In other words, he said, England is ready and anxious to pay a large sum of money to bring about peace in South Africa.

### Barge Goes to the Bottom.

**NEW YORK, May 1.**—The tugboat Volunteer has reached this port after having lost the barges Henry Hughes and Baxter off Penfield reef, Long Island sound. All on board the Baxter were lost and one boy on board the Henry Hughes was lost. The captain of the Henry Hughes, his wife and two children were rescued and returned to this place on the Volunteer. It is not known how many men were on the Baxter.

## BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

### The Denver Times has been sold for \$110,000.

American troops in Cuba are being withdrawn.

John Field, an old-time Omaha son-tractor, died in Dubuque, Ia.

At Pittsburg, Pa., Miss Connelly quarreled with and killed a mother-in-law.

Reports from the sealing vessels indicate that the salmona catch will be 270,000.

So far forty bodies have been recovered from the City of Pittsburg wreck at Cairo, Ill.

Miss Ellen M. Stone has been engaged to lecture at the Iowa Chautauquus meeting in June.

Mayor Crane of Denver, Colo., has just invented a rotary overworking machine for use in gold mines.

James M. Humphreys of Franklin, Neb., has been admitted to practice before the interior department.

Governor Yates of Illinois was recently in a wreck on the Illinois Central, but was not much injured.

Colored women of Iowa will meet at Ottumwa on the 23d and 24th of May to plan a permanent organization.

Congressman Mercer has secured a favorable report on his bill for a 500,000 fish hatchery for Sarpy county, Nebraska.

Thirty ladrones, armed with Mausers, ambushed five of the constabulary near Manila, killing one man and injuring another.

Secretary of Agriculture Wilson entertained President and Mrs. Roosevelt and a number of other guests at a reception and dinner party.

W.