

Red Cloud Chief.

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A sensible girl doesn't let a rich gazer gaze her.

Reverable weather is usually due to slippery sidewalks.

he spider is seldom in danger when his life is hanging by a thread.

If the hens form a trust they will probably try to control the egg plant.

A substantial code of ethics is much more valuable than a historic coat of arms.

Millions strive for wealth, thousands for fame—and possibly a dozen to be good.

Boston is contemplating an elevated railway on which to run its trains of thought.

What man has done man can do, but it's never half so much as a woman expects him to do.

The more experience a man has in making good resolutions the poorer the quality he turns out.

No man ever had to stop climbing the ladder of fame because there wasn't another rung above him.

The cheeky individual usually gets there, but it is generally at the expense of some one's good opinion.

Women are queer creatures. One may laugh at you if you are rich and smile on you if you are poor.

A spinster of uncertain years who recently married a man named Hope speaks of him as the Hope long deferred.

The Boers may be making a mistake when they try to shoot the British generals. Those that would replace them might be better ones.

Already the deepening of the Canadian canals has induced American grain-handlers to seek space for the erection of elevators at Montreal. Now, too, the Montreal legislature's action in prohibiting the exportation of logs from that province is compelling Michigan lumbermen to transfer their sawmills to the region of Georgian bay. There is surely some retaliatory measure that can lessen the complacency of these Canadians over their "smartness."

In 1896 a mining party of thirty men started from Chicago for the Northwest territory of Canada, lured thither by tales of a region where the quartz assayed 280 ounces of gold to the ton. This El Dorado proved to be a myth, and after harrowing experiences of starvation, sickness and disillusionment, the survivors are said to be trying to beat their way back to the happy shores of Lake Michigan, where the worst that can happen to one is to be where one can eke out a living in winter time by the healthful and soothing occupation of shoveling snow, which is enough arctic experience for any reasonable individual.

An actress stopped the play recently in a New York theater to allow the conversation in one of the boxes to go on. It was a stern rebuke, but was it undeserved? "Nothing in all my career," said Madame Marchesi, the great Paris music teacher, "has annoyed me more than chatter during my singing." Once when she was singing at the German ambassador's, and the noise had reached its height, she suddenly ceased. The host rushed up. "I wish to be listened to," she said in clear tones, and silence followed. It is doubtful if any of those who had thus trespassed on the artist's rights and on the enjoyment of the other guests, ever repeated the offense.

It is proposed to establish in connection with the Chicago public school system a two years' course in domestic science for girls, to provide for all in the seventh and eighth grades a thorough study of domestic economy, including not merely cooking, but buying hearty and economical foods, arranging them neatly on the table, arranging bills of fare that shall be both cheap and appetizing. The entire care of the house is also to be included in the work, which by its most ardent advocates is known as "home-making." It is advocated from two standpoints, the pedagogical and the sociological. From the first it is considered as a manual training for girls, which shall do for them all that the shop work does for the boys; from the second it is considered a necessary step in the improvement of the living conditions of the masses. For these reasons it has the support of many prominent persons of both classes, and has by them been brought to the attention of the board of education.

American energy and enterprise are stamping themselves on the European and Asiatic mind and stimulating effort as never before. A mechanical turn is being given to the awakening mind of all the people with whom we come in contact.

Gen. Buller has not shown any marked superiority over the other British officers in gaining ground, but he has demonstrated a refreshing willingness to tell what happened, and, moreover, to tell it clearly and intelligently.

FORCE IS FAITHFUL

Men Behind Buller Believe in the General.

DON'T LIKE THE CHANGE TO ROBERTS

Have Resolved to Redeem Themselves at Next Battle and Help to Vindicate Their Commander-in-Chief—Face Strong Position.

A London, December 24, dispatch says: The Morning Post has received the following from Mr. Churchill, under date of December 23, telegraphed from Chieveley camp, where he has arrived:

"All ranks have complete confidence in Sir Redvers Buller, and there is a stern determination to succeed next time at all costs. A painful impression was caused by the announcement of the change of commander-in-chief, and the soldiers here are resolved to vindicate their trusted leader.

"The situation, nevertheless, is difficult, the Boer position being one of extraordinary strength, with high hills, lined tier on tier with trenches and galleries, rising from an almost unfordable river and with a smooth plain in front.

"The enemy have all the ranges marked, and many powerful guns dominate the various points of the river, while the drifts are commanded by converging musketry fire from probably 12,000 Boers. There are sixteen miles of wild, broken country before reaching Ladysmith, which demands early relief."

"The Boer trench work is so good that it enables the enemy to hold a long line with very few men, and to travel great distances under perfect cover, so as to reinforce any point attacked.

Dispatches from Modder river represent Dutch disaffection in Griqualand West as growing very serious. In some towns the entire Dutch population has joined the Boers.

Anxiety regarding the attitude of the colonial Dutch is steadily growing. They make no effort to conceal their sympathy with the two republics, and the only question now is whether, if the military situation is not changed, they will keep from open rebellion.

FLEE TO THE HILLS.

Complete Rout of Insurgents Near Montalban.

Colonel Lockett, with a force of 2,500 including artillery, says a Manila dispatch of the 27th, attacked a strong force of insurgents in the mountains near Montalban, about five miles northeast of San Mateo. The enemy was completely routed, the Americans pursuing them through the hills, amid which they fled in every direction.

Four Americans were wounded. The Filipino loss was large, resulting from a heavy infantry and artillery fire for three hours into the trenches. It is supposed the insurgents were those who were driven out of San Mateo on the day General Lawton was killed. They numbered probably a thousand.

A dozen lines of insurgent trenches covered the steep trail through the hills and likewise the valley below, along which the Americans passed. The main attacking party consisted of the Forty-sixth volunteer infantry, a troop of cavalry and artillery, Colonel Lockett commanding. The rest of the troops separated at different points in an endeavor to carry out Colonel Lockett's plans of throwing his lines around the enemy and thus cutting off retreat. The nature of the country made it impracticable to execute this movement successfully.

American Negro Academy.

The American negro academy, an organization of educators, clergymen and other prominent men of the race, met at Washington in annual session at the Lincoln Memorial Congregational church. At an afternoon session papers were read by W. S. Scarborough of Wilberforce university and Peter H. Clark of the St. Louis summer high school. Thursday President W. B. Du Bois of the Atlanta university delivered his annual address, his text being "The Present Outlook for the Dark Races of Mankind."

New Duties.

Col. William J. Volkmar, assistant adjutant general, has been relieved from duty in the department of Colorado, and ordered to temporary duty at New York in the department of the east, on completion of which he will proceed to Havana, Cuba for assignment to duty as adjutant general of the division of Cuba.

Smallpox Among Indians.

Smallpox among the Indians in the Indian territory and Crow Creek agency in South Dakota and other observations has assumed serious phases. Congress immediately after reconvening will be asked for an appropriation of \$50,000 with which to stamp out the epidemic.

The Part of Wisdom.

A Connecticut farmer who is a large grower of turnips, and who has suffered heavily through the piling propensities of the villages, this year planted a special part of the place and put up a notice: "You are requested to steal out of this part of the field."

Abolish Coffee Export Tax.

Word has been received here recently that the Mexican government has abolished the export tax on coffee. This is expected to have a considerable effect in the United States by increasing the receipts of Mexican coffee.

SHOCK WAS MOST SEVERE

Earthquake Shock Leaves Desolation behind It

San Jacinto, Cal., is a scene of desolation. People are beginning to recover from the terror inspired by the earthquake which centered there on Christmas morning, and destroyed every building in the town, and definite estimates of the damage wrought can now be made.

At the Saboba Indian reservation a number of squaws had huddled together in an old adobe building and were sleeping off the effects of liquor imbibed at a dance the night before. The heavy walls fell in upon them. Six were killed outright and two died later while a score more are badly injured.

Main street presents a sad appearance. Two-story brick walls were razed to the level of the ground, with thousands of dollars worth of merchandise buried beneath. There is not a business house in town but has suffered. Electric wires are down and some of the power houses have fallen in. The walls of the county hospital, erected recently at a cost of \$10,000 are badly damaged.

STRONG PRESSURE USED

Violators of Internal Revenue Law Appeal For Pardon.

An application for the pardon of Joseph Wilkins and Howard Butler, now serving terms in the Moyamensing prison, Philadelphia, for violating the oleomargarine laws, has been made to President McKinley and the attorney general now has it under consideration. All the personal and political pressure wielded by the oleomargarine interests of the west is being used in behalf of the convicted men. For three years the cases were stubbornly contested in the courts. Wilkins and Butler were apprehended by internal revenue agents in the act of removing stamps and other marks from over one hundred packages of oleomargarine in warehouses on the water front in Philadelphia.

BURIED BY A SNOWSLIDE

Accident on the White Pass and Yukon Railroad.

News of a big snowslide on the White Pass and Yukon railroad, was brought to Victoria, B. C., by the steamer Tees. A rotary and two engines were buried by the slide and after they were shoveled out the rotary ran into a rock, knocking out fourteen of its twenty knives. The train which was behind the snow-bucking outfit was not damaged.

P. Oregon, one of those who endeavored to walk to Skaguay from the snow bound train, was found unconscious with his face and hands frozen. The operator at Glacier reported to Skaguay that the track there was covered for a distance of 850 feet with snow from five to twenty feet deep. Telegraph wires beyond Glacier are down.

MORTON MAY BE PRESIDENT

Asked to Become Head of Reorganized Gulf System.

Paul Morton, third vice president of the Santa Fe railroad, may be asked to accept the position of president of the reorganized Kansas City, Pittsburg & Gulf system. His name was seriously considered at a meeting of the executive committee, and plans were discussed which, if carried out in their entirety, will result in a new railroad system which will reach from the Atlantic to the Pacific seaboard and to the Gulf of Mexico on the south.

The proposed trans-continental system necessitates a combination between the Harriman syndicate and James J. Hill.

FRENCH MINERS QUIT WORK

Only 25 Per Cent Enter the Pits at St. Etienne.

A St. Etienne, France, December 26 dispatch says: The coal miners are calm, but the mines are guarded by troops. Only 25 per cent of the miners descended into the pits today. The lace workers held a meeting this morning and resolved to continue the strike. The cabinet council held at the Elysee palace, Paris, discussed the St. Etienne strike. The premier M. Waldeck-Rousseau, and the minister of public works, M. Baudin, announce that measures would be taken to prevent a serious shortage of the coal supply.

A CLAIM OF SELF-DEFENSE

Blind Civil War Veteran Confesses to Killing His Wife.

Franklin B. Livingstone, a blind man, aged fifty-six years, choked his wife, Rosie Livingstone, to death at their home in Baltimore, Md., and then gave himself up to the police.

Livingstone claims that his wife tried to smother him with a feather bed that he succeeded in choking her and put her body in the bath tub. He was locked up. Jealousy is thought to have been the motive for the crime. The man is a civil war veteran, having lost his eyesight by a shell in the battle of Fair Oaks. He had a pension of \$12 a month.

Life Mileage of a Letter-Carrier.

David Ramsay, a letter-carrier who delivers mail in Aylth, Scotland, from the Kirtlemuir postoffice, has just been retired at the age of 80. He figures that in the thirty-seven years he has been delivering mail he has traveled 232,000 miles.

Coming by Easy Stages.

General Brooke, who arrived at St. Augustine, Fla., from Cuba, is not coming north at once, but will stop at some convenient southern resort for a time in order to avoid a sudden climate change.

WAS FATAL WRECK

Life Lost In a Collision of Freights at Columbus.

ENGINEER HAS A VERY NARROW ESCAPE

Placed Down In the Wreck, But He Escapes Without Being Injured—The Sudden Death of a Farmer May Cause Investigation.

A railroad wreck, which resulted in the loss of one life occurred at Columbus, Freight No. 28 crashed into the rear end of an extra freight standing on the track, completely demolishing the engine and four cars. The engineer was pinned down in the cab, but was extricated without injury, while the fireman saved his life by jumping. The dead man is C. J. Gross of Pine Bluff, Wyo., who was accompanying a car of horses which he was taking to Pennsylvania. He was instantly killed by being hurled from the caboose, and his body was picked up in a mangled condition. Nine horses were killed.

The accident was caused by escaping steam from the round house, which obscured the lights on the extra.

Mrs. Gross, accompanied by her brother, Mr. Doane, came to Columbus and they returned to Wyoming with the remains. It is reported that Mr. Gross was a man of considerable wealth. Eight thousand dollars in drafts and checks were found on his person at the time of the accident.

EXPIRES IN CONVULSIONS

Sudden Death Near Humboldt May Lead to Investigation.

Lester Wilson, a well to do farmer, living three or four miles northwest of Humboldt, died very suddenly after a sickness of only thirty minutes. The exact particulars of the death are not obtainable, but circumstances surrounding the case indicate that the death might not be due to natural causes. He was taken with cramps while in the room with his family and died in convulsions before medical aid could be secured. There is a possibility that a post mortem examination may be necessary to determine the cause which led to his death.

HE ESCAPES THE CALLOWS

Murderer Tom Collins Is Given a Life Sentence.

Tom Collins, the murderer of Charles J. Grove, was found guilty by a jury in Judge Baker's court at Omaha and his punishment was determined at life in the penitentiary. Laughter rang out from behind the gloomy walls of the county jail. It was Collins' celebration of his escape from the gallows. From the time the case was submitted to the jury until the verdict was rendered Collins was morose and downcast. He said nothing in explanation, but it is now apparent that he was brooding over his apparent proximity of the gibbet.

Hunters Kill a Tame Deer.

A fine large deer was killed by a brace of hunters on the farm of M. H. Marble, a couple of miles south of Table Rock, and the killing is likely to cause quite a controversy, as it is said to be a tame deer that had escaped a year or two since from J. C. Atkinson's park at Pawnee City, and for which he had quite a reward offered. Prosecution under the state law has been threatened if any of the venison is found.

Church Burns.

The American Baptist church at Stromsburg was totally destroyed by fire Sunday at midnight. The congregation was holding watch meeting at 11:30 p. m., the pastor, J. L. Hedblom, and Janitor Cowan were in the basement inspecting the acetylene light plant, which was ceasing to give light, when suddenly an explosion occurred. The destruction of the church followed.

Enlisting to Fight England.

Something of a sensation has been created in Chadron when it was stated that Col. John G. Maher and Allen G. Fisher had a movement on foot to organize a regiment of Nebraskans to go to South Africa in behalf of the Boers. It is said a total of 850 have been enlisted.

Declared Insane.

H. C. Thompson, the former Missouri Pacific agent at Talmage, who left that place and was found in Omaha and taken to Nebraska City, was before the board of commissioners recently and adjudged insane by them and will be taken to the asylum at Lincoln.

Methodist Church Dedication.

Dedictory services were held at Nebraska City in the First Methodist Episcopal church, which has been undergoing extensive remodeling and improvements and was completed recently.

North and South Railway.

A dispatch from Hastings says that matters are reported to be progressing nicely with the new North and South Railway company. The line has been surveyed from Davenport to a point east of Clark, and runs through one of the best agricultural sections of the state. The company has already secured forty-five miles of the necessary right of way and report that there will be no difficulty in securing the balance. In addition to this stock subscriptions have been taken to the amount of \$20,000.

IRISH MAIL IS TAKEN OFF

Has Served Its Purpose and Must Stand Aside for Modern Methods.

With the beginning of the new year, says an Omaha dispatch, the "Irish mail" will wave its green flag in a last farewell and the old "dummy," as it was more often called in recent years, will run no more after a quarter of a century of active existence.

Away back in the early '70s the Irish mail service was established by the Union Pacific to ply between Omaha and the Council Bluffs side. In those days all trains from the east stopped short at Council Bluffs and everything was there transferred to the Union Pacific. So unless they were through passengers every Omaha arrival had to transfer to the "Irish mail" to come across, for which a quarter has always been charged unless the original tickets read to Omaha.

As the years went by the eastern trains began to make Omaha their western terminus, so there became less transferring by the dummy, or Irish mail. But the Irish mail then began running through to South Omaha for the benefit of the packing house employes. When the new union passenger station was completed the next of the last of the trains terminating at Council Bluffs—the Sioux City and Pacific—began running to this side. Now all that is left that is made up at the union transfer is a local Quincy route train. So the Irish mail, having served its turn, will be discontinued January 1.

FOR A FIRE-PROOF LIBRARY

Mr. Carnegie Has Evidently Made Up His Mind.

A telegram has been received at Lincoln giving further information of the decision of Andrew Carnegie to give a fire-proof library to Lincoln. The telegram is as follows:

ASTORIA, Tex., Dec. 26.—To The Journal: Mrs. Bryan has been corresponding with Hon. Andrew Carnegie in regard to a library building for Lincoln. She has just received a letter from him dated December 20, saying: "If the library has a good start already and is maintained by public tax, I would be glad to give the money to build a fire-proof library. Would \$50,000 be sufficient? I think probably \$75,000 would be needed. Would you kindly confer with those who take the deepest interest in the library and let me know?"

Mrs. Bryan has written Mr. Carnegie in favor of the larger building and will mail the letter (Mr. Carnegie's letter) to Mr. Gere, president of the library association. W. J. BRYAN. On the day after this letter was written, Congressman Mercer received a letter from Mr. Carnegie, saying: "I have just given Lincoln \$75,000 for a library." It is presumed that Mr. Mercer's letter contains the second thought of the iron master and that he will give the larger sum when he learns more about the situation at Lincoln, which he will soon through the library board.

Wants Her Husband Found.

A dispatch from Atlanta, Ga., says that a woman who was formerly Miss Laura Tucker of Lincoln, later Mrs. J. H. McCormack of Salt Lake City, and still later Mrs. Lon Miner, has asked the police of Atlanta to locate and arrest her husband. Her first husband, Mr. McCormack, died in Salt Lake City about one year ago. Soon afterward she married a man by the name of Gene Robinson. He deserted her and she followed him to Atlanta, Ga., where she learned his true name was Lon Miner. There he remarried her under his right name. He has again deserted her and she asks that he be arrested.

Union Pacific Brakeman Killed.

Edward G. Wright, a brakeman in the Union Pacific switching gang at Ames, was killed by the cars. He tried to jump on a moving freight, but fell beneath the wheels. His body was literally cut in half just below the waist. No one saw the accident and the exact manner of the occurrence is not known. Deceased was twenty-nine years old and leaves a wife and two little boys in Omaha. He was a member of the Masonic, Maccabees and Highlander orders of Grand Island.

Goes to Chicago.

V. C. Barber, assistant pathologist at the experiment station of the state university, has gone to Chicago to accept a position with the Pasteur Vaccine company, importers of vaccines, anti-toxins and remedies manufactured by the Pasteur laboratories at Paris, France. This company has increased its working staff from one man in 1895 to fifty men in 1899. Mr. Barber passed a rigid examination and goes with good recommendations.

Dies at Age of Ninety-Three.

Mrs. Catherine Wood died at Table Rock, at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Emily Wemple, at the advanced age of ninety-three years. She was born May 1, 1806, in Albany county, N. Y., where she was married October 25, 1827.

North Bend is going to have a quail-eating contest—a prize for the one who eats one quail a day for the greatest number of days.

January 9, 10, and 11, the fancy poultry people of Madison and adjoining counties will have a poultry show at Battle Creek.

Miss Helen Knight, a Hastings school teacher, sees that city for \$12,000 damages. She was out riding on her bike November 4, last, and ran against a stop box at a street crossing, and hit the ground, smashing a few bones and her wheel.

OUR BUDGET OF FUN.

SOME GOOD JOKES, ORIGINAL AND SELECTED.

A Variety of Quips, Glibes and Ironies, to Cause a Smile—Flotsam and Jetsam from the Tide of Humor—Witty Sayings.

Where It Hurt. "Why are you weeping?" asked the loving husband.

"When little Harry and I went down town today," she sobbed, "the conductor insisted that I must pay for the child."

"Oh, well," he said, "I wouldn't let that bother me. What's a nickel to us?"

"It isn't the nickel," she indignantly replied. "It's the impertinence of the brute of a conductor in insinuating that it is possible for me to be the mother of a child more than ten years old."—Chicago Times-Herald.

Good Reason.

Bacon—"You know that part in the play where the man seizes the woman, forces her into a closet and turns the key on her?"

Egbert—"Yes; I remember it."

"Well, last night a fellow in the audience applauded it so that they had to put him out."

"I don't think there is anything to applaud about that part of the play."

"Oh, but it turned out that the fellow applauding was the husband of the actress, and it was the first time he had ever seen anybody shut her up."—Yonkers Statesman.

In the Barnyard.



Rooster—Oh, say, this is a cinch. All the other chickens down the hill and the old lady with such a cold she can't call them.

Already She Had Begun to Prepare.

"If you keep on as you have begun, Mabel," complained the young husband, running his eye over the weekly account, "we shall never be able to lay up anything for a rainy day."

"How can you say so, Henry," exclaimed the young wife, righteously indignant, "when you know that I have two of the loveliest rainy-day skirts that were ever made!"—Stray Stories.

Brought It Upon Himself.

"What is the woman's offense?" "She threw a brick at a neighbor, your honor, and hit a man standing behind her."

"The man is guilty of contributory negligence. If he hadn't been an idiot, he would have stood in front of her. Case is dismissed."—Stray Stories.

Natural Inference.

"It seems strange that you never received a proposal of marriage," remarked the sarcastic girl.

"Who says I never received a proposal of marriage?" demanded the other.

"Why, no one, of course, but I've always understood that you are a spinster."—Chicago Evening Post.

Those Loving Girls.

Maudie—Mr. De Jones asked me to sing for him the other evening after we had been introduced.

Clara—And what did you sing?

Maudie—Why, how do you know that I sang at all?

Clara—Well, I noticed that he didn't ask you to sing to-night.—Chicago News.

A Difference in Taste.

"I saw you kissing my daughter. I don't like it, sir."

"Then you don't know what's good, sir."—Life.

Polltiness in the Country.



"Hand me my hat, Schorch!"

"What do you want of it?"

"I want to take it off to the parson when he passes!"—Fliedenda Blaetter.

A Forecast.

"The indications are," remarked the man who was looking at the sky with an expression of great wisdom, that it will be cold and raw."

The man who has trouble with the servant girl problem meekly inquired: "What are you talking about, the weather or dinner?"—Washington Star.

Frequently.

"Pa, what is a drawn battle?"

"It is one in which the enemy has rather the best of it."—Puck.