

NEBRASKA NOTES

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

THE WORK OF THE LAND OFFICE

Deputy Commissioner Shively Gives Some Statistics of Interest to the Public—Other Matters Here and There in the Antelope State.

Work of Land Commissioner.

Deputy Land Commissioner Shively has completed compiling a table of statistics showing the work the office has done since January 1, 1905, in the matter of selling and appraising school lands. Up to July 1 applications were filed to purchase 81,368.43 acres. All of this land was reviewed by the land commissioner, or his deputy, except in a few cases where members of the board knew the land and passed upon the appraisement made by the local authorities. The total increase in the appraisement over the figures of the local appraisers amounted to \$305,223.91.

During the eighteen months 56,249.16 acres were sold, the appraised value as fixed by the local appraisers being \$714,135.07. The same lands sold for \$893,705.31, an increase amounting to \$179,570.24. Of the above but 14,517 acres were sold at the value placed thereon by appraisers; the other lands at from 10 to 18 per cent higher than the appraised value. These lands were sold at prices ranging from \$7 per acre—the minimum price as fixed by the constitution of the state—to \$65 per acre.

Additional applications covering 11,873.23 acres have been approved by the board, but sale certificates have not yet been issued. These lands were valued by appraisers at \$189,604.76 and approved for sale at an increase of \$44,968.46, or \$234,573.22.

Applications for 13,746.04 acres have been rejected by the board on account of low appraisement, the same being appraised at \$145,470.29 and valued by the land department at \$226,155.50, a difference of \$80,685.21, and as yet have not been reappraised by freeholders.

Last of Rotation Ballot.

Lieutenant Governor McGill has this to say about the rotation ballot used in the last election in Omaha: "The next legislature will, of course, amend the law so as to prevent another such ballot as was used at the recent election. I have never looked into the law very closely, but I suppose under its provisions it was necessary for the court to hold the names of the candidates for delegates to the state convention should be rotated. In my opinion the law should be amended so candidates would have to pay a certain filing fee. This would prevent many persons from filing who do so, not because they have a chance to be elected or nominated, but merely to get their names in the papers or for other reasons. I have not looked into the fee matter, either, to any extent, but I should think it could be done legally."

Big Damage Suit Dismissed.

NEBRASKA CITY—Attorneys representing C. D. Butterfield of Hamburg, Ia., and M. E. Catron of this city arrived at a settlement, which resulted in the dismissal of the \$30,000 damage suit brought by Butterfield in the district court of this county against Catron, alleging the alienation of the affections of Butterfield's wife by Catron. Other suits between the parties grew out of the filing of the damage suit and the settlement is complete and clears the dockets of all the heretofore pending litigation. The settlement was arranged in Hamburg at a conference of the parties interested. The terms of the settlement have not been made public.

Improvements at Elm Creek.

ELM CREEK—Elm Creek is now on the way of coming to the front rank of being one of the best little cities out in the state since the fire of Sunday morning, July 1, which wiped out almost half the business houses of the city. Six new brick buildings are now in progress and will be ready for business soon, four of them being one story and the other two two stories. These six buildings will almost fill up the vacancy on Front street.

Officer's Blows Fatal.

ALLIANCE—The marshal of Bridgeport attempted to arrest a young man by the name of Jack Anderson in the rear of a saloon and an altercation arose, when the officer administered several heavy blows on the head of the prisoner. The young man, as a result of the blows, died, and the marshal has been held to answer for his doings.

Dr. Greene Resigns.

LINCOLN—Dr. James L. Greene, superintendent of the Lincoln insane asylum, resigned to take the position of superintendent of the Eastern Illinois hospital for the insane at Kankakee. The resignation takes effect July 16.

Big Wheat Yield.

The biggest wheat yield yet reported was raised in Saline county, near Wilbur. Charles Sykes, who has just threshed, reported his wheat raised on fifteen acres lacked just fourteen pounds of running forty-three bushels to the acre.

Will Camp at Weeping Water.

WEBPING WATER—The Thirtieth regiment, United States Infantry, about six hundred strong, will camp here over night on July 17, on their way from Fort Crook to Fort Riley.

Harvest is in Full Blast.

FULLERTON—The prospect for a big crop of all kinds of grain is fine in this county. The wheat is splendidly filled and will be the best crop we have ever had. Oats are good, while corn is clear and of good color, but somewhat small for the time of year.

Noted Forger Captured.

BEATRICE—The news was received here that Joseph A. Hull, one of the most noted forgers in the country, was in the hands of the police at Buffalo, N. Y.

OVER THE STATE.

New wheat is bring about 65 cents per bushel.

The Y. M. C. A. building at Beatrice is nearing completion.

The summer school at Peru has an attendance of eight hundred.

There were fourteen deaths and four births in Columbus in June.

Where wheat has been threshed the yield is generally better than was anticipated.

A little son of Mike Sullivan of Utica had his right hand nearly shot to pieces by a large cannon cracker. It required fifteen stitches to close the wound.

The farm residence of Robert Schram, two miles southwest of Papillion, burned to the ground, with all its contents.

With nearly all the hot, sweltering days of summer yet before them, the citizens of Hartington are confronted with an ice famine.

Walter Cash of Fremont, colored, tried to commit suicide by taking poison. He had been drinking heavily since the Fourth and had some little trouble with his wife.

John Schmoker has just completed taking the school census and reports that in Columbus there are 755 males and 777 females between the ages of 5 and 21, a total of 1,532.

Jesse Hill and George Fulton of Beatrice were each sentenced to the county jail for sixty days for throwing cayenne pepper in the faces of young women passing along the street.

The postmaster of Kearney received official notification of the passage of the bill providing for a postoffice building in Kearney. It is already evident that there will be a strong rivalry for the site.

Dr. W. E. McCray, a veterinary surgeon, who has been located in West Point the past year, has been appointed an inspector in the bureau of animal industry and has gone to Chicago to assume the duties of the position.

The list of entries for the circuit race meeting to be held in Beatrice the week of July 22 is out and comprises some of the best horses in the west. There are twenty-nine entries in the 2:30 pace, eleven in the 2:22 trot, twenty in the 2:16 pace, eight in the 2:17 trot, seven in the 3-year-old trot, twenty-four in the 2:22 pace.

There is a substantial gain in personal property in Frontier county as shown by the abstract of the county assessor's returns. In 1905 the assessed value of personal property in Frontier county was \$398,200, in 1906 it is \$695,090, a gain of \$296,710 assessed value. Improvements on real estate add to its assessed value \$21,779.

The mortgage record of Platte county for June shows farm mortgages were filed amounting to \$52,181, released \$38,833; town mortgages filed \$18,825, released \$14,178; chattel mortgages filed \$24,918, released \$12,673, making the increased indebtedness amount to \$29,240.

Unable to close his mouth after a yawn, Jacob Moneyenny, a farmer residing a few miles south of Plattsmouth, went to town and Dr. E. W. Cook soon had his jaws at work again. While walking down the street his jaws again became set and he returned to the physician.

No license has yet been issued by the insurance department to the Western Life and Indemnity company of Chicago to do business in Nebraska. Special Examiner Wiggins, who went to Chicago to investigate the company, having recommended the license to be held in abeyance for the present.

Farmers in the vicinity of Pawnee City are just beginning to thresh their wheat, which is making a fine yield and of superior quality. Thus far three fields have been cleaned up. Charles Barnett's field yielded forty-four bushels per acre, Frank Anderson's thirty bushels and Titus Davis' thirty bushels.

A number of the members of the Grand Island fire department met and decided to hold a carnival in the streets of the city during the week of August 6-11. The proceeds will go to the money-raised for the entertainment of the next annual convention of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's association, to be held there in January.

Mr. McSweeney of Kansas City, who is to establish a packing plant in Beatrice, in company with a committee from the Commercial club visited several proposed sites along the Blue river bottom. As the necessary bonds have been raised, Mr. McSweeney assures the Commercial club that work will be started on the plant within ten days after the site is agreed upon.

W. E. Bryson, living near Adams, on Thursday afternoon started the harvester cutting his wheat. As fast as it was cut it was hauled to the threshing machine, which was running in the same field, and was there threshed. The wheat was next hauled two miles to Adams, where it is being run through the elevator, some of it being ground into flour. The flour is then taken to Mr. Bryson's residence on the farm and there made into biscuits which were served on the table for the threshing crew for the 6 o'clock supper.

Willie Warner, eight years old, was shot as he was walking along the street in Geneva. As he passed an open space some one back of a building fired, the ball passing into the little fellow's mouth and lodging somewhere in the neck. He will recover.

Adolph Shada, formerly a compositor on West Point papers, is under arrest at McCook, charged with placing railroad ties on the Burlington tracks with intent to wreck a train. He has been bound over to the district court. He is considered slightly demented.

Vigorous efforts are being made by a number of Nebraska cities to secure the corn growers' convention next year. Invitations have already been received by the executive committee from Omaha, York, Hastings, Beatrice, Fremont and Grand Island.

The state legal department has filed a motion for a rehearing in the Boyd county land cases. This is the case in which the state is trying to oust the present occupants of the land. The court held, in its opinion, the settlers should be allowed the improvements made on the lands in question.

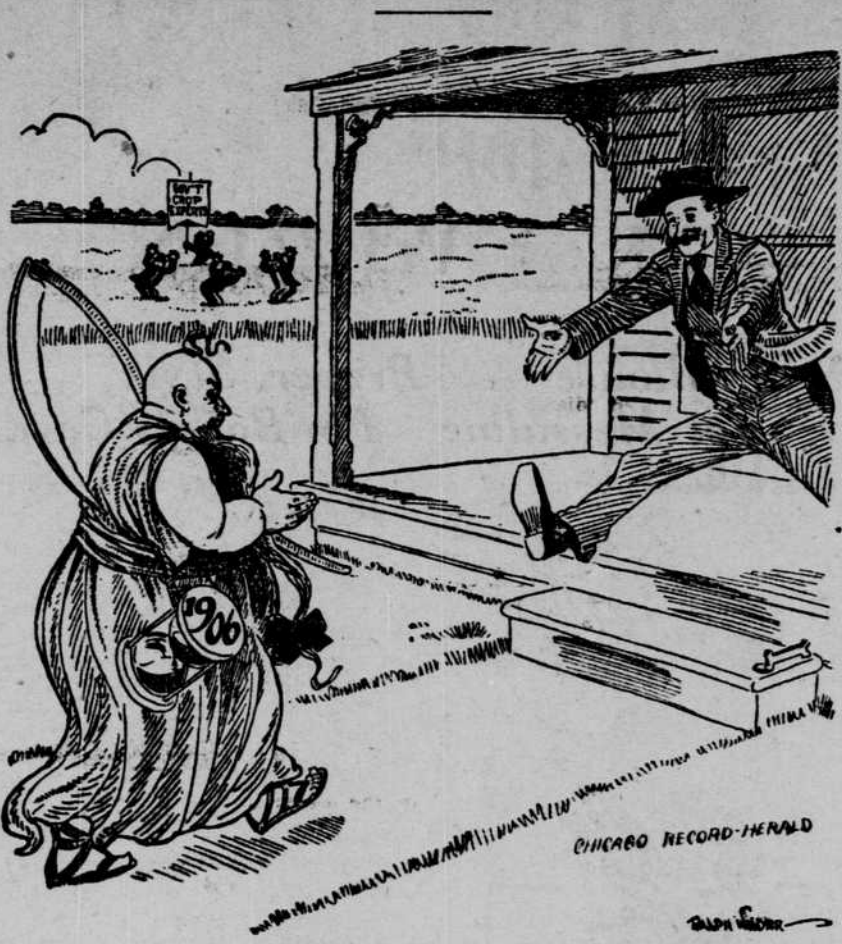
Oil Trust Hold Broken. Washington.—The Standard Oil's absolute domination over the business in petroleum products has been broken," according to Charles D. Chamberlin, of Cleveland, head of the National Petroleum association.

Nominate Henry Clay Evans. Nashville, Tenn.—Henry Clay Evans of Hamilton county, former commissioner of pensions and recently American consul-general in London, was nominated for governor by the Republican state convention.

Cloudburst Kills Seven. El Paso, Tex.—A cloudburst and landslide on July 10 at Ocampo (Jesus Maria) Chihuahua, Mexico, almost completely destroyed the city and killed seven or more persons. Many others were injured.

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ANOTHER FAT YEAR COMES TO THE FARMER.



SEVEN CHILDREN DROWNED IN EFFORT TO SAVE EACH OTHER

SAD ACCIDENT OCCURS AT PICNIC ON RIVER BANK AT CEDAR RAPIDS, IA.—YIELDING SAND IS FATAL.

Cedar Rapids, Ia.—Eight children at a picnic on the river bank, only three blocks from home, went wading. The smallest one slipped into a deep hole in the river and in trying to rescue her six others were drowned. The dead: Lucille Sweeting, 7; Hazel Sweeting, 14; Gladys Sweting, 10; Josie Sweting, 12; Ruth Coyle, 11; Sioux City; Core Coyle, 9, Sioux City; Clara Usher, 16.

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This was the end of a picnic, the tragedy of a last forbidden frolic.

The Sweeting children lived with their father near Ellis park, on the outskirts of this city. Clara Usher was a daughter of Sweeting's housekeeper, and the Coyle children were her nieces, who were here on a visit.

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Four of the bodies were quickly removed from the water, but it was too late to resuscitate them. At four o'clock all of the bodies had been recovered except that of Clara Usher. They were taken home and laid in a row amid the sobbing of hundreds of men and women.

The children had gone to the river with Mrs. Usher, who took her baby.

TRAIN WRECKED BY SPIKE

Miscreants Cause Men to Lose Lives in Order to Be Avenged on Railroad.

Petersburg, Ind.—The wreck of a west-bound freight train on the Southern railroad eight miles west of here resulted in the loss of three lives. The west end of the switch was spiked, so as to get either the east or west bound train.

The freight was making 30 miles an hour when the engine ran into the spiked switch and toppled over. The entire train left the track, demolishing many ears and totally wrecking the engine.

The only known motive for the work of the wreckers is ill feeling against the railroad by certain persons because the railroad company, which owns the Muren mines, insisted on running their mines during the recent trouble between the operators and miners, but paid the scale price during the entire time.

No Fire on Vessel.

Winona, Minn.—The steamer Quincy, of the Diamond Joe line of steamers lies grounded near Trempealeau, on the Wisconsin side of the river. There was no loss of life, neither was there any fire on the vessel.

War on in Earnest.

Guatemala.—Fresh hostilities have taken place on the border. The invasion of the country by Salvadoran troops is considered to be a declaration of war. The country has been placed under martial law.

Fought on the Merrimac.

Norfolk, Va.—Capt. William Henry Bunting, one of the few survivors of the crew of the confederate ironclad Merrimac during the civil war, died at the Norfolk Protestant hospital, following an operation.

American Swimmer First.

Nottingham, Eng.—The 100 yards amateur swimming match for the championship of the world was won by C. M. Daniels, American, who won the distance in 58 3/5 seconds, beating the record two-fifths of a second.

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Sand Proves Treacherous.

The children immediately went wading in the river. Ruth Klersey went to the end of a long sand bar and, seeing that the water was deep at the end of the bar, warned the other children. Lucille Sweeting, however, ran to the end of the bar and the sand yielding, slipped off into seven feet of water. Her cries brought Hazel Sweeting to her aid. In trying to pull Lucille back on the sand bar she, too, fell into the deep water. Another child went to her assistance and slipped in, and so on until seven of the eight children were in deep water. Some of them drowned helplessly, while two or three vainly tried to climb back on the sand bar out of deep water.

Ruth Klersey, seeing the fate of her companions, then ran down the road crying to Mrs. Usher, overtaking her when almost home. Mrs. Usher left her baby in the road and ran back to aid the children. She managed to get hold of the hair of two of them and pulled them out of the water, but it was too late to save their lives.

Dynamite Kills Laborers.

Chicago.—Three men were instantly killed and a score of others were injured, several of whom are expected to die, shortly after one a. m. Friday, when a shanty at the O'Laughlin Bros. stone quarry, near Bellwood, was blown up with dynamite. The explosion was the result of a deliberate attempt to kill the occupants of the shed, laborers employed in the quarry, according to employes of the concern.

Strike Breaker Fined.

St. Louis.—Frank Curry, a noted strike breaker, known throughout the United States among labor men, was fined \$50 in police court for abusing his wife and \$10 for using obscene language in the presence of a neighbor.

MUST EARN RIGHT TO LABEL

Meat Packers Cannot Secure Government Certificates Until Perfect Conditions Prevail.

Chicago.—Secretary James Wilson of the department of agriculture concluded his work in Chicago Wednesday by issuing a statement in which he denied the Chicago meat packers the use of the United States government inspection label as a guarantee to the world of the fitness of their products as food, until they have made perfect the sanitary conditions in the buildings where food is prepared. He then took a train for the west, where he will continue to look into the packing industry.

This move by the government is looked upon as a drastic action to force the packers to pursue with vigor the work of renovating their plants. Announcement is made in the same declaration that the inspection under the new law will begin at once in plants where sanitary conditions justify it, and the government label may be used by the owners of such plants. Chicago establishments are mentioned specifically and are said to be on the way to improvement. The secretary says he considers that they will be ready for inspection by August 1, but that if they are not they will not get the inspection even then.

Society Man and Girl Drowned.

Richmond, Va.—Large parties are searching for the bodies of John Gordon and Miss Satterfield, two well-known young Richmond society people, who were drowned while on a launch party down the James river.

Predicts Another Earthquake.

San Jose, Cal.—Dr. David S. Jordan, in a lecture, located the origin of the recent seismic disturbance in Behring sea and prophesied the next center of trouble would be in the vicinity of San Leandro and Hayward.

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MURDER COMPACT ADMITTED

WIDOW OF "HOLY ROLLER" LEADER IS ARRESTED.

Girl Tells How They Planned to Slay Letter's Brother for Killing Fanatic.

Seattle, Wash.—Immediately after the arrest of Esther Mitchell, the 17-year-old girl who killed her brother, orders were given for the arrest of Mrs. Maude Creffield, widow of the prophet, whose death at the hands of George Mitchell led to the latest tragedy.

Mrs. Creffield, however, telephoned the police where she was to be found. When taken to the station she admitted she had entered into a compact with Esther to kill the slayer of her husband. She will be held as an accomplice.

George Mitchell a few days ago killed F. E. Creffield, leader of the Holy Rollers, because, as Mitchell claimed, Creffield had wronged his sister Esther.

The tragedy took place in the Union depot in this city, where the Mitchell girl and her three brothers were waiting for a train on which the brothers intended to depart for Oregon.

After her arrest Esther Mitchell made the following statement:

"Mrs. Creffield and I talked over the matter of killing George. The one that had the best chance was to do it. Mrs. Creffield bought the gun. I thought I would have a better chance to do it than Mrs. Creffield, as my brother wanted to see me, and believed that he would think nothing about my going to the depot. Then Mrs. Creffield gave me the gun and I was to do it. We agreed that it must be done as soon as possible.

"My brother Fred was up to my room and said Perry and George were going to Portland. I went to the depot and saw Perry get his ticket. At last I saw George and I shook hands with him. He and Perry were walking in front and Fred and I were walking behind. I was walking to the door and George was in front of me. That was the chance I wanted and I shot him. My brother Fred grabbed me and I sat down on his lap and put my arms about his neck. I sat there and the officer came. I intended to follow him to Portland if I did not get a chance here. I am not sorry I did the shooting; I am glad of it."

WARRANT FOR ROCKEFELLER

Oil King Is Charged with Organizing and Maintaining a Monopoly.

Findlay, O.—A warrant for John D. Rockefeller, which is now in the hands of the sheriff of Hancock county, is accompanied by a copy of the information and affidavit which was filed in the probate court here by Prosecutor David and charging Rock-

efeller with violating the anti-trust laws in organizing and maintaining a monopoly of the oil business.

The warrant directs the sheriff "to take the said John D. Rockefeller, if found in your county, or if he shall have fled that you pursue him into any other county in the state, and take and safely keep the said John D. Rockefeller so that you have his body before this court to answer the said complaint and be further dealt with according to law."

The warrant is signed by Judge Banker, of the probate court of Hancock county.

TO PROBE GRAIN BUSINESS

Railroads Asked to Forward Information Regarding Elevators to Interstate Commission.

Washington.—An investigation is to be made by the interstate commerce commission, by authority of the United States senate, of the elevator, grain buying and forwarding business of the country to determine to what extent special favors have been granted to them by railroad companies; the influence which the alleged monopolizing of this branch of business has had upon the market; the injury it has worked to grain producers; the extent to which railroads, their officers, directors, stockholders and employes own or control the grain buying and grain forwarding companies; and the manner in which such holdings, if any, were secured.

Admiral's Assassin a Girl.

Sevastopol, Russia.—It is stated on good authority that the assassin of Admiral Choukine, commander of the Black sea fleet, was a girl disguised in the uniform of a sailor. No arrest has yet been made.

Senator Newlands Is Injured.

San Francisco.—United States Senator Francis G. Newlands, of Nevada, is suffering from a broken collar bone. The senator was thrown from a horse near San Mateo and had a narrow escape from death.

Whole Family Now Dead.

SALISBURY, England.—E. W. Sen tells of Brooklyn, one of the victims of the train wreck, died here. He was the last survivor of the Sentele family of Brooklyn. His wife, his son Charles E. Sentele and his daughter, Blanche M. and Gertrude M., perished in the Salisbury wreck of July 1

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AMERICAN CLAIM

VENEZUELA WILL BE CALLED UPON FOR SETTLEMENT.

WHEN LAST EFFORT WAS MADE

It Was During Secretary Hay's Administration and Was in the Nature of a Proposal to Submit the Matter in Dispute to Arbitration.

WASHINGTON—In view of the determination of the state department to renew its demands upon the Venezuelan government for the settlement of American claims against Venezuela, it is a matter of interest to note the precise status of those troublesome issues when negotiations were suspended in March, 1905. For the first time the Red Book discloses in terms the ultimatum laid down by the late secretary of state, John Hay, in an instruction to Mr. Bowen, dated March 10 of that year:

"The attitude of the Venezuelan government toward the government of the United States and toward the interests of its citizens who have suffered so grave and frequent wrongs, arbitrarily committed by the government of Venezuela, require that justice should now be fully done, once for all. If the government of Venezuela finally declines to consent to an imperial arbitration, insuring the rendition of complete justice to these injured parties, the government of the United States may be regretfully compelled to take such measures as it may find necessary to complete redress without resort to arbitration. The government of the United States is committed to the principle of imperial arbitration, which can do no injustice to anybody, and if its moderate request is peremptorily refused it will be compelled to resort to more vigorous measures, whether those measures shall include complete indemnification, not only for the citizens aggrieved, but for any expenses of the government of the United States which may attend their execution."

The Venezuelan answer, rendered March 23, amounted to a rejection of the ultimatum, for it denied that Venezuela had any questions pending with the United States and propounded the following interrogation:

"Before giving further consideration to Mr. Hay's note the Venezuelan government states it must know whether the United States respects the methods and nobility of the Venezuelan."

Mr. Bowen adds that the answer is unyielding and requires no further ultimatum.

Perhaps the explanation for the rather defiant attitude which the Venezuelan government occupies to this day, so far as the official correspondence shows, is to be found in a paraphrase of a telegram from Minister Bowen to the secretary of state.

MAY VISIT IN PHILIPPINES.

Secretary Taft Undecided as to Proposed Trip.

WASHINGTON—In answer to a direct question as to whether or not he intended to visit the Philippine islands next spring, and, if so, whether that decision might be taken as an indication that he intended to decline the offer of a place on the supreme bench, Secretary Taft said that he had received an invitation from the Philippines to be present at the opening of the first native assembly next June. So far he had not come to any decision, but it might be stated that whether he accepted the invitation or not, that decision would have no effect whatever on his political or judicial future. In other words, he might as a justice visit the islands quite as well as while he occupied the office of secretary of war.

HOW REGALADO DIED.

He and a Small Escort Overcome by Guatemalans.

MEXICO CITY—It is now well known that General Regalado of Salvador lost his life in a scouting expedition. He was in command of his army on the border of Guatemala when he resolved to explore within the border of Guatemala. He started out accompanied only by an adjutant and a small escort, when he came unexpectedly upon a large body of Guatemalan regulars who overwhelmed his force. Regalado's party sold their lives dearly, making an heroic fight and killing many of their foes, but they were exterminated. No quarter was asked.

Dogs of War Loose.

SAN SALVADOR—Saturday night the Salvadoran army again attacked the Guatemalan forces at Platanan and obtained a victory over them, the Guatemalans suffering a loss of 2,000 men killed, wounded and prisoners. The Guatemalan army, which invaded by way of Santa Fe, was repulsed by the Honduran army. Honduras is making common cause with Salvador.

Dowie Is Almost Neglected.

CHICAGO—John Alexander Dowie sat in the conservatory at Shiloh house Sunday and preached to those who would listen, while his young rival, Wilbur Glenn Voliva, addressed a congregation of several thousand in the tabernacle. In years past July 15 has seen the grand opening of the feast of the tabernacle, which lasted during the entire week, and Zion City was visited by thousands who came to see Dowie. Neither Voliva nor Dowie in their addresses even mentioned that it was "feast day."

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FLOWERS FOR A WEDDING.

Suggestions for Decoration for a Home Wedding by Use of a Bay Window as Background.

Almost any flowers which an old-fashioned garden affords are lovely for a summer wedding. A bay window is often used as the place for the bridal party to stand, and this lends itself particularly well to decoration, says the Housekeeper.

The curtains can be drawn together and edged with delicate vines. Between each window section, a tall evergreen tree planted in a large pot, painted white, can help to make a most graceful background. A low table covered with a white cloth can be set at the back of the bay window. Upon this may be placed a vase of blossoms of any desired hue, and two tall brass candlesticks holding lighted tapers.

A small white rug upon the floor in front of the table, marks the spot where the clergyman is to stand. Curving outward from the front of the bay window, small evergreen trees, also in white pots, can make a green chancel boundary; leaving an opening at the center where the bride and groom will stand.

Another pretty arrangement is to have screens placed at the back of the bay window, covered with sprays of graceful bloom. The ceiling of the bay window can be covered with wire netting and massed with laurel leaves or other dark green; and hanging from this can be numerous lengths of fine wire or string wound with vines, and each holding from its tip end a spray of blossoms—either roses, snowballs, peonies or lilies could be used, and the effect is lovely. White ribbons can form an aisle at the time of the bridal procession. If wished, these ribbons can be held by four little girls dressed in white and crowned with flowers.

TOOK THEM FOR DUMMIES.

Quite Embarrassing Mistake Made in the Darkness by Short-Sighted Post-Reader.

It was Saturday night and the stores were kept open until a late hour. Fred Emerson Brooks, the post-reader, had just finished his entertainment, and was walking over to the hotel, accompanied by a resident of the town, whose store they presently passed on their way.