

Brief Telegrams

Russia has fifty-seven warships at Port Arthur.

There are 144,000 Mormons in the United States.

There are about 11,000,000 Catholics in the United States.

The pension issue last year was the largest in ten years.

In Finland reindeer are worth only \$7.50 a head. One of these animals recently covered 130 miles in a day.

Prussian railway cars have only about three-tenths the carrying capacity of those used in the United States.

Senator Russell A. Alger has been sued for \$5 for failure to cut the weeds on property owned by him in Kansas City.

In the United Kingdom last year 85,500,000 pounds of tobacco passed through the custom house for home consumption.

There are 22 lead pencil factories in Germany, which employ 2,813 persons, and export each year 1,614 tons of pencils, worth \$2,000,000.

Lincolnshire has the biggest English farm. Over 2,000 acres are under plough. The second largest is near Coldstream, in Northumberland.

The borough of Fulham, London, by the use of its garbage in the furnace of the municipal electric lighting plant, makes a profit of \$3,442 a year.

Professor Koch, of Heidelberg, is the only instructor of any university in Germany who lectures on journalism. He has for several years lectured there on this subject.

A large amount of hay is being purchased in Nevada for immediate shipment to San Francisco. It is stated that the hay is being purchased for the Russian government.

The oldest ship in the world, the mail schooner Vigilant, running into St. Croix, F. W. L., although now under the French flag, was built of Essex oak at Essex, Mass., in 1802.

Owing to the demand of the government for a guarantee deposit upon its legal reserve funds the Equitable Life Insurance society of New York has announced its withdrawal from Japan.

Italy is soon to celebrate at Asti and Florence the centenary of a great tragic poet, Alfieri. He is buried at Florence. Alfieri narrowly escaped being guillotined in Paris during the revolution.

Miss Alice N. Hall, a graduate of Mount Holyoke college and who holds a master's degree from Oberlin, Ohio, has been elected assistant pastor of the Congregational church in Fond du Lac, Wis.

Mrs. William E. Chisholm, a widow of College Point, L. I., has set aside a plot on her estate for the burial of her dogs. Mrs. Chisholm's son-in-law is a step-brother of the present Duke of Marlborough.

The New York Daily News, which about a year ago abandoned the afternoon newspaper field and became a morning publication, has discontinued its publication as a morning newspaper, and will appear as an afternoon paper.

Miss Valentine Smith, a society woman of Chicago, has written an interesting ode on the centennial celebration in that city. She has been a writer of poetry since a child, and James Whitcomb Riley is one of her warmest admirers.

Several Chinese cities have erected temples in honor of Li Hung Chang. His tomb also has the form of a temple. Two of its inscriptions are: "All countries in the world mourn him," and "He changed heaven and revolutionized the earth."

Secretary Wilson, the former member of the Roosevelt cabinet, is going south to make a personal investigation of the cotton crop for the present year. There have been so many conflicting reports on the subject from official and unofficial sources that the secretary has concluded he may be able to learn more by personal observation.

Mr. Beaupre, United States minister to Colombia, has transmitted to the state department a copy of a law enacted by the Colombian congress, providing for the isolation of lepers in each department of the republic.

"One of the gravest questions confronting Colombia these days," says Mr. Beaupre, "is the terrible one of leprosy. This awful disease has invaded the country to an alarming extent and extraordinary measures have become necessary to check its progress."

The state department's answer to General Reyes' formal note, settling forth Colombia's alleged grievances, has been prepared at the department according to Secretary Hay's instruction, and the draft memorandum is in Mr. Hay's hands for final consideration and revision.

Count Max Le Coeppye de la Forest, secretary of the board of health and a director of the water system of Paris, France, is now reviewing the Pike's Peak region and gathering statistics regarding climate and the famous water supply of Colorado Springs.

WORK THIS WEEK

FORECAST OF SENATE AND HOUSE.

BOTH BODIES WILL GET BUSY

Postoffice Investigation Resolutions Will Come in for Further Debate—Panama Canal Treaty Will Likely Be Reported Wednesday.

WASHINGTON—At the beginning of Monday's session the senate will resume consideration of the Penrose and Carmack resolutions for an investigation of irregularities in the postoffice department. There are still some democratic senators who desire to be heard on this matter. Senator Spooner has intimated his intention to make a more extended reply to Senator Carmack's charge that Postmaster General Payne has been at all lukewarm in the prosecution of frauds in his department. The understanding is that this question will not be allowed to remain its place before the senate in its present shape for a great length of time, as Senator Gorman, the leader of the democratic senators, has expressed a willingness to have the resolutions referred to the postoffice committee, and there is no doubt that it will be so referred when the discussion comes to an end.

The nomination of Mr. Buchanan to be minister to Panama remains unacted on, and discussion of it will be resumed at the next executive session of the senate. Senator Lodge of the committee on foreign affairs has given notice of his intention to move to lay on the table Senator Morgan's motion to reconsider a vote by which Mr. Buchanan's nomination was confirmed, but will not make the motion until it is evident discussion is exhausted. The motion will be undebatable, and if it prevails will bring the discussion to an end.

Other questions are expected to be taken up during the week, including a bill providing for a forest reserve in the Southern Appalachian mountains, and the resolutions pertaining to good roads. Senator Burton has given notice of a speech on the forest reserve bill and Senator Latimer of one on the good roads proposition. Mr. Latimer's notice is for next Thursday, but Mr. Burton has fixed no definite time for his remarks. He will make an effort to secure passage of the bill after making the speech.

In the House of Representatives. The house during the present week will pass the legislative and judicial appropriation bill, thus disposing of the second big supply measure. The committee on appropriations expects to report the bill to the house Monday and the bill will be called up Tuesday. It is said that the bill will not take such a wide range as it did when the pensions appropriation bill was before the house, and that it can be disposed of within a couple of days.

The indications now are that the urgent deficiency bill, the next to follow, will be reported to the house the last of this week or the first of the following week. It is desired to get some of the appropriation bills over to the senate as early as possible. There are a few minor measures about ripe for action, which will be taken up from time to time.

Naturalizing Methods.

ST. LOUIS—The methods employed in naturalizing aliens in the state courts of Missouri are to be investigated for the government by C. V. C. Van Deusen, special examiner for the department of justice in Washington, who has just arrived here. Mr. Van Deusen will begin his inquiries at once. Since his appointment by Attorney Knox last July, Mr. Van Deusen has investigated the methods employed in naturalizing aliens in twenty-six states of the Union.

Arbitration Treaty.

ROME—King Victor Emanuel has signed decrees giving Foreign Minister Tittoni full powers in connection with the arbitration treaty between Italy and Great Britain, which will be signed in Rome when the British ambassador has been similarly empowered.

Rousseau Not Dangerously Ill.

PARIS—The condition of M. Waldeck-Rousseau, former premier, causes no serious apprehension, but it has been established that the distinguished patient is suffering from calculus of the liver.

All Quiet at Kishineff.

ST. PETERSBURG—It is semi-officially announced that all is quiet at Kishineff. The military and police forces there have been increased for the purpose of protection, but this is usual in the case of all holidays.

France Will not Interfere.

LONDON.—Daeschner, first secretary of the French embassy, in an interview Friday said that the present arrangement between France and Great Britain were such that it would be impossible to disturb them. The secretary said that even if Korea and China joined Japan they would not be considered as powers within the meaning of the Franco-Prussian treaty and that, therefore, it will not be likely that France will be called on to interfere.

BOMBARDMENT OF DOMINGO.

Revolutionists Still Continue to Fire Shells into the City.

SAN DOMINGO—Revolutionists continue to fire shells into the city and several private dwellings have been damaged. The revolutionists have defeated General Castillo, capturing two cannon and a considerable quantity of arms and ammunition. Many were killed and wounded in a fierce fight last night.

A man named Pierce, an American, entered the city bearing a communication from General Navarro, minister of war in the Jimenez government, to United States Minister Powell. The messenger was arrested by the government authorities, who took the message from him and sent the messenger back. In his communication General Navarro requested Minister Powell to intervene with the provisional government, but the minister refuses to treat with the general.

San Pedro de Macoris is quiet. The situation here remains unchanged, but matters are complicated because it is impossible to foresee the duration of the revolution or its outcome. Business in general is suffering in consequence.

TO ANSWER REYES NEXT WEEK.

Secretary Hay Has Completed Revision of Reply to Colombia.

WASHINGTON—Secretary Hay has completed his final revision of the answer to be made by the American government to the protest filed by General Rafael Reyes, the Colombian minister, against the action of the United States regarding affairs on the isthmus.

The communication is a long one and sets out in detail the position of the administration on the various points raised and grievances recited by General Reyes in his note submitted to the state department in the latter part of December. The reply has been given very earnest consideration by the president, Secretary Root, who assisted in its preparation during the time Secretary Hay was ill, and by Secretary Hay himself. The paper, to gether with General Reyes' note, it is expected, will be sent to congress probably next week.

LETTER FROM GENERAL WOOD.

One Received by Magazine Writer to Be Used Against Its Author.

WASHINGTON—The senate committee on military affairs has received from Ray Stannard Baker, the magazine writer, a copy of a letter which General Wood wrote to him just prior to the latter's appearance as a witness in the Wood investigation. Mr. Baker told the committee of the letter when he was on the stand and was then asked to send for a copy. The letter discusses the Runcie incident and by inference suggests that Mr. Baker refresh his mind along certain lines indicated by General Wood. The letter has been ordered printed as an addenda to the proceedings before the committee.

The minority members of the committee who have voted against the nomination will argue to the senate that the purpose of General Wood's letter was to prejudice the witness.

To Abolish the Office.

WASHINGTON—Secretary Hitchcock of the interior department has recommended to the president that the office of railroad commissioner held by the late General James Longstreet be abolished. It seems probable now that the duties of the office practically have been absorbed by the interstate commerce commission.

Blair Recovers His Health.

ST. LOUIS—James L. Blair, former general counsel for the World's fair, who, after being indicted here on the charge of forgery went to Florida for his health pending his trial, is now in New York city, according to a member of the family who returned from that city. Mr. and Mrs. Blair, with their older son, are stopping at the home of Mrs. C. M. Alexander in the St. Paul apartments, 219 West Eighteenth street. Mr. Blair is said to have largely regained his health.

Internal Revenue Increases.

WASHINGTON—The monthly statement of collections of internal revenue show that during the month of November, 1903, the total receipts were \$20,874,834, an increase for the month of \$1,562,534. For the five months the total receipts exceed those for the corresponding period last year by \$7,720,127.

Twenty Killed in Explosion.

MEXICO CITY—At the Los Laureles mines, near the little hamlet of La Yesca, west of Guadalajara, a large number of boxes of dynamite which were stored in a powder house exploded, killing twenty men and injuring forty others.

Free Admission of Coal.

WASHINGTON—Representative Williams (Miss.) introduced a bill providing: "That from the time and after the passage of this act no duty shall be levied or collected upon coal of any form or description imported into the United States from foreign countries." Also a bill requiring the secretary of the treasury to make full rebate of duties paid on all coal of every description imported into the United States from foreign countries for the period of one year.

NEWS IN NEBRASKA

THE STATE IN A NUTSHELL.

Carl Siemanson of Crowell is in durance vile, charged with bootlegging.

A sensational suit was filed in the district court of Otoe county by L. S. Burgess against Fred Zook and wife and Mary Zook for \$10,000 for alleged defamation of character.

Burglars broke into Kirk & Berberick's saloon at Spalding and obtained about \$7. They also burglarized Senator Weber's store and took goods valued at \$50, but got no money.

At Osmond in a friendly scuffle in the main hotel office between the proprietor, Louie Johnson, and Peter Becker, a clerk in Marek's hardware store, Mr. Becker sustained a broken leg.

Attorneys for Prof. Ansley, formerly of the State university, are soon to bring mandamus proceedings against the auditor to compel him to audit a bill which the professor has against the university for \$325.

The other morning Charles Cox, a resident of Fairmont, on opening his door discovered a box on the steps of his house. He telephoned the marshal, who found the box to contain a baby, which was nearly frozen.

The city of Auburn has passed its twentieth milestone and during all this time it has had a steady growth. The last year has been no exception. Several substantial business buildings have been constructed during the past year.

The records of the Lincoln fire department show that there have been 160 fires within the last year, which aggregate a total loss of \$125,751.62. The value of the property involved is figured at \$2,173,195.98, and the insurance amounted to \$1,198,769.21.

A number of people gathered at Indianola to witness the opening and starting of machinery in the farmers' co-operative elevator which has just been completed there. Its capacity is twelve thousand bushels and its cost about \$3,000, and it is modern in all its equipment.

A shipment of 20,000 live chickens, ducks and geese, destined to New York, was made out of Fremont by Cheney & Bennett, a firm operating there and at Lincoln. The fowls were bought up from all over eastern Nebraska. It took four large poultry cars to carry them on the journey.

The State Teachers' association in session in Lincoln elected these officers: E. J. Bodwen, of Omaha, president; Etta Brown of Cherry county, vice president; A. O. Thomas of Kearney, secretary; A. L. Caviness of Lincoln, treasurer; W. H. Gardiner of Auburn, member of executive committee; M. R. Snodgrass of Wayne, member of reading circle.

The county and police officials of Hall county captured a hog thief named Saunders and he has been bound over to the district court for trial. It is alleged that in company with a Grand Island celebrity by the name of Jack Vanney he drove a number of Mr. Tilley's hogs out of his field, leaded them half a mile away and took them to Central City, where they were sold.

A peculiar incident is reported from the home of M. M. Sterns, a farmer and stockman living a few miles north of Humboldt. Recently a colony of sparrows took refuge in the farmer's hen house, which had been accidentally left open, and when morning came, with the assistance of his hired man, Mr. Sterns dispatched ninety-seven of the intruders, which have become quite a pest in some sections of the state.

The annual meeting of the Clay County Agricultural society was held at the court house in Clay Center. The officers reported the organization in good financial condition and elected officers for the ensuing year.

Sutton has made a fine growth this year, with a number of new and elegant modern residences and business houses. A large number of homes have been rebuilt and enlarged, adding much to the tasty appearance of the city. An acetylene gas light plant has been completed and several burners have been taken by business men to light their stores. A home telephone company has been organized, with nearly 100 subscribers.

An effort is going to be put forth by the citizens of Dakota City to secure an appropriation by congress for the protection of the town site from further ravages of the Missouri river. A plat of the original town site has been made and marked to show how much of the town has been washed away by the Missouri river. The plat shows that about one-third of the original town site has been washed in the river and that the stream is getting dangerously near the business portion of the town.

Members of the Nebraska State Poultry association have announced that the next session will be January 18 to 23 and will be one of the most successful in the state. The exhibit of the Water Fowl club of America will form a part of the exhibit this year.

The body of an unknown man was found in a sand pit near the B. & M. depot at Cedar Creek. No marks of violence were found upon the body and the supposition is that death was due to heart failure or some other natural cause.

DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION.

Nineteenth Annual Meeting Soon to Be Held.

The nineteenth annual meeting of the Nebraska Dairymen's association will be held at Lincoln, January 20 and 21, 1904, at the University Farm, room 201, Dairy building.

Wednesday, January 20—9:30 a. m., address of President J. K. Honeywell; report of secretary and treasurer, S. C. Bassett; appointment of committees; "How to Care for the Dairy Cow," L. D. Stillson, York, Neb.; "How to Feed the Dairy Cow," Henry C. Glissman, Omaha, Neb. 1:30 p. m., "Some Things I Have Learned," J. A. Harris, Shickley, Neb.; "Selecting a Dairy Cow," Prof. O. Erf, Kansas Agricultural college.

Thursday, January 21—9:30 a. m., report of committees; election of officers; cream testing contest, 1:30 p. m., judging dairy cows contest; "The Dairy Cows at the University Farm; Their Records," Prof. A. L. Haecker, State university.

In the cream testing contest the pro rata premium is \$75; total number of points, 100; minimum number of points, 95.

The pro rata premium will be divided among the contestants scoring above the stated minimum (95 points) in proportion to the points scored above the minimum, provided no contestant shall receive of the pro rata fund to exceed the sum of \$25.

Only members of the association who are residents of the state can compete. Instructors in cream testing, including experts employed by creamery company to instruct their employees, not allowed to compete.

Hand separator cream will be used and tests made by the Babcock method, samples to be taken with a pipette. Each contestant permitted to use his own method as to taking sample, reducing same with water, temperature, etc. Each contestant will have the use of laboratory in dairy building, including all apparatus necessary to make the test. The contest will be at the state farm, on Thursday, January 21, commencing at 11 a. m. In order that facilities for all may be furnished, persons desiring to compete must notify the secretary on or before January 10, 1904.

UNIVERSITY REGISTRATION.

Institution Ranks Thirteenth in Score of Attendance.

LINCOLN—Registrations at the State university for the first semester of the present school year number 2,453. Allowing for the number of students who will flock in during the last half of the year the attendance will probably reach 2,600. Last year the registration was 2,560. The State university now stands thirteenth in the roster of colleges in the United States in point of attendance, according to the figures of Rudolf Tombo, Jr., registrar of Columbia university. The registrations at the State university have been as follows: Industrial and literary colleges, 1,332; college of law, 172; college of medicine, 139; school of agriculture, 102; dental school, 19; school of music, 320; graduate school, 88; summer session, 191; short course agriculture and dairy school, estimated, 160; total, 2,603; deduct for repeated names, estimated 150; total, 2,453.

Fawcett for Commissioner.

Judge Jacob Fawcett of Omaha has been appointed supreme court commissioner to take the place made vacant by the elevation of Commissioner Barnes to the supreme bench.

Ministers After Mr. Smoot.

LINCOLN—Lincoln ministers are preparing to issue a manifesto against Senator Smoot of Utah. The coming session of the ministerial association will be devoted to a general discussion of the Smoot case, and resolutions will probably be prepared to be sent to congress. The matter has been assigned to a committee for investigation and two weeks of inquiry will precede the discussion.

Boy Shot by Playmate.

GRANT—Albert Cackle, aged 13 years, was accidentally shot by a playmate. The ball, a 22-calibre, passed entirely through the knee.

Increase in Students.

LINCOLN—Scientific farmers are going to be plentiful in Nebraska, according to the records of registration at the school of agriculture. Registration for the new term began on Tuesday and by 6 o'clock 178 had enrolled. Last year the opening day records showed but 132 new students. Another encouraging point is that the majority of the new-comers are registering for the "long course." The faculty is much pleased.

Mickey Sends Sympathy.

Governor Mickey expressed the sympathy of the people of Nebraska for those afflicted by the recent theater fire in Chicago in this telegram:

"To Hon Carter Harrison, Mayor of Chicago: The people of Nebraska are inexpressibly shocked on account of the terrible calamity which has befallen your city. I extend to you and to all the bereaved and suffering ones, the heartfelt sympathy of the citizens of this state.

"JOHN H. MICKLEY, Governor."

THREE YEARS AFTER.

Eugene E. Lario, of 751 Twentieth avenue, ticket seller in the Union Station, Denver, Col., says: "You are at liberty to repeat what I first stated through our Denver papers about Doan's Kidney Pills in the summer of 1899, for I have had no reason in the interim to change my opinion of the remedy. I was subject to severe attacks of backache, always aggravated if I sat long at a desk. Doan's Kidney Pills absolutely stopped my backache. I have never had a pain or twinge since."

Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all druggists, price 50 cents per box.

Those who have not tasted the bitterest of life's bitters cannot appreciate the sweetest of life's sweets.

Insist on Getting It.

Some grocers say they don't keep De-fiance Starch. This is because they have a stock on hand of other brands containing only 12 oz. in a package, which they won't be able to sell first, because De-fiance contains 16 oz. for the same money. Do you want 16 oz. instead of 12 oz. for same money? Then buy De-fiance Starch. Requires no cooking.

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Teasinto and Billion Dollar Grass.

The two greatest fodder plants on earth, one good for 14 tons hay and the other 80 tons green fodder per acre. Grows everywhere, so does Victoria Rape, yielding 60,000 lbs. sheep and swine food per acre.

JUST SEND 10c IN STAMPS TO THE John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., and receive in return their big catalog and lots of farm seed samples. (W. N. C.)

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A man who is looking for trouble can usually find it without trouble.

Feet Comfortable Ever Since.

"I suffered for years with my feet. A friend recommended ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE. I used two boxes of the powder, and my feet have been entirely comfortable ever since. ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE is certainly a god-send to me." Wm. L. Swormstedt, Washington, D. C." Sold by all Druggists, 35c.

A philosopher can explain almost anything—except his philosophy.

IF YOU USE BALL BLUE.

Get Red Cross Ball Blue, the best Ball Blue. Large 2 oz. package only 5 cents.

A Tall Story from London.

A New Yorker who is now in London declares that one of his greatest pleasures here is the number of people who speak English, says the London Chronicle. At home his grocer comes from Holland, his butcher is a native of Brazil, his chemist is an Alsatian, his chef is a German, his valet was born in Tokio, his servants are Irish and Swedish, his coachman is a Cuban, his barber comes from Trieste, and his fruiterer from southern Italy. A few months ago, when he had to call in a doctor suddenly to attend to one of his servants, a Persian answered the summons. He is clothed by a Cockney, has a Canadian for a business partner, and expects to be buried by a Scotchman.

Old Coachmen Obsolete.

Perhaps it's fashion, perhaps it's precution that has brought about a change in the age and appearance of New York coachmen. That "old and trusted" individual who, according to fiction, has bowled the family up and down Fifth avenue for more years than any ordinary coachman could possibly exist in the borough of Manhattan, is wholly obsolete. It takes strong arms and steady nerves to guide a prancing pair through the maze of vehicles of the carriage districts of New York, and men below middle age are found far more suitable for such service than older ones are.

GIVES "GO"

Food That Carries One Along.

It's nice to know of food that not only tastes delicious but that puts the snap and go into one and supplies staying power for the day.

A woman says: "I have taken enough medicine in my time to furnish a drug store, but in later and wiser years I have taken none but have depended, for the health I now enjoy, on suitable and sustaining food of which I keep on hand a tested variety, plain but nourishing."

"Of these my main dependence is Grape-Nuts, especially if I have before me a day of unusual effort either mental or physical. In this case I fortify myself the first thing in the morning with about 4 teaspoonfuls of Grape-Nuts moistened with cream and not much else for breakfast and the amount of work I can then carry through successfully without fatigue or exhaustion is a wonder to those about me and even to myself."

"Grape-Nuts food is certainly a wonderful strengthener and is not a stimulant, for there is no reaction afterwards, but it is sustaining and strengthening, as I have proved by long experience." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

There's a reason four teaspoonfuls of Grape-Nuts and cream will add more strength and carry one further than a plateful of coarse heavy food that is nearly all waste. Grape-Nuts food is condensed, pre-digested and delicious. It contains the parts of the Wheat and Barley grains that supply the rebuilding parts for Brain and Nerve Centers.

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