

NEWS OF NEBRASKA

CONDENSATION OF IMPORTANT NEWS ITEMS.

Short and Pithy Paragraphs Which Tell of What Has Happened or Will Happen in Our Commonwealth—The News Briefly Summarized.

Wednesday, May 3.

Wymore has secured the reunion of the southeastern Nebraska veterans' association, which is to be held in August.

Table Rock is face to face with a "drouth" that is to last a year. The saloon licenses have expired, and the new officials are "agin" the traffic.

The board of public lands and buildings has approved plans for a new boiler house to be constructed at the institution for the deaf and dumb at Omaha. It is to cost \$7,700.

Fred W. Miller of Falls City is to be census supervisor for the First congressional district, he being the choice of Senator Hayward and Congressman Burkett. The position carries with it the appointment of 173 subordinate census enumerators.

The state university weather department says: The past week has been warm, with high winds, much sunshine, and an excess of rainfall, which has been above normal except in a few counties along the southern border of the state. Most of the rain fell in the last two days of the week, and the ground was very dry in most parts of the state during the greater part of the week.

The past week has been favorable for farm work, and rapid progress has been made in most counties. However, in a few localities, the dry soil the first of the week retarded the work somewhat. Small grain is now nearly all sown, and the early sown is coming up rather unevenly in most localities because of the dry condition of the soil. Winter wheat has improved slightly in the extreme southeastern counties, but most of the crop in the state is dead. Plowing for corn has been general in all the counties, and a large proportion of the corn ground is now ready to plant, but as yet very little corn has been planted.

Thursday, May 4.

The northwest Nebraska reunion is this year to be held at Plainview.

The city of Ord is arranging to refund the water bonds and issue more to improve the pumping plant, which has become inadequate.

Ex-Oil Inspector Hilton and his bondsmen have been held liable by the supreme court for the payment of \$5622.50 due the state as fees collected by Hilton and his deputies for the inspection of gasoline.

The death of Bertha Greeger of Grand Island has been somewhat of a mystery, but all doubt as to the cause has been dispelled since a chemical analysis of the contents of the stomach disclose strychnine. Miss Greeger was found dead on the parlor floor. It is believed a letter from her betrothed breaking the engagement led her to commit suicide.

After a heavy dust storm at Norfolk clouds gathered towards evening and rain came down in a quick succession of heavy showers with sharp lightning and heavy thunder, lasting for several hours. Streets were sheets of water, but little damage resulted except in the west end, where streets, walks, lawns and fields suffered from the torrent of water.

L. Ball, E. W. Smith, G. F. and D. Gardner, J. E. Farmer and G. N. Anderson, discharged members of the First Nebraska, who are stranded in San Francisco, applied to the governor for transportation home. Adjutant General Berry has informed them that the state has no appropriation for the purpose, and advised them to apply to Major Long, depot quartermaster at San Francisco.

Eleven companies of the Nebraska National guard have been mustered in and the twelfth soon will be. There are two candidates for the position of colonel of the regiment. They are Captain Campbell of Company F, otherwise known as the Lincoln Light Infantry, and William Bischoff, Jr., of Company C, Nebraska City. Mr. Bischoff was colonel of the Second regiment when the state troops were mobilized in Lincoln.

Saturday, May 6.

The house and contents of Mary J. Newell, living five miles north of Plainview, burned down. The loss is a little over \$1,000 and is partially covered by insurance.

A 16-year-old son of Farmer C. C. Doescher, residing near West Point, was terribly bruised in the face by the kick of a vicious horse. He was taken to West Point where his injuries were attended to.

Attorney John C. Watson of Nebraska City has filed his answer to the charges asking for his disbarment. He asks for an immediate hearing, and waives all legal proceedings necessary to secure his appearance.

Frank Gerlow, a farmer near Auburn, started to burn brush in his hayfield, it got away from him and burned up twelve tons of hay, a wagon, and badly injured a horse. Later a windstorm blew down his hay shed, demolishing another wagon, and moving his large barn partly off its foundations.

Mr. Hart of Fairmont called in a doctor to set a broken leg for a three-year-old child. The doctor, after examination, pronounced the leg not broken, but pulled out a darned needle which had been driven into the thigh full length.

W. E. Krause, of West Point, was returning home from a trip to Omaha and did not notice he had been carried past the station. He jumped from the train and received injuries so severe they may cause his death.

Cora Bloss, aged 16, living three or four miles southwest of Wilcox, attempted to commit suicide by taking Paris green. Prompt action saved her life. She gave as a reason for the act that a married man had been too intimate with her. His name could not be obtained.

Rollo L. Lyman, the representative of Beloit college, Wisconsin, at the 26th annual oratorical contest held at Lincoln yesterday evening, won the first place. George E. Farrer of DePauw university, Ind., was second; S. M. Holladay, Simpson college, Iowa, was third and G. Duane Talbot of the Nebraska university was fourth. The winner's oration was "The Altruism of American Expansion." Ten states were represented.

Monday, May 8.

The house and contents of Mary J. Newell, north of Plainview burned. Loss over \$1,000, partially insured.

Blake & Sons' old meat market at Hastings was damaged to the extent of several hundred dollars by fire. The loss was covered by insurance.

At Fremont, Chris Hanson's horse ran away, and after becoming detached from the buggy booted through a hardware store and didn't disturb a nail.

Friends of ex-Congressman Jesse B. Strode of Lincoln are urging him to become a candidate for department commander at the G. A. R. encampment to be held at York next week.

W. D. and W. V. Honck and T. W. Kennedy, the men who have been engaged in passing \$1 bills raised to \$5 by pasting a 5 over the 1, and who have been operating in the vicinity of Fairbury, have been arrested and taken to Omaha.

Mary Vlach, aged sixteen, residing three miles north of Beemer, committed suicide by shooting. Intense suffering from injuries received several years ago is given as the cause. She was a bright young lady and loved and respected by all who knew her.

Oscar Zeager and John Egleton of Decatur got into a dispute over the possession of some vacant lots and Zeager brought the controversy to an abrupt end by killing Egleton with a blow from a club. Zeager was arrested and taken to Tekamah.

At Omaha last Saturday morning the body of Wm. R. Bowen was found in the cellar of his home. He had committed suicide. The cause for the rash act is attributed to worry over money matters, and the fact of his son's recent enlistment in the regular army, to which Mr. Bowen was much opposed. For the past twenty-six years Mr. Bowen has been grand secretary of the Masonic grand lodge.

Tuesday, May 9.

The German government is bent on excluding American meat.

Otto Alquist of Osceola received a broken leg and was otherwise bruised in a runaway.

J. H. Davis of Butler county dropped dead while hitching his horse to a buggy to go to church.

David Jolly, an old man living at Fairmont, slipped and fell on a muddy walk, breaking his right arm.

Amy E. Hopkins of Omaha has sued the Omaha Water company for \$50,000 for injuries received in the Patterson building fire.

A young man named Lanterback at Neligh was trying to load a revolver. The ball has not been located but it is thought he will recover.

Colonel John P. Bratt, formerly of the First Nebraska, has placed a Spanish pack on exhibition in the adjutant general's office at Lincoln.

The American Exchange National and First National banks of Lincoln have consolidated. The consolidated banks will be known as the First National.

There is a great deal of outspoken discontent among the Beatrice parents of boys in the Philippines. The reported request of the regiment to be relieved from active duty has caused much alarm.

Miss Bloss of Wilcox, who took Paris green because a married man had been too intimate with her, is recovering. James Gifford, whom it is alleged is responsible, has returned to Wilcox and denies the girl's story.

Colonel Victor Vifquain of the Third Nebraska regiment has filed his report for the month of April with Adjutant General Barry. The regiment is now at Augusta, Ga., awaiting muster out, which has been ordered to take place May 11. The report gives a brief account of the return of the regiment from Havana.

Day After the Ball.

Johnnie (whose mamma has a headache)—"Am I really so bad, mamma?"—Mamma—"Yes, Johnnie, you are a very bad boy." Johnnie (reflectively)—"Well, anyhow, you ought to be glad I'm not twins."—Harlem Life.

Not Used to Fragile Ware.

Mrs. Housewife—Bridget, that is the seventh piece of china that you have broken within the past two days. Bridget—I know it, mum. At the last place where I worked the folks never ate off anything but gold and silver.—Somerville Journal.

Missionary Made a Mandarin.

The Chinese authorities have elevated the Rev. Dr. Allen, a noted missionary, to the dignity of a mandarin. His Chinese name is Ling Sen Sun, which is the best the Chinese can do to say Yung J. Allen.

ALL QUIET IN SAMOA

TRUCE PENDING ARRIVAL OF COMMISSION.

The Rebel Forces Watched—British and American Sailors Scour the Country—English Planter Held Prisoner for Six Weeks and Subjected to Torture.

APIA, Samoa, May 10.—(Via Auckland, N. Z., May 9)—Everything is quiet on the island. Operations have been suspended pending the arrival of the joint commissioners from San Francisco.

After the cessation of hostilities a detachment of British soldiers, visited the battlefield of Vaillima, where they recovered an American machine gun that had been captured by the rebels. The rebel forts at Latepa and Vaillima were two miles long and of great strength, being reinforced by trenches and rifle pits. It was found that several rebels had died in the trenches from the shock of bursting shells, but without having been wounded.

After the armistice had been agreed upon the rebels left the forests singing war songs of the vanquished. The country is being scoured by British and American sailors in search for lead from which the natives might make bullets.

A British planter who has been a prisoner in the hands of the rebels for six weeks has arrived at Apia. His experiences during his captivity were frightful. Many times the rebels threatened to behead him. Captain Sturdee, the ranking British naval officer here, in company with a missionary, went through the rebels lines unmolested. They found everything quiet pending the arrival of the joint commissioners, who are to arrange terms of peace.

CATHOLIC KNIGHTS GATHER.

Many Delegates Being Entertained at Kansas City.

KANSAS CITY, May 10.—Nearly 100 delegates, with as many more visitors, from all parts of the country, were in attendance today upon the opening session of the twelfth biennial supreme council of the Catholic Knights of America. The feature of today's program was the solemn high mass held at St. Patrick's cathedral. The officers and delegates formed in line at 9:30 o'clock this morning and marched to the church; headed by the uniform rank company from Vincennes, Ind., under command of Gen. J. W. Norhaus, supreme commander-in-chief. The ceremonies at the cathedral were impressive. Father T. E. Lillis of this city preached the sermon.

At noon the first regular session of the council was held at Lyceum hall. The delegates were welcomed by Mayor Jones, Edward Feeney of Brooklyn, supreme president, responding. Frank Walsh followed in an address on behalf of the Kansas City members. Routine matters took up the remainder of the session and an adjournment was had until tomorrow, when the real work of the council will begin.

In the afternoon the knights and their ladies were taken for a drive over the city.

FAILED TO INDICT MOLINEUX.

Prisoner Discharged Only to be Again Rearrested.

NEW YORK, May 10.—Roland B. Molineux, who has spent several weeks in the Tombs prison charged with the murder of Mrs. Kate J. Adams, was discharged this afternoon. The grand jury failed to indict him, and he was immediately afterwards rearrested charged with assault with intent to kill in sending cyanide of mercury to Harry Cornish. Bail was fixed at \$10,000.

Laughs at Reports.

OTTUMWA, Ia., May 10.—C. A. Walsh, secretary of the democratic national committee, arrived home today from the Klondike, where he has been the past eighteen months. He laughs at the story that he cleared \$50,000 to \$100,000, but admits he has a valuable claim. He will return to Dawson City in June for a short stay. He still owns the Klondike advertiser.

Renews the Charter.

NEW YORK, May 10.—At a meeting of the executive committee of the society of Cincinnati, held today in this city, the charter of the New Hampshire society of the Cincinnati, which has been extinct since 1824, was renewed.

Furniture Factory Damaged.

NEW YORK, May 10.—Fire last night damaged the six-story furniture factory of Levi Abrahams to the extent of \$300,000.

Cleveland to Visit Ohio.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—Ex-President Cleveland passed through here enroute to Sandusky, O. He was traveling in a private car. He was joined by Captain Robley D. Evan's his favorite companion on his shooting trips.

President at the Springs.

HOT SPRINGS, Va., May 10.—The president and Mrs. McKinley, Dr. Rixey of the navy, and others, reached here at 8 o'clock this morning. Their special train was an hour ahead of time and there was no crowd at the depot.

MEET A REBEL BAND.

Men Under Lawton Surprised by Filipinos—None Killed.

WASHINGTON, May 10.—The following was just received from Manila: MANILA, May 9.—6:25 p. m.—A reconnoitering party from Major General Lawton's command, and which consisted of two companies of the Minnesota regiment and two companies of the Oregon regiment under command of Major Diggles of the Minnesota regiment, advanced yesterday to a point near San Miguel, which is about twelve miles north of Baling. There the Americans were met with a volley from a force of rebels behind a trench. Major Diggles was wounded.

Major Diggles was wounded in the head and private, together with ten typhoid patients, were brought to Manila today. The Don Jose, the last of the missing steamers under the American flag, which were detained by the insurgents since the beginning of the war, was found by the gunboat Manila at Batangas and arrived here today.

FATAL STREET DUEL.

Dispute Over a Bill Ends in the Killing of Four Men.

OKOLONA, Miss., May 10.—A terrific four-handed street fight occurred here today. The participants were Dr. J. Murfee and son Howard on one side, and C. D. and W. F. Clark on the other side. Knives and pistols were used. Three were killed outright and the other was mortally wounded and died later. The killing is the result of a dispute over a bill.

SENTENCE IS COMMUTED.

Sentence of a Life Prisoner Shortened to Fifteen Years.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 10.—The president has commuted to fifteen years the life sentence of Ellsworth de France, convicted in Nebraska in 1893 of the highway robbery of a mail messenger. The amount secured from the messenger by de France was only one cent, but the crime was the cause for which the late Judge Dundy gave him the limit.

MOROCCO SETTLES CLAIMS.

Presence of Cruiser Chicago Has a Whole Some Effect.

TANGIERS, Morocco, May 10.—The claims of the United States government against the government of Morocco have been settled. The United States Cruiser Chicago sailed from this port today to resume her voyage around Africa.

Cruiser Raleigh Aground.

CHARLESTON, S. C., May 10.—The cruiser Raleigh, which went on the bar while entering the port early today, was pulled off by tugs at high tide and proceeded to the harbor to her anchorage. It was stated by her officers that a superficial examination disclosed no injuries to her hull.

Strike of Molders at Lima.

LIMA, O., May 10.—The molders at the Lima locomotive and machine works struck today because five of their number were laid off. The company conceded to their demands for an increase Saturday, but this morning laid off five men and the others struck.

Rising City Man Drops Dead.

J. H. Davis, an old resident of Butler county and a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity, dropped dead while hitching his horse to a buggy to go to church.

Somewhat Fleeb.

Wonderful are the tales of travelers, and the proof is generally ready for purposes of substantiation, if their truth is called in question. A tourist who had returned from a trip to Seattle and Tacoma was describing to his eastern friends the glories of that region, its marvelous climate, and the rapid strides its people are making in the arts and sciences of civilization. "I tell you," he said, "they are away ahead of you people here. Even the animals are more sprightly, and have more go-aheadiveness about them than the animals in this part of the country." "I have heard," said a sarcastic listener, with a wink at the others, "that the fish out there can sing." "Well, they do have a kind of Puget Sound about them," rejoined the traveler.

Just a Mistake.

Little Edith, a fresh-air-fund girl, while taking her first walk in the country, noticed a brilliant butterfly alight on the ground before her. "Isn't it too bad," she exclaimed, quickly, "that somebody's sweet pea flower got broken off and blown so far away out of the garden."—Demorest's Monthly.

Welcome Change.

Detroit Free Press: He—I'm not myself tonight. She—How delightful. Can't you spend the evening?

MEN AND WOMEN.

Richard Mansfield smokes a cigar made especially for his private use. Dr. Nansen never wears an overcoat in latitudes south of Greenland.

Women to be at all friendly must hold each other up to the top-notch of critical surveillance.

Toistol never uses a whip when driving. "I talk to my horses," he says; "I don't beat them."

Lord Rosebery, it is said, knows more about practical farming than any other person in England.

THE FIRST RELIEVED.

NEBRASKA SOLDIERS MAY FIGHT NO MORE.

Adjutant-General Corbin Writes that the Date of Sailing Depends on Arrival of Ships—Other Nebraska News of More Than Passing Interest.

No definite news was received from Washington Tuesday as to when the First Nebraska regiment will sail. All answers from Washington received during the past month were of the same nature, in effect that the troops at Manila would begin to sail May 5, and that all volunteer regiments would probably be home by the last of June. Assistant Secretary of War Meiklejohn has repeatedly written in this strain, except that he recently fixed the date of the sailing at about May 15.

Adjutant General Corbin has written repeatedly to the state military officers that Nebraska troops would sail about May 5 and that all were expected home on the last of June. He has repeatedly stated that soldiers would receive discharges by applying for them. Another letter received Tuesday tells the same story, except the movement of the regiment will depend on arrival of transports now on way to Manila. Friends and relatives of the First Nebraska read Tuesday with pleasure a special from Washington announcing that President McKinley had been shown a dispatch from Manila in which the First Nebraska asked to be relieved from the firing line and that the president had directed cable orders granting the request, if General Otis had not already granted it. It was announced in addition that President McKinley complimented the First Nebraska regiment very highly for the work it has done in the campaign. The Washington special announced that there were only 375 Nebraska men at the front at this time, the others having been relieved from the firing line. The appointment of Major Charles W. Weeks, commandant of the university cadet battalion, as a second lieutenant in the regular army, was also announced. Senator Thurston, upon the suggestion of Senator Hayward, presented Mr. Weeks' name to take the place of Paul M. Vandervoort, who failed to pass the examination.

THE THIRD NEBRASKA.

Colonel Vifquain Forwards Report of Its Condition for April.

Colonel Victor Vifquain of the Third Nebraska has filed his report for the month of April with Adjutant-General Barry. The regiment is now at Augusta, Ga., awaiting muster out, which has been ordered to take place May 11. The report gives a brief account of the return of the regiment from Havana the last of April. The enlisted men present for duty numbered 749, and the number of commissioned officers present for duty was forty-two. There were seventy-nine enlisted men on special duty. Twenty-four sick and three in arrest or confinement. The aggregate strength of the regiment absent and present, is 914. Elmer Clayberg, private of company C, is reported confined in the government hospital for the insane at Washington, D. C.

PARENTS GETTING ANXIOUS.

Beatrice Mothers and Fathers Becoming Discontented and Troubled.

There is a great deal of muttering and not a little outspoken discontent among the Beatrice parents of boys in the Philippines over the alleged mistreatment of the First Nebraska regiment. It is held that the regiment has been kept at the front longer than necessary with the number of regulars on the island, and they discuss with alarm the rapid decimation of the ranks of the Nebraska regiment. This sentiment will undoubtedly crystallize into an open protest to the war department if assurances are not forthcoming that the boys are to be retired at once. The reported request of the regiment to be relieved from active duty has caused much alarm here.

Farmer Badly Injured.

Otto Alquist, a farmer living about two miles from Osceola, met with a very bad accident a day or two ago. He had been to Osceola to get a lister to put in his corn, and returning home the horses ran away, throwing Mr. Alquist into a ditch, lister, wagon and all on top of him. He was found in the evening in the ditch by J. L. Makever, and taken to his home, where a doctor was called. He was found to be very badly bruised up and his right leg was broken below the knee.

Spanish Souvenir.

Colonel John P. Bratt, formerly of the First Nebraska volunteers, has placed a Spanish pack on exhibition in the adjutant general's office at Lincoln. It was secured at Manila and belonged to a member of the Seventy-third Spanish infantry that was camped near the quarters of the First Nebraska after Manila was taken. It is in the form of a pouch bag, made of white canvass, with a loose covering of black oilcloth.

Shoots Himself Accidentally.

At Neligh a young man named Lanterback was trying to load a revolver and it was accidentally discharged, the ball entering the abdomen below the diaphragm. The ball has not been located as yet, but another exploration will be had in hopes of locating it. He seems to be suffering but little and it is possible that he may recover.

AGED MAN BREAKS HIS ARM.

David Jolly, an old man living at Fairmont, slipped and fell on a muddy sidewalk breaking his right arm a little above the wrist.

SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD SUICIDE.

Miss Mary Vlach Despondent and Determined to Die.

Mary Vlach, daughter of Joseph Vlach, living three miles north of Beemer, committed suicide by shooting. Miss Vlach was nearly sixteen years old and lived with her parents on the farm. During the world's fair in Chicago she met with an accident, injuring her knee, for which she was obliged to undergo several operations. Of late her limb has been very painful and she was considerably worried over it. Saturday her brothers started for town to call a physician, and just as they were leaving their home heard the report of a gun in the house. Hastily returning they found their sister lying on the floor in her room, a gaping wound in her breast, a shotgun by her side and life extinct. Her parents were out of the house doing some work. They also heard the report and ran to learn the cause, finding their daughter as above stated. Miss Vlach was a bright young lady loved and respected by all who knew her.

Joseph Haruby, said to have been engaged to Miss Vlach, who has been working in Omaha, upon learning of the death of his betrothed, came home to Beemer. In the evening he went over to Mr. Vlach's house, and after greeting the parents of the dead girl, went into the chamber where the remains were. In a few moments the report of a pistol was heard. Mr. Haruby was found lying on the floor with a bullet in his brain. On his person was found a letter evidently written before leaving Omaha stating his intention to commit suicide and requesting that he be buried by the side of the young lady he had loved. His request was granted. The remains of Miss Vlach and Mr. Haruby will be buried at Dodge, Neb., in one grave.

A FATAL QUARREL.

An Aged Man Killed in a Land Dispute—Head Crushed With a Club.

Oscar Zeager of Decatur was taken to Tekamah under arrest charged with the killing of John Egleton by striking him on the head with a whiffetree from the effects of which Egleton died a few hours later. The difference arose over the ownership of some vacant town lots in Decatur township, which both parties were claiming the right to cultivate. The murdered man was about fifty-five years of age and leaves a wife and several children, some of whom are married. He bore the reputation of being a quiet, inoffensive citizen and had been cultivating this land for twelve years to which his right had been recently disputed. Oscar Zeager is a married man about thirty years old.

Wm. R. Bowen a Suicide.

At Omaha Saturday morning the body of William R. Bowen was found in the cellar of his home at 2709 Dodge street. He had committed suicide at an early hour by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. For the past twenty-six years Mr. Bowen has been the grand secretary of the Masonic grand lodge in Nebraska and is well known to members of the order throughout the state. The cause of the rash act is attributed to worry over money matters and the fact of his son's recent enlistment in the regular army, to which Mr. Bowen was much opposed.

Fremont Horse Has a Record.

It is not often that a horse runs through a store, but that was the case at Fremont one recent morning. Chris Hanson was driving a young horse that became unmanageable and dumped him out and left the cart at a telephone pole. It galloped in at the front door of Pillsbury & Veazie's hardware store and out the back door without spilling even a nail. The horse was severely hurt.

Raised Figures on Bank Bills.

Deputy United States Marshal Keim has returned to Omaha bring with him W. D. Houck, W. V. Honck, and T. W. Kennedy, whom he lodged in the county jail. They are charged with raising the figures on \$1 and \$5 bills, and then passing the money on their unsuspecting neighbors in the vicinity of Fairbury. They will be held to await the action of the grand jury.

Stroke for Commander.

Friends of ex-Congressman Jesse B. Strode among the members of the G. A. R., at Lincoln have of late been urging him to become a candidate for department commander. The election is to be held next week when the state encampment meets at York for a three or four days session, beginning Tuesday.

State Railroad Assessment.

The state board of equalization met recently to consider the valuation of railroad property for purposes of state assessment. The board did not complete its work, but it is understood that there will be no change in the valuation. The board is comprised of Governor Poynter, Treasurer Meserve and Auditor Cornell.

To Repeal the Law.

An effort is being made by citizens of Humboldt to have the ordinance levying tax on the express company and other corporations repealed. Those interested claim the express company will discontinue their free delivery of goods, thus virtually making the business men pay the tax.

Building Damaged by Fire.

Blake and Sons' old meat market on South Hastings avenue at Hastings, was damaged by fire to the extent of three hundred dollars. The loss was covered by insurance.