



Depositions have been taken at Omaha in a case involving the Nebraska Grain trust. Interesting stories are told by witnesses concerning the methods employed by this trust in driving out of business independent dealers.

The board of directors of the People's United States bank, otherwise known as the Lewis bank at St. Louis have voted to liquidate. The directors say that the fraud order issued against the bank prevents its operation, though it is solvent and sound in all respects. It is estimated that the stock will pay out not less than 80 cents on the dollar.

Claims aggregating more than 605,000,000 francs have been allowed against Venezuela and in favor of the French government. This allowance was made by Referee Frank Plumley.

John Henry Stuessel of St. Louis, a veteran of two wars and wearer of the iron cross of the German empire, died recently.

John Hyde, former statistician of the department of agriculture, who is sojourning in England, writes that he will return "as soon as possible." This is interpreted to mean that Hyde will return as soon as Hyde "gets ready."

Ashcroft, an Indian village with a population of 500, situated in the northwestern portion of Yale district, British Columbia, was destroyed by a landslide.

Judge Alton B. Parker has become a member of the law firm of Parker, Sheehan and Hatch.

Statistics compiled by the bureau of statistics of the department of commerce and labor show that the exports of manufactures in the fiscal year just ended amounted to \$543,620,297, as against \$425,415,921 in the preceding year. The exports for the past fiscal year were: "Not only the largest on record, but are in excess of the combined exports of all articles in the centennial year, 1876, and nearly 140 million dollars more than the total imports and exports of the country at the close of the civil war."

A prize fight took place on board the cruiser "Yankee," of the United States navy, resulting in the death of Marine Raphael Cohen. The paymaster of the Yankee acted as time keeper.

Hugo Lieber predicts that within one year radium will be used in all hospitals that fight cancer in all its forms.

Shanghai cablegrams report that the anti-American boycott may result in a new Boxer uprising.

The Venezuelan government has entered into a one-million-dollar contract for guns and ammunition.

A New York dispatch to the Denver News follows: Death rode in the locomotive cab of the "Fast Flying Virginian" on the main line of the Pennsylvania railroad today, and for miles the crowded train flashed past danger signals at nearly seventy miles an hour with a headless engineer at the throttle. Dan Mahoney,

the engineer, had been killed while leaning from the cab window, and his fireman, not knowing it, piled on coal to keep up steam. Suddenly he noticed the red lights streaming by, and in a frightened voice he shouted into the cab: "For God's sake, slow up, Dan; you've run by two red signals." He received no answer, and, crawling in to the cab saw the body hanging from the edge of the window. The fireman immediately took his place and brought the train to a standstill just at the entrance of the network of switches north of Philadelphia. The passengers gave the plucky fireman a cheer as they left the train at West Philadelphia. Mahoney's wife was killed in a trolley accident near Newark a year ago.

American surgeons at Manila declare they have discovered a positive cure for leprosy. The method used is a system of x-ray.

The Standard Oil trust declared a dividend of six dollars a share on August 15. The total distribution amounts to \$6,000,000, of which John D. Rockefeller receives \$2,400,000. Rockefeller's Standard Oil dividends for the entire year of 1905 are estimated at \$16,000,000. New York papers claim that his total income amounts to \$26,000,000 per year.

President Roosevelt has modified his proclamation of August 5 withdrawing from entry certain lands in the Indian reservation, and has restored to entry about 85,000 acres.

Hong Kong authorities have forbidden the Chinese to hold meetings to further agitate American boycott.

A New Orleans dispatch to the Denver News says: Dr. R. E. Leach of St. Paul is having a hard time getting that infected mosquito which he wants to bite him in order that he may test his arsenization theory. The local physicians have united to prevent the experiment, and some have gone so far as to request the mayor to have Dr. Leach leave the city, for fear that he might be bitten by some mosquito. Dr. Leach says that he is determined to be bitten, and is remaining at the St. Charles hotel, and is taking his little arsenic pills regularly, as are also about a third of the people of New Orleans. Leach is being denounced by the physicians of the city at all the public meetings which are being held.

The interstate commerce commission has undertaken an investigation of the relations between the railroad companies and the private street car lines.

Work on the Panama canal has been temporarily suspended pending sanitary work.

Judge George H. Gould of Palestine, Texas, died suddenly at his home.

The re-cavass of thirty-one wards of Philadelphia indicate a total of more than 60,000 illegal names on the assessor's list.

An Alton, Ill., dispatch to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat says: "Alton quarry owners have been experimenting for the last few days with an explosive said to be composed of about 70 per cent of granulated sugar. Twenty-eight pounds of sugar were mixed with other chemicals and

turned into five drill holes, and the result was said to have been quite as effective as dynamite in many respects, the principal failing being that it did not clear the ledges as well. An advantage claimed for the explosive is that it makes but little noise."

The following strange story is printed in the New York World: The Rev. Emil A. Meury, pastor of the Second Reformed church, one of the best beloved clergymen in Jersey City, a man of sound sense and cool judgment, made this astonishing statement yesterday: That to him and five others a murderer proved, while being executed on the gallows, that he retained consciousness, memory and the power of voluntary motion after his neck was broken. The Rev. Mr. Meury has many chosen to serve on the sheriff's jury at the hanging of Edward F. Tapeley in the Hudson county jail, and has been asked to minister religiously to the doomed man. Like a good citizen, he will serve on the jury, although he is strongly opposed to capital punishment. He said last night: "I have seen seven unfortunates hanged. One was Paul Genz, who was executed in the Hudson county jail April 13, 1897, for the murder of Clara Arnim. In the fight I shall make to abolish capital punishment in New Jersey I shall argue that sometimes a man is conscious after his neck is broken. Paul Genz was in my charge; he and I discussed the question whether a man's brain might be active after his cervical vertebrae were broken. Genz was certain he would be conscious after his neck was broken. He said to me: 'Watch me closely. After my body is jerked upward and I fall to the rope's end, and my neck is broken. I will wait about a minute; then I will close my hands twice, then once, then twice again. I arrange this signal now so that none of the doubters who may be looking at me can say that my movements are only involuntary twitchings.'" The clergyman continued solemnly: "When Genz fell, after being jerked into the air by the fall of the weight, his body stiffened. About three-quarters of a minute passed. Then Genz clinched his hands twice, opened them again, closed them once, then twice again. I distinctly saw his pinioned hands make the signals he said he would give me. So did six other men to whom I had told Genz's promise of what he would do. The horror of it was almost overwhelming." So greatly did Genz dread death on the gallows, despite the Rev. Mr. Meury's soothing ministrations, that he tossed on his cot for only an hour during the night before his execution. In the morning, when only he and the clergyman were in his cell, Genz tried to commit suicide by plunging a pen and its holder into his brain through his eyeball. The Rev. Mr. Meury seized and held him until keepers overpowered him. The then Sheriff Heller, of Hudson county and Dr. Schnieder, of this city, were as positive as Mr. Meury that Genz made the prearranged signal.

A Chicago dispatch follows: An organization in Chicago is to fight the age limit of forty-five years used against workmen. It will try to stop age being a ban, irrespective of other qualifications. The Anti-Age Limit league will welcome to membership all workmen more than forty-five years old, or other persons interested in abolishing the ban. It is planned to ask congress to act in some manner to relieve and restore the rights of olden citizens. "Of all the obstructions to a man's right to earn a living, the ban placed upon labor by the forty-five-year age limit is the most cruel, obnoxious and absurd," says the appeal issued by the league.

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