

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.

Thursday, July 6.

The residence of William Nickerson at Grand Island was partially destroyed by fire which originated from fire crackers.

G. F. Cowgill, a motorman for the Lincoln street railway company, had a hand severely burned while attempting to fix a fuse that had burned out on his car.

At Hartington Harry Anderson was accidentally shot by a target gun, the ball entering the breast. It is not yet known whether Anderson will live or die.

Will H. Smith, aged sixteen years, was drowned in Logan creek, one mile north of Bancroft, while in bathing. The body, laid in the water two hours and all efforts to resuscitate him were fruitless.

Fred Yank, living six miles north west of Pleasant Dale, has a mutilated hand as a result of a cannon cracker exploding while he was still holding it. Two fingers were amputated and it may be necessary to take the hand off.

At Wahoo Wednesday, Ira Lattin, a brakeman on the O. & N. V. road was crushed to death while trying to make a coupling. It is supposed he fell in front of the engine, and was not seen in time. His right leg and arm were cut off, hip and side crushed, and neck broken.

The proposed street fair will be held in Lincoln in connection with the Lancaster county fair, September 18 to 23. All departments of the county fair except the speed department, will be exhibited in the city. All live stock exhibits will be given at market square while the agricultural exhibits will be shown in booths along the principal streets. The display of the merchants added to the show of products by the farmers is expected to make something interesting enough for everybody to come and see.

Saturday, July 8.

At Humboldt, Thornton Fryse, aged 8, was drowned while in bathing.

Land Commissioner Wolfe has leased 27,000 acres of school land in Dawes county.

Twenty-four brands have been filed thus far with the state marks and brands committee.

John Moon, the missing city treasurer of Ashland, is still absent and his whereabouts are unknown.

Theodore Thompson, the man injured in a fight at a railroad camp near Humboldt, died of his injuries.

The David Cole company of Omaha, an oyster and general produce firm, has filed articles of incorporation.

Refunding bonds of the city of Plattsmouth amounting to \$103,000 have been registered at the state house.

Mrs. Thomas Graham of Seward has been appointed as a member of the advisory board of the Nebraska industrial home.

Monday, July 10.

Frank B. Hibbard of Irvington has been appointed food commissioner.

Halls have been secured and the fusion conventions will be held in Omaha.

Miss Stella Sisson of Ainsworth, who was bitten by a rattlesnake June 23, is dead.

Murk M. Fisher, confined in jail at North Platte, hung himself to the door of his cell.

Mrs. Bunker and daughter of Fremont have been taken before the insanity board.

Eight-year-old Gotlieb Rifesnyder of Sutton was hit in the nose by a batted ball and the nose was badly broken.

Fred Bostleman, who was confined in jail at Auburn, carried out some slops the other day and forgot to return.

John Kerr, who killed his wife's father a year ago at Valley, has been sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary by Judge Baker of Omaha.

The state board of health has ordered that all cases of smallpox in the state shall be reported to them, with the surrounding conditions, and the origin of the cases if obtainable.

G. Budda, while engaged in laying rails on the Union Pacific at North Bend, was accidentally struck with a pick by Gust Mix, the point entering the spine. One leg was instantly paralyzed.

W. E. Sharp, president of the Royal Highlanders, has filed complaint with Insurance Commissioner Bryant against fraternal and mutual companies that are doing business in this state illegally.

The identity of the man who jumped from the Douglas street bridge at Omaha one day last week has not yet been established.

Governor Poynter has appointed J. P. Rouse of Alvo as a member of the fish commission to succeed J. S. Kirkpatrick of Lincoln.

At 12:18 this morning fire was discovered in the Lindell hotel at Lincoln and an alarm turned in. All the guests got out in safety. The fire started in the basement and the building was damaged to the amount of over four thousand dollars.

S. C. Ward, colored, and wife, white, have been arrested in Omaha, charged with robbing the Tootle mansion at St. Joe, of diamonds and other valuables while employed there as servants.

Tuesday, July 11.

Wm. Fitzgerald and H. S. Crockett escaped from the South Omaha city jail by digging through the east wall. They are still at large.

The millinery stock and fixtures belonging to Mrs. Esther Barnett at Norfolk was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$700, insured for \$450.

Preparations are being made by the local committees for the annual reunion, and the determination is to have this year's gathering surpass all previous ones.

Jules De Mollens was assaulted by a gang of saloon toughs at 11th and Dodge streets, Omaha, and his skull was fractured on the curb. His assailants have been arrested.

Burleigh Hacker, a Fremont hack driver, has been arrested and bound over to district court charged with bastardy. Anna Rasmussen, aged 17, charges him with being the father of her unborn child.

F. E. Dodge, proprietor of the hotel at Long Pine, has disappeared and it is not known where he is. It is said he mortgaged cattle which did not belong to him. No good reason can be assigned for his disappearance.

Joseph Willard, an old man perhaps 60 years of age, dropped dead in an alley at the rear of Fred Voight's meat market, Lincoln. He was noticed lying there in much pain, and word was sent for a physician. The man died before the doctor arrived.

Alex Schlegel, who went from Lincoln to San Juan, Porto Rico, as an examiner of customs, has just been promoted to the position of auditor of customs at that place. He writes back that he likes the country and is especially enthusiastic over the coffee groves.

Dr. Damarell and Dr. Sprague, who held appointments under Holcomb, have filed a stipulation in the Lancaster county district court agreeing to continue their salary suits until the supreme court passes upon Dr. Abbott's claim for additional salary. They will accept that court's decision in their cases.

B. Greener, a well known German farmer living eight miles southwest of Hastings, started out to the field early the other morning to bring up his cattle, taking his gun along to kill any stray skunk he found, as these animals had been bothering his chickens. In crawling through a barbed wire fence the gun was discharged and the top of Greener's head was blown off. His wife discovered him a little later. He leaves a wife and seven small children.

Wednesday, July 12.

The potato famine at Rising City is ended.

While at work on the Burlington near Denton, Mark Hammerman had a leg broken.

Two small children of A. Jacobus were drowned in Cottonwood creek near Holstein.

The Beatrice Creamery company is putting in a skimming station at Bertrand.

Mark Carwith, a Lincoln motorman, was badly bruised in a collision of cars at the power house.

While Chas. Wadum was working on the street car tracks in Omaha he was struck by a runaway horse and badly injured.

The executors of the estate of the late Rev. Cusson of Nebraska City have effected a settlement with the city and county for taxes due.

The unaccounted for of Billy Thomas was found near Shadland with a deep cut across his throat. It is supposed to be an attempt at suicide.

Nellie Walbaum, the sixteen-year-old girl who disappeared from her home at Wymore a couple of weeks ago, has not yet been found.

F. Boyd, alias Anderson, was discharged from the sugar factory at Ames and is now in jail at Fremont for assaulting the president of the factory.

The \$10,000 suit of Frank Fuhrrodt vs. A. Blumenthal at Fremont has been postponed until the September term, of district court.

Mayor Jones' Generosity.

TOLEDO, Ohio, July 12.—Mayor Jones has handed in his bid for the lease of the city gas plant. Four other bids were received. Mayor Jones has formed a company and will attempt to secure a lease of the plant under an ordinance recently passed under his direction which provides for its sale or lease for a period of years. The mayor and his friends will run the plant on their own resources and will turn the profits, if there be any, into the city treasury. The losses will be carried by the company. The object of Mayor Jones' company is to put the plant as nearly on a municipal ownership basis as possible.

An Extraordinary Church. One of the most curious churches in the world exists at Sao Vincente, Madeira, being cut out of a huge boulder on the shore. All the work of excavation was carried out by the natives with great labor, and the church is exceptionally quiet, and perhaps unique.

Royal Encouragement. "My queen," exclaimed her adorer, "may I kiss the royal hand?" "My faithful subject," replied the young woman, with an air of one gently chiding him, "what is the matter with the royal line?"

RICH MEN'S AID FOR TEXAS

Gould, Huntington and Others Wire Funds for Sufferers.

LOSS IN COTTON, \$4,000,000.

Governor Sayers Has Received \$30,000 for the Relief of the Flooded Regions—500 Persons Rescued by Boats in the Brazos Valley.

AUSTIN, Texas, July 10.—Governor Sayers has received many telegrams offering aid to the flood sufferers of the state. George Gould of New York city wired the governor to draw on him for \$5,000 and to apply the sum where it was most needed. President Richard A. McCurdy of the Mutual Life Insurance company, and Collis P. Huntington of New York, each contributed \$5,000. H. P. Hollis & Co., of New York, contributed \$1,000. A St. Louis firm contributed \$100. The total cash contributions from all sources yesterday were about \$30,000.

The greatest suffering from the flood has not yet been experienced. The pinch will come when the flood subsides and the people return to the places where their homes were. Not one house in five in the bottom lands seen by the life-saving crews is habitable. Nearly all large buildings are undermined and thousands of small dwellings have been wrecked by the waters or carried off bodily.

Not less than 250 square miles of cotton bearing land has been flooded. Every acre of it would have produced a big bale. Basing the loss on 5 cent figures, the crop destroyed on these plantations was worth almost \$1,000,000. Thousands of mules have been drowned, all of the domestic animals have perished, the gins are nearly all ruined, and hundreds of plantation stores carrying big stocks of general merchandise are under water. Few bridges have escaped and not a train has passed over the Santa Fe railroad between Brenham and Milano for a week. It is estimated that 500 persons were carried from places of danger in small boats on the lower Brazos river yesterday. Persons were found on house tops, in second story windows, in trees and on knolls.

Thompson is almost deserted and there are 700 refugees at Duke. Refugees are reported congregated at nearly all the high spots up and down the river for many miles. At Blue Ridge 300 are reported, 250 are at Howard's plantation, seven miles north of Duke, and 200 at Stafford's point.

CLEARING HOUSE FOR FREIGHT

The Money Subscribed for a New Railroad Project in Chicago.

CHICAGO, July 10.—The money required for the promotion of the plan for the great railroad freight clearing house at the Stickney track in the southwestern part of the city has been provided. Assurances are given that the enterprise as originally laid out will go ahead without further delay. The Chicago Transfer and Clearing company, the corporation which will manage the property, has a capital of \$4,000,000, and this has been subscribed. Mr. Benson of London, who has been identified with various features of the matter, has agreed, it is said, to put \$1,000,000 into the project. The estate of Roswell P. Flower will invest \$500,000 and H. N. Porter and D. O. Mills have each agreed to take \$1,000,000 of the stock.

It is said 18,000 men will be employed when the scheme is in full operation.

BIG NUGGETS IN KLONDIKE.

A Chicago Man Brings Glowing Reports From the Gold Fields.

TACOMA, Wash., July 10.—Dr. L. O. Wilcoxson of Chicago, who has arrived from Dawson, brings authentic news of a great clean-up that took place in the first half of June, pack trains arriving at Dawson daily from Bonanza, Eldorado, Hunker and Sulphur creeks, each bringing in fortunes in dust.

The largest nuggets yet found in the Klondike were discovered during the clean up. One from claim 4 below on Bonanza weighed sixty and one-half ounces and was valued at \$908. A still larger one, but impregnated with quartz, was found on Gold Hill. It weighed over 100 ounces and is valued at \$1,804.

Its Towing Bill Was \$17,500.

LONDON, July 10.—The admiralty court has awarded \$17,500 salvage to the British steamer Elderslie, for towing the Atlantic transport liner Montana into Falmouth on June 23. The Montana's shaft had broken at sea. Both vessels were bound from New York for London.

Poison in an Old Well's Water.

FORT SMITH, Ark., July 10.—About fifty men employed in cutting railroad ties are ill from fever or water poisoning on Water Cat mountain, twenty miles from here. Several have died. The men pitched their camp near an old well from which water had not been used for several years.

The Fall of Prince Blucher.

BERLIN, July 10.—Measures have been taken to strike off the rolls of the Prussian Herrenhaus, or house of lords, the name of Prince Gebhard Blucher, great-grandson of the famous general who commanded the Prussians at the battle of Waterloo. Several years ago Prince Blucher, who had ruined himself by gambling, fled to New York city, where, it is said, he became naturalized. The great General Blucher was a famous gambler in his day.

PRESENTED TO THE QUEEN.

Miss Susan B. Antoon and Mrs. May Wright Sewall Received.

LONDON, July 10.—A number of the American, colonial and continental guests of the International Congress of Women having expressed a desire to pay their respects to the queen, Lady Aberdeen arranged a trip to Windsor yesterday afternoon, when her majesty assented to the suggestion that she should drive slowly through the quadrangle of the castle and receive a few of the more prominent delegates.

It was about 3:20 when the delegates took up a position in front of the private entrance. A quarter of an hour later her majesty appeared, and Lady Aberdeen made the presentations. Miss Susan B. Antoon, who, with Mrs. May Wright Sewall, the newly elected president of the congress, enjoyed the privilege of presentation, said:

"I had never seen the queen before and could not but feel a thrill when looking into her wonderful face. I saw her, as her life is going out, welcoming this women's movement, which is the precursor of the twentieth century. What pleased me most was when her majesty said:

"Now I cannot have these ladies who are visiting me return without giving them a cup of tea."

"Sir Arthur Begg, the queen's private secretary, replied: 'But, your majesty, they are here in hundreds.' 'I do not care,' said the queen, 'if they are there in thousands, they must all have a cup of tea when they come to see me.'"

"And we had it in the queen's palace as a recognition of the great womanhood of our country."

Mrs. Sewall said: "The queen looked ten years younger than when I saw her three years ago. The whole bearing of her majesty was a symbol that she, who has governed the mightiest of empires for sixty-three years, has finally recognized intuitively, that she crowns her work in recognizing the claims of her sex to equal rights with men."

WILL RETURN TO ZION.

Brigham Young, Jr., Says His People Will Come Back.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 10.—Brigham Young, Jr., while in Independence Thursday, made the rather startling statement that the time was near at hand when all the believers in the Mormon religion will gather there to live. He referred to Independence as the "central stake in Zion." He made this statement in the presence of many Latter Day Saints with whom he visited. He also said that a great temple is to be erected in Independence on the temple lot.

The Mormons were driven out of Jackson county in 1833. In his prediction that the Mormons will return to Independence, Young claims to have been led to the belief by a revelation. He says the Mormons will return in peace to Independence and that they will be welcome. During the recent great conference in Salt Lake of Mormons, Young said, the sentiment expressed that the Mormons would return to Independence met with great favor and enthusiasm. He says he prays daily for the transfer to come to pass.

Mr. Young told friends in Independence that his church had 2,000 missionaries over the world seeking for converts to the faith.

Ask for a Rerhearing.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., July 10.—The seventy-three fire insurance companies against whom the supreme court has ordered a writ of ouster, revoking their licenses to do business in the state for violation of the anti-trust law, have asked a rerhearing of the case. The motion was filed by Judge Given Campbell of St. Louis, representing all the companies, and by Thomas Bates of Chicago, representing some twenty-five of the companies. The court meets again on July 14, and it is expected that it will act on the motion at that time. No one seems to doubt here that the court will overrule the motion.

Kills Father and Maybe Son.

MANFIELD, Mo., July 10.—G. W. Hunter, a merchant at Astoria, shot and instantly killed C. C. Winningham and mortally wounded his son, J. O. Winningham, yesterday. A dispute had arisen over the division of some wheat, and Hunter stepped into his house while the Winningshams drove by and emptied his Winchester into their bodies with the above results. Hunter has given himself up, and ordered Coroner Hanson to the scene of the tragedy. This is the third shooting affray with which Winningham has been connected, having killed a man years ago at Mount Grove in a quarrel over a load of seed wheat.

Stevenson Talks to Lawyers.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., July 10.—Adlai E. Stevenson, formerly vice president of the United States, delivered an address before the Colorado State Bar association on "The Lawyer in Politics." He gave an exhaustive argument in favor of the lawyer taking up politics, although he declared more money could be made by avoiding it.

Agree on Fusion Ticket.

SENeca, Kan., July 10.—The Democratic and Populist county central committees of Nemaha county met here in joint meeting yesterday and agreed upon a fusion county ticket in this fall's election.

Poisoning Still a Mystery.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 10.—The police are still in the dark regarding the poisoning of Mrs. Elsie Scheib and Miss Campbell, who were taken violently ill after eating poisoned candy, sent through the mails.

RUSSIA'S HEIR IS DEAD.

Grand Duke George, Brother to the Czar, Passes Away.

NEXT IN LINE TO THE THRONE.

He Was 28 Years Old—Seven Years Ago He Was Nearly Assassinated in Japan—The Czar's Only Other Brother, Michael, Now Next in Succession.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 11.—The Grand Duke George, brother of the czar and heir-apparent to the throne of Russia, is dead. He was 28 years old.

Duke George was the second son of the late Czar Alexander, and had been in delicate health for several years. He was colonel of the Irkutsk infantry regiment No. 93 and an honorary lieutenant of the Austrian regiment of Uhlanes, "Alexander II, Emperor of Russia," No. 11. But the grand duke's career was not to have been a military, but a naval one. His Imperial Highness being called the "Sailor Prince of Russia."

Seven years ago the Grand Duke George started with his brother, the present czar, for a voyage to India and Eastern Asia—a voyage which nearly resulted in the assassination of the heir to the Russian throne in Japan, his imperial highness being saved by his cousin, Prince George of Greece.

The present czar has three daughters, but no sons, and the grand duke, as next of the male line, was heir apparent.

The czar has one other brother, Michael, 31 years old, who now becomes next in the succession to the empire.

POLES OPPOSE ALLIANCE.

Meet in Chicago and Declare Against Any Deal With Great Britain.

CHICAGO, July 11.—The Polish residents of Chicago, at a meeting here last night, denounced the Anglo-American alliance.

In opposition to the promoters of the meeting and in favor of the Anglo-American alliance, John M. Sienkiewicz made a bitter speech, in which he pleaded with those present to stand by America and Poland first, before protesting against alliances with the English people, who have always been in sympathy with Poland and her cause. He said that though the Poles as a liberty-loving people will always stand ready to help the Irish people, yet he claimed that they must first stand by Poland and her cause, which, in his view, would be furthered by endorsing and favoring America's alliance with England. He urged that the reason for the alliance was the near struggle for liberty, for England and America joined together would annihilate the Russian power. The Irish people would, in that event, side with Russia, Poland's enemy, because Russia's victory over England would mean freedom to Ireland. The result of his speech was that when the resolutions were offered opposing the alliance of America with England, those present were about equally divided on the vote.

Mass meetings for and against the alliance will be organized all over the city among the Poles, and resolutions of protest and indorsement will be sent to Washington by the Poles.

TEXAS FLOOD DAMAGE.

Thirty-Seven People Drowned and Property Loss Will Be \$8,500,000.

Galveston, Texas, July 11.—Relief work in the Brazos flooded district has been systematized, three relief trains leaving Houston, Galveston and San Antonio daily. Probably 20,000 negroes are now being fed and will need to be sustained for some time by the relief committees. The water is falling at all points except in Brazoria county.

All sorts of estimates are made as to the amount of cotton loss. An estimate of 50 per cent is considered conservative. This will be a money loss of \$5,000,000. The loss sustained by the destruction of other crops, houses, fencing, stock and bridges would be \$2,500,000, while the loss to the railroads is probably \$1,000,000, making a total of \$8,500,000. Reports received from thirteen counties show a loss of thirty-seven lives from drowning. Negroes supposed to have been drowned continue to appear and want to be fed.

WHEN DEWEY GETS HIS SWORD

Secretary Long's Plan to Give Congress Gift to the Admiral.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—A letter has been sent to Admiral Dewey, through Secretary Long, telling him of the program citizens of Washington have arranged for his reception.

Secretary Long will present to Admiral Dewey, on the east front of the capitol, in the presence of the President and citizens of Washington, the sword voted him by Congress. The President has approved the program.

Goebel's Nomination.

BOWLING GREEN, Ky., July 11.—Ever since the Democratic convention at Louisville two weeks ago there has been talk of another Democratic state ticket. The anti-Goebel Democrats of Warren have called a meeting here for to-day. In the event of the initial movement here being taken up in other parts of the state, Hon. John D. Carroll, Colonel W. C. P. Breckinridge and ex-Governor J. Proctor Knott are spoken of for the nomination for governor. So far, however, this movement is limited to certain localities.

AROUND THE WORLD IN 40 DAYS.

What the Trans Siberian Railway Will Do for Commerce.

WASHINGTON, July 11.—Herbert D. Pierce, first secretary of the United States embassy to Russia, has been in Washington several days on leave of absence from his post. It has afforded an opportunity for talks with the President and State department officials on Russian affairs, both political and commercial, and the imparting of much interesting information which could not be brought by the channels of official reports.

The Transiberian railway, with its track stretching across 4,000 miles of the north of the continent, was one of Mr. Pierce's chief topics of conversation. "People outside of Russia hardly realize how nearly completed the Transiberian railway is," Mr. Pierce said.

"I was told recently by Prince Hilkooff, minister of ways of communication, who has charge of this great work, that he expected to make a trip around the world in forty days during the coming Paris exposition, going by way of the Transiberian route, and he had the kindness to ask me to accompany him upon the trip. Even now the route is almost continuous from Moscow to the Amoor river and thence to Vladivostok, upon the Pacific coast, with the exception of a comparatively short stretch which has to be covered with post horses. Once open, this will mark almost a commercial revolution, giving a highway from Western Europe to the Pacific, and from our Pacific coast into the far East, and thence to Eastern Europe."

The roadbed is well constructed, the track well ballasted, generally with stone, and the grades easy. It has a five foot gauge and the cars are unusually broad and high. The bridges are mostly all of steel and the wooden ones are rapidly replaced. All along the route the stations are artistic and equal to those on the best American roads. There is an army of guards. The road is divided into two sections of two-thirds of a mile each. For each section is built a neat cottage in which the guard and his family live. It is the duty of the guard to patrol a section night and day. As soon as a train passes the guard steps into the middle of the track, holds a flag or lantern aloft, and watches the train until it passes into the next section. A train is never out of sight of a guard.

"The road is so well along that trains are run out of Moscow which would astonish even Americans as models of elegance," Mr. Pierce said. "These trains have not only baths, libraries and other modern equipments, but a complete gymnasium to beguile the long trip through Siberia. The original purpose of Russia was to make the route one for military and strategic purposes, linking the capital and other large centers with the naval rendezvous at Vladivostok. But now commerce and travel over the road have quite overshadowed the strategic purpose, and Russia finds that she has opened a highway which is to be one of the great channels of the world. In time, possibly, the route will be diverted southward through Chinese Manchuria, to permit a terminus at Russia's new and important leasehold at Port Arthur. But for the present, Vladivostok continues to be considered its commercial terminus on the Pacific."

Russia offers a great field for American investment, Mr. Pierce believes. "The relations between the United States and Russia," he said, "were never on a more cordial basis than at present, and the friendship which is traditional between the two countries finds constant expression in Russia, not only among officials, but also among the people of all classes. It is not too much to say that from the emperor down to the peasantry there is a sincere friendship for us and a desire to become acquainted with American methods and to make use in Russia of the skill and ingenuity which have advanced this country with such great strides."

"For this reason there is a great opening in Russia for American capital, and for the introduction of American machinery and methods of doing business. It is an immense field, far beyond anything realized by the people in this country. Russia is just entering an era of tremendous prosperity—a sort of commercial and industrial awakening. Here is the new field for American enterprise and capital, for, with our Pacific coast facilities, the Philippines and the Transiberian railroad route, there is ready access for our goods into the very heart of Russia."

Gold Standard for India.

LONDON, July 11.—The report of the parliamentary committee on Indian currency just issued in the form of a blue book, approves the decision of the government not to revert to a silver standard. It argues that it would be impossible to maintain the status quo permanently, and, therefore, recommends that measures be taken to introduce a gold standard, with the British sovereign as legal tender, and advises that the Indian mites be allowed to coin gold without restrictions on the same terms as the Australian mints.

To Invite William to St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, July 11.—Congressman Barthold of Missouri is here, and intends to interview Von Buelow, minister of foreign affairs, and Emperor William. He says he will invite the kaiser to attend the St. Louis World's fair, to be held in 1904.

Drowned in the Marais des Cygnes.

OTTAWA, Kan., July 11.—Charles Oakes, a single man about 25 years old, was drowned here in the Marais des Cygnes. It is thought he took cramps. His brother almost lost his life in attempting to rescue the drowning man.