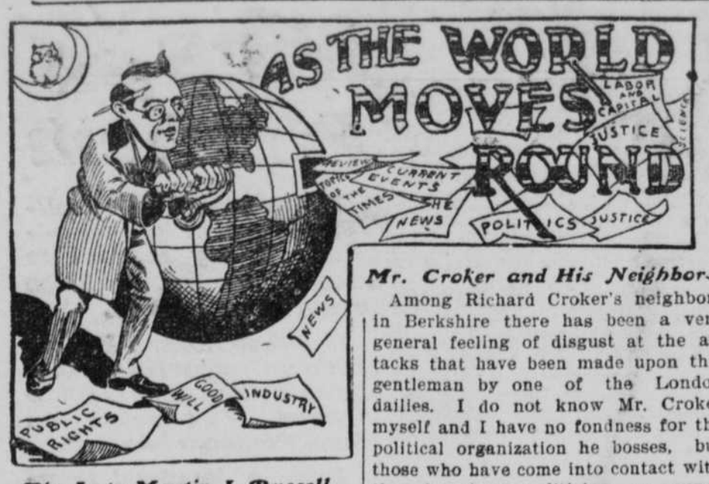

The Late Martin J. Russell.

Martin J. Russell, the great Chicago editor, whose death was recorded last week, exercised a wide influence in civic affairs, in politics, in social life. By native talent, by industry, by thrift, by honest endeavor, by loyalty to the ideals which he had formed he paved his way to the position which he occupied. He followed every path of duty as it lay before him. He was born in Chicago in 1845. When the civil war broke out he left his books for the battlefield. He accompanied his uncle, Col. James A. Mulligan, to Missouri, and was chosen second lieutenant a year later. In 1862 Lieut. Russell was appointed assistant adjutant-general and served in that capacity until mustered out of service. In 1870 Mr. Russell began his journalistic career as a reporter for the Evening Post. Later he became a member of the editorial staff of the Times, and in

MARTIN J. RUSSELL.

1876 was made editor of the Telegram, a paper published by W. F. Storey. Shortly afterward he returned to the Times, and in 1883 joined the staff of the Herald. During the administration of President Cleveland Mr. Russell was collector of the port of Chicago.

Some Notable Nominations.

Speaking of the unanimity of Roosevelt's nomination the Philadelphia Bulletin expresses the opinion that it must be extremely trying to sit in a convention as a delegate and be nominated at the same time, and recalls the fact that Garfield was the only president who sat in the convention which nominated him, and Seymour and Bryan were the only other presidential candidates evolved from out the convention chaos of which they were a part. Hendricks was a delegate to the convention of 1884, which named him nominee for vice-president after an attempt had been made to stampede it from Cleveland to him; Arthur sat among the New York delegates when the victorious anti-third-termers tossed the second place to him like a bone in the closing hours of the session, and old democrats remember how young John C. Breckinridge sat in the convention which gave him the vice-presidency on the ticket with James Buchanan and sought in vain to escape the pressure.

SANITARY REFORMER.

Lord Ranfurly, the governor of New Zealand, has earned for himself considerable notoriety as a voluntary and somewhat exacting sanitary inspector—a work which, to say the least of it, is not usually regarded as within the scope of vice-regal duties. The governor has pronounced views on hygiene and sanitary science, and ever since there has been danger of the bubonic plague being carried from Sidney to New Zealand he has been the leading spirit in an energetic and effective crusade for cleanliness. He has not contented himself with directing the movements of sanitary officials, but has personally visited unsanitary neighborhoods, laid bare hidden sources of possible disease and ordered their instant removal.

Lord Ranfurly.

Mystery in Washington.

Locked securely away in the big safe which is such a conspicuous feature of the office of the librarian of congress, is a package which ranks in mystery with "The Man of the Iron Mask." It required the efforts of four able-bodied men to place the package in its present location, and the quartet remarked at the time that it was the heaviest job they had ever handled. This package, whatever it contains, is a donation to the government by a noted collector of curios, the only stipulation accompanying the gift being that it should not be opened until the close of the twentieth century, or 100 years hence.

Mr. Croker and His Neighbors

Among Richard Croker's neighbors in Berkshire there has been a very general feeling of disgust at the attacks that have been made upon this gentleman by one of the London dailies. I do not know Mr. Croker myself and I have no fondness for the political organization he bosses, but those who have come into contact with the American politician pronounce him to be one of the quietest and most unassuming of men, friendly, hospitable, and charitable, while showing not the slightest disposition to thrust himself into county society or to "cut a figure" in any direction. Neither his politics nor any other of his views have been obtruded upon his neighbor's, nor on any one in this country. It is alleged, however (with what truth I do not know and do not care), that Mr. Croker has favored the Boer delegates in America, and to such lengths is the abuse of "patriotism" for trade or party purposes now carried, that this allegation is deemed sufficient to justify the raising of a hue and cry in the London press against an American citizen who has paid us the compliment of acquiring a home in England, and whose conduct among us has been beyond reproach. A grosser breach of the laws of hospitality, not to say good manners, could hardly be committed, even in the name of patriotism.—Truth.

Gen. Chaffee Off for Pekin.

Gen. Chaffee has left Washington to take charge of the American land forces in China. He is accompanied by the Seventh cavalry and will draw the balance of his forces from the Philippines. The formal orders to Gen. Chaffee, issued by Acting Secretary of War Meiklejohn, direct him to "take command of the troops ordered to China, and to proceed to Pekin by way of San Francisco and Taku, accompanied by his aids." The direction to proceed to the capital of the Chinese empire indicates a determination on the part of the government authorities to have a strong military force at the seat of the Chinese government. The desire to have Gen. Chaffee and this cavalry regiment reach China with little delay is such that the transport will not stop at Honolulu, but will continue on her way direct to Nagasaki, Japan. At that point Gen. Chaffee will be in communication with the war department and will receive further instructions. If the trouble is all over the troops will go from Nagasaki to Manila.

Gen. Chaffee.

To Soar Above the Clouds.

News comes from Europe that the flying machine designed by Count Zeppelin of the German army has been completed and is about to be put to a series of trials, says the Philadelphia Record. Unusual interest is centered on this machine, because of the magnitude of the scheme and because of the association with it of such a distinguished name as Count Zeppelin. An idea of the enormity of the scheme may be gathered from the fact that before any work was begun a floating construction plant was erected on Lake Constance, 459 feet in length and sixty-five feet high. In the boathouse the foundation of the ship was laid, and since then the entire construction has been carried on within its four walls.

In Rich Man's Paradise.

Otto Young, the wealthy Chicago merchant, has decided to add another palace to the group at Lake Geneva, Wis., the rich man's resort. Here is a picture of the proposed dwelling. It will cost a million dollars, and is to be 175 feet in length, seventy-five feet deep, and three stories in height above the basement. It has a white Georgia granite base, and, above the stylobate, the entire face, walls, cornices, balustrades, etc., are finished in white Bedford oolitic limestone, richly carved

THE YOUNG PALACE.

and decorated throughout. The style is Italian renaissance. The pavilion ends of the structure are open through the first story, and form a continuation of the loggia at the center, intersected at each end by covered porches, making a gallery or corridor 250 feet in length, by sixty feet in width across the front and sides of the building. The east front has at its center a circular portico some twenty-five feet in diameter, forming the carriage porch entrance.

ELECTRICAL TRUMPET.

Francis MacDaniel an eastern inventor, has just obtained a patent on the electrical ear trumpet shown below, its principle being based on the well-known fact that persons deaf to ordinary sounds—such, for instance, as the human voice—can hear the same sound perfectly plain if produced in the presence of a sound of greater volume. Theoretically this condition is probably due to the influence of the ordinary sound waves produced by the voice, music or similar means acting as superposed waves or interfering waves with the influence created by the large sound waves upon the nerve centers of the ear. In the device the inventor applies the principle by creating sound waves from the vibrations of a tuned reed, which is set in motion by making and breaking an electrical circuit. A small battery and magnet are used to create the electrical vibrations, with a push button located in a convenient position to close the circuit when the person desires to hear. The reed is located in the bell of a trumpet,

ELECTRICAL AID TO HEARING.

which also serves as a receiver and mixer for the vibrations of the external sound waves and those from the reed, the latter serving as a vehicle for the former.

Spain Is Looking Up.

The vigor with which the Spanish government is enforcing the collection of the new taxes seems to inspire confidence at home in the honesty and ability of the present financial administration.

The 4 per cent bonds of the government sold on the European bourses above 72, and the new and purely internal loan of 1,200,000,000 pesatas—nominally equal to $240,000,000—designed to take up more than half the nation's floating debts, commands a premium in advance of its issue.

Slaves in Tawi Tawi.

The slave owners in Tawi Tawi are Moros. They have the right to slaves by their religion and have held them for centuries. In the past they have carried on a great business in kidnapping men, women and children, and taking them to Borneo and elsewhere for sale.

There are white men still living who have been Moro slaves, having been captured by the Moros in their wars with the Spaniards. According to the Moro laws the father has the right to sell his children. He can sell his wife

A SLAVE GIRL IN TAWI TAWI.

and if he gets into debt he sells himself to pay it. The debts of fathers entail the slavery of the children, who agree to work for their creditors until the debt is paid.

A NEW BICYCLE MOTOR.

A New York city inventor has disposed of his patent rights in the ingenious bicycle motor here shown to a company formed for the purpose. The main feature of this device is the unique method of transmitting power from the motor to a friction pulley which is in contact with the rear tire. The motor wheel and the friction wheel are each provided with sprocket wheels, the power being transmitted by means of small chains of the kind usually seen on bicycles. These motors may be attached to any make of bicycle, the complete motor and fittings being sold for $100. The friction wheel is of aluminium bronze, and presses on the sides of the tire, thus avoiding wear on the tread. A coaster brake should be used in connection with this motor in order that the rider may rest or assist the motor at will. The wheel here shown is fitted with a gasoline tank, carrying sufficient fuel for a seventy-five mile journey. After the regulating, which is done by the rider setting the regulating lever and giving the pedals a few turns, the entire apparatus may be controlled by one lever, located near the handlebar.

Friction Motor.

NEWS OF NEBRASKA

Runaway Accident Injures Father and Children at Fremont.

THE HARE CRAZE STRIKES SHELBY

Mischevious Boys Explode Ten-Inch Fire Cracker in Tent Where Several Children Are Sleeping, Setting Fire to the Tent and Bedding—Other Notes.

Burned by Fire Cracker.

CHADRON, Neb., July 1.—While the family of Benjamin Lowenthal of this city were asleep in a summer tent on the lawn, a large giant firecracker, measuring ten inches in length, was lighted and thrown into the tent by two mischievous boys. The cracker exploded among the sleeping children, setting their bedding on fire without awakening them. The father, who was asleep in the house, being awakened by the noise, rushed out and found the tent filled with smoke and flames. The tent was pulled down and the bed clothes scattered about the lawn. Moses, the 19-year-old son, was badly burned about the face and hands. The rest of the children escaped without serious injury. The chief of police was notified and the boys were soon apprehended and placed under arrest. The boys pleaded guilty in police court this morning and were fined $3 and costs.

Woes of the Small Boy.

OMAHA, June 30.—The small boy and his firecrackers and other instruments of torture are supposed to be off of the earth until 6 o'clock on the evening until July 3. Policemen will be after all violators of the fireworks and firecracker ordinances until that evening, when the ordinance will be suspended until Fourth of July at midnight. Mayor Moores has instructed the chief of police to prevent Fourth of July celebrations from continuing throughout the entire summer.

A number of runaways that were caused by firecrackers and fireworks have already been reported and many complaints have been lodged with the mayor and the police department. Every effort will be made to protect the city of Omaha from an untimely fusillade of cap pistols and Roman candles.

Fremont Runaway Accident.

FREMONT, Neb., July 30.—Attorney A. H. Briggs and his little son and daughter met with a serious runaway accident last night. Just how it happened no one knows, for Mr. Briggs has not recovered consciousness sufficiently to tell and the children were badly injured as well. Mr. Briggs was found insensible on Fifteenth street near Broad and a block away the little boy and girl were in the wreck of the buggy. Mr. Briggs was wholly unconscious for several hours. One of his ribs is broken and he is badly injured internally. His little girl, who is 7 years old, had one ear nearly torn off and sustained other bad bruises and cuts. The 5-year-old boy escaped comparatively uninjured.

Hare Craze Reaches Shelby.

SHELBY, Neb., June 30.—The Belgian hare craze has struck Shelby. One citizen who raised St. Bernards, several of which won a national reputation, is going out of the dog business because he claims hares are less expensive to raise and more profitable. Two other leading citizens have invested neat sums in the small animals. In December the Polk County Poultry association will hold its show in Shelby and there will be a separate division for the hare show. The latter promises to eclipse the main show as an attraction.

Reunion Date is Chosen.

SUPERIOR, Neb., June 30.—At the encampment of the Interstate Reunion association held in this city yesterday the reunion was located at Superior on the dates of September 10 to 15 inclusive. C. E. Adams of this city was elected commander; H. R. Stone of Smith Center, Kan., senior vice commander; Joseph Hunter of Guide Rock, Neb., junior vice commander; Rev. Hamilton of Nelson, Neb., chaplain. The encampment set aside a day for the Hispano-American war soldiers.

Ranch House Destroyed.

LEIGH, Neb., July 1.—Yesterday a house out on the Wisherd ranch, five miles southeast of here, was totally destroyed by fire. The house was occupied by William Wilber, a tenant. The fire originated from a defective flue and only for the timely arrival of a neighbor two children would have perished. The building was insured, but Mr. Wilber had no insurance on household goods.

Laborer Loses Fingers.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., June 30.—A young man namer Cox, a laborer in the employ of Frank Hicks, a farmer living in this vicinity, got his hand caught in the cogs of a binder and suffered the amputation of three fingers, one by the machine and two by the attending physician.

School Census at Wahoo.

WAHOO, Neb., June 30.—The school census has just been completed and shows the number of children of school age in this district to be 817.

License Question in Court.

ST. PAUL, Neb., June 30.—District court has been in session for the last four days, with Judge Munn on the bench. Most of the time has been occupied by the court on the contest and injunction cases following the city elections this spring, on the muddle over the license question. The court finally decided in favor of license, holding there was no legal ground for a contest, nor for the injunction issued against the mayor and city council to prohibit them from granting licenses.

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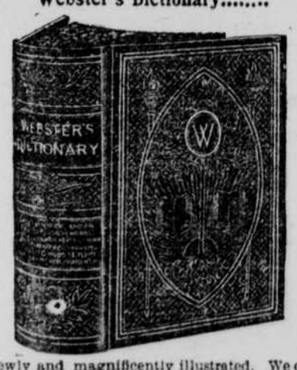

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