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The Tribune says South Omaha is short of desirable residences for rent.

Both sides of the money question are being discussed in the Niobrara Pioneer.

Falls City expects an attendance of 10,000 at their G. A. R. encampment in July.

Grand Island is stocking up with ice purchased at neighboring towns further west.

Forty applications are in for the principalship of the Niobrara schools and as many more are expected.

Norfolk Methodists are now in shape to put in the time between rains working on their new church.

Mrs. L. Ulrich, living near Wayne, was thrown from a buggy in a runaway and sustained a broken arm.

Enox county dropped \$6,500 in the Bloomfield state bank, and is taking steps to recover a portion of it.

Hall county boasts of having had ten inches of rainfall during April and the weather is still threatening.

At a recent chattel mortgage sale in Bassett, nine head of work horses sold for \$54, an average price of \$6 per head.

The southeastern Nebraska G. A. R. reunion will be held at Falls City July 20 to 25, inclusive. Tents will be pitched at Hinton park.

The commissioners of Nemaha county selected the Herald, Post, Granger, Advertiser and News as the official papers for the ensuing year.

The Stanton Register is now edited and published by the county central committee of the people's party, J. J. McFarland, manager.

The Willow Springs Distilling company has filed official notice with the internal revenue office that it will resume operations soon.

A Juniata correspondent for the New Republic severely lambasts several local church members for having voted the license ticket. Be good, then!

During the month of April mortgages were filed with Clerk Manville of Dodge county to the amount of \$9,286.50. Mortgages released amount to \$1,498.82.

The manager of the electric light plant at Blue Springs is dissatisfied with profits and has threatened to shut up shop and leave the good people in darkness.

Miss Alice Sprague of Thayer county, returned from the asylum some months ago, supposedly cured, has had a relapse and will have to receive further treatment for her mental trouble.

The commissioners of Lincoln county have appropriated \$1,000 for the irrigation fair to be held at North Platte October 14, 15 and 16. During that week North Platte will be a lively city and will present all the attractions that western Nebraska can turn out.

A meeting of county commissioners is called for May 28, at Norfolk, "for the purpose of discussing matters of public interest and for the adoption of uniform methods for the transaction of public business by the county boards throughout the state." All railroads make a rate of one and one-third fares for the round trip.

During a horse race near Plainview Robert E. Bradshaw, a jockey, was thrown from his horse and sustained injuries from which he died. Bradshaw has been in the employ of different turf men in that vicinity for years and is well known. His home is in Liverpool, England, and his relatives there have been notified.

Selection was finally made at Washington by the treasury officials of a site for South Omaha's federal building, the chief use of which will be for a post office. Out of the thirty-five sites offered in August last, the list having been opened about election time the bids ranged from \$1,800 to \$19,900. The price of the Geary lot accepted was \$15,000, the full amount allotted for a site. Congressman Mercer has been trying for months to get a move on this enterprise, and the last of March sought to get a provision inserted in the sundry civil bill, appropriating \$75,000, under the present limits, but could not make it. For over a year there has been \$25,000 available, of this \$15,000 being for the site. It is presumed that a start will be made on the foundation as soon as plans can be drawn at Washington and a contract let. The Geary lot is situated at Twenty-fourth and M streets. It comprises a site 130x150 feet. The visit of the agent of the treasury was made so quietly that all owners of sites say they did not know he had been in town until they heard he had reached Washington.

The ballot box used at the village election of Juniata last week, says the Herald, is the ballot box used at the first election ever held in Adams county. It is a rather crude affair, but is quite a relic and ought to be presented to the old settlers' association at their next meeting. The box has been used at many a county election and finally became the property of Juniata township and village.

Brown county is strictly in the swim this year. It has had abundant rains.

Four Shot.

CHICAGO, May 8.—At 9 o'clock last night, while the streets were crowded, George J. Marshall, proprietor of a large dry goods store at 370-382 West Madison street, was shot and instantly killed in front of his place of business while pursuing three highwaymen who had just attempted to rob the store. His cashier had just been shot through her hand while behind her desk. A large number of shots were fired on the streets and two persons passing were seriously injured. It was the most daring attempt at holding up a cashier yet attempted in Chicago.

The dead:

George J. Marshall, proprietor of the store.

The wounded:

Miss Mattie Garretson, cashier, shot through hand.

Miss Kittie Hynes, shot through both legs while passing the scene on a cable car.

A. S. Bagg, shot in leg while trying to head off one of the robbers.

Shortly before 9 o'clock a man, apparently about fifty years old, entered the store of George J. Marshall and asked what time the store would close. On being informed that 9 o'clock was the closing hour he departed. Promptly at 9 o'clock the man returned with two companions. Two of the men came inside of the store while the third stood guard at the door. Each man was armed with two revolvers. The two men who went into the store, immediately approached Miss Garretson at the cashier's desk and leveling their revolvers at her ordered her to open the cash drawer. The young lady refused and closing the drawers, turned the combination. One of the robbers shot her in the hand, but not quick enough to prevent the drawer from being locked. Mr. Marshall, being in the store at the time, hurried to the cashier's desk and the robbers ran out, pursued by him. When on the sidewalk, the three desperadoes fired two shots each at the proprietor and then firing to scatter the crowd started away on a run. Marshall was hit by two balls, one in the temple and the other in the left breast. He died instantly.

Just at the time the tragedy occurred a West Madison cable train passed and two bullets went through one of the open cars. One of them passed through both legs of Miss Kittie Hynes, a passenger. A general panic followed, and in the effort of the passengers to get off and away from danger many were badly bruised. Two of the highwaymen ran east on Madison street and the other west. The two running east had gone about a block when they were ordered to halt by A. S. Bagg, who happened to be passing at the time. Bagg was immediately shot and fell while the fleeing men went on their way unmolested.

Thirty minutes after the shooting occurred the chief of police personally appeared at the place of the murder with a large force of detectives. He has a description of the men from over a dozen witnesses, who can positively identify them, and believes he knows who the robbers are and that he can capture them.

No customers were in the Marshall store last night at the time of the tragedy but a number of girls were behind the counters. All were badly frightened.

Jackson Tried.

CINCINNATI, O., May 8.—The defense in the Scott Jackson trial gained an important point yesterday through a slip of the prosecution. All the Green-castle depositions covering Will Woods' admission of his guilt with Pearl Byrd were previously ruled out of evidence. The state, however, put Wood in rebuttal and the court then ordered that the depositions be allowed to go to the jury. These documents will now substantiate Jackson's statements that Wood and not he was responsible for the motive which led to the murder.

While Wood was on the witness stand yesterday morning, he declared that he never had improper relations with Pearl Byrd.

After court had taken a recess at noon Attorney Crawford said: "I am confident that the jury will return a verdict of acquittal. I am as sure of it as I am that I stand here." Attorney Nelson appears equally confident of a verdict of guilty. The testimony during the afternoon was of little moment.

Shot Dead.

CLEVELAND, O., May 8.—William Worcester was shot and killed last night at 7 o'clock by John T. Bayne, while attempting to murder his wife, Sarah, in the Hubbard building at 284 Detroit street. The Worcesteres formerly lived in Oberlin, O., from where, on account of his frequent murderous assaults on his wife, the husband was adjudged insane and committed to the Toledo asylum. He was released a few days ago and returned to this city, where his wife had supported herself and children by keeping boarders. Worcester became engaged in a quarrel with his wife and was about to kill her when Bayne, one of the boarders, drew a revolver and shot him dead.

Thurston Talks.

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Senator Thurston yesterday appeared before the senate committee on military affairs to urge favorable action upon the Mercer bill coming over from the house for the transfer of the Ft. Omaha military reservation to the state of Nebraska for state purposes. The senator made a strong argument in favor of the bill and afterwards stated his belief that it would pass the senate notwithstanding the protest.

Quiet in Milwaukee.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 7.—All was quiet in Milwaukee last night. At a special meeting of the common council yesterday afternoon resolutions were passed demanding that the street railway company be compelled to settle the strike by arbitration. A committee of the merchants and manufacturers' association will this morning meet a committee of the common council, and both will prevail upon the company to settle the strike.

New York, May 7.—A Boston special says: The will of John Stetson has been found. It reads as follows:

I give and bequeath to my wife, Catherine S. Stetson, my entire real estate and personal property.

JOHN STETSON.

Witnessed—Charles A. Patee, O. G. Gilley.

This was dated April 16, two days before he died. At a late hour Tuesday night came the most startling of all the sensational rumors of this strange and complicated case. Mrs. Stetson had not died a natural death. She committed suicide. And still it was more than mere rumor: it was stated as a positive fact by a well known actress who is a friend of the family and conversant with the inside facts. She says that Mrs. Stetson committed suicide and died in terrible convulsions.

The prostration which was publicly stated as the cause of her confinement to the house after the funeral of her husband was not the ordinary nervous prostration caused by grief at the death of her husband. It was far worse than that. According to this friend of the family, the incidents at the death bed of John Stetson and those immediately following caused Mrs. Stetson to take her own life. John Stetson's dying lips had whispered in his wife's ears words which caused her heart to break. He confessed to her that she was not his legal wife—that there were others whose claim to that title were more valid than hers.

Horses Examined.

NEW YORK, May 7.—Collector Kilbreth received a communication from Secretary Olney Tuesday, which may result in every horse which is shipped abroad from this port being subjected to an examination by a veterinary surgeon. Secretary Olney stated that he was in receipt of official complaints from the Austro-Hungarian minister regarding the rejection, by his government, of numerous intended importations of American horses. These horses were not allowed to enter Austro-Hungary, because it was claimed they were diseased. As New York is the principal port from which horses are shipped to Austro-Hungary, Secretary Olney communicated with Collector Kilbreth.

Collector Kilbreth will furnish Secretary Olney with data regarding the horse shipments from New York, and it is possible action will soon be taken looking to the establishment of a "bureau of horse inspection."

To Havana.

NEW YORK, May 7.—A Herald special from Washington says:

Consul-General Fitzhugh Lee is to be accompanied to Havana by an officer of the regular army. When he was appointed, one of his first acts was to telegraph to Major Edward M. Hayes of the Seventh cavalry, better known as "Captain Jack" Hayes, asking him to meet him in Washington.

Consul-General Lee and Major Hayes served together in the army before the late war and are warm personal friends. They saw the president and talked the matter over and it was arranged that Major Hayes should go with Lee. It is stated that he will not have any official relations with the consulate, but be in Cuba simply as an army officer on leave. He will, however, give Consul-General Lee the benefit of his advice and assistance, and his long experience in the army, most of it on the plains, will be of great service to the consul-general in forming an intelligent idea of the military situation in the island.

Insolvent.

DENVER, Colo., May 7.—A criminal indictment has been returned by the recent grand jury against James B. Lazaar, formerly a national bank examiner and afterwards cashier and director of the defunct Union National bank. There are four counts, each charging him with receiving money knowing that the bank was insolvent. Six additional indictments were returned against Charles O. Atkins and six indictments against Frank K. Atkins, making further charges under the insolvent bankers' law.

The indictment against James B. Lazaar charges that Sarah McMaster, a depositor in the Union National bank, deposited \$215 on July 27 of last year and the money was accepted, notwithstanding that Lazaar had full knowledge at the time that the bank was insolvent. The language of the indictment reads that "James B. Lazaar did steal, carry and take away \$215 of the money of Sarah McMaster."

Booth-Tucker Talks.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 7.—Commander Booth-Tucker of the Salvation army arrived at 10 o'clock last night and conducted a largely attended meeting at Metropolitan temple given in his honor. Mrs. Booth-Tucker was so much improved in health as to be able to assist her husband at the meeting. The itinerary of the commander and his wife for their northern tour has not yet been agreed upon. Mr. Booth-Tucker expresses himself as more than delighted with the treatment accorded him or the trip across the continent.

Explosion.

BURLINGTON, Ia., May 6.—While boring a deep well at West Point, near here, the lowering of a light in the shaft to investigate some damage to the machinery was followed by a terrific explosion and a jet of flame which rose to a height of twenty-five feet and continued for some time. A workman was badly burned about the face and shoulders. Three more explosions have followed, shaking buildings near and followed by flames and subterranean rumblings and quakings.

Favorable Report.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—The house committee on war claims yesterday favorably reported a bill referring to the court of claims of various states for reimbursement for money expended in aiding in the suppression of the war of the rebellion. The bill was reported as a substitute for a number of state claim bills.

House Collapsed.

CHICAGO, May 6.—At 2:15 yesterday afternoon, while Daniel Ross, a carpenter, was raising a house at 100 West Fourteenth street by means of jackscrews, the house collapsed, burying Ross and the occupants in the ruins. Ross was quickly dug out by the police and taken to the county hospital, fatally injured. Charles Tragnitz, his sister Jennie and a little girl named Edna, occupants of the house, were also buried in the ruins, but all escaped serious injury.

Walk Some.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., May 6.—The strike of the street railway men was still on yesterday. Not a street car was run Monday night. The time given by the company to the men to return to work or lose their places expired at noon yesterday. There are reports of large gangs of men being brought into the city by the company to take the strikers' places. If this is done and an attempt made to run the cars, trouble will certainly result.

Yesterday morning there were only two or three cars out, but about 9 o'clock an attempt was made to get more to running. These were followed by nooting and jeering crowds.

The chief of police and the sheriff are busy summoning extras and deputies, and will be prepared as far as possible for any disturbance.

There was a riot on Reed street on the south side yesterday afternoon. A mob stopped a car and lifted it from the track and the police had hard work to keep the crowd from smashing it. On the Twelfth street line a portion of the track was torn up and big stones rolled upon it.

The mayor issued a proclamation yesterday afternoon asking the people to keep off the streets and to be quiet and orderly. If an attempt is made to run the cars serious trouble may result.

There were very few changes in the situation of the strike yesterday. Although the electricians' union went out in a body yesterday morning, the street car company managed not only to have about the same number of cars running yesterday as it had on Monday, but also to keep the electric lamps on the public streets burning to maintain its contract with the city. Still the accommodation by cars was very poor and people preferred to walk or to use the many bus lines established since the beginning of the strike. There were some disturbances at different places, but none of them very serious. Big crowds would yell as soon as they noticed a car driven by "scabs." At the headquarters of the union everybody was feeling confident. It was reported late last night that many men who were working for the company had quit again and the machines of the power house on River street are under the sole care of Superintendent Crawford and his assistant, as all the hands are out.

Gasoline Again.

BROOKLYN, N. Y., May 6.—By the explosion of a gas stove in a flat at the corner of Bushwick and Johnson avenue yesterday morning three persons were burned to death and one person seriously injured. Mrs. Rebecca Cohen attempted to light a gasoline stove in the kitchen of her apartments about 8:30, when the stove exploded. The woman's clothing caught fire and she ran to her two children, Karl, fourteen months old, and Solomon, three years old, and clasped them in her arms, setting their clothes on fire. The woman then ran across the hallway to the apartments of her sister, Mrs. Pastanack, screaming loudly for help. Mrs. Pastanack endeavored to extinguish the fire in which her sister was enveloped and in doing so her own clothing caught. Mrs. Pastanack, with her clothing on fire, ran to her two children, Solomon, eight years old, and Rosie, two years old, and lifted them in her arms. The two women and the four children, their clothing ablaze, then ran into the hallway. Help soon arrived and Mrs. Cohen was taken to St. Catherine's hospital, but died before reaching there. Mrs. Pastanack was found in a corner of the hallway, and the children were found badly burned in Mrs. Cohen's apartments. They were taken to St. Catherine's hospital, but Karl died shortly after reaching there. It is expected that Solomon Cohen will recover. The Pastanack children were removed to the hospital, but they are so badly burned that the physicians have little hope of saving them.

Isaac Kuslaw, who attempted to put out the fire, seized a siphon bottle, which exploded in his hands. A piece of the glass struck him over the right eye causing a bad but not dangerous wound. The loss by the fire is \$100.

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Largest in the Country.

RAPID CITY, S. D., May 5.—With the merging of the northwestern Nebraska cattle association, representing 40,000 head of cattle, into the western South Dakota stock growers' association, which has just been consummated, the latter becomes the largest association in the United States, having a membership of 425, representing over 250,000 head of cattle.

Jones Given Eight Years.

CARSON, Nev., May 5.—John T. Jones, who after two trials was convicted of feloniously taking gold bullion from the Carson mint, was yesterday morning sentenced by Judge Hawley to eight years in the penitentiary at hard labor and to pay a fine of \$5,000. The same sentence has been passed on Heney, the other suspect.

Cadet Appointments.

WASHINGTON, May 5.—Appointment to cadetships at the United States naval academy have been secured by the following young men: Rudolph M. Anderson, Forest City, Ia., with O. W. Fowler, Ft. Dodge, as alternate; William K. Keiths, Pilot Knob, Mo.

Baldwin Must Stand Trial.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 5.—The trial of the suit of Lillian Ashley, formerly of Boston, against E. J. Baldwin for \$75,000, for seduction, was yesterday peremptorily set for next Thursday.

With a Bullet.

WATERLOO, Ia., May 5.—Ex-Speaker Lore Alford of this city attempted suicide yesterday morning by shooting. The bullet took effect just behind his right ear and slightly fractured the skull. It was subsequently extracted and the wound is not believed to be serious.

He admitted, after regaining consciousness, that he attempted to take his life because of poor health. He was speaker of the house in the Eighteenth general assembly of Iowa.

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China Caves.

WASHINGTON, May 4.—Most of the space devoted to China in the forthcoming volume of "foreign relations for 1895," part of which has been made public, shows that vigorous measures were threatened by the United States if China would not take proper measures for the investigation of the assaults on American and other missionaries at Cheng-Tu and Kutien and the punishment of the offenders. Second Assistant Secretary of State Adee, who was acting secretary during the progress of most of the correspondence, sent some sharp dispatches on the subject. When it was reported that Liu, the viceroy of Szechuan, who was charged with investigating the riots, had been appointed a commissioner to investigate, Mr. Adee wired Minister Denby: "Commissioner Liu is disreputable; his report would not inspire confidence, and in a latter communication he said: 'You can hardly have failed to reprobate at once against the offensive indecency of appointing such a man.'"

It turned out that Liu had not been selected. The Chinese government, however, declined to degrade and punish the viceroy and this government decided to make an investigation independent of the British and French commission. The Chinese authorities vigorously opposed the appointment of this commission, but finally agreed to allow it to proceed, beginning, however, to put impediments in the way of sending it to the scene of the outrages. This caused Secretary Olney to wire Mr. Denby that "if there is any further delay or hesitation in complying with just demands, report immediately." There was no further trouble and the Chinese government soon issued a decree depriving Viceroy Liu of office.

In Eruption.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—(Special Correspondence of the United Press, per U. S. S. Concord, from Honolulu, April 23.)—Maunaloa volcano broke out in eruption about 9 a. m., on the 21st. A telephone message from Hilo to Kawaihae gave an estimate of 7,000 feet as the height of a column of lava jetting from the summit as seen from Hilo, forty miles distant. Observed by daylight from Kawaihae, the emission of smoke was immense. The following night the illumination on the clouds was brilliant, as seen from Lahaina, 110 miles away as the bird flies. None but the greatest eruptions have heretofore been conspicuous at Lahaina. Last night the glow over Maunaloa was seen from the lookout at Diamond Head, Honolulu, 180 miles distant. These facts indicate an eruption of unusual magnitude. It is probable that a great lava stream is flowing down the mountain, which is 13,000 feet high. Nothing can be known here of its direction for some days, whether inland or towards some part of the shore, or whether it threatens destruction to any plantation or village.

The United States gunboat Bennington sailed on the 22d for San Francisco.

Riot.

BEIGRADE, May 4.—Anti-Hun riots occurred here yesterday growing out of the use of the Serbian flag at the Buda Pest millennial exposition. Several persons were killed and a number wounded before order could be restored.

Paint Factory Burns.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4.—Spontaneous combustion in the paint factory of W. A. Fuller & Co., started a fire which burned the three-story brick building occupied as a factory and warehouse and destroyed property valued by the underwriters at \$130,000, but stated by a reporter of Fuller & Co., to be about \$500,000.

Fight the Trust.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., May 4.—Ex-President Cannigan of the United States Rubber company is to fight the trust. A new plant, representing upwards of a million dollars, will be erected in East Providence, where it will be exempt from taxes. The plans have been prepared and with modern machinery the new factory can produce one-quarter of the rubber boot and shoe goods in the country. About 1,000 operatives will be employed.