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Omaha, Neb.

ing noise almost as loud as a volley of musketry. That is water thunder and it ceases as soon as the water warms. The steam forces the water away that comes so quickly as to leave a vacuum and it is the water slapping together makes the noise.

Then the current goes so fast as to heat the air red hot and that makes the lightning. We do not see the electric current only the hot air in an incandescent lamp it is the red hot wire that makes the light, so too the lightning is a shaving of iron so quickly that the shaving is heated red hot and we call it a spark of fire.

News of the Week

The news of the war in the Philippines is no longer printed on the first page of the great dailies under slug heads, but is relegated to that part of the paper which newspaper men call the "grave yard," a page set apart for such things as "must go" but which is supposed not to be of general interest.

Agoncillo said that there had been a great battle in the Philippines in which the Americans had been repulsed and that there had been many killed and wounded. Several days afterward an account of the expedition of General Bates to the southern part of Luzon was allowed to be cabled by the censor.

Without doubt those are facts about the situation in the Philippines. We have a worse and longer job over there

than the British have in South Africa. There are but 60,000 of the Boers and there are ten million of these people scattered over 1,200 islands. But Beveridge says he has a nugget of gold found in one of the Filipino creeks and therefore we must continue to fight on.

"Washington, Feb. 25.—As a result of the heat, dampness and other hardships of the campaign in the Philippines, forty more soldiers of Uncle Sam are inmates of the St. Elizabeth Insane Asylum in Anacosta.

"These unfortunates, who are from all branches of the service, are part of a body of 250 now enroute to this country. The men have arrived from Presidio Barracks at San Francisco, ending their trip half around the world to the quiet institution at the Potomac.

An Associated press dispatch of the date of March 5th says: "The transport Sheridan will sail today with one hundred and twenty soldiers and convicts and twenty insane soldiers."

It is announced that Beveridge's speech has been translated into the Tagalog dialect and thousands of copies of it are scattered all over the island of Luzon. The result has been that it has given new life to the Filipino resistance.

The censor in South Africa follows the same plan announced by Otis, "nothing shall be sent that will injure the administration." All the news that we get except a sentence or two that is smuggled through by some means that the Boer foreign representatives have of getting it, comes from the British side.

"In the Boers' original plan they did count on a British force being left in Ladysmith. That was a mere accident, and when the city was relieved the Boers simply carried out their original intention and fell back to their first line of defense. They did not anticipate so much successful fighting in British territory, and they attacked Ladysmith and Kimberley when the approach was unexpectedly offered to them.

is a mere ripple. The British have lost more than 12,000 men so far and they will lose 25,000 more before they get over the Boers' first line of intrenchments, and there are three lines of defenses. And when they are driven from their last ditch they have the mountains behind them."

If the English Jingo newspapers are to be believed, all England and Scotland—and that is a very strange story indeed—went into hysterics over the capture of Cronje. The performance that the loyal subjects of the Queen indulged in were numerous and extremely ridiculous. To an outsider, there does not seem to be much ground for such rejoicing.

Lord "Bobs" started out to capture Cronje and his army. He has never told us yet what became of the rest of Cronje's army and the numerous modern field and siege guns that it is known that he had. The truth of the matter is that the most of the Boer army escaped with their guns and stores and are now located behind their first real line of defense.

It has been discovered that there is some conscience left in a portion of the republican party and it is making lots of trouble for Mark Hanna. The New England secretary of the republican league went down to Washington to brush up for the coming campaign. Shortly after he got there the house passed the old George III bill taxing Porto Rico without representation.

When a man goes back on the record of his life, betrays his constituents and joins their enemies as Senator Wolcott did, it is not at all surprising that the next thing we hear is that he has deserted his wife. The following dispatch tells the tale: "Denver, Colo., March 5.—Before Judge Allen of the district court Mrs. Frances M. Wolcott was today granted an absolute divorce from Senator Edward O. Wolcott on the ground of desertion. Senator Wolcott was not present, and no evidence was introduced for the defense."

The latest news from Capetown, South Africa, sent under date of March 6, is that nearly the whole of the Dutch population of the Prieska and Kenhardt district are in rebellion. Many of the Dutch from neighboring districts are reported to have joined them, namely Piet meelman, who will lead the rebels to Brandles. Lucas Steinkamp, commanding the Boers, is reported marching on Carnarvon. It is believed that Gondonia and Victoria West will rise. It is thought that the total number of men in arms exceeds 3,000. The general opinion of loyalists is that a strong force of British will be required, as a reverse would spread the rebellion.

There is great uneasiness shown in the London dailies also over the continued concentration of troops by the Russian government within striking distance of British possessions in India. One of the London dailies remarked the other day that any one of half a dozen different things that Russia had done in the last few weeks would have been met by England with a declaration of war if it had occurred a few years ago. As it is, John Bull keeps mum. It is the general opinion that if any European government intervenes in the South African war, it will be Russia.

Mr. E. M. Harrison, who has sent a large number of subscriptions, adds the following postscript to his last list: "P. S. If the Rev. Sheldon wants a paper as 'Christ would run it, he had better subscribe for the Nebraska Independent."

The populists, silver republicans and democrats of the city of Lincoln met in three adjoining halls in Bohannon's block and working in perfect harmony and good fellowship, nominated the following city ticket:

For Excise-man, C. E. Loomis; Police Judge, Hugh Daly; City Attorney, R. S. Mockett; Cemetery Trustees, W. E. Field; City Engineer, J. J. Ledwith; Water Commissioner, S. S. Royce; School Board, Prof. Easterday, A. H. Weir and A. E. Sheldon.

Councilmen: First Ward, Robert Malone; Second Ward, O. P. Erlendson; Third Ward, Harry Stuff; Fourth Ward, H. W. Hardy; Fifth Ward, Willard Cooper; Sixth Ward, I. E. O. Pace; Seventh Ward, C. E. Sissler.

One plank of the democratic platform, which was unanimously adopted, is as follows: "We are in favor of public ownership

of all public utilities, especially gas, electric light and water, and we pledge the nominees of this convention to use every means in their power to reduce the present exorbitant and outrageous charges for light."

Mutual Mail Insurance

The season for Hail Insurance is close at hand. Every one in Nebraska fully realizes the danger of loss of crops by hail storm. A farmer's growing crop is as important and valuable to him as are his buildings. To protect him from the loss of his buildings he carries insurance against fire. All business men in the cities do the same. They also carry insurance to protect their stock of merchandise which is sufficient to prove the wisdom of the principle of insurance. It is equally important for the farmer to protect his "stock of merchandise"—his growing crops in case of loss by hail. The danger to the merchants "stock" is fire, and he insures against loss by fire. The danger to the farmers "stock of merchandise" is hail and it is equally important that he should insure against loss by hail.

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AN ACT OF WAR

The English Government Breaks the Official Seal of the Government of the United States.

The following plain statement of facts is translated from the Free Press of Lincoln and it is commended to the readers of the Independent:

Last week the New York Journal published facsimiles of two envelopes which had contained letters addressed to Consul Macrum at Pretoria. One of these envelopes shows the official seal of the state department.

Both envelopes have been slit open at Durban, Natal, with a penknife and then closed again by stickers. On these stickers is to be seen the English coat of arms with the letters V. R. (Victoria Regina), and a notice to the effect, that the letter has been officially sealed at the postoffice in Durban, Natal, by the clerk, W. M.

That the envelopes have been intentionally opened, and not by accident, is as certain as they are cut open with a knife. And it never happens that all of the letters addressed to the same person open by accident, as was the case with Mr. Macrum's letters.

It is a fact also that Mr. Macrum has been notified by the state department that he is cutting the head of a snake. Northward during his return voyage he was deposited in order to make room for the son of the secretary of state. When Mr. Macrum arrived in Washington, the secretary of state did not even receive him.

The state department has declared untrue Mr. Macrum's statements with out further investigation. But from Durban comes a dispatch which supports Mr. Macrum's charges: "Great Britain has declared her intention to submit to the censor official as well as private cablegrams addressed to international representatives at Pretoria."

An investigation is absolutely necessary and Great Britain has to apologize if it is proved that her officials are allowed the impertinence of dissecting the official seal of the United States. Since the beginning of the war she was already compelled to offer apologies to Germany, and to the United States the same is due. We are not an appendix of England yet!

Lincoln's Medical Institute

A representative of the Independent visited the Lincoln Medical Institute on Monday of this week and was shown through all the departments of that splendid institution. The lady assistant in charge of the reception room is a pleasant woman who receives all visitors and directs them to the different departments. Dr. Madding, the head physician, took the time to explain briefly the use of many of the complicated instruments and method of treating the afflicted. The reception rooms, laboratory, consultation rooms and an operating room for general use are on the first floor. The surgical operating rooms, magnetic room, dental parlor, bath rooms and bed rooms are on the second floor. The best known and most competent surgeons and specialists of Lincoln are on the regular staff of the institution. The building is heated with furnace, is supplied with electric light and telephone. In fact it is one of the best equipped places of its kind in the state and good results may be expected. It is an institution that the citizens of Lincoln should be proud of and one that will be more appreciated as it is better known. It deserves a liberal patronage.

Murder and Suicide

Frank Steele, and employe of one of the South Omaha packing houses, and residing at 409 Walnut street, Omaha, in a fit of jealous rage, shot and fatally wounded his wife, slightly wounded the Rev. Adolph F. Nelson, at whose house they were calling Wednesday, and with the two remaining chambers of his revolver shot and killed himself instantly, about 7 o'clock last night.

English Enter Transvaal

A special dispatch from Durban says a flying column of British troops from Zululand has entered the Transvaal and has been daily skirmishing with small parties of Boers.

Farming Pays

Farming pays. You bet. An' yet There ain't no harm in that. It don't pay the man what runs the farm.

Ex-President Favors the Boers

Ex-President Harrison has been interviewed by many public men of Indiana in regard to the Boer-British war, and he minces no words in expressing his sympathy for the Boers, although he persistently refuses to be publicly quoted lest his words embarrass the McKinley administration.

Plague in San Francisco

A case of what is supposed to be bubonic plague, though the exact nature of the disease is uncertain, has been discovered in Chinatown, San Francisco. The patient, a Chinaman, was immediately isolated and the whole of Chinatown has been placed under strict quarantine regulations. A large force of police is being kept in Chinatown to maintain the quarantine placed upon that section pending the outcome of the bacteriological examination of those portions of the body removed from the suspected Chinaman.

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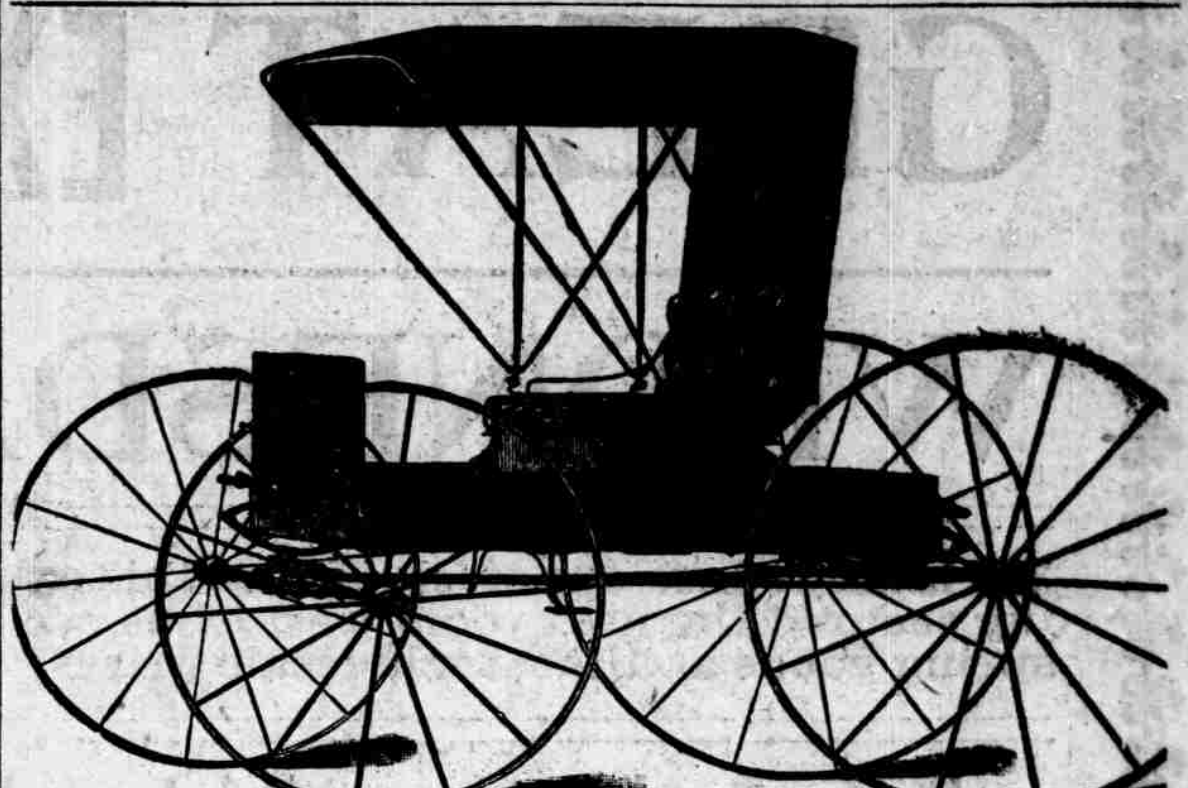
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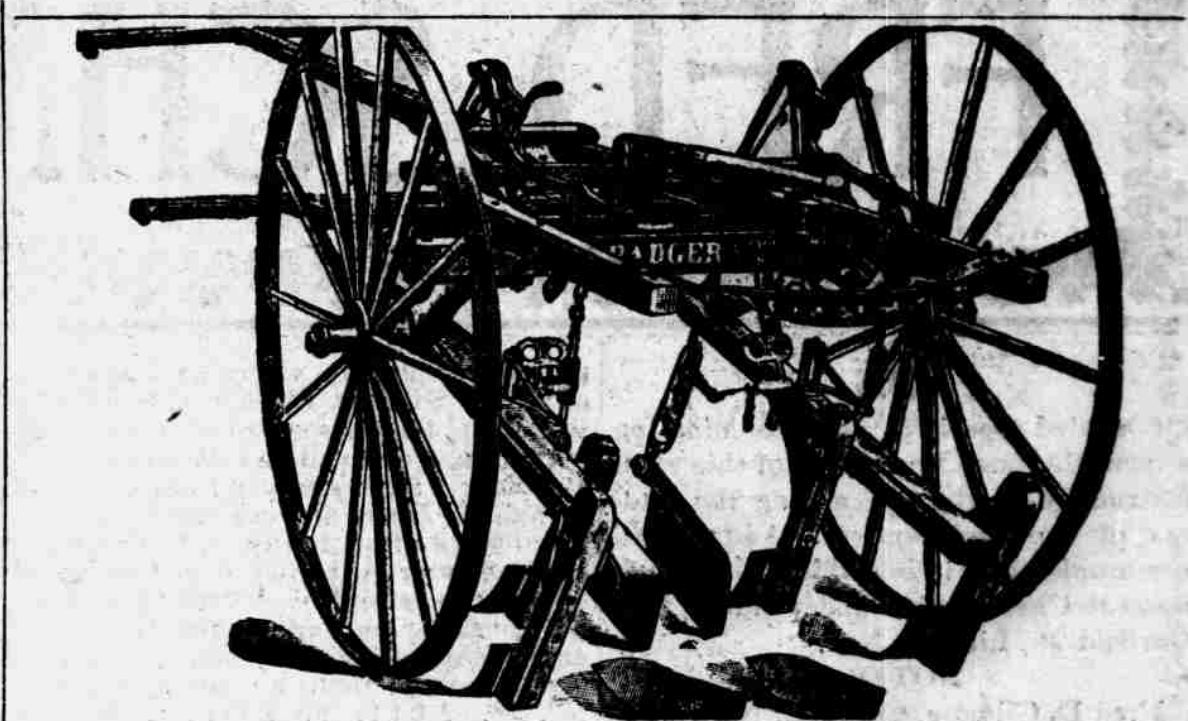
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