

# Red Cloud Chief.

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The pursuit of happiness does not necessarily imply the pursuit of wealth. Real happiness is a matter of individual conscience entirely.

Prof. R. S. Woodward, of Columbia university, in a recent paper shows reasons for thinking that the earth's atmosphere extends to a height varying with the distance from the equator. At the equator he estimates the height to be 26,000 miles, which diminishes to only 17,000 miles at the poles. But of course, beyond a few hundred miles above the ground, the density of the atmosphere becomes so slight that the effects are imperceptible.

The Chinese strenuously object to gambling on future prices of articles of consumption, such as rice, wheat and corn. Recently six members of a Chinese bucket shop or board of trade rather, were summarily taken out and beheaded for making contracts to pay given prices as a given time without regard to the immutable laws of supply and demand. The Chinese are extreme in their methods, but are undoubtedly right as to the underlying principle.

War, like the dyer's hand, is subdued to what it works in. The general sees in it the Victoria Cross or the Legion of Honor; the politician sees in it election; the manufacturer, a foreign market for his goods. "Do you take an interest in the war?" a London householder lately asked his cook, seeing a brightly colored map of South Africa in the kitchen. "No, sir," was the reply; "but I mean to 'ave a skirt like that brown bit, and blouses like these reds and greens and yellows. I am just keepin' the map to match the patterns with when I get an evenin' off, sir."

The immense profits amassed by various trusts have been often talked about in seemingly extravagant terms, but the most extravagant oratory of the anti-trust agitation has seldom, if ever, equaled the representations made in the courts by Mr. Frick, the partner of Mr. Carnegie in the Carnegie Steel Company of Pittsburgh. Mr. Frick's action is brought to prevent Mr. Carnegie from "freezing him out" of his interest in the concern and in order to make clear his case it becomes necessary to exhibit the profits of the company, thus in a sense "letting the cat out of the bag." According to Mr. Frick the net profit of 1899 was \$21,000,000 and the net profits for 1900 will amount to \$42,500,000. Mr. Carnegie is said to consider this latter somewhat excessive and fixes the profits for 1900 at the moderate sum of \$40,000,000.

At the annual dinner of the Silk Association of America recently, the chief guest was the Chinese minister to the United States, Wu Ting Fang. He made the speech of the evening. He contrasted the friendly attitude of the United States toward China with the aggressions of European nations, and said that so long as Americans kept on in their pacific policy of commerce and trade, they would be welcome everywhere, not only in China, but in Japan as well. Trade statistics indicate that the Chinese minister is right. China is buying now of American goods from five to six times as much as it bought ten years ago. Last year it bought four million dollars' worth more than the year preceding. The gain was mostly in cotton goods, kerosene and flour. Foreign trade, of course, is not controlled by sentiment. People buy what they like best, where they can get it cheapest; but, other things being equal; they would rather buy from their friends than of those whom they may regard as enemies.

A dozen or more years ago a farmer twisted a bit of iron about a wire fence, and noticed that his cattle avoided it. Thus originated the use of the barbed-wire fence, which has cut the great free prairies into ranches. It has lacerated and cut from water countless numbers of the wild animals that once roamed the prairies, and is now classed as war material by the nations. Both in Cuba and in South Africa the demoralization wrought by the deadly barbed-wire fence was greater than that of the most improved guns and powder. The position of fence cutter has promoted the drummer-boy into the forefront of danger. When Lieutenant Ord led his men in a rush up San Juan hill, a boy private by his side, fell, mortally wounded. Ord heard his faint cry and paused in his rush to say, "My poor fellow, I can do nothing for you." "I did not call you back for that," was the brave reply. "I am done for; but take my steel nippers. There may be another fence beyond that hill, and I won't be there to cut it for you." The boy lived to hear the shout of victory, but the gallant leader, with the boy's nippers in his hand and the boy's devotion last in his heart, lay dead not many yards away.

There are a whole lot of men who are fond of telling you that "women are not what they used to be." Of course they mean to convey the impression that women are deteriorating. It is a curious fact, however, that nine out of ten of such philosophers are bachelors.

Hetty Green says her daughter is not to become the wife of the Duke de la Torre. The duke may need the money, but he ought nevertheless to find some comfort in the fact that Hetty is not to be his mother-in-law.

# DEATH BY VIOLENCE

## Chapter of Accidents in Cedar County, Nebraska.

### PROSPEROUS GERMAN FARMER KILLED

#### Falls From Wagon and the Wheels Pass Over Him—One Body is Found in Missouri River and Another in an Old Corn Field.

Henry Thoen, an old and respected German farmer, was killed on his farm near Low Valley, Cedar county. He was hauling a load of straw and his team started to run. In trying to hold them the straw slipped under him and he fell in front of the wagon, which passed over his body, injuring him internally, so that he died.

A dead body was found in the Missouri river at St. Helena, in Cedar county. A silver watch and pocket-book with some money were found, but nothing by which the body could be identified.

### MORE CHANGING CHARTERS

#### State Banks of Nebraska Become National Institutions.

Comptroller Dawes has approved the applications of the following Nebraska banks to convert to national banks: The St. Paul State bank of St. Paul to Farmers' National, with a capital of \$25,000; Hartington State bank of Hartington to the Hartington National, with a capital of \$10,000, and the Franklin County bank of Bloomington to the First National of Bloomington, with a capital of \$25,000. The comptroller has also approved the application of E. C. Millon and others for authority to organize the First National bank of Elgin, Neb., with a capital of \$25,000.

### SHERIFF PERMITS LYNCHING

#### Orders Virginia Militia Away and a Mob Does Its Work.

The series of exciting events in Greenville county, Virginia, the past week culminated in a double lynching at Emporia. Both Cotton, the negro, who according to his confession, killed Sanders and Welter, and O'Grady, the white man who was with him in the cabin when the murder occurred, were hanged by a mob variously estimated at from 1,500 to 2,000 strong. The militia protecting the prisoners were ordered away by the sheriff and this gave the mob full sway.

### ARMOUR AGENTS ARRESTED.

Edward B. Noble, cashier, and Dennis McGraw, salesman, in the beef department of Armour & Co.'s branch in Albany, N. Y., were arrested on warrants charging them with grand larceny, second degree. The complainant is a surety company. In one instance it was shown that accounts had been juggled to the amount of \$10,000. The peculations were made possible by a system of false charges made on the sale tickets, kintik accounts, etc. The men were admitted to bail.

### TRANSFERRED TO THE TRUST.

A telegram from New York announces the formal transfer of the Midland steel works at Munice, Ind., to the sheet iron trust. The sale price was close to a million dollars, and orders for the resumption of work were issued. President R. J. Reatty will be district manager for the trust in Indiana.

### WELL DRESSED ROBBERS.

Five well dressed men entered Healey's restaurant at the corner of Sixty-sixth street and Columbus avenue, New York, and while one of them engaged the cashier in conversation, one of his companions went to the safe and got away with \$3,100. The robbery was not discovered for fully five minutes afterward.

### WABASH KICKS OVER TRACES.

Notice has been served by the Wabash railroad that it will no longer be governed by rule 4 of the western passenger association concerning party rates. Passenger agents say that it may lead to the abolition of party rates by all western roads.

### BLOWN TO PIECES.

A terrific explosion occurred at the factory of Hand & Co., fireworks manufacturers, at Hamilton, Ont. Walter Teale, a son-in-law of Professor Hand, was blown to atoms. The explosion occurred in one of the largest buildings. Half the building was blown to fragments.

### PEEL TO GO ON STAGE.

A dispatch from London says that Sir Robert Peel has definitely decided to go on the stage. He will join the "Bootes' Baby" company as Bootles and play in London and the provinces.

### GUARANTEE NEARLY RAISED.

Mayor Ashbridge, of Philadelphia, has announced that the third \$25,000 to be raised by that city for the republican national convention is now in hand and will be forwarded in a few days. The work of raising the fourth and final \$25,000 has been started.

### BOY SHOT DEAD.

Ralph Redman, aged 17, a pupil at the Farnham school at Omaha, was instantly killed by the accidental discharge of his gun just as he was starting on a duck hunting expedition at Cut-Off lake.

# HUNT THE BANK ROBBERS

## No Positive Clue Has Been Secured Thus Far at Hardy.

There are no new developments of consequence in the hunt for the thieves who blew the safe in the Hardy bank. The Beatrice hounds arrived promptly and took a trail to a farm house about three miles southeast of town, and can not find any other trail. At the farm house were three young men, comparative strangers in the community, two of whom claim to have come to the vicinity a day or two before to hunt on the Republican. The three were in town the night before making some purchases of shells, lunch, etc., and it is probable the hounds took their trail home, but it is hardly thought the young fellows can be connected with the robbery. They are, however, under surveillance and some of their talk is disconnected. The best clue is in the fact that the dogs going from the bank to the headcar house and other places where things had been disturbed in a way to indicate some connection with the robbery. A reward of \$250 and 10 per cent of the money recovered is offered by the bank. The amount taken was \$3,800, \$400 of which was in silver dollars.

Three men suspected of having robbed the Hardy bank were arrested by Sheriff Moore five miles east of Byron. They had been tracked from Hardy and the house, occupied by a widow, was guarded during the day.

### RELATIONS WITH MOREY

#### Viola Horlocker Testifies in Her Own Behalf.

Supported by her attorneys, Judge Ragan and R. A. Batty, one on each side, Miss Viola Horlocker was led to the witness stand Monday afternoon, March 26, and in answer to questions put to her by her own counsel and the attorney for the state, told of her relations with Mr. Morey prior to and leading up to the time of the attempt upon Mrs. Morey's life. She was greatly agitated and kept clutching at her throat, and would occasionally raise her hands and press them to her temples.

The questions were answered falteringly and sometimes it would seem as though she would never speak. At last she broke down completely and began to cry, and was led from the stand weeping piteously. For the rest of the session she remained with her face buried in her hands. While she virtually accused Mr. Morey of having made love to her, she exonerated him from anything of a more serious nature.

### VICTIM OF AWFUL MISTAKE.

#### Undertaker Finds Evidence of a Burial Alive.

At Mullica Hill, N. J., near Philadelphia, the startling discovery has been made that a boy had been buried alive. An undertaker was exhuming bodies of the members of the Smitzer family, who live at Mullica Hill about twenty-five years ago, for final burial in this city.

One coffin contained the skeleton of a boy and its condition bore evidences of an awful struggle, after the supposedly dead body had been buried. The bones of the legs were drawn up and the arms were extended across the face. The glass of the casket which had been above the boy's head was broken. The position of the body and the condition of the coffin indicated that the victim of a horrible mistake had died in horrible agony.

### KILLS WIFE AND HIMSELF.

Charles Scott, a boiler-maker employed in the Ann Arbor Railroad car shop at Owosso, Mich., broke into the home of his wife, from whom he had been separated, and furiously assaulted Mrs. Scott and her mother with a heavy chisel. He then drew a revolver and killed himself.

### PLANNING MILL BURNED.

The large planning mill at Columbus, Pa., owned by the First National bank of Columbus, was destroyed by fire. There is no estimate of the loss beyond the statement that it will cost \$75,000 to install the machinery, all of which was destroyed. There was no insurance.

### NAMED IN HONOR OF HENRY.

By direction of the president the military at Cayce, Porto Rico, hereafter will be known and designated as Henry barracks in honor of the late Brigadier General Guy V. Henry, who was military governor of Porto Rico from December 6, 1898, to May 8, 1899, and who died on October 25, 1899.

### PRINTERS DIE OF PHthisis.

Among the points dwelt on at the recent tuberculosis congress in Berlin were the facts that more than 40 per cent of the printers of Berlin who had died were phthisical.

### Epidemic of Pneumonia.

An epidemic of pneumonia has struck St. Francis orphan asylum of Dubuque, Ia., and one hundred inmates and several sisters are down with the disease.

### PRINTING HOUSE BURNED.

The printing establishment of Carl Hentzemann, on Congress street, Boston, was completely burned out. Loss \$75,000.

### KILLED ON A RUNAWAY CAR.

# FAR FROM DEFEAT

## Recent Successes Making the Boers More Bold.

### THEY PROPOSE TO BE AGGRESSIVE

#### Safe Retreat of Olivier the Feat of the War—Almost in the Grasp of the British, But Works Way Out—Delay Roberts' Advance.

A London dispatch of March 28 says: The Boers are having a little good luck and are showing some boldness again, as a raiding party estimated at 400 is believed by the British forces at Warrenton to have crossed the Kimberley-Bloemfontein wagon road Monday and to have headed for Jacobsdal, with the intention of cutting the railway ten miles west.

Commandant Olivier appears to have gotten his five thousand men and twenty-five miles of wagons into rugged country, where he can make an easy rear guard defense. Charles Williams, the military expert, says:

If this column gets through substantially Commandant Olivier will have carried out the great feat of the war, seeing that he ran every chance of being ground between the upper millstone of Lord Roberts' army and the nether millstone of the broken Basuto frontier. He will have done it within fifty miles or so of Lord Roberts' main strength. Certainly it looked for a week as though Lord Roberts' held Olivier in the hollow of his hand. If Olivier gets through to Kroonstad with even 3,000 men it will be an important addition to the Boer gathering there. His escape is attributed in part to the worn-out condition of the British cavalry horses.

Lord Roberts' transport appears to have been badly dislocated by the loss at Riet river, before Cronje's surrender of the wagon train, and in addition to this the army with which he proposes to advance toward Pretoria is nearly double that of the earlier rapid movements.

Ten thousand transport, cavalry and gun animals are due to arrive at Cape ports during this and next week.

It is given out at Cape Town that Lord Roberts' advance may be delayed for months. Although such statements should be received with reserve, it seems positive that he intends to go to Cape Town to meet Lady Roberts, who is due to arrive there in ten days.

The war office has issued another table of British losses, showing an aggregate of 16,652, which does not include 4,994 who have been invalided home.

### WILLING TO STAND TRIAL

#### Legality of Texas Anti-Trust Law Soon To Be Tested.

Henry Clay Pierce, of the Waters-Pierce Oil company of Waco, Tex., after a brief consultation with his lawyers, called at Judge Scott's court room and stated to the judge that he came to Waco to answer to the indictment brought out of the Texas laws against trusts which he is accused of violating under an indictment returned six years ago. The indictment is a noted one, among the defendants named therein being John D. Rockefeller, Henry M. Flagler, and all the other prominent officers of the Standard Oil company. Mr. Pierce entered into a recognizance in the sum of \$8,000 for his appearance at the next term of court. The indictment grew out of certain contracts alleged to have been made by representatives of the Waters-Pierce Oil company with local merchants, which, it is claimed, acted in restraint of competition. The offense under the Texas anti-trust law is a felony and punishable by both fine and imprisonment.

### DECLARES LAW ILLEGAL

#### Newspaper Articles Need Not Be Signed in California.

A dispatch from San Francisco says: Judge Hunt decided that the Morehouse law passed by the last legislature and requiring all newspaper articles to bear the signature of the writers, has no place in law, as one of its provisions is that in case of an award to an injured party a portion of the award must be placed in the hands of the state treasurer. Judge Hunt holds that this is a penal provision and any prosecution must be instituted by the people of the state and not by individuals.

### NEBRASKA EDITOR DEAD.

W. I. Compton, editor of the Utica Sun, died at his home in Seward about 5 o'clock Tuesday morning, after a short illness, from typhoid pneumonia, aged nearly thirty-two years. Mr. Compton has worked at the printing business about fourteen years, most of the time in Seward county, and has been editor of the Sun several years. He leaves a wife and little daughter four years old. He was a member of the M. W. A. camp at Utica, and carried \$2,000 insurance, which goes to his little family.

### TAKES ONLY PARTIAL CREDIT.

The Washington dispatch stating that Miss Helen M. Gould was practically paying the expenses of nine or ten chaplains in the army in the Philippines was shown to her and she said the work referred to had been done, not by her, but by the Young Men's Christian association and that she had only helped a little in it.

### DATE OF OPENING.

At a cabinet council at Paris at which M. Loubet presided it was decided to officially inaugurate the Paris exposition Saturday, April 14.

# LIST OF CASUALTIES.

## General Otis Forwards Names of Soldiers Who Have Died.

The war department received the following casualty report from General Otis:

Manila, March 27.—Deaths, malarial fever, Samuel Grimes, company G, Eighteenth infantry, Johnston H. Ray, company B, Thirty-seventh infantry; Chester Q. Dunn, company E, Thirty-fourth infantry, Charles Slescher, corporal company M, Twenty-first infantry.

Died from wounds received in action: Joseph W. Alphort, corporal company H, Forty-third infantry.

Alcoholism: Alexander S. Bruce, company B, Twenty-ninth infantry.

Drowned: John F. Lynch, company F, Thirty-seventh infantry.

Typhoid fever: Frank Aason, company C, Forty-third infantry; William Knuckles, company E, Forty-second infantry; Henry A. Sandman, company C, Forty-second infantry; Daniel Knight, company K, Forty-ninth infantry.

Dysentery: Charles W. Sutton, company F, Forty-second infantry; Sylvester F. Rothwell, sergeant, company F, Thirty-seventh infantry; Hugh McCall, company A, Eighteenth infantry; George E. Congo, company B, Twenty-seventh infantry; Edward G. Roday, company D, Thirteenth infantry; Cornelius E. Carter, company E, Twenty-fourth infantry; Peter M. Fallon, company D, Sixth infantry; Hurley B. Kellor, troop D, Fourth cavalry.

Peritonitis: Alfred L. Ross, company I, Thirty-third infantry.

Surgical operation: Deph Asarker, musician, company I, Forty-eighth infantry.

Varicella: Clarence H. Thomas, corporal, company F, signal corps; George Xwer, company B, Twenty-fifth infantry.

Tuberculosis: Joseph Strickland, company H, Fourth infantry.

General arteriosclerosis: William Linehan, company F, Thirty-third infantry.

### FIGG WILL NOT PROSECUTE.

#### Sarpy County Victim Allows Case to Be Dismissed.

A Papillion, Neb., dispatch says: In county court Louis Figg announced that he would not prosecute the two men, John Woods and William Browning, arrested on the charge of being star actors in chapter one, when the two leaders of the Figgites were given a coat of tar and feathers by irate neighbors. The cases were therefore dismissed.

The deputy sheriff of Fremont and a large number of witnesses for both sides were on hand. Woods bringing along friends and his two daughters, through whose testimony he claimed he could prove an alibi.

After the dismissal of the case Louis Figg was asked why he did not leave Gretna and what he expected to do. To the judge and the crowd in the court room he said:

"I propose to stay in Gretna and will not give up my religion. I am a property owner there and have lived in that community a good part of my life. As to my future course," he added earnestly, "I intend to go right on preaching my faith as I have done in the past. Threats will have no effect and if my neighbors choose to lynch me for adhering to my religious convictions, all well and good. But I wish to state that I will go right on in the good work, regardless of the consequences."

### Expert Testimony.

The evidence heard Tuesday at Hastings in the trial of Miss Horlocker, charged with the attempted poisoning of her employer's wife, was entirely of an expert character and was in support of the theory of degeneracy and lack of will power on the part of the defendant to resist the homicidal impulse engendered by the mental shock occasioned by the breaking off of her relations with Mr. Morey. A number of physicians testified.

### Wreck of East Mail Train.

An Atlanta, Ga., special says: The fast mail on the Atlanta & West Point railway, which left Atlanta for Montgomery and New Orleans was wrecked between West Point and Opelika, Ala. Express Messenger Oslin was killed and baggage-master W. B. Blunt badly injured. The baggage car, mail coach and two day coaches were thrown from the track, but the Washington sleeper was not derailed.

### Barn Struck by Lightning.

A severe thunder and lightning storm swept over Hall county, Neb., bringing a fine rain. A strong wind and some hail also accompanied the storm. The cow barn at the soldiers' home was struck by lightning and one cow was killed and another badly injured. The barn commenced burning but the fire was extinguished with the home's own line of hose and provisions for fighting fire.

### THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Several stations on the Yukon river are suffering a food shortage.

Detroit is to get the convention of the supreme lodge of the Knights of Pythias.

Charles M. Schwab has been re-elected president of the Carnegie Steel Company.

Ex-Senator John J. Coyle of Philadelphia, charged with bribery, has been acquitted.

A parcels post convention between the United States and Nicaragua has been signed.

A shipment of \$1,303,080 has left the New York sub-treasury to pay soldiers in the Philippines.

A premature explosion of a blast of dynamite killed one man and seriously wounded two at Waterloo, N. J.

# A COAT OF TAR

## Mr. and Mrs. L. Figg, of Gretna, Victims of a Mob.

### FEATHERS WERE USED LIBERALLY

#### Had Caused Several Separations and Much Trouble—Citizens Become Incensed and Mete Out Summary Punishment.

At Gretna, Neb., a mob, masked and otherwise disguised, went to the residence of L. Figg, took Mr. and Mrs. Figg and tarred and feathered them and then quietly dispersed. For some time feeling has been intense against the Figgis, who hold very queer ideas regarding religion, persuading women, it is charged, to leave their husbands to be better able to serve the Lord. Thus they were instrumental, it is alleged, in separating Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Browning and Mr. and Mrs. Bert Donohoe; also Mr. and Mrs. Woods, all among the best people and highly respected. One of the women, Mrs. Donohoe, it is charged, even refused to go to her home to see her deserted child when sick and almost at death's door.

The matter is being discussed upon the streets, some favoring the treatment inflicted, while others say that it was not the right thing to do, and that the law should have been allowed to take its course. No one seems to know anything about the affair, but it is stated that warrants are in the hands of Sheriff McAvoy, and it is hinted that some sensational developments will be divulged within a day or two.

Fourteen leading men of the town, it is asserted, took part in the affair. The intruders broke down the door to the sleeping apartment of the Figgis and told them to get up. On refusing, the covers were stripped down and they were pulled out into the middle of the floor. Their night clothes were stripped off and then commenced the application of the tar.

A notice was served on the Figgis to leave town or suffer a repetition of the punishment.

### LAWYERS GET ANGRY

#### Sensation Furnished in Trial of Viola Horlocker.

When the state rested its case in the Horlocker-Morey poisoning trial Thursday afternoon, the prosecution had woven about the defendant a strong fabric of circumstantial evidence. The testimony of witnesses was all of a most damaging character, and the defense was unable to choose any of it on cross-examination.

The court room was crowded almost to suffocation, and the day was not without its sensational incidents. While Mr. Morey was on the stand the defense persisted in a line of questions to which he was not permitted to reply, as they were not proper in cross-examination. When court adjourned at the noon hour he approached Mr. Batty, and after a few words relative to the latter's course applied an epithet which the attorney resented by attempting to strike him. Several persons stepped in between them and an encounter was prevented.

### Call Off the Suits.

A Pittsburg, Pa., dispatch of March 23, says: The Carnegie Steel company, limited, becomes a stock company, with a capital variously estimated at from \$200,000,000 to \$250,000,000, the famous "ironclad agreement" is wiped out, all litigation between the partners in the Carnegie company is dropped, and H. C. Frick, the former president of the company, virtually secures all he has contended for. These facts are embodied in an authorized statement issued tonight by the Carnegie Steel company, limited.

### Farmer Loses by Fire.

Setting fire to some weeds near his barn and going to his house to read, caused a fire by which J. S. Sanborn, a farmer near Rising City, Neb., lost a \$500 barn, corn cribs worth \$150, 600 bushels of oats, 1,250 bushels of corn and agricultural implements worth about \$300, besides several tons of hay and straw, and 1,250 bushels of corn belonging to his neighbor, Otto Hoffman. In all about \$1,800 worth of property was burned. The barn was insured for about \$400.

### Arraigned no Charge of Murder.

Mrs. Etta Horton was arraigned before Justice D. W. Neill, at Humboldt, on a charge of murdering her newly born child, which was found in a well in the north part of town on Tuesday morning. Her interests were looked after by Lawyers E. A. Tucker and I. E. Smith, upon whose request a continuance was granted until Tuesday, March 27.

### Two Men Blown to Atoms.

The separating house at the Hercules powder works at Lamotte, ten miles north of Louisiana, Mo., blew up and Peter Bucks and Edmond Carter were blown to atoms.

### Farmer Accidentally Shot.

A serious and perhaps fatal accident occurred southwest of Albion, Neb. H. S. Hahn, a farmer who was bailing hay, went to a wagon to get a pole and in some manner discharged a shotgun that was in the wagon. The shot took effect in his side and it is impossible to tell how serious his injuries are.

### Dies on Wife's Grave.

Emil Corson, member of the largest business firm in Gayville, S. D., shot and killed himself on the grave of his wife and child.