

Red Cloud Chief.

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RED CLOUD. - NEBRASKA

The less there is in a dude's pockets the better his clothes fit him.

A man's height in the social world is estimated by the length of his purse.

A Philadelphia young man, who is heir to \$5,000,000, has been abducted. Search the girls.

New York is enthusing over a young violinist by the name of Petschnikoff. He certainly has the name of a genius.

The Hon. Thomas Reed, practicing lawyer, is the central figure in court, but the "czar" privileges are entirely history.

All other dramatic failures of the season have been as naught compared with Capt. Carter's debut as the American Dreyfus.

The Pittsburg Telegraph says: "Sausage links are now more conspicuous than golf links." Let it be hoped that neither variety will join the missing links.

That Chicago "buggy robber" is not wholly up to date in his extensive operations. He should ride in a horseless carriage and commit only cashless robberies.

An exchange is worried over a New York paper's headline reading: "General Wood Ordered Home by Cable." Perhaps "General Wood Ordered (by cable) Home" might be more intelligible to some exchange editors.

The humorist's assertion that talk is cheap, women's half price, seems in the whirligig of time to have brought in its own revenge. At the recent international council of Congregationalists, every speaker exceeded the time allotted him, thus encroaching upon the privileges of his successor. At a subsequent meeting of a state federation of women's clubs, only a single speaker overstepped the limit of time, and the exception was a man!

Persons sometimes wonder why patent medicines, prepared foods and other proprietary articles take such outlandish and heretofore unheard-of names. Mr. Duell, the commissioner of patents, in an address on trademarks before the commercial congress made it clear. The government cannot allow a man to use his own name as a trademark, for other men may have the same name. Neither can he use a geographical term, for other people have a right to that as well. Any descriptive word denoting the qualities or ingredients of the article is also unavailable, for other producers might use the same materials and be entitled to the same descriptive adjectives.

Interrogation, as a figure of speech, may be made quite effective when used by a writer, but must be treated warily by the orator, lest it provoke disconcerting replies. Mr. Andrew Carnegie delights in repeating a story of his youthful days in Scotland. He says that a minister, who gave full value for salary received, and ordinarily preached for an hour, one morning, when in splendid condition, spoke for an hour and a half. Then, without turning a hair, he remarked that what he had hitherto spoken concerned the major prophets. He would now turn to the minor prophets. "But what place," he asked dramatically, "shall we reserve for Malachi?" Just here a restless sister of the flock rose from her seat under the pulpit, noisily dropped her psalm-book, made her way down the aisle, and after opening the heavy, creaking door, turned to face the astonished pastor and people. "Malachi," she said, succinctly, "Malachi may have my place!"

The aggregate number of passengers carried during the year ending June 30, 1898, as returned in the annual reports of railroads, was 501,066,681, indicating an increase, as compared with the year ending June 30, 1897, of 11,621,483. The number of passengers carried one mile during the year was 13,379,930,094, there being an increase of 1,122,990,357 as compared to the year previous. The increased density of passenger traffic is shown by the fact that in 1898 the number of passengers carried one mile per mile of line was 72,462, as compared with 66,874 for the previous year. The corresponding figure for 1893, however, was \$3,809. The number of tons of freight carried during the year was \$79,006,307, there being an increase of 137,300,361. The number of tons of freight carried one mile was 114,077,576,305, which, compared with the previous year, shows the large increase of 18,938,554,080. The number of tons of freight carried one mile per mile of line was 617,810, which is 98,731 greater than the corresponding item for the year preceding.

In attempting to regulate the apparel of the schoolma'ams of Kansas City, the superintendent of schools of that town is not only getting beyond the outskirts of his official authority, but is also getting so far behind the procession, that there is no possibility of his being ready for the twentieth century when it arrives. He has gone on record as being opposed to a movement that promises more for the liberation of womankind from the thralldom of senseless fashion than any similar reform of the century.

IS A BOER TRIUMPH

British Reverse at Stormberg Was Very Decisive.

A TOTAL OF 622 PRISONERS TAKEN

Cronje Holds Good Position in Front of Methuen—Desperate Condition of Affairs at Ladysmith—Defenders Are Now on Half Rations.

Six hundred and seventy-two British prisoners were taken at Stormberg by the Boers, says a Pretoria dispatch. In the fighting at Modder river General Cronje maintained his position and captured fifty British soldiers. The following dispatch has been received from the Boer laager near Ladysmith:

"Several Kaffir runners from Ladysmith to Estcourt have been captured. They received from fifteen pounds to forty pounds for the trip. The intercepted messages show that men and horses in Ladysmith are now on half rations, that whisky is one pound a bottle and that beer is exhausted."

Sorties by the British armored train and Boer shelling of the town continues, says a Mafeking telegram of November 30. The British have had but few casualties. Last evening the proctored regiment managed to occupy an outpost where the British Lee-Metfords could reach the enemy's big gun, and the result was that the effectiveness of the Boer fire was materially reduced.

London Still in Suspense.

No further news has been received at London to remove the mystery overhanging General Gatacre's retreat from Stormberg. He has not yet forwarded the promised additional message and the censorship has prevented the correspondents from explaining the matter.

As time goes on it becomes evident that General Gatacre's misfortune or error will delay the invasion of the Free State perhaps some weeks. It is exceedingly probable that he will be compelled to retire on Queenstown and to wait for reinforcements, which can hardly reach him until Sir Charles Warren's division arrives at the Cape.

Dies on His Way Home.

Bradford Hutchins, a passenger on a Burlington train, died at Hastings of consumption. He was en route to his home in New Hampshire from a trip to the mountains. His body was turned over to the coroner at Hastings and his wife in the east was notified. The body will be forwarded to New Hampshire for burial.

Ask Viceroy's Degradation.

The French government has formally demanded of China the degradation of the viceroy of Canton because the order to execute the Chinese magistrate who was responsible for the murder of two French officers at Montao has not been carried out.

Oppose Sunday Closing Movement.

The ordinance requiring all business houses to close on Sunday failed to pass the Humboldt council at their last meeting and the advocates of Sunday closing are now starting a move to enforce the state law regarding keeping open on this day. The principal opponents of the move are the confectioners and cigar men.

Relic Craze Rampant.

There have been many visitors to the cricket grounds at Maysville, Ky., where Richard Coleman, colored, the assailant and murderer of Mrs. James Lashbrook, was tortured and burned to death. There is a craze among the visitors for relics. The tree has been cut up, and even the cinders and other charred articles have been gathered up.

He Fought With Dewey.

Dr. Aldrich Hammer of the United States navy, was in Nebraska City recently on a visit with his sister, Mrs. William Nelson. He has been in the navy for fifteen years and was with Dewey at the battle of Manila. He has been assigned to the charge of the government medical store house at Mare Island, Cal.

Buying Missouri Mules.

Captain Marshall, an officer in the British army, has closed a contract with a local firm for 1,000 Missouri mules, to be used in South Africa. It is expected that other contracts may be let within a short time for 10,000 more animals.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF

In a drunken fight near Weaver, Ia., Charles Mahew stabbed his stepson to death.

Several democrats in congress favor the republican currency bill and will vote for it.

No government bonds were offered for redemption at New York and it is believed no more offerings will be forthcoming unless Secretary Gage advances the bid price.

The report that Denmark has offered the Danish West Indies for sale is contradicted.

The British government will furnish the Boers lists of the Boer prisoners held by the British government, and information as to their condition. The Boers will be expected to reciprocate.

ALEJANDRINO SURRENDERS

Filipino Commander and His Staff in General MacArthur's Hands.

An expedition headed by the battleship Oregon have left Manila for Subig, says a Manila dispatch. It is reported that the Filipino commander, General Alejandrino, with his staff, has surrendered to General MacArthur and there is also a rumor that Alejandrino is at Aguilar suffering from a wound received in a fight between insurgents and bandits, and that he will be given an opportunity to surrender and will be properly cared for.

Major Spence, with a column of the Thirty-second regiment, captured a new insurgent camp, an uncompleted stronghold in the Tassan district. He left Dinalupun and marched ten miles along mountain trails, finally encountering a large band of insurgents, who retreated after a brisk skirmish. The Americans had no losses.

The records of the treasury of the so-called Filipino government, together with a quantity of paper money and another Nordenfeldt, have been found at Mangatarama.

Three Americans who, with a commissary sergeant of the Twelfth infantry were traveling from San Fernando to Angeles, left their escort for a moment and went into the brush. As they did not return speedily a search was made for them, but they could not be found. They were probably captured by the rebels.

A mail orderly disappeared between Angeles and Bamban. He also is supposed to have been captured. A force of one hundred insurgents attacked near Balinguag a wagon train escorted by thirty men of the Sixteenth infantry. A sharp engagement followed. The Filipinos lost eighteen killed and nine captured. During the recent attack by the insurgents upon Vigan, the Filipinos obtained possession of the plaza, and of a church in the center of the town from which the Americans dislodged them. It seems that the escaped Spaniards obtained guns and fought with the Americans against the insurgents.

MAIL BAG IN A QUEER PLACE

Found Wrapped Around Brake Beam of an Express Train.

A mail bag torn and used up was removed from a brake beam beneath a postal storage car in a Vandalia east-bound train in Terre Haute, Ind. The bag, which contained some valuable mail matter, was wrapped closely around the brake beam and had evidently been picked up at Milford, O., carried through on the fast train to St. Louis, and then brought back east as far as that city before its presence on the brake beam of the car was discovered. Railroad men cannot understand just how the bag managed to become wrapped around the beam so tightly, nor how the railroad inspectors overlooked it. A report was forwarded to Washington.

Discredit the Story.

The family and relatives of Major Logan at Youngstown, O., discredit the story sent out from San Francisco that he was shot by his own men in battle to redress a fancied grievance. Robert Bentley, administrator of Major Logan's estate, says: "The story is too absurd to believe; we have a copy of the report of General Otis filed with the war department that Major Logan was killed by Filipinos in battle, and are satisfied it is correct."

Mrs. Logan and her mother, Mrs. C. V. Andrews, leave next Wednesday for Coronado, Cal., where they will await the remains of Major Logan.

Usual Quarantine Order.

The usual annual quarantine order against the area where the splenic or southern (Texas) fever exists among cattle will be issued shortly by the department of agriculture, to take effect January 1. The order will be substantially like that of last year, the most important difference being that whereas last year the whole of California was included in the proscribed area, the quarantine line now, in view of the co-operation of state authorities, will be drawn across the state in an easterly line from San Francisco.

Attempt to Wreck a Train.

Passenger train No. 306, north-bound, the Fort Scott and Joplin limited, on the Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis railroad, ran into an open switch as the train was slowing for the station at Weir City, Kan. The speed had been greatly reduced and only the engine, No. 19, and tender left the track; no one was injured. The switch had been partly turned by somebody with the evident intention of derailing the train.

Distribution of Seeds.

The department of agriculture will begin its distribution of seeds a little earlier this year than last, shipping them south the beginning of January and perhaps sending a few shortly before the first. This year the seeds for distribution to all parts of the country will consist of 13,000,000 packs of vegetable seeds, 1,588 of flower seeds, besides field and lawn grass seeds.

The republican leaders of Pennsylvania opposed to the leadership of M. S. Quay, who has been holding conferences in Philadelphia within the past month, have given as a result of their deliberations an address to the republicans of Pennsylvania in which they declare that a "condition of affairs now exists in our commonwealth which is repugnant to republican principles and destructive of republican government," and that "unless these conditions meet with prompt, effective and disinterested action our party will cease to command the confidence and support of the people."

LAWTON IS LOST

Intrepid American General Reported Missing.

NEWS IS SENT BY HONG KONG

It May Have Been Manufactured by Filipino Junta—The Rebels Adopt New Tactics and Divide Their Army Into Small Guerrilla Bands.

Reuter's Telegram company has received the following dispatch from Hong Kong, says a London dispatch of December 12:

"The insurgent government, so-called, of the Philippines, will be changed to a dictatorship, to continue hostilities against the Americans exclusively by the methods of guerrilla warfare. The Filipino army is being split up into small bands, the troops taking an oath before separation that they will fight until their country's rights are recognized."

"A force of United States marines who landed at Nigan, from the battleship Oregon, was defeated by the Filipinos under General Finco (Tino) on December 5. The Manila newspapers, despite the censorship, admit that General Lawton is missing."

TAKES THE OATH OF OFFICE

William S. Taylor Made Governor of Kentucky.

William S. Taylor was inaugurated governor of Kentucky at Frankfort, Tuesday. Inaugural ceremonies were simple. Retiring Governor Bradley, in the course of his speech, said that he hoped the Goebel election law, which had brought so much turmoil to the state, would be wiped from the statute books.

Governor-elect Taylor in his inaugural address said: "The verdict rendered by the people last November was the mandate of the people in favor of civil liberty. It was the triumph of the people over the merciless, remorseless partisan machine erected to enslave them."

ELECTIONS IN PORTO RICO

Republicans Carry Ponce and Majority of Smaller Towns.

A San Juan de Porto Rico dispatch of December 12 says: Governor General Davis has issued an order governing the display of flags in Porto Rico. The Spanish flag is not to be allowed on public buildings. The republicans have carried Ponce by a majority of 1,700. Elections were held in seventeen towns. The republicans hold eight with a total plurality of 1,200. Forty-five elections are yet unreported. It will take two months to complete the elections at the present rate.

Latest From Manila.

General Young reports the rescue of Brute of the Nevada regiment and Edwards of the gunboat Yorktown, who have been held prisoners by the Filipinos, says a Manila dispatch of Wednesday. General Tino, conveying the American prisoners north, is hotly pursued. Aguinaldo is a fugitive in the mountains.

The Lepanto province has been cleared of insurgents. The navy cooperated with the army.

Two thousand, eight hundred released Spanish prisoners are on their way to Manila.

Capture Murderous Gang.

A Manila Dec. 12th dispatch says Col. Smith with a detachment of the Seventh infantry surrounded and captured in a village near Malasqui, a party of guerrillas who had made their headquarters there. The party included the band which assassinated seven officials at Malasqui for friendliness to Americans. All are insurgents who became bandits when the disintegration of the Filipino army began.

Robert's Hearing Resumed.

The Roberts investigating committee resumed its session at Washington December 12th behind closed doors. This proceeding, as explained, was to permit the committee to receive and discuss reports on procedure, form of subpoena, etc. Meantime, Mr. Roberts himself and quite a gathering of Mormons and gentiles stood outside the committee door awaiting admission.

Rivals of Sugar Trust.

Preparations are under way at Dover, Del., for the incorporation of the Colonial Sugar Refining company, capital \$100,000,000. Large sugar-making companies now outside the American Sugar Refining company are concerned in this new Delaware enterprise. Its specific object is to extend the sugar industry in Hawaii, Porto Rico and Cuba.

A Good Move.

A general order has been issued by the Southern Railway Co., that all employees must stop using cigarettes or lose their positions.

Makes Cashier Yield.

At Sac City, Ia., W. D. Sanson, a young farmer, entered the First National bank and at the point of a pistol compelled the assistant cashier to hand over nearly \$100. The sheriff was notified and went in pursuit. He soon landed his man and recovered the money.

Elizabeth Upham Chase Dead.

Mrs. Elizabeth Upham Chase, who became prominent in the anti-slavery days on account of her work in behalf of the negro, is dead at Central Falls, R. I., aged ninety-three years.

WOOD TO BE NEW GOVERNOR

President Believed to Have Decided on Brooke's Successor.

A special from Washington says: "Governor of Cuba" will be the official designation of the office to which Major General Leonard Wood will be assigned early in the new year as the successor to Major General Brooke, the present military governor of the island.

By omitting the word "military" the president wishes to impress upon the Cubans that under the new regime "civil" government as far as possible under military officers and men will obtain. The word "civil" will not be substituted for "military" because that would appear incongruous in view of the authority under which the president is operating. Nevertheless it is the desire of the president that General Wood shall cut loose from rigid military methods and allow the Cubans the widest latitude possible in municipal affairs. Indeed, that was his principal motive in selecting General Wood for the governorship. The number of departments in the island will probably be reduced in a month or two, so that there will be no necessity for all the general officers now there. General Ludlow desires, it is understood, to come home when General Wood takes command.

Notwithstanding the opposition from the line of the army to the appointment of General Wood as major general of volunteers, the confirmation by the senate of his nomination may be accepted as a foregone conclusion. A favorable report by the military committee may be looked for on Tuesday and his confirmation will probably immediately follow. General Wood will remain in Washington until he has received his new commission and will then proceed to Santiago, and arrange for his transfer to Havana.

DRINK FROM WRONG BOTTLE

Two Prominent Kansas Men Seriously Ill and May Die.

A Topeka, Kan., special says: Colonel James Graham and William P. Cunnec, two prominent politicians of St. Mary's, Kan., drank a bottle containing a disinfectant, believing it to be whisky, and both are seriously ill and may die. Colonel Graham had bought a bottle of disinfectant to guard against smallpox and also a bottle of whisky, and mixed the bottles by mistake. Graham was lieutenant colonel of the Second Kansas regiment in the Spanish war and is well known.

Mason Appeals for Boers.

An appeal by Mr. Mason of Illinois for an expression of sympathy for the Transvaal republic in its war with Great Britain, was the feature of the senate proceedings Monday. It was the first formal address delivered in the senate this session, and was listened to with thoughtful attention by both the members and a large gallery of auditors. No business of importance was transacted by the senate, and an early adjournment was taken.

Provide for Families.

The London war office has issued a notice that after January 1 a deduction will be made from the soldiers serving in South Africa—in the case of privates, 4 pence per day for wives, and a penny for each child; in the case of sergeants, 8 pence for wives and 2 pence for each child. These sums have thus far been paid by the government. The order indicates a belief that the campaign will be a long one.

Prevented Utter Rout.

Later details regarding the disaster to General Gatacre's column at Stormberg show that but for the magnificent work of the British artillery the disaster would have been more extensive than it was, as the incessant Boer shell fire in the midst of the repulsed infantry ultimately led to disorder. The Boers captured three British guns.

Reese at Liberty.

John P. Reese, national executive committee man of the United Mine Workers, who has been in jail at Fort Scott, Kansas, under commitment from the federal court for contempt, has been released under a writ of habeas corpus recently issued in St. Louis by Judge Thayer.

Hollis to Act at Pretoria.

Secretary Hay has cabled to United States Consul Stanley Hollis at Lourenco Marques, Portuguese East Africa, directing him to proceed to Pretoria and take charge of the United States consulate there upon the departure of Mr. Macrum.

To Check Trusts.

In the senate Monday Senator Chilton introduced a bill prohibiting the sending of articles, the making of which is controlled by a trust, from one to another state. Such offenses are made punishable by imprisonment not to exceed three years.

For Postal Savings Banks.

Representative Lorimer of Illinois Monday introduced in the house a bill for postal savings banks.

Returns from a Hunting Trip.

W. J. Bryan and ex-Governor Hogg have returned to Austin, Tex., from their duck hunting trip to the gulf. Mr. Bryan found invitations awaiting him to speak in Omaha and Kansas City during January, and he will probably accept them.

Bridge is Repaired.

It is announced from Cape Town that the Boers have succeeded in repairing the Leuwfontein bridge, between Stormberg and Burgersdorp, which the British destroyed on retreating.

IS SHOT BY EDITOR

Fatal Affair in the News Office at Belden, Neb.

J. HARK BLENKIRON IS THE VICTIM.

Demands Retraction of Newspaper Article, and Tragedy Follows—Slayer Surrenders and is Placed in Jail.

At Belden, a small town south of Hartington, Charles H. Harris, editor of the Belden News, shot and instantly killed Hark Blenkiron of Atkinson. The News office was the scene of the crime.

Blenkiron, who was an old resident of Belden, took exception to an article printed in the News, and called on Harris to retract the statement. During the excitement Harris drew a revolver, as he claims, in self-defense, and shot Blenkiron, who walked a few steps and dropped dead. Harris immediately went to Hartington and surrendered himself to the sheriff, and is now in jail awaiting his preliminary hearing.

Blenkiron leaves a wife and family in Atkinson, while Harris is a single man and has relatives in Paulina, Ia.

Excitement runs high at Belden, but the officers have no fear of mob violence. At the coroner's inquest over the body of Hark Blenkiron, the evidence went to show that the shooting was done in self-defense. The real trouble which led up to the shooting occurred the middle of last week, when Mr. Blenkiron had trouble with the Belden bank over an overdraft, and it is alleged, tried to close up the institution. The editor wrote up the affair in his paper, and to this Blenkiron took offense and undertook to have it retracted. There was no one present at the time the shooting took place except Harris and Blenkiron. Harris was seen at the county jail, and while not disposed to talk very much, he seemed cheerful and confident that the public, when acquainted with the facts, would justify the shooting on the grounds of self-defense. The sheriff has the revolver which was used in the shooting. It is an old-fashioned horse-pistol.

The Blenkirons are among the wealthiest families in that part of the state and will fight the case to the bitter end.

DISEASE ATTACKS CATTLE

Farmers Near Ainsworth Sustain Losses to Their Herds.

Several ranchmen in the vicinity of Ainsworth, of late have been losing stock through some mysterious cause. G. Fowler, a few miles north of Ainsworth, is the latest victim. During the past few days he has lost ten head. The cattle have been running in the corn fields and it is thought they get hold of some poisonous weeds. The cattle seem all right a few minutes prior to their death, when they begin to reel and weave about like a drunken man and falling, die in great agony. The ranchmen are taking their cattle off the corn stalks and putting them in the feed lots, and where this is done no further losses are reported. It is a good case for investigation by the state authorities.

WOMAN KILLED BY A TRAIN.

Distressing Accident in Grand Island Railroad Yard.

A most distressing accident has just occurred at Grand Island, Mrs. C. A. Baldwin, an elderly lady, being run down by the incoming St. Joseph & Grand Island passenger train and instantly killed. Mrs. Baldwin had been on the north side to see the woman who does the washing for her family. She was compelled to wait on account of a west-going Union Pacific freight train, and as soon as the last car of the freight had passed she attempted to cross, coming right in front of the swiftly running passenger train. She was thrown high in the air and fell alongside the track. Beyond a gash in the head, the remains were not cut or mangled.

DEMOCRATIC MEETING

The State Committee Will Convene in Lincoln.

Chairman James C. Dahlman of the Nebraska democratic state central committee has decided to call a meeting of his committee to be held in Lincoln January 5. The committee will be asked to fix the time and place of holding the state convention for the selection of delegates to the national convention. An effort will be made to have this convention held March 19 in Lincoln, that being the date of Mr. Bryan's fortieth birthday.

Pioneer Nebraskan Dead.

L. H. Baker, who has resided at North Platte over thirty years, died at his home in that city. He was well known throughout the west as one of its oldest pioneers and is the father of Johnny Baker, the crack shot in Cody's show.

J. M. Gilchrist of Nebraska City, Examiner of County Treasurers for the State Auditor, Has Been Promoted to Take the Place of Bookkeeper Fred Archer, who Died Last Week.

Mr. Gilchrist has made a good record as examiner and the promotion was said to be due him. He will take the new place by the first of the year.

Clarence Williams, colored, was executed at Paris, Ky., for murdering his sweetheart, Josie Tillman. The citizens were very orderly at the execution and there were no demonstrations.