

Matters in Nebraska.

NEWSY STATE BRIEFS.

The physicians of Brown county have perfected an organization.

The hardware store of Lantz & Allison at Lyons was entered by burglars and goods to the value of \$50 stolen.

The Beatrice Brick works, the largest brickmaking plant in Southwestern Nebraska, began work last month.

Charles Hodge, a merchant of Carns, was adjudged insane by the county board and sent to the asylum at Lincoln.

Two sons of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Thompson, aged four and six years, were seriously if not fatally burned at Fern while playing in a barrel of straw.

The next state meet of bowling clubs will be held in Omaha. It was so decided at the business meeting of the state organization held at Lincoln last week.

The grain dealers of Cass county are now able to get all the cars they need for handling their grain.

Most of the grain which accumulated in the elevators has been shipped out, and what was at one time considered a serious condition is now a thing of the past.

Charles Beeman, a car repairer, attempted to board Chicago & North-western train 29 while running through the yards at Superior.

He missed his footing and fell. The brakebeam struck him on the shoulder and he was thus saved from going under the wheels.

Samuel Hillery, 75 years of age, en route from Allerton, Ill., to Gochenburg, Neb., in some mysterious manner fell from Union Pacific train No. 5 at a point one and one-half miles west of Fremont.

He was badly cut about the face and head, but suffered no permanent injuries.

R. S. Binford, a car repairer at the round house in Ravenna, met with a sudden death while under the tender of one of the engines trying to adjust the air brake.

He gave the signal to apply the air, but neglected to get out of the way, and the piston penetrated his brain, killing him instantly.

The First National bank of Columbus will not be able to realize upon its assignment of the salary warrants of William O'Brien, county attorney of Platte.

The supreme court says that the assignment of the salary or fees of a public officer to be earned in the future is contrary to public policy and therefore void.

H. E. Will, living west of Falls City, drove a fine young horse, hitched to an almost new buggy to town and tied the horse to a hitch rack in the busiest part of town, from which place the rig was stolen.

A reward of seventy-five dollars has been offered for the arrest and conviction of the thief and return of the property.

Much interest is manifested at the Union stock yards at South Omaha in a report just issued by the government bureau of animal industry on the subject of blackleg in cattle.

The report says that cattle losses from this cause aggregate easily \$5,000,000 annually. The bureau is sending out to applicants for a vaccine to be used in case of blackleg.

Recent orders issued from Grand Army of the Republic headquarters at Lincoln announce a considerable number of posts delinquent for per capita tax and that many of them have not yet sent in their lists of delegates for the department encampment to be held at Fremont next month.

The order also invites bids for the next state Grand Army of the Republic reunion.

State Superintendent of Schools W. K. Fowler went to Holdrege to consult with the county superintendent of Phelps and adjoining counties with a view to locating one of the state normal schools, provided for in a bill recently passed by the legislature, at Holdrege.

There are five of these schools to be located in different parts of the state according to the provisions of the bill.

All traces of the big fire at the penitentiary will be eradicated within the next sixty days. The plastering is completed and the floors in the new section of the buildings are now laid.

The convicts' dining room is completed, and as soon as the guards' gallery in this department is completed it will be ready for use.

When the improvements now going on are completed the Nebraska penitentiary will be one of the most complete in the west.

Gus Klegze, a farmer living four miles southeast of Bloomfield, went to his neighbor's house, where he became violently insane, and after driving the family out, he barricaded the doors and broke the furniture.

The sheriff took him in charge.

W. R. Priest, commenced a suit in the district court of York county against J. H. Blodgett, for defamation of character, and asks \$5,000 in the way of remuneration for the same.

The two gentlemen are selling typewriters for different companies.

The new insurance law reducing the amount of the local agent's fee from \$20 to 50 cents is adding considerable work to the insurance commissioners.

The law applies only to local companies and they are increasing the number of their agents about two-thirds or more. One company registered 143 agents last year at a cost of \$286, and this year the same company registers 212 agents at a cost of \$106.

Fairbury has retained its entire orga of teachers for another year.

NEBRASKA CROP BULLETIN.

Winter Wheat Shows Well and Farm Work Advances.

LINCOLN—The first bulletin of the climate and crop service says:

The first decade in April was warm, with beneficial showers on the 10th in the central and eastern counties; the rainfall exceeded an inch in a few counties along the Platte river, but was generally less than half an inch.

Farm work progressed rapidly. Oats sowing is nearing completion in southern counties and is well advanced in northern. Some early sown oats are up nicely.

Spring wheat is nearly all sown, and in some places the acreage will be considerably less than last year.

Grass and fall-sown grain are starting nicely. Winter wheat is generally in good condition, although in some places it has been winter killed in spots.

In the southern counties the soil is becoming dry and the high winds of the week have been rather unfavorable.

HURT BY AN INSANE FARMER. Young Lady Seriously and Perhaps Fatally Injured.

LONG PINE—Members of the family of John Jessel, a German farmer living a few miles east of town, were in town after a physician to attend to the injuries received by his daughter Minnie at the hands of her father.

Jessel struck her on the back with a board and she lay on the floor unconscious until neighbors were brought several miles by a younger brother.

Jessel was before the insanity board a short time ago on account of his brutal treatment of the family, but was discharged. It is expected that the Rock county authorities will take action in the matter.

Jessel's wife has applied for a divorce on account of his treatment.

NORTH OMAHA WORKMEN WIN Large Delegation Visits Lincoln to Witness the Drill.

LINCOLN—In the presence of 2,000 spectators, North Omaha Lodge No. 159, Ancient Order of United Workmen, Captain J. C. Dauble in command, won the state competitive drill for the Worly cup over strong opposition.

Four teams entered and finished in this order: Lincoln No. 9, F. E. Stump, captain; Ak-Sar-Ben No. 322, P. J. Weyman, captain; Omaha No. 18, P. H. Melthide, captain.

Teams were here from South Omaha, Grand Island and Hastings that did not enter the contest. A grand ball followed the drill.

Location of G. A. R. Reunion. Some discussion is being indulged in as to what place will secure the Grand Army reunion to be held in 1904.

At the encampment to be held at Fremont, May 13, the place will be decided upon. It has in the past been customary for the various towns that desire the reunion to file bids with the department in Lincoln.

So far, however, no town has filed for a bid. Hastings has had the reunion for the last two years and its contract expires this fall.

Grand Island, Neligh and Hastings each would like to play the host, and lately Omaha has come to the front with a suggestion that it could royally entertain the old veterans.

Nebraskans Go to California. ALBION—Rev. Douglas, former pastor of the Congregational church of this place, left with about a dozen emigrants who go to a colony in southern California in which Mr. Douglas is interested.

Farmer Seriously Hurt. GILTNER—S. O. Lanterman, a farmer living about five miles from town, was seriously hurt by falling from the power of a cornsheller.

An ankle was broken and his scalp badly cut.

Good Roads. Private Secretary A. B. Allen has forwarded a letter to each of the Nebraska delegates appointed to attend the national good roads convention to be held at St. Louis.

Several have replied accepting the appointment and declaring their intention to attend.

Re-elect Superintendent Thomas. KEARNEY—At a meeting of the Board of Education of the city of Kearney, A. O. Thomas, superintendent of the city schools, was re-elected unanimously for the next year.

The superintendent's salary was also raised from \$1,250 to \$1,500. The action of the board speaks well for Superintendent Thomas, whose work for the last two years has done more than any previous work to bring the Kearney schools up to high standard.

Logan is Held for Murder. BEAVER CITY—Daniel M. Logan, who shot and killed Charles Christenson at Holbrook on April 1 over an account \$10, had his preliminary hearing in county court. He was bound over to district court, which will convene June 1. Three eye-witnesses testified to the shooting, and all agreed as to the details of the affair.

Logan is an old man and is greatly depressed over the trouble in which he now finds himself.

IMPRISON THE PEACEMAKERS.

Albanians Turn Deaf Ear to Pacification Proposals.

CONSTANTINOPLE—The members of the special mission sent by the sultan to pacify the Albanians. It is now announced, are practically imprisoned at Ipek, Albany, where they are surrounded by several hundred Albanians, whose chiefs refuse to accept the proposed reforms and demand the appointment of an Albanian governor, adding that otherwise they will continue the revolt.

The Austrian and Russian ambassadors are urging the sultan to adopt energetic measures to suppress the Albanians, but he is averse to coercion, as he relies on the Albanians to help him in the event of further complications.

TO SEND LETTER OF THANKS. Pope Leo Gratified at President Roosevelt's Gift.

ROME—The pope was gratified when informed that President Roosevelt, on the celebration of the papal jubilee, had forwarded to the pontiff, through Cardinal Gibbons, the volumes containing the messages and official documents of the presidents of the United States. He said:

"The messages are the essence of a century and a half of American political wisdom. I shall be happy in having it as a companion to the set of President Roosevelt's own literary works, sent by Governor Taft last year." The pontiff added that he will thank the president by sending him an autograph letter.

AVOID DOUBLE INSPECTION. Kansas Men Will Examine Cattle at Same Time as Officials.

TOPEKA, Kan.—Governor Bailey and the members of the state live-stock sanitary commission have agreed upon a plan to prevent the double inspection of cattle coming into Kansas from Texas. J. H. Johnson, the state inspector at Arkansas City, has been ordered to go at once to Fort Worth, Tex., and will inspect cattle consigned to Kansas.

He will remain in Texas until the rush of spring shipping is over. Under the present system Texas cattle are inspected in Fort Worth by federal inspectors and again in Kansas by state inspectors.

This system has been the cause of much dissension.

ARE DISORDERS IN MINDANAO. Band Which Raided Surigao is Dispersed.

MANILA—The band which raided Surigao, island of Mindanao, on March 23, is practically dispersed. The troops and constabulary pursued the men into the Lake Manit country and defeated them five times, killing twenty and wounding many others.

Most of the arms stolen at Surigao were recovered.

The disorder which recently broke out in the province of Misamis, island of Mindanao, is spreading. The civil authorities have appealed for military assistance. People are leaving the towns and going to the mountains, and many are proclaiming themselves rebels.

The troops, however, have encountered and dispersed a band of 300, wounding thirteen men.

SIR OLIVER MOWAT IS DEAD. Was Premier of Ontario for Twenty-Four Years.

OTTAWA, Can.—Sir Oliver Mowat, lieutenant governor of Ontario, died Sunday at Government house. He was 83 years old. Sir Oliver had been in feeble health for some time, but the accident in which he broke his leg last Sunday night hastened the end.

Sir Oliver was premier of Ontario from 1872 to 1896, twenty-four years, thus earning the distinction of having had the longest continuous term of office as premier ever accorded to any man by the people of any province or colony in the British empire.

In 1896 he resigned to become lieutenant governor of Ontario. He was one of the fathers of confederation.

Boodlers Denied New Trial. ST. LOUIS—Judge Ryan on Monday refused to grant new trials to the following members of the St. Louis house of delegates, who were tried and convicted of bribery and notice of appeal to the supreme court was given:

Charles Gutke, convicted on January 10 and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary; John A. Sheridan, Edmund Bersch, Charles Denny and T. F. Albright, all sentenced to five years in the penitentiary on January 15.

Dates for Junior Normals. Superintendent Fowler stated that the junior normal schools would be opened June 8. On that date he expects to have at least 1,000 teachers assembled in the five schools.

He has selected North Platte as the place for the first school, which he is permitted by the new law to locate, and W. H. Gardener of Auburn will be its principal. Each school is to have a faculty of five teachers and more than enough have applied.

World's Latest Crop in 1902. WASHINGTON, D. C.—The department of agriculture has issued a comparative statement of the wheat crop of the world, showing that the total was \$1,244,222,000 bushels in 1902 was distributed as follows: North America, 781,120,000; South America, 75,984,000; Europe, 1,798,963,000; Asia, 766,429,000; Africa, 48,000,000; and Australia, 43,927,000. The crop in the United States was 670,340,000.

Wintry Weather in Germany. BERLIN—The wintry weather in Germany continues. Reports from Southern Germany speak of a heavy snowfall in various sections. Fruit trees that already had blossomed have been ruined. A hurricane-like snow storm swept over Eastern Prussia Saturday.

Sunday a terrific gale was blowing over Berlin and there have been driving flurries of snow. The temperature here is 22 degrees Fahrenheit.

THE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

Latest Quotations From South Omaha and Kansas City.

SOUTH OMAHA.

CATTLE—There was a very large run of cattle, so that the supply for the week is much heavier than for last week or for the same week of last year.

Beef buyers did not take hold with much life, and in fact it did not seem to make much difference to them whether they got any cattle or not.

There have been so many steers on the market this week that packers are pretty well filled up and consequently they did not have to hustle for supplies.

The cow market was also rather slow and weak. The very best heavy weight cows and heifers did not suffer to any great extent, but others were slow and 5 @ 10 lower.

Sellers did not like the idea of taking off again, so they held on for some time and the day was well advanced before a clearance was made.

Bulls were slow and a steady level was a result of the weaker feeling on steers and cows. Veal calves, though, did not show much change.

There were comparatively few stockers and feeders on the yards and not many were wanted, as the end of the week is to near at hand for much to be doing in the feeder division.

HOGS—There was a more moderate supply of hogs and under the influence of a good demand the market improved a little.

The bulk of the hogs sold a big nickel higher than yesterday or a good many were calling it 25 @ 10 higher. The bulk of the hogs sold from \$7.10 to \$7.15, with the prime heavies going from \$1.75 to \$1.79.

There were comparatively few light hogs on sale, but those that did arrive sold from \$7.00 to \$7.05. Owing to the scarcity of the light hogs the range of prices was narrower than it has been for some time past.

SHEEP—Quotations for woolled stock: Choice western lambs, \$7.00 @ 7.40; fair to good lambs, \$5.00 @ 5.90; choice Colorado lambs, \$7.00 @ 7.40; choice light weight yearlings, \$4.00 @ 4.60; fair to good yearlings, \$3.25 @ 3.50; choice wethers, \$4.00 @ 4.50; fair to good wethers, \$3.25 @ 3.50; feeder lambs, \$4.00 @ 4.50; feeder yearlings, \$4.00 @ 4.50; clipped stock, \$2.50 @ 2.75; lower than woolled stock.

KANSAS CITY. CATTLE—Best cattle, steady to slow; quarantine, quiet, steady; stockers and feeders, slow; bulls, steady; calves, dull; choice export and dressed beef steers, \$4.00 @ 5.25; fair to good, \$3.00 @ 4.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.25 @ 3.00; western fed steers, \$3.00 @ 3.50; Texas cows, \$2.00 @ 4.00; native cows, \$2.00 @ 3.50; native heifers, \$2.00 @ 3.00; calves, \$1.50 @ 2.75; bulls, \$2.50 @ 4.25; calves, \$2.75 @ 7.00.

HOGS—Market opened strong, closed weak; top, \$7.25 @ 7.50; bulk of sales, \$7.10 @ 7.20; heavy, \$7.10 @ 7.25; mixed packers, \$7.00 @ 7.25; light, \$6.90 @ 7.10; pigs, \$2.75 @ 3.00.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Market steady; native lambs, \$4.00 @ 5.00; western lambs, \$4.25 @ 7.80; fed ewes, \$4.00 @ 5.00; native wethers, \$4.50 @ 6.50; Texas clipped steers, \$4.50 @ 6.40; stockers and feeders, \$3.20 @ 4.55.

OFFICER EXECUTES SOLDIER. Ensign Slays Man Who Fails to Salute Him Properly.

BERLIN—Emperor William has ordered a thorough investigation into the case of Naval Ensign Hussenner, who killed an artilleryman named Hartman at Essen for not saluting him properly.

Hussenner now claims that Hartman struck him before the fatal attack, but all the eye-witnesses contradict his statement.

The papers print an account of another military incident at the Monopol hotel, Essen, in which an officer sharply accosted a one-year volunteer because the latter saluted him imperfectly.

The officer used insulting epithets, whereupon several guests of the hotel intervened. Another volunteer, who was present, then went to the assistance of the officer, who drew his sabre and wounded several civilians.

The next day the local governor ordered the hotel to be closed, the officer was placed temporarily on the retired list and an investigation ordered.

PAYS PENALTY OF HIS CRIME. Horse Thief is Hanged for Murdering the Sheriff.

EUGENE, Ore.—Elliott Lyons, who on February 6 shot and killed Sheriff W. W. Winters, while resisting arrest, for horse stealing, was hanged Friday.

Lyons walked to the scaffold and before the cap was adjusted said: "God forgive them; they know not what they do." His neck was broken by the fall. The execution was witnessed by 150 people, including many sheriffs of the state.

Lyons came from a highly respected pioneer family, and it is said his aged mother is dying of grief over the crime.

Mr. Bryan in Cincinnati. CINCINNATI—Considerable stir was caused in political circles Friday by Colonel W. J. Bryan being the guest at the Queen City club of Melville E. Ingalls, president of the Big Four railway.

President Ingalls was one of the most prominent of the so-called "gold democrats" in both of the Bryan presidential campaigns, and many of the Bryan democrats are reported as not supporting Ingalls for mayor here last week.

Authority on Postal Laws. L. S. Elmer, assistant chief clerk of the postoffice department, is known as an authority on the postal laws and regulations of this and other countries.

He compiled the postal manual, which presents the salient points of the postal laws in concise form. Mr. Elmer has been in the service about twenty years.

The Speeches of Statesmen. Joseph Chamberlain does not write out a word of his speeches, Lord Rosebery makes full notes, while Sir William Harcourt and Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman write out and read their speeches.

MAGNIFICENT VESSEL BUILT IN AMERICAN SHIPYARDS



The largest vessel ever built in an American shipyard was launched April 16, at the plant of its builders, the United States Shipbuilding company, at New London, Conn. The new boat, which has been christened the Minnesota, is exceeded in size by two other vessels in the world, the Celtic and Cedric of the White Star line, which were built abroad.

The Minnesota is to be one of the great fleet of intermediate freight and passenger ships, with which the Great Northern Steamship company aims to gain control of Pacific ocean traffic. It is 630 feet long, 73 feet 6 inches wide, 88 feet high to the captain's bridge, and 177 feet high to the top of the masts. She will be rigged as a four-masted schooner and in all will have nine decks, five of which will be continuous.

Her total cargo capacity will be 20,000 tons, and her hatches are so large that an entire locomotive or freight car can be lowered into her hold intact.

The bunker capacity is 6,000 tons, and the driving power will come from two vertical inverted direct acting, triple expansion surface condensing marine engines having an indicated horse-power of 10,000, which means a speed of about fourteen knots per hour.

Fire in the hold can be extinguished by steam, valves for controlling which are always accessible on the upper deck.

Officials of the building company believe the launching of the Minnesota means much for American shipbuilders who have heretofore never built any but war vessels of the largest type. Foreign orders for merchant ships are now expected.

CORRUPT NEW YORK JURORS.

District Attorney is Severe in His Indictment.

Eugene A. Philbin of New York, has a poor opinion of jurors, grand and petty, in that city. In an address at Columbia university on "The District Attorney's Office" he referred as follows to the corruptibility of jurors:

"There are men on grand juries in New York whose first object is to protect the political party to which they belong. One jury recently refused to issue a presentment because the person affected was a good political worker in the district of one of the jurors.

The grand jury not infrequently stands between the criminal and the just penalty of his crime. The district attorney is confronted with the necessity of attacking political corruption which so clearly exists, but he finds it almost impossible to secure a conviction for bribery owing to the character of the witnesses. I have seen cases where the moral evidence was complete that certain jurors were corrupted, and one has confessed to me."

Conan Doyle's Religious Ideas. Sir Arthur Conan Doyle cherishes many interests and one of them is religious work. Last week the knight opened a bazaar in aid of a fund toward a chapel to the memory of the late Hugh Price Hughes and he took advantage of the occasion to remark that he did not agree with the system of keeping religion in water-tight compartments, each having no connection with the other.

All he said, were working for the amelioration of mankind and he had profound respect for all and would gladly help them. Sir Arthur, by the way, was brought up a Roman Catholic.

His Subjects Cheer the Czar. The czar of Russia had a new experience the other day which proved to him that there is such a thing as national spirit among the common people of Russia. As he drove through the streets of St. Petersburg the crowds cheered him to the echo and he said that the satisfied auto-crat positively beamed with pleasure over the evidence of popular approval of him. The cordial outburst was undoubtedly due to the recent ukase announcing forthcoming reforms.

TOWER TO MARK HISTORIC SPOT. Work is soon to begin on the erection of a memorial observatory on Prospect Hill in Boston.

Prospect Hill is noted for the prominent part it took in the Revolutionary war, and it was from the top of this hill that the first American flag was thrown to the breeze.

The observatory is to take the form of a tower, and will closely resemble an old English castle. The tower will be forty feet high. The top will be flat, and protected to a height of four feet by a parapet, with iron gratings in the embrasures, and will afford a view that cannot be equaled in Boston.

On a clear day the vision can travel to the Blue Hills, Boston Light and to the White Mountains.

The walls of the tower will be of rough granite and will be thirty feet in diameter. Two rooms will be set apart for the exhibiting of historic relics and souvenirs. The structure from the second floor will be hexagonal in shape, resting on six columns.

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BRIGHAM YOUNG'S LONGCAREER

Late Mormon Leader Active in Building up the Church.

Brigham Young, son of President Young, founder of the Mormon church, who died in Salt Lake recently, had been ill for a long time and spent his years in the search of health. Mr. Young was born in Kirtland, Ohio, in 1836. He was president of the Council of Twelve Apostles, and by virtue of that position was in direct line to become the head of the church, in which place he would undoubtedly have succeeded had he lived, because of his family connections and the influence of the name in Utah. Throughout his life

"As to stock raising, I would advise a man to locate in this place, or any place, in South Alberta, but for mixed farming I would say go up ten miles north, say near Lacombe, Wetaskiwin or Edmonton, where it is not quite so dry and there there is some timber to be had. I will say that nowhere have I ever seen a better opportunity for a man, whether he has money or not, to obtain a home. Nowhere can he find a more productive soil, better water and a better governed country than Western Canada affords. Inducements to the homeseeker are unexcelled. I met two men near Ponoka on the C. & E. R. R., who borrowed the money to pay for their homestead, and in four years those two men sold their farms—only for \$2,500, the other for \$2,000. I met a man near Wetaskiwin who landed here with 25 cents six years ago. He is now worth \$8,000. The advantages for ranching are excellent. In fact, I do not believe this section can be beat. Markets are good, as to living, a family can live as cheap here as they can in the States. The average yield of oats in this neighborhood last year was 70 bushels per acre; wheat averaged 35, barley 40, and the best crop was good. In consequence of the successful cultivation of the best large best sugar factory is being erected at Raymond, seven miles from here.

"In conclusion I will say that N. W. T. from Manitoba to a long distance north of Edmonton produces most wonderful crops. Lakes and rivers abound with fish, and game is plenty. And that this is unquestionably the country for a man to come to if he desires to better his condition in life. I would advise the prospective settler to look over the Lethbridge, Lacombe, Wetaskiwin and Edmonton districts before locating.

"I will locate in the Edmonton district next fall and several families from the States will locate with me. In the meantime I will receive my mail here and will be pleased to give the interested all the information desired."

For information as to railway rates, etc., apply to any agent of the Canadian Government, whose name appears elsewhere in this paper.

It is well to be off with the old foe before you can fight with the new.

If you don't get the biggest and best it's your own fault. Defiance Starch is for sale everywhere and there is positively nothing to equal it in quality or quantity.

There is a place for everything, but few people have access to the index.

LIVE STOCK BREEDERS. Attention is called to the advertisement of the Lincoln Importing Horse company. They have a large number of imported black Percherons, English Shires and German Coach stallions which they are offering a special inducement to buyers in the way of a discount of 20 per cent. This company has been in business in Lincoln for sixteen years with the largest and most convenient barns in the United