

NEWS OF NEBRASKA

Brief Summary of the Doings of the State

THE PAST WEEK IN DETAIL

Tragic and Ordinary Happenings in All Nebraska Towns—State, County and Municipal Items That are of Importance to Our Readers—Interesting Little Items

Wednesday, September 6.
 Corporal George Hirst of Grand Island, died with typhoid fever and appendicitis.

J. S. Dillenbeck, of near Pleasant Dale, is now taking out gold on his farm in paying quantities.

It is charged that J. H. Moore, a pastor near Diller, has skipped out with another woman and left his wife and four children.

The institute for the blind at Nebraska City opens on Wednesday, and a large number of student have arrived to be on hand at the opening.

The "bay" for the bombardment of Manila during the reunion is laid out on the fair grounds at Lincoln, and is to be 100 feet wide and 200 feet long.

The starch works plant at Nebraska City has begun operations again after being shut down for repairs and overhauling, and will be in full blast by the close of the week.

The striking carpenters at Omaha held a meeting and decided that all carpenters not getting 35 cents per hour would quit work. Another meeting will be held today and the contractors will attend.

The deed of the Argo Starch plant at Nebraska City to the United States Starch company, which comprises four of the largest starch plants in the country, was filed for record yesterday. It required \$125.20 in revenue stamps.

W. A. Fitzgerald of Hastings, has filed suit for divorce against his wife. It will be remembered that sometime ago M. Fitzgerald advertised for his wife, who left while he was away on a trip, being a traveling man. It is alleged she was traveling over the state with a Dr. Rea, hence the suit for divorce.

Thursday, September 7.
 Work on the Dakota & Wyoming railroad has been resumed near Chadron.

Rev. D. E. Smith of Lincoln was married to Miss Velma Wherry of Pawnee City Wednesday.

Thomas Doody has sued Lancaster county for \$5,000 damages, for falling through a bridge with a threshing engine.

A threshing machine and 1,000 bushels of grain were destroyed by fire on the farm of D. E. Simmons, near Reynolds.

Geo. Kelley, a farmer near Tekamah, was shot in the leg by a haying outfit near his place, whose corn his horses had destroyed.

Arrangements have been made for the transportation of the First Nebraska regiment to the reception at Lincoln September 13, 14 and 15.

H. E. Pankonin's storage house at Louisville was destroyed by fire. It was filled with wagons, buggies, and farm implements. Loss about \$5,000.

Fred Hipke of Fremont failed to appear at his own wedding with a Miss Anderson, aged 18. The groom elect took his bicycle and left for parts unknown.

George Rutherford of Fremont lost two fingers while repairing his bicycle. While the wheel was running they were caught between the chain and sprocket wheel.

The court house at Wahoo narrowly escaped destruction by fire Tuesday. An adjoining building took fire, but the excellent work of the fire department saved the larger building.

Sheriff Ferris of Saunders county was peppered with an old shotgun by J. J. Johnson on the latter's farm near Mead. The sheriff had gone to Johnson's house to levy on some property. The wounds are not dangerous.

Saturday, September 9.
 Mrs. Maria Culbertson of Peru celebrated her one hundredth birthday today.

The Second regiment of the Nebraska national guard is now encamped at Camp Stotsenburg, Lincoln park.

The corner stone of Tekamah's new high school building was laid yesterday afternoon by the Masonic fraternity.

Robert Cason of Geneva fell from a scaffold and broke his left hip. As he is in poor health it is feared he will not recover.

The dates of the Johnson county fair are September 19, 20, 21 and 22. It will be the thirtieth annual exhibition of the association. It is believed the exhibits will be numerous. A good speed program has been arranged.

Three Humboldt young men, Henry Bracelan, George and Roll Wright, have started for the Klondike to seek their fortunes. Will Bracelan, a brother of the first named, has been in the gold fields for about a year and now owns a valuable claim, and it is to assist in operating this that the other young men are going.

Saturday, September 23 has been selected by the State Traveling Men's association to make their parade at Lincoln in connection with the street fair.

Owen W. Oakley, who has been on the training ship, Monongahela, which was supposed to have been lost at sea, will arrive in Lincoln today and will visit his parents during this month.

The struggle for the children of H. B. Van Horn terminated at Lincoln in Judge Cochran's court by his allowing the grandmother, Mrs. Rachel E. Jones, to be appointed their guardian. The case has been before the public in several forms of late and is interesting because criminal prosecutions are pending in Kansas against the children of Mrs. Jones, who, with Mrs. Jones are charged with kidnaping the children in the case.

Monday, September 11.
 The Primitive Christians are building a new church in Panama.

O. A. Cooper of Humboldt has been engaged to feed 1,000 steers this winter.

Mrs. T. F. Brown, an aged lady, was quite badly injured by falling backwards down an open cellar way at her home in Columbus.

The remains of Mrs. Dr. Root, who died in Nebraska City a few days ago, were brought to Weeping Water for burial Friday afternoon.

Superintendent Hoxie of the Kearney industrial school has captured a small colored boy named Will Allen, who ran away from the school and was arrested at Omaha.

A bridge was burned out on the Elkhorn about half a mile north of Davey Saturday night. A dump car and some ties were found on the track, and it is believed an attempt was made to wreck a train.

At the request of the members of the Otoe county bar Judge Ramsey last evening adjourned district court until September 25, and the petit jury has been notified to be on hand at that time. This is done owing to the number of conventions and other gatherings in the county within the next two weeks.

Tuesday, September 12.
 Martin Wheeler of Nebraska City was killed by the cars at Omaha last night.

Jacob North, an old settler and well known publisher of Lincoln, died last Monday night of diabetes.

A pile of ties were found on the Rock Island track near Ellis. A detective thinks he has a clue.

C. Gee Wo, the Chinese doctor of Omaha, is wanted by the police for selling medicine without a license.

Charles Delaney of Harvard is suffering with an abscess back of an eye, and doctors have given him up.

Plotts and Bigelow have been bound over to the district court for shooting George Kelley near Tekamah.

Mrs. L. C. Hoeking of Hastings was so badly burned by the explosion of a gasoline stove that she is not expected to live.

Fred Hipke, who is wanted at Fremont for statutory rape on Miss Laura Anderson, has been arrested at Ida Grove, Ia.

Over 500 soldiers are in attendance at camp Stotsenburg at Lincoln. The boys are in good health and having a good time.

The Swedish Methodists dedicated a new church at Holdredge last Sunday. Many prominent ministers were in attendance.

The executive committee of the Nebraska state press association has decided to hold the next meeting at Lincoln January 23 and 24.

E. Jerome, who shot Sam Pope at Fremont last August, had his preliminary hearing. His bond was fixed at \$4,000 and he will have to stay in jail.

Auditor Cornell has refused to admit the Pacific Surety Company of San Francisco to do business in the state, saying they have not complied with the law.

An injunction has been served on the mayor and city council of Lincoln, to prevent them accepting the \$65,000 compromise on back taxes the street railway company.

Harry and Sally Rickards, husband and wife, were arrested at the Rock Island depot in Lincoln at an early hour yesterday morning after they had been ejected from a box car. They were traveling westward on a freight train, and said they had come from Des Moines.

Word has been received by Manager D. P. Rolfe of the Nebraska City Water and Light company, that the new machinery and apparatus for overhauling and enlarging the company's plant has been ordered and will be placed in position as soon as the orders are filled and delivered.

Conductor B. F. Dennison of the Burlington, who has charge of the run from Nebraska City to Superior, is a heavy loafer by the closing of the Atchison National bank at Atchison, Kan., which occurred recently, as he had \$10,000 on deposit there. He has gone to that city to see what he can save from the wreck.

Bible to the Civil War.
 A practical western newspaper writer says that "statistics gathered from religious periodicals and women's magazines show that fully half the bullets fired in the late war were turned aside from the heart of the man shot at by a pocket Bible given him by his weeping sweet heart or his mother."

How to Do It.
 Mr. Pryer—Please tell me how you manage to discover your husband's secrets? Mrs. Pert—By picking his locks.—Boston Courier.

A RICH MAN DIES

Cornelius Vanderbilt Stricken at His New York Home

THE SUMMONS VERY SUDDEN

Suffers Paralytic Stroke in Early Morning—Leaves a Fortune Estimated at a Hundred Millions—Closely Connected With Many Vast Enterprises.

Cornelius Vanderbilt, head of the Vanderbilt family, died at his residence in New York city Wednesday from a stroke of paralysis. Mr. Vanderbilt was in his fifty-sixth year. No physician was in attendance. The attack was very sudden and entirely unexpected and it was impossible to reach any physician before death occurred. Dr. Francis Delafield, who had been attending Mr. Vanderbilt, arrived at the house after Mr. Vanderbilt's death had occurred. Many erroneous statements were made concerning the circumstances surrounding the death of Mr. Vanderbilt.

A PLEA FOR PARDON.

Paris Paper Urges Clemency for Dreyfus

Under the head of "Pacification" the Temps urges the government to take advantage of the present conditions and pardon Dreyfus, which, it adds, would put the finishing touches to the Rennes verdict, and would permit France to occupy herself with the affairs of the country and the exhibition.

At today's cabinet council the premier, M. Waldeck-Rousseau, informed his colleagues that he had received reports from the prefects of the various departments which showed that the verdict of the Rennes court-martial had been everywhere received quietly.

Up to this hour it is presumed the council took no action in the Dreyfus or other matters of great importance. It was one of the frequent meetings held by the cabinet, and was not hurriedly called, being announced several days ago. No special importance is attached to it.

REVOLUTION IN VENEZUELA.

Rebels Gaining Headway and Government Strength Waning.

The steamer Philadelphia from Venezuelan ports; brings news of the spread of the revolution, and the waning strength of the government. The insurgent leader, Gen. Cipriano Castro, has 10,000 men under his command.

A strict censorship of cable dispatches has been established. Mail matter is freely opened and a close watch is kept upon outgoing passengers. President Andrade has purchased a Spanish gunboat with an equipment of eight guns.

A fierce battle was fought on August 23, near Barquisimeto, when the insurgents captured 2,000 government troops and secured a large quantity of ammunition.

RECRUITS FOR THE ARMY.

Lieutenant Orton Wants Men for the Thirty-ninth.

Lieutenant A. W. Orton, of the Thirty-ninth regiment, two battalions of which are now stationed at Fort Crook, is in Lincoln and will open up a recruiting office, probably in the federal building. He expects to stay in Lincoln ten days or two weeks, and during this time may open up recruiting offices in other towns nearby. He is stopping at the Lincoln hotel, and will select a surgeon to make examinations of the candidates for enlistment. Lieutenant Orton thinks the Thirty-ninth will be ready for service by the end of six weeks, and says that it will be sent to the Philippines as soon as the ranks are filled.

NORTH DAKOTA TOWN BURNS.

Hired Girl and Gasoline Responsible for Bad Fire.

Northwood, N. D., was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday. The blaze started in the National hotel through the carelessness on the part of a hired girl who was using gasoline to kill bedbugs, and inside of three hours the entire business portion was destroyed. The loss is estimated at \$200,000. Fifty business firms have lost their entire belongings. Postmaster Ellington was seriously injured by falling glass and timbers. Very few of the buildings carried any insurance.

Lower Average for Crops.

The September report of the statistician of the department of agriculture shows the following averages of condition on September 1:

Corn 85.2, wheat 70.9, oats 87.2, rye 82, buckwheat 75.2, potatoes 86.3, barley 86.7.

New Venezuelan Cabinet.

A new cabinet has been formed in Venezuela with Senhor Calcano as foreign minister. President Andrade has left Caracas to take command of the troops operating against General Castro, the revolutionary leader.

BANDITS TAKE THEIR TIME.

Mail Clerks Tell of Robbery on Southern Pacific.

The west-bound Southern Pacific express, which was held up near Cochise, Ariz., arrived at Los Angeles on time. The express car is a wreck and shows the effect of the dynamite used by the robbers. How much they secured is not known, but the amount is not believed to be in excess of \$10,000. Mail Clerk C. B. Adair, who is a special baggage man, talked freely about the hold up. He said:

"We were just ready to pull out of Cochise when the door of the car was thrust open and a man with a black mask covered me with his rifle and yelled: 'Throw up your hands.' Instead of throwing up my hands I jumped back into the car. He commanded me to come out and you can bet that I did. The next thing I knew was that I was standing on the platform in line with the station agent, mail clerk, fireman and engineer. They made us all hold up our hands, and while one of the robbers searched us the others covered us with their guns. Then they blew up the safe with dynamite, taking plenty of time for the work. After they got through plundering the car they told us we had better not go away for fifteen minutes and they started to walk back toward Cochise, about seventy-five yards from the track. Just as they left some one fired five shots. These were the only ones fired during the holdup."

THE FEVER SPREADS.

Yellow Fever at Tampa, Florida, and Death Follows.

The city council at Jackson, Miss., held a special meeting and passed resolutions advising people not to create a panic over the outbreak of fever like the one a year ago. The quarantine of the entire state against New Orleans went into effect Monday at noon. All trains from that city carry inspectors. City Clerk Porter, the only patient at Jackson, is considerably better.

The total number of yellow fever cases up to date at Key West is 189, of which twelve have been reported in the past twenty-four hours. The physicians failed to report Monday night. No deaths have occurred in the past twenty-four hours. President Henderson of the board of health states that he and Dr. Whedon had investigated the report of cases at Port Tampa and failed to find even one suspicious case.

FOOD SUPPLY SHUT OFF.

Paris Police Put the Guerillas in Bad Predicament.

Three men who have been engaged in supplying food to M. Guerin, the president of the anti-Semite league in Paris, who with a number of companions, has been entrenched at the headquarters of the league in Rue de Chabrol since August 12, were arrested after a struggle with the police, during which one gendarme was badly kicked in the stomach.

The prisoners had secured rooms opposite the house, from which, by night, they passed food to him by means of a rope.

A CHALLENGE TO ESTERHAZY

A Swordsman of Kansas City Wants to Fight Him.

Thomps Phelan, a broadswordman and crack pistol shot of Kansas City, has issued a challenge to Count Esterhazy to fight him in a duel in defense of Captain Alfred Dreyfus. Captain Phelan has engaged in several personal encounters and is a man of fearless character. He is said to be backed by several prominent local Jews, who have guaranteed his passage to England to meet Esterhazy. He is a veteran of the civil war.

Five Boys Find Trouble.

Five boys were arrested at Lincoln by Special Officer Ingersoll and placed in jail for stealing a "burrough" from C. F. Harpham. It appeared from the evidence as gleaned by the police that the boys spent the night at the reunion grounds and about 5 o'clock in the morning had found a burro belonging to Mr. Harpham in an alley back of Mr. Harpham's place. The boys undertook to have some fun with the animal, and in their perambulations got some distance from home. Later in the day prosecution was dropped, as the boys declared they had not taken the burro from its pen.

Has His Leg Amputated.

W. P. Stratton of Bloomington, who was kicked on the leg several years ago by a mule, and later was injured by his team running away, has had his leg amputated close to the hip. The operation was successful, but being fifty years old and in poor health, his recovery is doubtful.

British Steamer Ashore.

The British steamer Thermopylae, from Sydney, N. S. W., to London, has gone ashore at the entrance to Cape town port. The sea is breaking over her, she is filled with water and will probably become a wreck. The passengers and crew, and a quantity of specie, which she had on board, were landed with difficulty.

Three Suffocated by Gas.

Two members of the fire department and a child of four years were killed by gases in a vault at Cincinnati, O.

A NEW DEAL MADE

Aguinaldo Adopts a Conservative Policy.

BETTER MEN AT THE HELM

Chooses Advisors From Among Those of Standing—Plan of Registration to Levy on the Chinese—Cabinet Meeting Discusses Local Government in Philippines.

A Filipino who has arrived at Manila from Tarlac says an extraordinary session of the revolutionary congress took place at Tarlac August 24. Aguinaldo presided and chose Mabini as president of the supreme court and Gonzaga as attorney general. They both represent the most conservative and temperate element.

Mabini, who recently resigned the foreign secretaryship, is the ablest man connected with the revolution. Gonzaga was the president of the last peace commission. The proceedings of the congress disproved the report that Aguinaldo had declared himself dictator.

A decree has been issued by the Filipinos compelling the registration of all foreigners in Filipino territory. The Chinese, who are a large faction of the population, are considered foreigners, including those born in the Philippine islands. Applications must be made on stamped paper, which figures largely in all the business transactions of the insurrectionary government. This seems to be largely a scheme to tax Chinamen.

The cabinet meeting at Washington was devoted almost entirely to the discussion of the local governments which will be established in the Philippines on the cessation of hostilities.

Secretary Root has given the matter much thought and his views as expressed at the meeting were received with approval by all of the members present. He pointed out the system of government that would be suited to the people of Luzon would hardly do for some of the other islands, where the inhabitants were far less advanced.

A member of the cabinet, in speaking of the matter, said that Secretary Root displayed a broad statesmanship, and a knowledge of the social and economic conditions of the islands.

A cable has been received from General Otis which says:

"Newport sailed yesterday, nine officers, sixty-six enlisted men, 463 discharged men, ten civilians; part of enlisted men belonged to volunteer signal corps, remainder sick."

A BRAKEMAN CUT TO PIECES

Fremont Man Falls From Elkhorn Freight and is Killed.

Frank Burk, an Elkhorn brakeman, who lives at Fremont, fell from the top of freight train No. 41 at Debolt Place Thursday night and was literally cut to pieces. No one saw the accident nor suspected anything wrong until the train reached Omaha, and it was discovered that one brakeman was missing. Going back along the line Burke's body, horribly mangled, was found across the track. His brother at Fremont was notified and will accompany the remains to Sleepy Eye, Minn., where interment will take place. Burke was about twenty-seven years old and unmarried. He had been in the Elkhorn's employ for about five years.

EVERYTHING READY FOR WAR

But Britons Say They Will Have Patience.

A special dispatch received at London from Lady Smith at Natal says that the British troops there are actively engaged in maneuvers over the hilly country subsequent to a parade of the force. Continuing the dispatch says:

"With the transportation and equipment, the finest ever seen in South Africa, and the health of the men excellent, everything is ready for war. All the advices confirm the presence of a large number of armed Boers on the border. They are described as being bellicose, and it is rumored that they are completing arrangements to poison all pools and springs that might supply the invading force with water. Unrest is reported among the Natal natives, and this, it is suspected, is due to Boer influences.

Timber Land Burned Over.

H. G. Hanaker, forest superintendent of the Black Hills reserve, came in from the vicinity of Spearfish where he has been fighting the timber fire for several days with a big force of men. The fire has burned over twelve miles of territory, some of the best territory in the Hills having been totally destroyed. A number of ranchers were burned out, but no lives were reported lost. The fire is under control temporarily, but a heavy wind would case it to break out again.

BUT LITTLE HOPE

Plea by Labor Unlikely and His Attitude Criticized.

That Captain Dreyfus will be condemned is the almost only opinion heard in Rennes. Hitherto there had always been a divergence, but now both camps, the Dreyfusards and the anti-Dreyfusards, seem unanimous in the opinion that the verdict will go against the accused.

Upon just what this is based and the precise reason for the conclusion are a mystery, but there is no disputing the fact that from M. Labori down to the numerous Dreyfusards who crowd the hotels and cafes, and who last night were still hopeful that Dreyfus would be saved, all seem now to agree that his last chance is gone.

The one source of hope is M. Labori himself, who has stated to the correspondents that "we fear that Captain Dreyfus will be condemned, but we do not intend to throw up the sponge. We shall go on fighting for him."

M. Jaures, the socialist leader, and other prominent Dreyfusards expressed a similar opinion. Excitement is at fever heat, and nothing is discussed but the verdict.

The military precautions are of the most elaborate character, and no attempt at disorder is likely to have the slightest success. Orders have been issued to repress the first symptom of trouble with an iron hand.

Maitre Demange at once opened his speech for the defense. In eloquent terms and with impressive delivery he brought out strong evidence against Esterhazy. During the course of his remarks he cried:

"Do you think if Dreyfus and Esterhazy had been before the court-martial of 1894 that the court would have condemned Captain Dreyfus?" As he asked this question counsel pointed to the prisoner sitting before him and added: "No."

The front rows of the chief witnesses' seats were empty except for the presence of M. Trarieux, the former minister of justice, and M. Cavaignac, former minister of war, all the generals and officers having left Rennes by order of the minister of war, General de Gallifet. Colonel Picquart has also left Rennes, although he holds no rank in the army.

Dreyfus listened to the oration of M. Demange with a mask of impassibility resembling his frozen attitude during the first days of the trial. Whatever the prisoner's feelings were as he heard M. Demange's plea in his behalf, he carefully concealed them.

At 11 o'clock M. Demange was still speaking and he announced that he would need another two hours and a half to finish his plea, so that the court adjourned until 7:30 tomorrow morning.

There was a rumor after adjournment of the court that M. Labori had decided not to speak, the idea being that his omission from so doing, in view of the irritating effect his every utterance has had on the court would be rather an advantage than otherwise to Dreyfus.

LOOKING OUT FOR NUMBER 1

General Jimenez Has Personal Interests to Advance.

Dominican advices say that the apparently enthusiastic and ostensible national demonstration prepared in Santo Domingo for Juan Isidor Jimenez is not altogether representative of the real popular sentiment. It is now beginning to appear that while the nation accepted the revolution on the tacit understanding that the incubus of party politics would be permanently removed by securing an American protectorate, Jimenez' party was already working for his personal interest, to the establishment of which they propose utilizing the victory, if they can compass his constitutional election.

Knocks Them Out of Bed.

During a heavy electric storm at Nebraska City on Thursday morning a large maple tree at the corner of Ninth street and third corso was struck by lightning and split from top to bottom, the lightning passing under the sidewalk and tearing it up quite badly. The limbs of the tree nearly touched the window of the room occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Elias Overton and they were knocked out of bed.

Many New Cases of Fever.

Thirty cases of yellow fever have been reported at Key West during the past twenty-four hours, bringing the total so far as known up to 127. Two deaths have been reported during the past twenty-four hours, making the total number of deaths nine. The weather is still very warm and rainy and favorable for the spread of the disease.

Killed on Duty.

D. S. Quick, a switchman in the employ of the Burlington road at Lincoln, was killed yesterday at 12 o'clock while engaged in the freight yards. He fell from a freight car to the track while the car was running, and died almost instantly from the injuries received. Mr. Quick lived at 2539 South Tenth street with his wife and two children. He had been employed as switchman only since August 9, having worked as truckman till that time.