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Trains Leave as Follows:
 No. 157—Pacific Junction, 10:40 am
 No. 2—Fast express, to Iowa points, Chicago and the east, 1:35 pm
 No. 14—Fast express, daily, from Lincoln to St. Joseph, Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, and all points east and south, 5:27 pm
 No. 107—For Pacific Junction, 12:25 pm
 No. 31—Local to Pacific Junction, 9:55 am
 No. 30—From Omaha, 1:35 pm
 No. 34—Freight, daily except Sunday, to Pacific Junction, 4:30 pm
 No. 6—Through vestibuled express for all points east, 7:28 am
 No. 20—From Omaha, 1:10 pm
 No. 18—Local express, daily, Omaha, Lincoln, Denver and intermediate stations, 7:34 am
 No. 37—Local express to Omaha via Ft. Crook and South Omaha, daily except Sunday, 9:30 am
 No. 7—Fast mail, daily, to Omaha and Lincoln, 10:15 am
 No. 33—Local express, Louisville, Ashland, Wales, Schuyler, daily except Sunday, 3:30 pm
 No. 13—Lincoln, Grand Island, Black Hills, Montana and Pacific northwest, 10:29 pm
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 No. 37, 1:30 pm
 No. 14, 5:27 pm
 No. 20, local freight, 4:30 pm
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 No. 30, 1:35 pm
 No. 20, World's Fair Flyer, 1:10 pm
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SQUADRON IN ACTION

NAVAL BATTLE BELIEVED TO BE IN PROGRESS.
Japs Attempt to Dislodge Russians From Their Positions at Vafangow, but Fail—Battle Believed to Have Been Heavy Affair.

Tokyo, June 15.—The Vladivostok squadron is reported in the Korean straits. Firing has been heard on Tsuno-Shima, a small island lying off the southwest of Honshu Island. It is possible an engagement is progressing.
 London, June 15.—The Central News has received a dispatch from its Liao Yang correspondent saying that heavy firing between the Russian and Japanese vanguards commenced at 1:40 p. m. The fighting extended along the entire front, assuming the dimensions of a general engagement. The correspondent says that no details are available.

Armies Try to Gain Advantage.
 St. Petersburg, June 15.—The general staff remained in session until almost 4 o'clock this morning and gave out Lieutenant General Baron Stakelberg's message announcing the fight at Vafangow. This unusually late hour indicates that the authorities attach considerable importance to the message. It is believed that the Vafangow affair may prove to have been quite a heavy fight. The fact that the Russians held their position in the face of heavy losses also supports this theory, and it is believed it may turn out to be a severe check to the Japanese northern advance. The movement of 3,000 Japanese north of Kuan Dian San only adds to the blindness of the situation in the northwestern field of operations. It is unprofitable that the Cossacks have been worrying the Japanese north of Feng Wang Cheng and the movement may be merely an effort to clear the country. At the same time this movement holds the possibility of a demonstration against Mukden.

Following is the telegram from General Stakelberg: "A battle began at noon around the Russian position four and a half miles south of the station of Vafangow, the enemy making repeated attempts to dislodge our left flank. The attack was repelled and we retained our position. The First regiment, occupying the left flank of our position, sustained severe losses. Its commander, Colonel Khavastunoff, and Adjutant Sub-Lieutenant Dragostaf Nodoshinsky were killed. General Gromozov was wounded, a shrapnel bullet shattering the right side of his lower jaw, but he remained on the field."

War Correspondent Missing.
 Washington, June 14.—Telegrams have been received at the state department from Senators Fairbanks and Beveridge asking the department to exert itself to find some trace of a missing war correspondent, Hector Fuller of the Indianapolis News, supposed to have been captured either by the Russians or Japanese. Fuller left Che Foo last week in an attempt to reach Port Arthur. He was last seen on Friday, June 10, at the Minatua Islands and his friends fear for his safety. The state department is asked to request the Russian embassy and the Japanese legation here to cause their governments to make search for the man.

Russians Fall into Ambush.
 New Chung, June 14.—Information was received here through heretofore reliable channels that part of the Japanese force left at Fu Lan Tien to checkmate the Russians' southward movement to relieve Port Arthur was attacked southeast of Shungimao. After slight fighting the Japanese made a flank move and caught the Russians in a trap. The Russians' losses are placed at 800 men. They then fell back on Kal Chou and began to retreat along the Raimaizu road.

Russian Losses in the War.
 St. Petersburg, June 14.—The following official statement of Russian losses in the war has been made: Navy, 44 officers and 120 men killed; 13 officers and 220 men wounded. Army, 36 officers and 980 men killed; 163 officers and 2,080 men wounded. Taken prisoners, 26 officers and 696 men.

Rumor Sinks Six Ships.
 St. Petersburg, June 13.—Rumors are circulating here that a great naval battle has taken place off Port Arthur, in which two Russian and four Japanese battleships were sunk. No confirmation of the rumor can be obtained.

Mine Explosion Kills Nineteen Japs.
 Tokyo, June 15.—While the Taihoku was engaged in laying mines at the entrance to Port Arthur a mine exploded, killing one officer and eighteen men and wounding two officers and seven men.

Policemen to Stop Betting.
 Chicago, June 15.—Assistant Chief of Police Sannett has announced that he will have 300 policemen at Washington park Saturday to make sure of being able to carry out Mayor Harrison's orders to prevent book-making at the race meet.

Fatal Wreck on Illinois Central.
 Carbondale, Ill., June 15.—The Chicago limited passenger train on the Illinois Central was wrecked in the yards in this city and John Hamilton, a cinnamaker of Memphis, was instantly killed and several passengers bruised and injured.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Calls Prohibition Convention.
 Ashland, Neb., June 15.—W. Bart Clark, chairman, has called the state Prohibitionist committee to meet at Lincoln Aug. 19. They will be delegates in the convention and it will nominate state officers.

Child Killed by Brother.
 Creighton, Neb., June 15.—The six-year-old son of George Goodwin was accidentally shot by his nine-year-old brother. Careless handling of a rifle resulted in a wound in the temple from which the little fellow died three hours later.

Tarpenning Jury Disagrees.
 Fullerton, June 14.—The jury in the case of the state against Bert Tarpenning, charged with murder, failed to agree after forty-eight hours' deliberation and was discharged by Justice Reeder. The case will probably be retried in November next.

Three Held for Feasel Murder.
 Nelson, June 14.—The preliminary hearing of Mrs. Nace Hutchinson, her son, Charles, and Charles P. Feasel, a nephew of the missing man, charged with the murder of Eli W. Feasel, was heard in the county court here. The prisoners were bound over to the district court.

Robbers at Work at Hadar.
 Norfolk, June 14.—The postoffice at Hadar was robbed during the night. Eight dollars in money was secured, but no stamps or money orders were taken. There is no clue to the robbers. Hadar is a small town five miles north of Norfolk. Following the robbery five burrs were stolen at Hadar.

Board Agrees on Valuation.
 Lincoln, June 15.—The state board of equalization, composed of the governor and four other state officers, voted to increase the assessment on railroads of the state 70 per cent, or in round numbers from \$27,000,000 to \$46,000,000. Whether or not it will be a uniform assessment per mile of the different roads was not announced.

Boy Drowns While Swimming.
 Alnsworth, Neb., June 9.—Frank Clepper, the fifteen-year-old son of a prominent ranchman living south-west of this place, was drowned while endeavoring to swim across Clear lake. He was seized with cramps when in the middle of the lake, which is forty rods wide, and called for help, but was dead before any one reached him.

Postmasters Are at Lincoln.
 Lincoln, June 15.—Lincoln is full of postmasters to attend the first annual convention of the state association. Governor Mekey and Mayor Adams delivered addresses of welcome, which were responded to by T. W. Cole of Nelson and E. J. Burke of Bancroft. Talks were made by J. W. McDonald, Dr. J. L. Greene, J. C. Sencrist and Samuel Avery.

Bonacum Granted a Hearing.
 Lincoln, June 10.—On application of Bishop Bonacum, the supreme court granted a rehearing in the long pending suit of the bishop against Rev. William Murphy, a priest at Seward. The supreme court recently affirmed the decision of the district court, giving Father Murphy possession of the parish property after his dismissal and ex-communication by the bishop. The rehearing is granted on the allegation of Bishop Bonacum that the ruling of the civil court is in opposition to the ecclesiastical court at Rome.

Figuring on the Assessment.
 Lincoln, June 9.—The state board of equalization is trying hard to agree upon a valuation of railroad property so that the figures may be the basis of the debate to occur today. None of the board members are very far apart on their estimate of the value and the figures all hover around \$26,000,000. It is the plan to find the aggregate value of each system on the stocks and bonds basis and then divide the valuation among the various lines according to their worth. The figures that the board will submit for argument, if it finally concludes to do so, will be no means big.

Bonesteel is on the Boom.
 Norfolk, June 14.—From a village of hardly 400 people eight weeks ago Bonesteel has developed into a city of 6,000. Women of Bonesteel have made preparations for the reception of the incoming throng of women who will want to take chances at the free home business. Northwestern officials have ordered all general agents of the company to make no arrangements this year whatever for Fourth of July special trains, as every car will be required for use on the national day for the transportation of the Rosebud rush. Registration begins at Fairfax, Bonesteel, Yankton and Chamberlain on July 5 and continues to July 13.

Nebraska Crop Conditions.
 Lincoln, June 15.—The continuance of the cool, moist weather has been favorable for the growth of small grain and grass. Winter wheat and rye are mostly headed, while oats are just beginning to show heads. Grass in pastures and meadows is in excellent condition, with every prospect of a large hay crop. The first cutting of alfalfa is just beginning in southern counties and some damage was done by the showers of the week. The alfalfa crop is generally excellent. Corn has grown slowly and many corn fields are still weedy. Fair progress has been made with cultivation of corn in most parts of the state, but in some localities and on low land the soil is still too wet to work.

Boy Drowned While Bathing.
 Elk City, June 12.—William Deffey was drowned while bathing.

Rain in Northwestern Nebraska.
 Norfolk, June 9.—Much heavy rain throughout last week has brought the rivers of northern Nebraska to the banks and they are overflowing in several spots. The Elkhorn valley was especially visited. The country in northwestern Nebraska, where there was formerly a prairie for rain, has turned into a country praying for a let-up of water now.

Coon Wins Rhodes Scholarship.
 Lincoln, June 11.—Of the four Nebraska eligibles for the Rhodes scholarship, Raymond H. Coon was at a meeting of the state's college presidents designated as the one best fitted for the first year man, and in accordance with their decision he will go to Oxford in September next. Mr. Coon is twenty-one years old, a native of Minnesota and was educated in Nebraska.

Nebraska Fifty Years of Age.
 Omaha, June 11.—The fiftieth anniversary of Nebraska's existence as a territory and state was celebrated in this city by a grand civic and military parade and an informal old settlers reunion. Hon. H. D. Eastaback was the orator of the day. Governor Mekey and nearly all the state officials participated in the demonstration. The outpouring of venerable residents who came to Nebraska in the early days was especially remarkable.

Nebraska Masons Elect Officers.
 Omaha, June 11.—The Masonic grand lodge of Nebraska elected and installed officers and adjourned glad die. These officers were elected: Edwin Burnham, Tilden, grand master; M. R. Hopewell, Tokmah, grand tyler; grand master; Z. M. Hale, Hartington, grand senior warden; O. J. King, Lincoln, grand junior warden; J. B. Dismore, Burton, grand treasurer; F. E. White, Omaha, grand secretary; R. B. French, Kearney, grand custodian; L. H. Haegele, Red Cloud, grand orator; M. J. Dowling, North Bend, grand marshal; G. A. Beecher, Kearney, grand chaplain; W. A. DeFord, grand senior deacon; H. A. Cheney, Creighton, grand junior deacon; David King, Omaha, grand tyler.

MISSOURI PACIFIC LOSES CASE.
 Falls to Keep Elevator Litigation Out of State Court as it Attempted.
 Omaha, June 8.—Contrary to the opinion of the defendant, Justice Munger has handed down his decision in the case of the Farmers' Grain and Elevator company of Virginia, Neb., against the Kansas City and Northwestern (Missouri Pacific) Railway company, retarding the case back to the supreme court of Nebraska, from which the case was taken to the United States circuit court.

The suit is one wherein the plaintiff brought action in the supreme court of the state to compel the railroad company to permit them to build an elevator on its right-of-way in the town of Virginia or to build a siding to the railroad's own elevator a few feet from its right-of-way, providing that the plaintiff be accorded the same privileges and facilities that were furnished another elevator at that point, the plaintiff's elevator doing a much greater business than its competing elevator. The suit was brought under the provisions of the Ramsey elevator law.

WATTERSON AT UNIVERSITY.
 Kentucky Editor Delivers Annual Address to Graduates at Lincoln.
 Lincoln, June 10.—Henry Watterson faced a crowded auditorium when he delivered the commencement oration before the State university graduating class. The address followed the commencement procession, which was impressive beyond precedent. It was led by Chancellor Andrews in his splendid robe of office and was partly composed of the nearly 250 graduates.

"Conduct of Life" was the theme of Mr. Watterson's oration. His remarks related largely to the dangers that menace the republic. Credit and character, the blessed heritage of its manhood and womanhood, are the only gold mines that conserve its life's success. Deprecating the growth of the spirit of accumulation, the mania for money-getting, he declared that the real success in securing happiness is obedience to the golden rule, where-in lies the whole secret of human happiness. Incidentally the speaker soundly excoriated the "400" for the growing ostentation of wealth. The money standard is held so high and the moral standard so low that many people think there is no hope, but as an optimist, he deemed the nation on the ascendency rather than on the decline. He deprecated in strong terms the fact that it takes a million dollars to put up a presidential ticket and that a seat in the United States senate costs \$100,000.

Degrees were conferred on 214 graduates, the largest class in the history of the institution. Two doctorates of philosophy were also granted to Edith Swartz Clements, University of Nebraska, and Frank Webster Smith, Columbia university.

Refused License in Kansas.
 Topeka, Kan., June 15.—The state charter board refused to grant a license to do business in Kansas to the Kansas Natural Gas company, a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware. Members of the Kansas Gas Protective association, who were present at the hearing before the board, contended against the company, because it intended to pipe gas to other states. The members of the charter board gave no reason for their action.

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