

General Nebraska News.

NEWSY STATE BRIEFS.

A number of cases of scarlet fever reported at Lyons.

A large number of old soldiers attended the reunion at Fairbury.

The old settlers of Barneston and vicinity will hold their picnic at Barneston August 29.

Hagenow's band of Lincoln will give a three days' concert in Fremont during September.

No hot winds have visited Nebraska thus far this year and corn all along the line is doing nicely.

Section Foreman Warthen of the Missouri Pacific railway, was thrown from his car near Julian and fatally injured.

Mrs. Harry Giles was brutally assaulted by her husband at Wymore, and the authorities are looking for the transgressor.

Thieves raided the merchandise store of White Bros. at Lewistown, but all they got for their trouble was several pairs of shoes. Bloodhounds were called to locate them.

The chicken shooting case came up for trial at Cozad. Brazil Chapman was fined \$13.50 and Ray Wilkinson \$18.50 for shooting prairie chickens out of season.

Mrs. A. G. Wagner, who has held the position of librarian of the Lydia B. Woods library at Falls City since it was opened, has tendered her resignation to take effect August 1.

During a hard electrical storm the Missouri Pacific depot at Portal was struck by lightning and burned to the ground. This depot was considered by railroad men to have been the finest local station on the line.

J. L. Speck is now superintendent of the state property at Norfolk hospital grounds. A. M. Thomas, former superintendent, has resigned and gone to the western coast. There are no signs yet of any action upon the new building.

"The result of the bidding for the new normal school," said Governor Mickey, "demonstrates that a healthy public sentiment exists in the west as well as in the east. A state where such rivalry for the location of an educational institution is possible must be congratulated."

Mrs. W. T. Boydston, wife of W. T. Boydston, a postal clerk running between Grand Island and Ord, attempted to commit suicide. She tried to end her earthly existence by taking strychnine. After taking the drug she informed her husband of the affair and after several hours' work the doctors saved her life.

Just as Erick Engel had completed his three-year sentence in the penitentiary for burglary and was about to breathe the free air once again, he walked instead of into liberty into the arms of a sheriff armed with a warrant for his address on the charge of burglary of the jewelry store of R. S. Thornton at Cozad three years ago.

Jacob Miller, a well-to-do farmer living six miles northeast of Scribner, met with an accidental death. He and his son brought to town two wagons loaded with corn, and when on the elevator dump his team started up. He reached for the lines, when he overbalanced himself, falling out of the wagon, the wheels of which went over his left breast. He died in an hour.

There will be a cadet appointed from the Fifth congressional district to the United States Military academy at West Point, who will be admitted into the academy on June 15, 1904. In order that all applicants for this position may have an equal opportunity to obtain the appointment, Congressman Norris will hold a competitive examination at Hastings the latter part of August.

Some interesting figures will be presented by a report soon to be issued by the department of labor and industrial statistics. This will give the acreage by counties throughout the state of all the principal crops, together with a census of the live stock. Comment on the outlook for the yield of the various crops garnered by a recent trip across the state will also be incorporated in the report.

Several changes were made in the D. T. Hayden, one of the pioneer members of the bar of Otoe county, is dead. He was county attorney of that county for a number of years, and for the past four years president of the Otoe county bar association.

Three unknown men attempted to hold up Joseph Schneider, a farmer living five miles east and north of Fremont, at his home. They not only failed to accomplish their intent, but were driven off the premises by Mr. Schneider at the mouth of a shotgun.

The remains of Cornelius Overton, who dropped dead in Pennsylvania a few days since, while there on a visit, reached Nebraska City last week. He was one of the pioneers of that section and leaves a wife, several sons and a daughter.

Secretary Dobson of the State Board of Irrigation and his assistant, Hubbard, have gone to Niobrara to investigate the applications of two rival concerns for the use of the water of the Niobrara river for power purposes. One of the claimants proposes to plant a series of devices something after the order of turbine wheels in the channel of the river, while another plan to divert the waters into a canal, with which to develop electric power for an across-the-country trolley system.

UNION PACIFIC IS REBUILDING.

Three Hundred Miles of Double Track in Nebraska in Two Years.

Reconstruction work on the Union Pacific railway is being pushed all along the line and the intentions of the engineers to improve the road until it is second to none in the country it seems will soon be realized. At Yutan a new steel bridge across the Platte river connecting that place with Valley is nearing completion. The bridge is a modern affair and it rests upon concrete piers similar to those under the viaduct across the tracks at Twenty-fourth street in Omaha.

The branch between Valley and Lincoln is being greatly improved, the intention being to reduce the curves and perfect the road bed, thus making it possible to increase the speed of all trains. The work will be completed some time next year. The terminus at Lincoln is being bettered.

All along the line in Nebraska new ties are replacing old ones, and large section gangs are at work every day in the year preparatory to replacing the old steel with a much heavier article.

Construction for the second track throughout Nebraska is being pushed and it is predicted that within the next two years 300 miles of double track will cover that much of the state. The enormous business of the road which is expected to increase very materially during the next few years has forced the company to place the second track. Long sidings also will be built and when the improvements are completed the engineers say the roadbed and trackage of the company will not be excelled in any part of the country.

NEBRASKA AT ST. LOUIS FAIR.

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Hog With Many Feet.

PAPILLON, Neb.—A strange freak in the shape of a hog with six well formed feet at the farm of T. J. Snide, near Portal, has caused quite a sensation hereabouts. The animal has only four legs, but has two feet on each of his front flanks. It is nearly full grown and seems to handle the extra feet without difficulty.

Fined for Illegal Fishing.

NORFOLK.—It cost D. Gardener, who hails from Wichita, Kan., just a \$10 bill to cast a fish line into the Norfolk river here. "I'm from Missouri," he exclaimed when a bystander insinuated that he was violating the state law in fishing without a license. And Deputy Game Warden J. A. Rainey "showed" all about it with an immediate arrest.

Getting Ready for Sugar Crop.

MCCOOK.—The Burlington is taking steps to be in readiness to handle the sugar beet crop of this part of the state. Materials have been ordered for a large increase in trackage facilities up the Frenchman branch and on the main line west of here. At Culbertson a sidetrack 800 feet long will be laid and still three miles farther west another 500 feet long.

The fine new Methodist church at Ashland, just dedicated, was struck by lightning and damaged to the extent of \$200.

Heir to Big Fortune.

John P. Kelly, who shovels coal for the Burlington in Lincoln, received word that his father, Patrick Kelly, a prosperous farmer living near Albion, Boone county, has been left by his brother a half interest in an extensive and valuable coffee plantation in far off Brazil. The estate is valued at \$200,000, and comprises one of the most productive and best plantations in the vicinity of the capital, Rio Janeiro.

State Lets Printing Contracts.

The state printing board held a prolonged session a few days ago to consider bids for upward of a score of jobs of printing. The more important jobs were awarded to the Geneva Signal, North & Co., of Lincoln, Woodruff & Collins company of Lincoln, State Journal company of Lincoln, Hammond Bros. of Fremont, and T. E. Sedgwick of York. Several of the bidders were tied and coins were flipped to decide.

NOBODY'LL GET HURT BUT THEMSELVES.



Uncle Sam—Just the Usual Wall Street Disturbance—Nothing Like the Bull Run We Had Forty-two Years Ago To-Day.—Chicago Tribune.

INDORSE CONFERENCE ACTION.

Executive Committee of the People's Party Holds Meeting.

DENVER, Colo.—The national executive committee of the united people's party met Wednesday and indorsed all the proceedings of the conference of the reform parties which has been in session in this city for the past two days. The proclamation issued Tuesday was also indorsed.

A resolution was adopted calling a meeting of the national executive committee of the united people's party to be held at St. Louis, February 22, 1904. It was also resolved that it was the sense of the committee that the nominating convention should be held early in 1904 before the convention of either the republicans or democrats. A permanent organization was effected, of which J. A. Edigerton is chairman, to organize the reform parties in every state in the union.

Plans for American Tour.

NEW YORK.—The plans for the American tour of Richard Strauss, under direction of Henry Wolfsohn, have been completed. Mr. Strauss' first appearance in America will be in an orchestral concert in this city, which will immediately be followed by a Strauss recital in conjunction with Mme. Strauss de Athne of Beyreuth, fame, as vocalist. Richard Strauss, presiding at the piano on this occasion only. He will then conduct a number of orchestral concerts throughout the United States for the leading orchestral managers, who have extended invitations to the performer. Mr. Strauss will also appear in a limited number of recitals, together with Mme. Strauss de Athne, in the larger cities.

Rains Damage Crops in Austria.

VIENNA.—Continuous heavy rains in many parts of Austria are damaging crops. Already most serious floods have caused great havoc in the Jaegerndorf districts of Silesia. Buildings have collapsed, crops are ruined and the loss is estimated at several millions of kronen. At Naschkantz and Baccovina the rivers have overflowed and have submerged eighty houses and destroyed the crops, inflicting immense loss on the poorest classes of the population.

Roosevelt's Namesake Dies.

TOLEDO, O.—Theodore Roosevelt Spychalski, the remaining boy of the quadruplets born to Mr. and Mrs. Stanislaus Spychalski, died Sunday of cholera infantum. The other boy, Samuel Jones, died last Tuesday. The two girls are also ill, but will probably recover.

In the Nation's Strong Box.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Today's statement of the treasury balance in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, \$227,359,527; gold, \$99,440,751.

Take Out Four More Bodies.

HANNA, Wyo.—The bodies of four more miners, all Finlanders, have been recovered from the Union Pacific mine. They were found in entry No. 16, which, with entry No. 18, is now occupying the attention of the searchers. Pumping will soon be commenced at the twentieth entry, where water has been encountered, so work may be commenced there as soon as all the bodies have been taken out.

Sugar Duties Continued.

SIMLA.—The levying of counter-vailing duties on imported and bonded sugar has been extended to March 31, 1904. The decision is based on the fact that most of the sugar available for export from bounty-giving countries up to March 31, 1904, will have received bounties. The government reserves the power to reimpose a differential duty in case of any country restoring bounties directly or indirectly.

TRADE OF THE PHILIPPINES.

Export of Hemp and Copra Has Increased.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The official reports of the Philippine trade for the month of March, 1903, have been received at the insular bureau of the war department, from whose summary of commerce the achiplago, it is shown that during the nine months ending March 31, 1903, exclusive of gold and silver and government supplies, the value of merchandise imported and exported amounted to \$46,868,485, against \$42,300,208 in 1902, and \$4,332,196 during the same period of 1901.

The import figures indicate that there has been no material change in the volume of this class of trade as compared with the previous year, the gain being confined exclusively to an increase in exports, principally hemp and copra, both of which products doubtless will be shipped in large quantities for some time to come. The prospects for greater exportation of sugar and tobacco, especially the latter, are good.

PENSIONERS SHOW DECREASE.

Fewer Recipients of Government Pay Receive More Cash.

TOPEKA, Kan.—Wildor S. Metcalf, United States pension agent for Kansas, Missouri, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Colorado district, has completed his annual report. The number of pensioners decreased by 226 during the fiscal year. There are now on the list 115,629 pensioners. During the year the Topeka office paid out in pensions \$15,851,710. This is \$54,000 more than during the previous fiscal year.

Missouri leads the district in the number of pensioners and has 11,000 more persons on the roll than Kansas. During the year the number of Missouri pension claims paid was 50,114, and the amount of money distributed in that state was \$6,835,230. Kansas has 39,074 pensioners and during the year they received \$5,445,430. The 7,802 pensioners in Oklahoma received \$1,999,846.

All Quiet on the Isthmus.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The temporary ebullition on the isthmus has subsided, according to a cablegram from United States Consul General Gujger, dated at Panama Tuesday. He says that everything is quiet and he anticipates no more trouble. Mr. Gujger would like to come home on leave of absence, but Secretary Hay was obliged to deny the request, until conditions on the isthmus have become more settled.

Earthquake Destroys Houses.

LONDON.—Dispatches say that an earthquake has destroyed some houses in the towns of Filiaterra and Malazoa, in the province of Tuscany, Italy. Filiaterra is a town of 2,000 and Malazoa a town of 4,000 inhabitants. They are near Spezia, on the Gulf of Genoa.

Czar Receives a Petition.

LONDON.—The Times Sunday morning prints a Vienna dispatch saying that the emperor of Russia received with benevolence from the Croats in the United States a petition describing the condition of Croatia in the darkest terms. The same dispatch says that Prince Urslov, who, July 17, was reported as having been wounded in the Razan district by the peasants, has since become insane.

Government Buys More Silver.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The treasury department has bought 159,000 ounces of silver for Philippine coinage at an average of \$0.5403, all for delivery at San Francisco.

Establishes Military Academy.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Mail advices from Caracas to the state department say that the Venezuelan government established a military academy for the training of officers for the army.

SWEDISH CITIZENS OF CHICAGO ERECT MONUMENT TO ERICSSON

To John Ericsson and Abraham Lincoln was given the greatest meed of praise for the success of the Union cause in the civil war at a banquet at Chicago in celebration of Ericsson's hundredth birthday anniversary. The Swedish inventor was lauded as the greatest engineer who ever lived and his name was applauded every time it was uttered. The dinner, which was given by the Scandinavian Technical society, ended in a Swedish-American love feast, the American and Swedish speakers toasting each other and one another's country.

Gen. William Sooy Smith declared that Ericsson's success was largely due to his lack of training in a technical institution and his consequent

thought acquired by too close attention to the rules laid down by impractical minds, he made his way by experience and the deepest possible personal study of the subject in all its practical aspects to the greatest fame.

"You may laud to the skies the advantages to the youth of America of the purely and absolutely theoretical study in the technical schools of the land, but the best technical education, coupled with scientific study, will not make an engineer.

"You must combine with daily practice the theories and the science or only half an engineer will result. I have an admiration that amounts almost to worship for the genius of Ericsson, and he was an entirely prac-

tions, through the genius of this son of a Swedish mine foreman, the boy who used to lie at the top of a mining shaft and watch the machinery that he might learn the principles of mechanics.

The American navy was clumsy, weak and cowardly before Ericsson came. The screw propeller, the revolving turret, the most perfect guns and many other inventions are the product of his genius. In the broader sense he was a humanitarian, for he made war more dangerous and therefore more likely to be avoided in the ages that follow him.

"To Ericsson, who was laughed at by the naval experts who sat in office chairs in Washington, and to Abraham



Lincoln, who brought his mighty fist down and said Ericsson's invention should be tried in spite of the bureau experts, is due, more than to any others, the salvation of the Union."

The monument shown above was presented to Chicago by the Swedish residents of that city.

HISTORIC MILLS ARE GONE.

Flames Wipe Out Old Industry of Ogden, Utah.

The Ogden woolen mills, the second oldest industry of the kind, have been burned.

The mills were built at a time when the nails cost \$100 per keg and other material in proportion. The machinery for establishing them was brought from the Missouri river, nearly forty years ago by ox teams. Lorin Farr, for twenty years Ogden's mayor, was the originator of the enterprise. For a number of years the enterprise thrived, and in 1884 Enoch Farr, who for several years was manager of the mills, went to Boston and purchased an entirely new set of machinery. The mills were closed for several years soon after this, but about ten years ago were acquired by Mr. Platt, who again started them on a successful era. Recently they were made the basis of a stock company. The concern has paid heavy dividends and had on foot a plan to convert some of its surplus water power into electric power to be marketed.—Salt Lake Herald.

RUBIES CAN NOW BE MADE.

Chemists Able to Fuse Small Stones Into One Large Gem.

In connection with recent decisions by the general board of appraisers regarding duty on imitations of precious stones a well-known jewelry expert of New York, through whose hands millions of dollars worth of precious stones have passed, declares that rubies, beautiful in color and rivaling the natural gems, today are easily produced from the chemist's crucible.

The secret of their production which, he says, was known in France years ago, but was kept secret, lies in the manner of fusing a number of small cheap stones into a single large one. It is said the manufacture is now being carried on extensively in several European countries and only the most experienced examiner can detect the difference between the real stones and those from the crucible.

Diab Good for Many Years.

Outside of Mexico there is a general impression that because President Diaz is now 73 years old he must be failing and that at best he can last but a little time longer. "On the contrary," says a man who has just returned from a business trip to the sister republic, "half a minute's talk with the general will dispel any such notion. He is of Mexican Indian blood, a tribe noted for longevity and physical prowess. He sits his saddle with old-time ease and from all appearances can stand as much fatigue as when he rode into Pueblo conqueror of the French thirty-five years ago. His son, Porfirio Diaz, Jr., is now a man of affairs in the Mexican financial world."

Proud of Her "Reservoir."

A woman of the "newrich" type set up a pretentious establishment in New York with the view of gaining an entrance into society. Among her choice possessions was a Russian tea urn wrought in embossed brass. The term for this device is "sarovar" and the woman treated her urn like a new toy. She gave a reception in her guest to exploit her tea device and her guests were in continual subdued fits of laughter because their hostess said: "I do so love tea out of a reservoir. This reservoir came from Russia. Of course, it is really a tea urn, but I prefer the national term, don't you?"

Champion Laggard Lover.

Edward V. Read of Lancaster, Pa., seems to have some claim to be considered champion of laggard lovers. He was engaged to marry Miss Alice Burkholder seven years ago, and the wedding day was set once in each year, but Read always had some excuse for postponing his happiness. The last date set was July 17 of this year, but he failed to appear, and now Miss Burkholder seeks \$10,000 damages for breach of promise.

Eccentric Scientist Dead.

Dr. John A. Trembley, the eccentric scientist, has just died at his home in Hamilton, Ohio. This home is unique, the owner having designed the various rooms in geometrical figures, some octagonal, others circular, others elliptical, and specimens of every known wood were procured from all parts of the world and used in the structure.

Cotton Operations.

There are more than 17,000 machine-tending operators in Lowell, Mass., caring for \$28,000 spindles and earning over \$500,000 a month in wages.

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AIKSHIP FOR FRENCH ARMY.

Gen. Andre Accepts Offer of Balloons Made by Santos-Dumont.

The Paris Velo says that Santos-Dumont, after a successful demonstration with his dirigible balloon at the review July 14, offered to place his balloon at the disposal of France in case of war. Subsequently he received a telegram from Gen. Andre, the Secretary of War, accepting the offer. The letter was as follows: "At the review I noticed and admired the facility with which your balloon steered. It was impossible not to observe the progress made in aerostatics, which seems to have attained a practical application, especially from a military point of view. As I think the balloons may render valuable service in time of war, I am glad to accept the offer of your aerial flotilla to the government of the republic, and in its name I thank you for the offer, which proves your lively sympathy for France."

Paint the Tomatoes Red.

Dishonest Dealers Selling Poor Quality of Canned Goods.

State Dairy and Food Commissioner Warren has announced that retail grocers here recently have received among the orders for canned tomatoes packages which, upon close examination, proved to be a miscellaneous assortment of vegetables, including a few green tomatoes, and red paint, the whole having the appearance of ripe tomatoes. Agents detailed to investigate found that red paint was used to a great extent in coloring worthless and unripe tomatoes and that other coloring matter also was used to give a ripe appearance to worthless canned vegetables of various kinds.—Philadelphia Ledger.

Climbed Mount Rainier.

It has long been supposed impossible for a human being to climb to the summit of Mount Rainier, in Washington, but Dr. R. W. Betts of New Orleans and H. M. Sarvant of Tacoma succeeded in accomplishing the feat last week. Before reaching the summit they were compelled to cut steps in the ice surrounding the old crater in order to scale some of the declivities.

Paderewski Must Take Rest.

Paderewski is at his castle in Morges, Switzerland, suffering from severe inflammation of the muscles of the right arm. A specialist in Paris consulted with his regular physician and they ordered him not to touch the piano for at least three months, so his recital in Paris this month and his private engagements in London have all been abandoned.

Boiled Fish Alive.

It is seldom that one sees a boiled fish alive, yet there are such in the boiling lake of Amatitlan, Guatemala. A species of fish was lately seen there by M. Marcellin Pellet, a French traveler. These fish, he asserts, often pass days in the boiling water, which comes from numberless hot springs.

Loubet's Personality.

A Chicago man who was in London at the same time as the French president and had a close view of M. Loubet gives this brief verbal portrait of the distinguished visitor to the British capital: "He is an abrupt looking man somehow, with a face of leather and eyes of steel."