

Nebraska Notes

Rushville now has a curfew ordinance in force. An athletic club has been organized at Crete. The Burnett Mascott has commenced its tenth year. The McCook Courier has started on volume nineteen. The Clarks Leader has changed its name to the Enterprise. Pilger people are taking steps to build and operate a creamery. J. C. Gullinger has sold the Burchard Times to J. T. and J. B. Pope. Four hundred and fifty bushels of popcorn were marketed at Hebron before the holidays. The wife of L. H. Thornburg, editor of the Alexandria Argus, presented him with twins. The output of sugar from the Grand Island factory last season was equivalent to 33,760 barrels. B. B. Smith, a well known newspaper man, has purchased and assumed control of the Long Pine Journal. Thus far the weather during the month of January has been an exceptionally fine as that of December was rough. H. Hoffat of Plainview was so badly injured in a runaway accident that amputation of one hand was necessary. The outgoing treasurer of Cuming county turned \$25,000 over to his successor and turned it over in cold cash. The editor of the Mead Advocate threatened a young man for insulting his sister, but had to liquidate with a fine. The newspapers at Schuyler are engaged in a perpetual personal warfare that must be very wearing to the general public. The Schuyler council proposes to take steps to discourage tinhorn gambling that is carried on in various places about town. Z. M. Baird has sold the Hartington Leader to Ezra Bryd-well, and will hereafter exercise his lungs crying auction sales. Joseph Mullen of Pender took a shot at a rabbit but instead put thirty-nine of the leaden pellets in the legs of his brother Mike. The Presbyterians of York subscribed almost a thousand dollars in a single day to pay off a debt accrued in building their parsonage. Stock on the western Nebraska range is now apparently none the worse for the early storms and is in fair order for the time of the year. The Wymore Arbor State which has completed its twenty-third volume, has been edited by Colonel Dodds for the past sixteen years. The village board of Gibbon has ordered a fifteen-horse power gasoline engine, which will be placed in the fire house for use in time of fire. The annual meeting of the Interstate Swine Breeders' association at Red Cloud has been postponed from January 11 to February 1 and 2. A special agent of the land office has been in Kimball county investigating complaints that private parties have been fencing in government land. An estimate of the number of cattle now being fed in Antelope county made by men thoroughly informed upon the whole subject, places the total at 5,000. The Logan county farmer whose reputation for morality needs repairs, was lately made a target for rifle practice at long range and barely missed getting a bullet put through his neck. Clinton Grant a 9-year-old boy of Hayes Center, was seriously injured by a horse falling on him. When found he was unconscious and is supposed to be lying in that condition for several hours. The number of marriage licenses in Dixon county during 1897 increased over that of 1896. In 1896 there were fifty-five licenses issued by Judge Rose, while in the year just closed there were sixty-four. There is some talk of calling a grand jury for the next term of court in Nuckolls county. It is believed there is much illegitimate business going on throughout the county that cannot be reached in any other way. Firm Ransom of Minden is gathering up a load of draft horses which he intends to ship to Chicago. He has on hand now nearly a carload of them, which are said to be the best bunch of horses ever gathered together in the county. Frank Fisher, Jr., of Norden lost seventy bushels of wheat in the Niobrara river. Several teams had crossed safely ahead of him, but his load was so great that it caused the ice to give way, upsetting the wagon and spilling the contents in the river. The wheat belonged to M. F. Mehlin who was the loser. Receiver McDonald of the United States land office at North Platte states that the entries for government land had been one per day during the last week. There still remains considerable in the county which is subject to entry, but by the way business is starting in this year it will not long remain vacant. The Baptists at Hastings have decided to build a new house of worship. Hon. Frank Bacon, better known as Alfalfa Bacon, says the Gotchenburg Independent, threshed 350 bushels of alfalfa seed last week that will bring \$1,000. He has left the hay which will feed 100 head of cattle, and his horse are thriving on its roughness. That alfalfa is a good paying crop needs no better demonstration than the above showing. This was on eighty acres of land three miles south of the city.

GLADSTONE IS SICK

ENGLISH PRESS SHOWS ANXIETY AS TO HIS HEALTH.

Reports as to His Critical Condition Believed to be Over Drawn—The Grand Old Man Suffers Pain From Facial Neuralgia but is Sound Otherwise. LONDON, Jan. 20.—The Pall Mall Gazette yesterday afternoon makes the following announcement in big type: "With deep regret we learn on most excellent authority that Mr. Gladstone's health causes the gravest anxiety to those about him. His sojourn at Cannes has not had the effect of fortifying his strength as anticipated." The news placards of the Pall Mall Gazette reads: "Critical condition of Mr. Gladstone." The announcement is causing much excitement. The publication caused numbers of inquiries at the residence of Henry Gladstone, the aged statesman's son, Mrs. Henry Gladstone and George Armistead, an intimate friend of the family, both said there was nothing in the latest information they had received to justify the alarmist reports. Mr. Gladstone has been suffering from a return of his neuralgia, but a letter received said he was better. A dispatch from Cannes says: "The health of Mr. Gladstone is fairly satisfactory. He went out for a drive yesterday." HIS AGE AGAINST HIM. The Westminster Gazette, though minimizing the alarming reports concerning the health of Mr. Gladstone, is "constrained to admit the fact that Mr. Gladstone has suffered great pain most of the time he has been at Cannes, being unable to leave his sofa. So far the vital organs are concerned, however, he is no worse. On the other hand, continuous pain in a man of Mr. Gladstone's age is undoubtedly a symptom to cause anxiety. An official medical statement issued last night reasserts that there is no cause for alarm as to Mr. Gladstone's health, although it is not benefited as much as has been hoped at Cannes. The facial neuralgia pains persist with daily fluctuations owing to the cold winds and wet weather, but the complaint is quite local. His physical powers have not suffered; his strength is good; his appetite excellent; he joins the family meals and takes regular drives, wealth permitting. Lord Stuart Rendel, with whom Mr. Gladstone is visiting, telegraphed last night at 8:30 that Mr. Gladstone's health was unchanged.

Permanent Gold Field

SEATTLE, Jan. 20.—The news brought by the treasure laden miners who have arrived from the Klondike on the steamer Corona is important chiefly in that it is confirmatory of the discovery of the great mother lode. Welch, Coffin and Burt are authority for the statement that the original strike was made at the upper end of claim No. 30, Eldorado, while two strikers, one at No. 27 and another yet lower down, were subsequently located. Throughout the district the discovery is accepted as assurance of the permanency of the district as a rich gold mining field. As to the placer diggings, they continue rich. Powder creek, an affluent of Quartz creek, has been having a boom, prices of \$3.75 and \$4 being a common thing. Of course the stream was located as soon as the first important discovery was made. All Gold creek shows pans of \$10 to \$100 while the miners on Hunker creek, Henderson, Dominion, the big Salmon and the Stewart all declare themselves satisfied with the prospect. One of the first men to strike ground on the Eldorado and the very last man out of the Klondike country is Andrew Olsen, better known as "The Big Swede." He is notable as being the owner of the claim on which the biggest Klondike nugget has yet been found. The lump was valued at \$586. In answer to a request for an estimate of the winter's gold dust output of the camp, Joe Campbell, one of the returning miners, said: "We have done a great deal of figuring on that and it now appears that the output notwithstanding the scarcity of food and light, will be from \$12,000,000 to \$15,000,000."

Mobs Still Have Paris

PARIS, Jan. 20.—Two hundred students parade the Boulevard des Capuchines with the intention of making a demonstration before the military club, but were dispersed. A thousand students took part in a demonstration before the Pantheon. The students shouted against Zola and the Hebrews. They were driven away by the police, who split the mob up into noisy groups, which then began parading the various parts of the Latin Quarter, where there was much excitement. As a precaution to prevent disturbances the bridges of the Latin Quarter were yesterday guarded by police, as also were the houses of Mathieu Dreyfus and Emilie Zola guarded. There have been renewed demonstrations at Marseilles and other provincial towns.

Victory For Newspapers

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 20.—The fight between the Denver newspapers and the large department stores of the city regarding advertising rates, which began nine days ago, ended tonight with the unconditional surrender of the merchant's association. Since the merchants withdrew their advertisements the proprietors of the papers have agreed upon a new scale somewhat higher than the previous one and this has been accepted by the merchants.

COTTON MILLS CLOSED

GREAT STRIKE OF COTTON WEAVERS IS NOW ON.

Reduction in Wages Has Opened the Gap and 125,000 Employees go Out—Refuse to Accept Reduction and Mills Now Stand Idle—No Serious Riots Yet. BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 18.—Reduction in the wages of about 125,000 operatives employed in the cotton mills of New England, which the manufacturers decided on as a temporary cure for the depression in the cotton industry in the north, went into effect today. In several mill centres, namely New Bedford, Mass., and Biddeford, Saco and Lewiston, Me., dissatisfaction among the mill hands is intense and strikes are on. The eighteen mills of the latter city, which give employment to about 9,000, have been shut down, because the operatives have refused to accept the reduction, and the contest thus inaugurated promises to be one of the most stubborn in the history of the textile industry. The situation in New Bedford is very gloomy. Business there had not recovered from the depression which followed the failure of six mill corporations last spring. The 3,500 employees at the Lacon and Pepperhill mills in Biddeford refuse to go to work yesterday morning under the new schedule, and it is thought the strike there will not be easily settled. Some of the employees of the York mills, Saco, also joined the Biddeford movement. The Androssoggin mills in Boston and the King Philip plant in Fall River were handicapped by a strike of a number of hands and the Queen City mills in Burlington, Vt., closed on account of a strike which followed the posting of notices of reduction.

First Overt Acts

An incident at the Acushnet mills in New Bedford, in which dirt and stones were thrown at the managers without doing any harm, was the nearest approach to serious trouble. Yesterday afternoon quiet prevailed in all sections and the stores and streets were almost deserted. On January 3, the reduction took effect in mills employing about 35,000 hands. The reduction today affected the cotton mills of Maine, Rhode Island, Connecticut, the mills of New Bedford, Lowell and a number of other smaller places in this state and New Hampshire. The Atlantic and Pacific corporation of Lawrence and the other cotton mills there and in one or two places elsewhere will make a cut next Monday. The cut amounts to about 10 per cent in many places, but in several centres it is 11 to 19 per cent and even higher, while in a few small mills it is only 5 per cent. The New Bedford strikers will be supported financially by the operatives in other centres and it is said they are prepared to hold out until spring. The national organization of textile unions has also voted to support the New Bedford strike. It is estimated that the reduction means a loss of between \$75,000 and \$85,000 a week to the wage-earners in the six states and the additional loss to strikers in the various centres if they remain idle even for a short time will swell the amount to a much larger figure.

Whole Family Killed

New York, Jan. 18.—John Matthews, a retail grocer, some time between last Saturday night and Monday morning murdered his wife and two children, a boy ten years old and a girl of twelve, by hacking them to death with a hatchet. Matthews then committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. Before shooting himself Matthews turned on the gas with the intention that asphyxiation should complete his murderous work. The crime was committed in a small bedroom in the rear of the store kept by Matthews. It is supposed that Matthews had become despondent from pecuniary difficulties. The tragedy was discovered through the odor of escaping gas, which prompted a milkman to call a policeman. On the floor of the sleeping room the officer found the corpse of Matthews. In his hand was a revolver and there was a bullet hole just above his mouth. There were two beds in the room. One of them lay Matthews' wife. Her head was chopped and mangled beyond recognition. On the other the two children lay side by side. Their faces, too, were frightfully cut and backed. That the murder and suicide were premeditated was evident, as Matthews had waited until his wife and children were asleep. Then he striped himself to the waist, took the hatchet and brainied his wife. After that he attacked his children. From a letter left it was ascertained that for some time Matthews had intended to end his own life. He had been in the dry goods business further up town and had failed. A few months ago he opened the grocery store and had met with little success. His wife a pretty little woman, had recently undergone a severe operation. It was these things, evidently, that prompted Matthews to do the horrible deed.

A Mob Demonstration

VIENNA, Jan. 18.—Five thousand socialist workmen made a demonstration here today in front of the Rathaus, because Dr. Lueger, the burgomaster, had forbidden them to hold a meeting in the building. The police dispersed them and made several arrests. There are ominous rumors of trouble in Hungary and Bohemia. The agrarian socialist movement in Hungary is serious, especially in the Emboloch district, where the land owners & nobles.

EX-SENATOR'S DAUGHTER MAY DIE

She Shot Herself in her Room at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—Mrs. Lucile Lane, youngest daughter of ex-Senator Blackburn of Kentucky, shot herself in her apartments at the Wellington hotel last night about midnight, just as she was preparing for bed. The statement given out by the family is that the shooting was accidental and was caused by a small pistol, which, catching in some ace in the drawer, fell as she lifted them and exploded by the hammer striking the edge of the drawer. The sound is in the left breast and is probably fatal. Mrs. Lane is suffering from the shock so severely that the physicians have not yet made any attempt to locate the bullet. The most precise statement that the physicians would make last night was that Mrs. Lane would probably live till morning. At the request of the family the block in which the hotel is situated has been roped off. Senator Blackburn is deeply affected by the occurrence. Lucile was the younger of Senator Blackburn's two daughters. She was married in 1895 to Thomas F. Lane, a prominent business man and politician of Summit, N. S. The Lanes had apparently always an abundance of money, which they spent freely, living at a fashionable hotel and seeming to lack none of the good things of life. Mr. and Mrs. Lane, according to those who saw them every day, were unwary affectionate and attentive to each other, and, while of slight physique, was in excellent health. Mrs. Blackburn, who is not in the city, has been telegraphed for.

Murders a Baby

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 17.—A case was reported to the central police headquarters yesterday which bears every indication of subsequent developments, showing that a five-year-old boy has been murdered by a youth of fifteen years. Percy Lookyer, aged five, who resided in the outskirts of West Philadelphia did not return home Friday evening and vigilant search failed to discover his whereabouts. Saturday it was learned that Samuel Henderson, aged fifteen, had been seen in the woods with little Percy. He at first denied having seen the child, but on being closely questioned by the police he admitted that while he was whittling a stick with a large knife, Percy had accidentally fallen against the blade and the child fell dead. Fearing he would be arrested Henderson said he threw the body into a creek which flows through the woods. In confirmation of his story he led the searchers to where the boy's hat and coat had been hidden. They were identified by the parents. He also pointed out the place in the creek where he had thrown the body. The creek was dragged for quite a distance, but the body was not found. The police believe the story of the child's death and are of the opinion that the killing was the deliberate act of Henderson. Henderson is in custody and the search is being prosecuted.

Swindles the Santa Fe

St. Joseph, Mo., Jan. 17.—A long series of railroad ticket forgers have come to light here, which are believed to have been carried on a number of years. The alleged forged tickets were over the Atchison & Santa Fe road and connecting lines. A warrant has been issued here for the arrest of August E. Ambs of St. Louis, who, until two years ago, was engaged in the ticket scalping business here. The fraudulent tickets were sold while Walter Young was city ticket agent for the Santa Fe in this city. Young committed suicide nearly four years ago, and left nothing to explain the act. It is thought he may have known something about the forged tickets. After Ambs became financially embarrassed he deposited the tickets as collateral in the National bank of St. Joseph. He was unable to redeem them and they were placed on sale by another broker. The sale of the tickets was slow and that is the reason that fraud was so long in being discovered. The loss represented by the tickets runs up into the thousands, although it is not known how many of them were disposed of.

Matt Freeman is Free

GUTHRIE, Okl., Jan. 17.—Matt Freeman, the oldest of the Zipp Wyatt gang of outlaws, escaped from jail at Taolga Friday night, it was learned Saturday, for the second time in a year. Freeman and wife formerly conducted a gang in the Glass mountains, and it was the headquarters for the gang. Freeman was Wyatt's most trusted lieutenant. One time the gang was besieged for a week by deputy marshals. She rode the gauntlet of their bullets and escaped to bring reinforcements and ammunition. Later she was captured and spent a year in the federal jail here. She was converted while in jail and is now travelling as an evangelist.

Steamer a Wreck

New York, Jan. 17.—On board the steamer Antilla, which arrived here last evening from Nassau, were the mate and nine seamen of the crew of the Italian brigantine Celestina, which was lost on the south side of Watling's island while on a voyage from Venice to Savannah. The vessel was a total loss. No lives were lost.

Ohio River Rising

UNCLE SAM, Jan. 17.—The Ohio river at this point at 10 o'clock Sunday was forty-two feet ten inches and rising one inch per hour. It may reach the government danger line of forty-five feet before it recedes. The danger at forty-five feet and even at fifty feet is merely nominal. At the latter stage a few cellars will be inundated, but navigation will not be embarrassed in the least. Not the slightest damage has been done here.

FIGHT OVER McKENNA

SENATE IS NOT WILLING TO RATIFY HIS NOMINATION.

Senator Allen Leads the Opposition to His Confirmation—Religious Matters are Mixed Up With the Discussion and the A. F. A. is Heavily Scored. WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Almost the entire four hours of the executive session of the senate yesterday were devoted to the indirect consideration of the nomination of Hon. Joseph McKenna, now attorney-general, to be associate justice of the supreme court. The discussion was the result of an effort on the part of Senator Allen of Nebraska to secure a postponement for two weeks. In the end a compromise was reached, deferring consideration until a week from today on condition that the Nebraska senator should agree to allow a vote to be taken on that day. The Hawaiian treaty was not touched upon during the session. The debate upon Mr. McKenna's nomination was participated by Senator Hoar, chairman of the judiciary committee, who called up the nomination in accordance with his notice of yesterday and asked for immediate action. In doing this Mr. Hoar spoke briefly of the opposition to Mr. McKenna, saying that the judiciary committee had investigated the most of the charges made and had reached the conclusion that they were without foundation. He said that the greater number of charges had been made by the members of the American Protective association, and as they had been founded solely upon the fact that Mr. McKenna was a Catholic in religion they had not been deemed worthy of serious consideration. Mr. Hoar dwelt at length upon this point, exhorting any man who would attempt to inject a question of religion into a controversy over a man's fitness for office. He said that such an effort was entirely un-American and unpatriotic and should not for a moment receive the consideration of fair-minded men. Times are Tightening in Havana. HAVANA, Jan. 15.—A decree has been published prohibiting the publication in daily newspapers of cable dispatches without previous censorship and without twelve hours notice of their receipt. In addition, in future, the postoffice here will detain national and foreign newspapers not having been previously censored. Publishers are warned that they are under military jurisdiction. Another edict will be issued forbidding the gathering in groups of more than four persons either in the streets or in the stores.

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STORM OVER CUBA

Revolutionary Members of the House Attempt to Override the Repeal.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 19.—Cuba had a hearing in the house yesterday and for a time it looked as if parliamentary precedents would be set aside and the senate resolution recognizing the insurgents as belligerents would be attached as a rider to the diplomatic and consular appropriation bill. Mr. DeArmond appealed. He urged the republicans who had professed friendship for the struggling Cubans to override the decision of the chair as the only chance of securing action on the proposition. Mr. Bailey, the leader of the minority, and other democrats joined in the appeal. The excitement became intense, but the appeals of Mr. Dingley, the floor leader of the majority, as well as other republican leaders, to their associates not to join in the program, succeeded. Mr. Colson, rep., Ky., warned his side that unless he was soon given an opportunity to vote his sentiments on the Cuban question he would co-operate in any revolutionary method to secure action. The republican tactics kept to the front the point that the minority were seeking to override the rules of the house and they got every republican vote, sustained the chair by a vote of 152 to 114. One democrat, Mr. Fleming of Georgia, voted with them on the ground that he could not violate his oath by voting against upholding the rules. During the debate Mr. Bailey challenged Mr. Hitt to give the house any assurance that an opportunity would be offered to vote on the resolution passed by the senate at the last session, but he received no reply. Before the diplomatic bill came up the army bill was passed.

A Race for \$200,000

TACOMA, Jan. 19.—With the thermometer 30 degrees below zero a midnight race over thirty-five miles of rough muntain country in the heart of the Klondike has earned for George Graham, a Shelton logger, the first prize of staking off overlooked and unregistered placer claims valued at \$200,000. Graham was at the Canadian register's office on the afternoon of November 15, when a man rushed in and filed a claim on French Pete creek, which adjoins the richest part of Eldorado. He had discovered that in the rush to stake the Klondike district five claims on French Pete creek had been overlooked. Graham rushed to locate the others, having given the tip to three of his friends. They were followed in a wild race by 200 other miners, but succeeded in getting on the coveted ground first.

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