

Red Cloud Chief.

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RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA

Stockholm University has granted the first degree of Doctor of Medicine given a woman in Sweden to a Fraulein Anna Stecksan.

Tennessee cotton planters are sending out large orders for turkeys in an effort to save the crop from destruction from grasshoppers, which have appeared this season in enormous numbers. This turkey eats all the time he is awake and prefers grasshoppers to anything else, while a grasshopper diet results in wonderfully fine turkeys.

A story from Scranton, Pa., says Rev. Mr. Joseph Kosuth Dixon of Boston, has been made trustee of a most remarkable fund. Mrs. Ella M. Amerman, who died recently in Massachusetts, bequeathed a fund of \$10,000 to Mr. Dixon in trust, the income to be devoted to the care of her two horses and her pet dog. This will was admitted to probate in Scranton.

After consulting with substantial colored men in all parts of the country, Booker T. Washington, of Tuskegee, Ala., has decided to assist in the organization of a National Negro Business League. The object of this organization is to encourage colored people, through the central organization and local organizations, to enter all avenues of business. The first meeting will be held in Boston on August 23 and 24.

Mississippi and Georgia have abandoned the system of hiring out convicts, but have employed them to advantage on farms, especially in raising cotton. This form of employment has been found to work the least injury to free labor and to assure the best returns. Both states have made a profit out of their convict farms, and the farms have been free from the hardships and cruelties to convicts inseparable from the lease system.

In December, 1899, the Hon. Sho Nemoto brought forward a bill, in the lower house of the imperial diet of Japan, forbidding the smoking of tobacco by persons under 18 years of age, imposing a fine not only upon offenders, but also upon those selling to such persons. The bill was referred to a committee. This committee, after a full discussion of the merits of the question, reported favorably, making the age 20 instead of 18. On the 19th it was passed, most of the leading members of the house heartily approving the bill. From this it is easy to reason why Japan is becoming the great nation of the far east.

It took so much money to pay the salaries of municipal officials in St. Joseph, Mo., that there was little or none left for new streets and other improvements. The officeholders wanted to meet the emergency by increasing the taxes, but the mayor thought he saw a better way, and filed many of the high priced offices with business men and others who could afford to serve without salaries. Then, we are told, the street department "boomed." It does not follow that this would always be a wise thing to do, but there is no question of the soundness of the general principle that limiting one's expenditure may serve the same purpose as increasing one's income.

Through the death of David Dwight Wells of Norwich, Conn., Harvard University, Williams College and the City Library of Springfield, Mass., will each receive \$37,000. Mr. Wells was born in Norwich. He was an extensive traveler and had a wide reputation as a playwright and author. For several years he lived in London, England, being assistant secretary of the American Legation during the second administration of President Cleveland. It was while living in England that he secured the material for his most successful book, "Her Ladyship's Elephant," which was published some time ago, and also for his most recent work, "His Lordship's Leopard," which has appeared within the last few months.

Discussing a bill in the house of commons for the legislative reform of the drama, a distinguished English statesman insisted that reform could come from but one source, public opinion. Improper jests and songs, if men and women would avoid laughing at them, would speedily fall into disuse. As a good example of the force of public opinion, the American commissioners to The Hague Peace Conference last summer refer to over one thousand telegrams, letters, and memorials of sympathy received by them. The fact that the whole American nation was backing its commissioners had a most important bearing in the council, and was the means of completely reversing the attitude toward international arbitration of one great European nation.

A convict in Sing Sing prison, who was in the bird business in New York, and has made the taming of birds a study, has, while temporarily engaged at work outside the north prison wall, caught and tamed a young robin. The bird comes to him when he whistles to it and perches itself upon his finger. Sometimes it goes with him to his cell at night, and perches on his book-shelf. It is entirely at home in the prison. In the morning it goes out with him and stays around while he is at his work.

MANY MASSACRED

Worst Fears Concerning Peking Confirmed.

50 STATED IN OFFICIAL DISPATCHES

Defense Was Able, but Absolutely Useless—Report Accepted as Being True—Situation at Tien Tsin Growing More Serious—Other News.

A Shanghai, July 15 dispatch says: An official telegram was received tonight from the governor of Shan Tung stating that a breach was made in the wall of the British legation at Peking after a gallant defense and when all the ammunition had given out.

All foreigners were killed. There has been serious rioting in Ning Po, where the Roman Catholic mission has been burned. No details have yet been received.

It seems impossible to entertain any longer the least doubt as to the fate of the Europeans in Peking, says a London, July 16 dispatch. The Associated press learns that Lady Hart, wife of Sir Robert Hart, director of Chinese imperial maritime customs, on July 5, received the following telegram from her husband:

"Our people, including women, are in the legations. Prepare to hear the worst."

The European governments have received from their representatives at Shanghai a dispatch from the governor of Shan Tung, dated July 7, reporting that the European troops made a sortie from Peking and killed 200 of General Tung Fuh Siang's forces, and that the boxers were mounting guns to make a breach in the defenses.

Closing in at Tien Tsin. A Che Foo, July 10 via Shanghai, July 15, dispatch says: Dispatches received today from Tien Tsin cover events that took place there on July 6, 7 and 8. The Chinese are growing in numbers and audacity daily, and drawing closer in. Their fire had already wrecked many buildings, including one gas holder.

Several thousand refugees, most of them women and children, have left Tien Tsin in accordance with Admiral Seymour's order to all non-combatants to depart.

Admiral Seymour's dispatches give the latest news regarding the situation at Tien Tsin. The operations of the allies were successful against the boxers. The moral effect of the successes of the allied forces upon the Chinese is believed to be very great.

PRESCOTT ARIZ FIRE SWEEP

Business District Destroyed With Loss of \$1,500,000.

Fire, which started at 10:45 o'clock Saturday night at Prescott, Ariz., and was not under control until 3 o'clock Sunday morning, when the fire fighters went a considerable distance in advance of the flames and blew up the buildings on the north side of Goodwin street, preventing them from crossing that street, caused a property loss of between \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000.

SENATOR GEAR DEAD.

Expires in Washington After a Short Illness.

A Washington, D. C., July 15 dispatch says: United States Senator Gear of Iowa died at his apartments in the Portland at 4:28 yesterday morning of heart failure. He was in his usual health up to 2:30 a. m., when he was attacked. Doctors were immediately summoned, but their efforts were unavailing.

Vote Down Proposed Demand.

The convention of the green glass bottle blowers in session at Detroit, Mich., unanimously voted down the proposed demand for an eight-hour day. The conference committee of the flint glass blowers returned to Pittsburgh, but before leaving it was decided that a committee from the green glass bottle blowers should meet in conference next April, when the problem of amalgamation will again be taken.

Confine Them in a Dungeon.

Six men who are believed to have been the ringleaders in an attempt to overpower the guards and escape from the military prison on Alcatraz island are confined in a dungeon there, pending the result of an investigation, says a San Francisco dispatch, which Major O'Hara, commandant of the island, has instituted. There are about 500 prisoners on the island, some of them men with records as desperate men.

Cooks His Flesh.

While dumping ashes from a small car at the Star mill at Lead, S. D., L. M. Lee, an employe, fell from an elevated track fifty feet into a pile of ashes. He sank out of sight before help came and his flesh was cooked from his bones. His partner saw him fall, but in three minutes' time the man was dead. He has no relatives in America and was unmarried.

Earthquake Shocks in Russia.

Severe earthquakes in the Kars and Kagyrman districts of the Caucasus mountains, Russia, resulted in the destruction of five villages, several churches and many houses. Six persons were killed and several injured. Additional shocks are still being reported.

Building Trades Control.

In the election of officers of the Chicago federation of labor the buildings trades council influence had control and elected its candidates by an overwhelming majority.

DYING FOR WANT OF WATER

The Drouth in Arizona Proving Fatal to Stock.

A Los Angeles, Cal., dispatch says: Reports from the drouth-stricken sections of Arizona are to the effect that every water hole and most of the wells have gone dry. In consequence cattle are dying by the thousands and their shrunken frames dot the desert country of Pima, Pinal, Santa Cruz, Yuma, Cochise and parts of Maricopa counties. The loss to owners of herds cannot be computed at their present gaunt condition no market can be found. Rarely in the history of the territory has the water in the Gila and Salt rivers been so scarce. Not a drop is reported in the Gila and there is none in the San Pedro from Benson to its confluence with the Salt river above Phoenix.

At Casa Grande the immense reservoir is dry, the supply having long since been exhausted. Crops of alfalfa, barley and wheat between Florence and Casa Grande as well as on the Indian reservation at Sacton, where the Pinal dwell, are beyond hope. Added to all this is the destruction of timber by the forest fires which continue to rage in the Santa-Catalina mountains.

NOT AS BAD AS EXPECTED

More Wheat in the Northwest Than Supposed.

H. V. Jones, in a conservative review of the crop condition in the northwest, printed in the Minneapolis Journal, after personal inspection of the fields, predicts that the yield of wheat in the three spring wheat states of Minnesota and the Dakotas will, at the very least, reach 135,000,000 bushels as against 210,000,000 last year and that with favorable weather during the ensuing four weeks the yield will reach 150,000,000 bushels. This is the highest estimate yet made. Mr. Jones maintains that the soaking rains of the first days of July have worked wonders in the filling out of the wheat.

The best section is southern Minnesota, in many of whose counties toward the west almost twice as much wheat as that year will be raised, with a large area running from twenty to twenty-five bushels to the acre. The yield in South Dakota will be about the average and the marked deficiency occurs in northern Minnesota and North Dakota. The quality of the southern wheat will be high.

SOLICIT AID FOR STRIKERS

Two Thousand Canvassers Begin Work at St. Louis.

Two thousand canvassers engaged by the trades and labor unions of St. Louis to canvass the city and collect contributions for the striking street railway men's bus line have commenced work. In addition to collecting funds for this project the solicitors are expected to ascertain what proportion of the population is in favor of trades and labor unions.

Eight boys are being held by the police pending investigation into an assault on William M. Johns, aged 17 years, who was attacked by a crowd of youths when he alighted from a Broadway car. The boys are from ten to seventeen years of age.

MUST CHOOSE THEMSELVES

Cuban Annexation Not an Immediate Possibility.

Secretary Root, in discussing the coming meeting of the constitutional committee in Cuba, expressed himself quite positively in regard to annexation. In answer to a question he said the question of annexation or any other matter for that matter, might be brought before the convention, but in his opinion Cuban annexation was not imminent just now.

Said he: "Under the congressional declaration we are in honor bound to give them independence first. If, subsequently they wish annexation, that is a matter for them to determine."

Has Blouse Worn by Lawton.

H. M. Bowers, of Ruby, Neb., received by express from San Francisco recently a box containing the bullet-pierced blouse worn by General Lawton on the day he was killed in the Philippines, his cuffs, one shoe and one legging; also Major Guy Howard's shoes worn on the day he was killed, both leggings and many other relics. Bowers also is in possession of the blood-stained tag that came into Manila from the battlefield on the body of Col. John M. Stotsenburg. His brother, Otis Howard Bowers, is chief embalmer for the United States army at Manila and in the practice of his profession he becomes the recipient of many souvenirs of the nation's loyal dead, some of which he sends home for safe keeping.

Calls for Veteran Meeting.

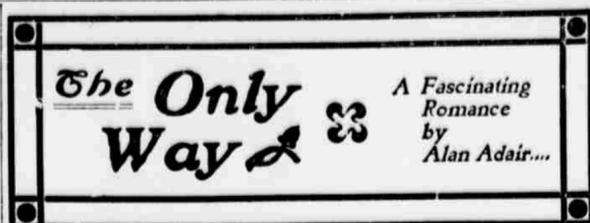
A Chattanooga, Tenn., July 14 Special says: General Willis J. Hallings, commander in chief of the Spanish-American war veterans, has directed the adjutant general's office in this city to issue orders directing the national association to meet here on October 8-13.

Storm at Yankton.

The worst storm in years visited Yankton, S. D., Saturday evening. Two and one-half inches of rain fell in one hour and another similar deluge followed. The whole town is under water. Sidewalks and crossings have been washed away and a ferry has been established on Fourth street.

Goes to League Meeting.

Governor Roosevelt left New York for St. Paul, where he will address the national league of republican clubs at their annual convention.



CHAPTER III.

Richard Dempster had never entirely trusted Hutchinson. Although he had been a member of his firm for years he had never made him a partner, and the utmost he had done was to allow him a very liberal salary, and a commission on what he had made. Therefore it was not a difficult matter to get rid of him; but the interview between the three men was one which neither forgot.

Alan Mackenzie, who, as he told Veronica, wanted no one to do his dirty work, was present, and unfolded document after document of incriminating matter. If he had not made the discovery it would have come to it that the Brazilian government would have arraigned the firm of Dempster on the charge of selling firearms to the insurgents. Richard Dempster knew that the confidence in them would be shaken unless he behaved firmly. He dismissed Hutchinson, offering him no consolation; the man must consider himself disgraced. His imprecations against Mackenzie were deep and terrible.

Alan would not have cared if it had not been for Veronica. After all, the man was Veronica's father, although the girl had never rightly understood why she had never been acknowledged. There was a mystery which Hutchinson alone knew, but he was a quiet and reserved man, steeped to the brim in plots, and he could be dangerous, as quiet people alone can.

Dempster's adieux to Hutchinson were short. "You would have betrayed me," he said to the man who had been in his employ for years, more years than he cared to think, "if it had not been for Mackenzie! My word has always been true, but you would have dragged me down!"

Hutchinson said nothing, but glared at Mackenzie. "That young cur!" he said; "but I will be even with him yet!"

When it came to saying goodbye to Alan it was another affair. The elder man had taken a great liking to Alan; he had full confidence in him.

"Look here, my lad," he said, "I shan't leave you at Santa Rosa—I'm not sure it will be worth your powder and shot; but go there now, and I will move you on to San Iago in a little while."

Alan thanked him and went. His head was full of Veronica. The girl was about to show her confidence in him in the fullest way a woman can.

True she was leaving nothing but unkindness and tyranny; but Veronica was young and very beautiful, and many men would have rejoiced to have secured her for life.

He had made all arrangements for the girl. She was to leave Rio at once and go and wait for him at Santa Rosa. He had sent her money, and had found a lady who would look after her until he came to claim her for himself. They would be married at once, and he would begin his life there a married man. He was looking forward to this new life. He wanted a companion—a woman. Sometimes he felt that, if it had been possible, he would have preferred a woman who would demand more of him, for as long as he was simply joined to Veronica she was perfectly happy. Poor child! she had had so much unkindness in her short life, for she was but seventeen!

Alan Mackenzie was not a man who makes plans that come to naught. Before another three months were over he was established at Santa Rosa, married to Veronica. She had a surprise in store for him. She told him that Hutchinson had come home from the momentous interview vehemently abusing Alan.

She had stood up for him, and then he had flown into a violent rage and had abused her, telling her that she was not his child, and that she had no claim upon him. In some strange way this rather pleased Alan. He had very definite ideas as to duty, and it had vexed him that it was his fate to unmask the father of the girl he was to marry. Therefore, Hutchinson's words that she was not his child rather relieved him.

And now there began some months of quiet, uneventful, pleasurable life. Veronica was sweet, gentle, loving, and very beautiful. It was impossible not to become fond of her; and though Alan knew that there were possibilities of love within him which she never drew out, yet he never regretted his chivalry. She was not very useful, but she made a home. She always looked charming and made the rooms pretty with flowers and ornaments. She was always there, too, to talk to him when he wanted to talk, to ride with him when he wanted to ride. She seemed to live simply to give him pleasure. True, he never discussed any serious topic with her, and there was a part of his nature that was a sealed book to her; but that did not prevent it being a happy, easy life. But it only lasted four months. Alan and his chief, corresponded two or three times a week, but only on business affairs. If Richard Dempster heard a rumor of Alan's living at Santa Rosa as a married man he did not attach much importance to it. Alan was doing such good work that he was almost wasted at such a small center as Santa Rosa. He knew it himself, but he had been grateful for the opportunity of establishing himself

early on the fourth morning, and was still more uneasy at hearing that there was no news of the steamer. He haunted the quay all the next day, rather to the detriment of his work, and at night he could not sleep. Thoughts of Veronica's fears and sufferings intruded themselves. He blamed himself for leaving her, for not having returned to fetch her, although he could not well have left. She had always hated the water and feared it, and he had loved it. The next day he was down at the quay again, trying to get some information about the steamer. In a little while not he alone, but the owners of the boat, began to get frightened. They could get no news. No other boat seemed to have seen anything of her. By and by there were stories of some of the wreckage of a steamer being washed ashore, and at the end of a fortnight the haggard man who spent his days at the quay looking out for the boat which would never return to the town had to give up all hope. The steamer had assuredly gone down, and all hands with it; and Veronica, his wife, was lost with the others!

And so ended this brief little episode. Alan had been very happy with his gentle wife, and South America was loathsome to him now. He began to long, with a longing that had been stifled during his brief married life by the drawing out of other parts of his nature, for England and things English. The white, clear moonlight, the scent of the tropical flowers, the soft, dark eyes and liquid accents of the Spanish women, the songs they sang, the very guitars they played, reminded him of his poor Veronica, now lying fathoms deep under the restless sea.

But as she had never stirred the passionate depth of his nature, so her death never drew out passionate grief. He felt lonely, that was all; and the glowing land, where everything was so beautiful and yet seemed so ephemeral, became distasteful to him, so he gladly accepted Richard Dempster's offer to manage the export part of his business in London, and to return to English shores.

In a short time his South American experiences almost faded out of his mind. Veronica became a sweet memory to him, which moonlight nights freshened. He was very successful in his work, and in four years time had gained a good position for himself. He was ambitious, too, and began reading for the bar, which he found he could do together with his work for the firm. And four years after he left South America saw him respected and much made of as any young man of twenty-six might be who is beginning to be known as a man who may become important.

(To be continued.)

Debarred from Royal Presence.

Now and then one hears of society ladies being offered large sums—and accepting them—for presenting an ambitious woman at a drawing room; but money will not always secure of the lord chamberlain's cards of admission. For example, the wife or daughter of a retail tradesman, however large his business and however wealthy he may be, is never allowed to enter the royal presence, and two or three other classes are rigorously barred. There is also an objection to the wives of company promoters. Indeed, when there is a drawing room announced the clerks in the lord chamberlain's office have quite an exciting time in inquiring into the position of those desiring to attend.—London Chronicle.

Scalped Thirteen Indians.

Wichita correspondence Chicago Inter Ocean: Fred Grabby, aged 64, died at Strand, Kan., last week. Grabby made himself famous by scalping 13 Indians in one bunch 14 years ago. He was traveling through Oklahoma with his family. Thirteen young Indians came upon him and demanded his scalp. He fled to the wagon and obtained a lasso. This he threw around five Indians and bound them together, while his wife held the others at bay with a rifle. After he had killed and scalped the five he killed the other eight. Such a feat was never before or since heard of. To commemorate the deed Grabby settled on the spot where he killed the Indians.

Immensity of China.

China and its dependencies have a total area of 4,218,401 square miles and a population of 402,680,000. In area it includes nearly one-twelfth of the total area of the globe, while its population includes nearly one-third of all the people in the world. As compared with the United States, the latter's island possessions being excluded, China has 800,000 more square miles of territory and more than five times as many inhabitants. The population of China proper per square mile is 292; that of the state of Rhode Island is 254, and that of Texas six.

Prince Shocked by Vaudeville.

His more or less royal ex-highness, the Prince Kalamanoale, of Hawaii, who is now in New York, went alone to see a vaudeville show there to determine if it was a proper place to take his wife, and though the performance was mild enough from a New York standpoint, he was greatly shocked and decided it would not do for the princess.

Jonathan Edwards' Memorial.

The First Church of Northampton, Mass., will, on June 22, place a tablet upon the walls of its sanctuary in memory of Jonathan Edwards, who was pastor of this church from 1726 to 1750.