

THE NEWS IN NEBRASKA.

OVER THE STATE.

Some cases of diphtheria are reported at Pickering.

Many candidates are appearing for U. S. marshal of Nebraska in place of Matthews, removed by the president.

The Farmers' Grain and Live Stock company of McCool Junction, a farmers' elevator company, has voted to discontinue business.

During the month of November twelve children were born in West Point, and during the same time only two deaths are reported.

The McCool hotel, B. A. Cole proprietor, closed last week, leaving this town without a hotel. Residents and boarding houses are caring for tourists.

The George Krutman family of Madison, who have had diphtheria, are about recovered. Eight children were down with the disease, one died, a little girl of 7.

W. E. Damon, a former resident of Johnson county, has invented a new airship. He lives at Los Angeles, Cal., and a company has been organized which will promote the new invention.

Van Overton and wife, having disposed of their farm near Nebraska City, where they resided for over forty years, left last week for Seattle, Wash., where they will make their home.

The St. Paul roller mills were destroyed by fire, the loss being \$15,000. The insurance was very low, only \$5,000 on mill building and machinery and \$800 on the warehouse, and none whatever on the stock.

W. J. Hollenbeck, who resides near Greenwood, in Cass county, is claimed, husked 116 bushels of corn each succeeding day except Sundays for twenty-one days, and claims the championship of his state.

Some miscreant shot into the Broadwell school house in York county, breaking out window lights and doing other damage. The Broadwell school house is a country school about four miles southwest of York.

Sutherland reports that shipments of sugar beets go slowly owing to the fact that the factories are crowded to the limit. This year's crop, while not of the very best, has generally proved a paying one to the growers.

Sheriff Campbell of Dundy county of which Benkenman is the county seat, was in Grand Island with a warrant for a student, on the charge of bastardy. Sheriff Ely could not or would not reveal the name of the student.

Mrs. Mary Jane Gruppe, aged 69, was found dead in the rear of her home at the town of Filley, eight miles east of Beatrice, by a neighbor, Mrs. Smith, who came over to milk her cow, which was stabled in the Grupp's barn.

William Miller of Brunswick, Neb., has been held to the district court in Neligh on a charge of assaulting with intent to do great bodily harm to George Nagle of Brunswick. The two men were business rivals as stock buyers at Brunswick.

A number of the members of the Peru normal faculty will take part in the program of the state teachers' association at Lincoln, December 27-29. Miss Ellis, the head of the history department, will read a paper, "History Work in the Grades."

Ed Carpenter, the young man who was convicted at the last term of the district court of Cass county on the charge of removing mortgaged property from the state, was taken to the state penitentiary where he will serve one year for the offense.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Noelting of Nebraska City was testing with other boys, how much electricity he could stand by grabbing hold of an electric wire. He was severely shocked, and it took the physicians two hours to restore him to consciousness.

The Burlington is having a new snowplow built at the Plattsmouth shops which will soon be ready for service. This plow is much larger and has many improvements over the old ones. It is so constructed that it will throw the snow on each side of the track.

Bulletin No. 3 of the Peru normal has been issued to teachers over the state. It contains the new course of study, photos of members of the faculty, and an announcement of the banquet for normalites at the Lindell hotel during the state teachers' association.

Alleging that his wife was insane and ought to be brought to the Norfolk hospital, Andrew Roseboom of Boyd county took his frau to Butte for examination by the board of insanity. The board found that the woman was perfectly sane and compelled Roseboom to pay the costs of the case.

Lawrence McConnell, on trial for a statutory offense, was found guilty by the jury at Beatrice. This is the second trial of the case.

Will Bolin, son of T. J. Bolin, living northeast of Overton, had a narrow escape from death by being knocked from the track by the Overland Flyer No. 1. The train struck the wagon just behind the spring seat, smashing it to pieces, and the only thing that saved the boy was his holding to the lines. The horses lunging to get away pulled him away from the train and out of the wagon, thus escaping any injury.

The Beatrice Y. M. C. A. is making an effort to raise money for a new building.

The station on the Great Northern, a half mile south of the Platte river in Dodge county, has been named Woodside. An elevator has been built on the bluff west of the track, and a spur put in. The place is beautifully located and is likely to become a favorite spot for picnics. It is only a short distance from the monument erected in May last to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of General Thayer's council with Chief Pitahara of the Pawnees.

WILL BE NO EXTRA SESSION

Governor Decides Against Calling the Legislators Together.

Governor Mickey issued a statement in which he declares that in his judgment there exists no sufficient reason for calling the legislature together in special session. He states that he is in favor of certain constitutional amendments, but he does not believe that the electors would adopt them if they were submitted, and on that ground objects to the expense of a session of the legislature. He advocates, by way of preference, a constitutional convention as an efficient means of securing changes in the organic law, if it were not for the magnitude of the state debt.

While the governor has been known to favor maximum freight rate legislation this authorized statement goes further and is more explicit than any previous utterance. His suggestion that the executive be given power on his own motion to bring an original action in the supreme court to enforce equitable and reasonable rates is intended to expedite hearings and prevent the delay involved in an appeal. It is believed that the suggestions of the statement given out will be embodied in his message to the next legislature. Part of what the governor says follows:

"In my judgment there exists no sufficient reason for calling the legislature together in special session for the purpose of submitting constitutional amendments or for any other purpose to which my attention has been called up to the present time. In view of the experience Nebraska has had in voting on proposed amendments to the constitution no one can reasonably hope to see the amendments carry at the next general election if submitted. While I am in favor of amending the constitution in a number of particulars, I do not feel justified in putting the state to the expense of an extra session for the purpose of again submitting the proposed amendments. That method of relief is an acknowledged failure in this state, and I know of no greater reason to hope for its success next year than in previous years when constitutional amendments have been defeated.

"The holding of a constitutional convention would be the better way of accomplishing the desired changes in the organic law, but owing to the magnitude of the state debt I would not feel warranted at this time in encouraging such a convention. Fortunately, we now have legislation in force which will gradually reduce the debt, and when it has been paid off, or brought down to reasonable bounds, then a constitutional convention, with its attendant heavy expense, might be considered with propriety."

Will See Before Signing.

Secretary of State Galusha announced that hereafter he will not sign vouchers for miscellaneous couples, unless they are brought to him before the warrants are issued on them. He will not refuse his signature to salary and other vouchers, where the expenditures are fixed by statute under such circumstances. He says that it has been the custom to give the warrants to claimants as much as a week in advance of the time that the vouchers come to him and insists that he has a right to pass on claims.

Will Go to a Higher Court.

LINCOLN—N. V. Halter and Harry H. Hayward of Omaha will appeal the suit against the flag law case to the supreme court of the United States. Recently they were fined \$100 each for using the American flag to designate the merits of a brewery product. They appealed the suit to the Nebraska supreme court and the verdict of the lower court was sustained.

Charged With Stealing Horses.

GLASS FACTORIES for Sand Hills. VALENTINE—Plans are under way for the converting of the hitherto useless sandhills of western Nebraska into marketable glass, and the project is being undertaken on a scale which promises to bring a large number of people into that sparsely populated country.

Will File New Charges.

TECUMSEH—It is officially stated by the prosecuting attorneys that most of the cases against the ex-cashier, Charles M. Chamberlain, have been dismissed. A number of new cases will be filed in the district court against Chamberlain and it is thought that the new cases will be much stronger than some of the older ones.

NEBRASKA POULTRY SHOW

And Meetings of State Labor Associations at Same Time.

LINCOLN—The twenty-first annual exhibition of the Nebraska State Poultry association is to be held in the state university armory, January 15 to 20. The premium list, which includes more than \$1,600 in cash prizes, is now mailed to the poultry raisers of the state. All premiums are to be paid in cash.

Corn Carnival is Success.

FREMONT—The corn carnival closed with the awarding of prizes. Willis Hartwig of District 45 was given the first prize of \$25 cash. Samuel Brunner, District 69, second, a cultivator valued at \$17, and Alexander Blehly of District 58, third, a phonograph valued at \$15. A total of seventy-four prizes was awarded the school competitors. Prizes were also awarded the general corn exhibits. Clar Wilcox won the first prize for device made of corn, \$10 in cash, his entry being a map of Nebraska.

Boy Shot Through Hand.

NORFOLK—Horace Walters, aged thirteen, son of Dr. F. G. Walters, who was recently appointed government surgeon in Panama, was shot through the hand here, by the accidental discharge of a .22-caliber revolver, which was twirling.

Governor Not Deeply Impressed.

LINCOLN—Governor Mickey says that he thinks the underwriters should prefer charges against the Nebraska life insurance companies, in case there are any abuses.

World's Finest Railway Station



THE WASHINGTON TERMINAL.



SKETCH OF THE INTERIOR.

The Washington Terminal Railway station, now nearing completion at the intersection of Massachusetts and Delaware avenues, in the capital, at a cost of \$14,000,000, will be, undoubtedly, the finest railway station in the world. It is a magnificent edifice in white granite, a great triumphal arch in design, and is said to be the apotheosis in imperishable marble of the Chicago world's fair architecture, its designer, Daniel H.

Burnham, having declared at the close of the White City's magnificence, that he would some day build a monument to that wonderful creation. In every aspect excepting height, the new structure is larger than the national capitol, stands upon a plaza 1,000 feet long and 500 feet wide, other sites upon the plaza being reserved for a continuation of the plans for a "city beautiful" by the erection of other fine structures.

WEDDING AND FUNERAL ALIKE.

Much Resemblance in Ceremonies, According to Western Writer.

There is mighty little difference between a wedding and a funeral. At a wedding the relations walk slowly down the aisle, followed by the bridal couple and a string of attendants. At a funeral the relations enter the church slowly, followed by the coffin and the pallbearers. At a wedding the real relations of the bride sit on one side of the church and the in-law relations sit on the other. The kin of the remains take opposite sides of the church at a funeral. The organ rolls out the same deep music and the odor of flowers is as heavy at a wedding as at a funeral. After the church services are over the bridal couple and attendants leave the church first, followed by the relatives, and at a funeral the coffin and pallbearers are given precedence of the relatives in leaving the church. The same hacks stand at the door and the processions in both cases pass slowly out of sight. After everything is over the relatives get together and talk things over very much the same in both instances. There are some tears, some criticisms, some complaints about blunders and the incidents are closed.—Aitchison, Kan. Globe.

OWNERSHIP OF LITTLE VALUE.

Art Dealer's Purchased Treasures Must Not Be Moved.

Italy desires the keeping of its art treasures within its own boundaries and sometimes with rather odd results. The other day a farmer, finding his finances low, yielded to the solicitation of an art dealer and sold him the removable masonry of two ancient windows belonging to the fragment of an ancient abbey, now an outhouse, in his grounds. The government commissioner, hearing of the transaction, visited the farm and officially prohibited the removal of the windows. The farmer was in despair; he had received his 500 francs and, like the Irishman, had squandered his fortune in paying his debts. The commissioner used comfortable words: "You have sold the windows and he has paid you money which you have prudently spent. Be content." But the buyer was not equally contented. He sought out the commissioner, who blandly congratulated him on having become the owner of the windows, which, however, he could not remove. Shylock's pound of flesh mildly repeats itself in a ton of masonry.

Lawyer's Fall From Grace.

Abe Hummel, the celebrated New York criminal lawyer, who for over twenty years has been a leader of the bar there in the practice of a certain kind of law, has dropped out of sight since an indictment was brought against him charging perjury. He has not entered the district attorney's office in a year and all his immense business is carried on through subor-

ARID LAND TO BE RECLAIMED.

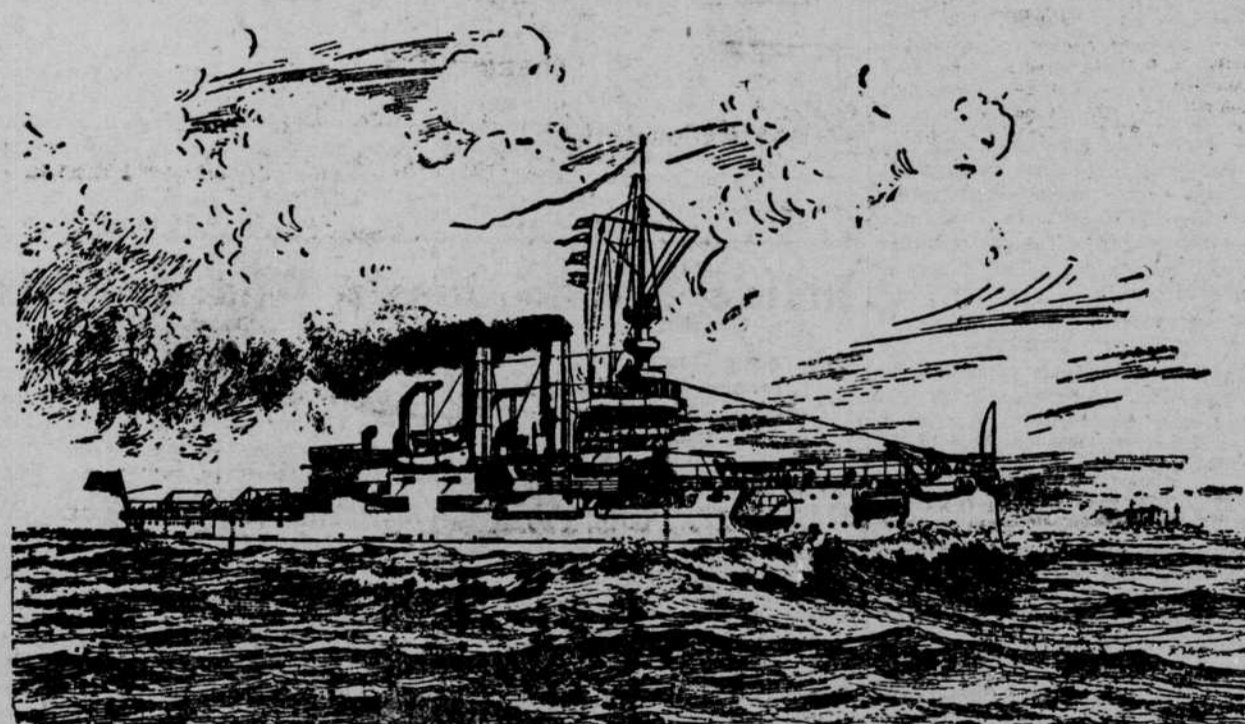
Irrigation Will Make New Mexico Blossom Like a Garden.

A new star on the flag is the meaning of the national irrigation act applied to New Mexico, where the blossoming gardens and populous, prosperous communities of Pueblo Indians which flourished there when Coronado sailed up the Rio Grande hundreds of years ago are to be revived from its 122,460 square miles of arid America. The Rio Grande valley is to be reclaimed by a great dam over this capricious river, which one day has little or no surface flow and the next is a raging torrent, cutting new channels, carrying off dams, and sweeping away entire farms. Some of the richest mines in the world are to be developed and a remarkably fertile soil made to yield its teeming crops. Last year one onion grower realized a profit in excess of \$600 from less than an acre of Bermuda onions, and a farmer exhibiting at the St. Louis exposition was awarded the gold medal for sugar cane over all competitors, including those from Cuba and Hawaii. Marvelous yields of alfalfa, cereals, vegetables, and fruit are produced.

How Fine Hymn was Written.

John Henry Newman, afterward cardinal, was taken ill while in Sicily. One morning without apparent cause he sat up in bed and began to sob bitterly. His servant asked what was the matter and Mr. Newman replied that he wanted to return to England. As soon as he was able to travel he started for the mainland in an orange boat, and it was while he was becalmed in the Straits of Bonifacio that he wrote the famous hymn "Lead, Kindly Light."

New Battleship Launched



U. S. Battleship "IDAHO."

The battleship Idaho was launched at the yard of the William Cramp Ship and Engine building company at Philadelphia Dec. 9. The vessel was named by Miss Louise May Gooding, daughter of Gov. Gooding of Idaho. In addition to Gov. and Mrs. Gooding, Idaho was represented by a delegation of citizens.

The Idaho is a sister ship of the Mississippi, which was launched on Sept. 30. Except for windlass and steering gear, practically all her auxiliary machinery will be operated by electricity, and her two military masts will be fitted for wireless telegraphy.

The keel plates of the Idaho were laid in May of last year. She will have a displacement of 13,000 tons and a speed of 17 knots. Her main battery will consist of four 12-inch, eight 8-inch and eight 7-inch breech-loading rifles, and she will be fitted with two submerged torpedo tubes.

The Idaho will have a complement of 750 officers and men.

Epitaph for Chamberlain.

In a recent address Lord Rosebery paid his respects in this pungent fashion to Joseph Chamberlain: "I can not pay a sufficient tribute to Mr. Chamberlain. Looking far into the future, however, I feel that I could write his epitaph and it would run as follows: "IN A POLITICAL CAREER OF THIRTY YEARS HE SPLIT UP BOTH THE GREAT POLITICAL PARTIES OF THE STATE."

Is It Possible?

It looks suspiciously like a fact that Chinese graveyards are being made to give up their "pigtails." On no other ground can the supply of hair from China be explained. In life, the Chinaman will part with any other possession rather than his head-dress; moreover, hair from the living man is not charged heavily with sand. Nevertheless, the hair comes to market, is trafficked in by the thousand pounds weight, and is value for some 36 cents per lb.—Textile Mercury.

Swedens Electric Company.

Sweden is electricity wise and electricity busy, using from five to ten times as many telephones per capita as America, and employing the magical force for a thousand and one daily uses and economies which have not yet begun to be considered in this country. The Swedish Niagara at Trollhattan has been in operation at least as long as Niagara if not longer with electrical power generated from the waters of the Gotha river, falling a hundred or more feet in two or three miles and supplying a wonderful development of industry.

First Elevator on Record.

In the "Greville Memoirs" (Genoa, March 18, 1830, evening) there is a reference to the king and queen, who, "for the comfort of their bodies had a machine made like a car, which is drawn up by a chain from the bottom to the top of the house; it holds about six people, who can be at pleasure elevated to any story and at each landing place there is a contrivance to let them in and out."

Jap Lamp Chimney Factory.

The Japanese lamp chimney factory in Swatow is doing a good business, and is working a constantly increasing force of men. It is turning out a cheap product, which answers the demand of the Chinese market.

Pensions For Confederates.

Texas, in the fiscal years of 1906 and 1907 will pay \$900,000 to Confederate veterans for pensions, besides expending \$154,538 for the support of the Confederate home.

Rises From the Ranks.

Thomas Price, the new premier of South Australia, who has come into office as the head of a labor government, is a man who can claim to have risen from the ranks.

DEATH'S SUMMONS IS SUDDEN.

Edward Atkinson Succumbs to Attack of Heart Failure.

Edward Atkinson, the well known authority on social and political economy, died suddenly Dec. 11 in his home in Boston after an attack of acute indigestion affecting the heart. He was 78 years old.

For forty years Mr. Atkinson had been looked upon as an authority on economic questions, and in this connection many important public duties, among them being an appointment by



EDWARD ATKINSON

President Cleveland in 1887 as special commissioner on the status of bi-metallicism in Europe.

He was a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, corresponding secretary of the American Statistical Association, and a member of the International Statistical Institute.

He was also a member of the Cobden club of Great Britain. He held the honorary degrees of LL. D. from the University of South Carolina, and Ph. D. from Dartmouth, as well as having been an honorary member of the Phi Beta Kappa of Harvard University. Mr. Atkinson was a prolific writer on economic questions. A widow and several children survive.

GERMANS IN OTHER COUNTRIES.

Fatherland Wants Information as to Its Wandering Sons.

The German government has made an inquiry to ascertain the number of people of German birth who are living in foreign countries. The figures, based on the German census of 1900 and on the latest census of each of the other principal countries, supplemented in some cases by special investigation, have recently been published.

It appears that 3,029,514 persons of German birth live in countries other than Germany; that 430,002 not of German birth have acquired German citizenship and 700,710 living in foreign countries are reported as having retained German citizenship. Compared with earlier statistics, the number of Germans in almost all European countries have increased, while the numbers in the United States, England, Canada, Chile and Argentina have decreased.

POPULAR AUTHOR NEAR DEATH.

Miss Mary Johnston Stricken with Apparently Fatal Illness.

Miss Mary Johnston, author of "To Have and to Hold," hovers between life and death in Richmond, Va. Her youngest sister, Miss Elizabeth Johnston, has been summoned to her bed-



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side, as has her brother, John W. Johnston, of New York. The author is unconscious, however, and recognizes no one. Miss Johnston is suffering from Bright's disease. While her death momentarily is expected, it is barely possible she may linger some time.

Giant Financially and Physically.

When Thomas F. Ryan, the railroad and insurance magnate appeared before the insurance investigation committee the onlookers were amazed at the physical proportions of the man. He is a giant. The man who bought up the Equitable over night and who makes a daily practice of making \$1,000,000 deals had not appeared in public up to this time. The city hall was crowded with curious New Yorkers who were anxious to see the man who was big enough to hire Anthony Brady and Chauncey Depew as clerks. Ryan is about 54 years old. He is in perfect physical condition.

Reporter's Rise to Prominence.

Franklin K. Lane, whom the president has nominated for interstate commerce commissioner, is a San Francisco lawyer who entertains some radical views, being a believer in the Henry George single-tax idea. Fifteen years ago he was a reporter on the San Francisco Chronicle. He took a prominent part in the democratic reorganization movement which sent Christopher A. Buckley, the Tweed of San Francisco, into Canada as a fugitive from justice. Mr. Lane was also editor of the Tacoma News.

Ferry Across the Channel.

A scheme is now before the British parliament for the establishment, between Dover and Calais, of a service of ferryboats that will carry railroad cars, so that passengers will not have to change between London and Paris.

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WORKINGMAN IN NEW CABINET.

John Burns, Labor Leader, Now one of Britain's Rulers.

For the first time in English history a workingman, a man who labors with his hands, who all his life has been dependent upon his own exertions for his daily bread, has been named as a member of the British ministry and assigned to a place therein which confers the highest of honors, that of an officer of the cabinet. John Burns, a



JOHN BURNS

leader of strikes, once on trial for his life, having served a term in prison because of his defiance of laws which curtailed freedom of speech, has after years of conscientious striving, reached one of the most distinguished positions in the world. He is the leading type of the new democracy which advocates reform along social and municipal lines without disturbing the system of political institutions, adopting it to the social needs of the time.

SILKS PRODUCED FROM COTTON.

Brilliant and Durable Material Much in Demand.

If thistles cannot grow figs, cotton evidently can grow silk. It has been found that brilliant threads of silk-like appearance can be produced from cellulose. The best material for the purpose is said to be carded cotton. The artificial product is of an even white color, of silky touch, and when pressed together has some of the characteristic crackle of genuine silk, which in brilliancy it much excels. For trimmings it is said to be preferred to the natural silk, while for embroidery it is ideal, the luster adding much to the appearance. In hats it may be made to take the place of straw with good results. It forms an excellent imitation of human hair, as soft as the natural growth and not to be distinguished therefrom. It is also cleaner and cheaper. There appears to be an increasing demand for the artificial silks even in silk-producing countries. Germany and France lead in its manufacture.

IMPRESARIO WAITS FINAL CALL.

Hope for Recovery of Maurice Grau is Practically Abandoned.

Maurice Grau, the impresario, is seriously ill at his home in Paris. When Mr. Grau gave up his management of opera two years ago, to be



MAURICE GRAU

succeeded by Heinrich Conried, he was completely broken in health and went abroad to recuperate.

He has never returned. After a year of complete rest, for the greater part of the time in the south of France, his health was greatly improved. Then, with his wife and daughter, he took up his residence in Paris.

Nearly two months ago his health began to fail again, and since the last of October he has been steadily losing ground. His trouble is an affection of the heart.

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