

Red Cloud Chief.

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Germany has a life insurance association of hotelkeepers which in seven years has paid over \$300,000 to the families of members.

The will of the late Jarvis Ford, of St. Joseph, Mo., leaves \$20,000 for a free memorial library in that place, and \$10,000 to the municipal hospital.

Charles C. Rumsey, whose equestrian statue of a North American Indian has been accepted by the managers of the Buffalo Pan-American Exposition, is a member of the junior class of Harvard.

Venice is trying to revive the picturesque ceremony of wedding the Adriatic, which has been discontinued since the last Doge was expelled in 1797. Plans have been made for building a Bucentaur on the model of the last state galley used for the ceremony.

The new Japanese cruiser Yakumo, which was built at Stettin and recently sailed for Japan, has so far given the greatest satisfaction. The system of ventilation is so perfect, it is asserted, that during her passage of the Red sea the temperature of the engine and boiler rooms was not much more than half that in British ships.

Attention is called by the London Lancet to the fact that canned tomatoes are now being extensively colored, in order to make them look attractive and as if made from ripe fruit. Among the colors so employed are coal-tar colors and cochineal. The subject of artificial coloring and preservation of food is now receiving great attention in England.

When ex-Queen Liliuokalani visited the island of Maui not long ago for the first time in ten years the steamship which carried her was surrounded by natives bringing gifts of all kinds, fruits, vegetables, fowls and even pigs. There was music, dancing, a great feast, and the whole steamship was decorated with their garlands.

An original device for evading the prohibitory law was recently unearthed by plumbers in a house in Rutland, Vt. The liquor, stored in a secret nook, was conveyed in hidden pipes to a radiator in one of the principal rooms of the house. A small faucet attached to the radiator was the means by which the liquid was drawn off for use.

The Hungarian government is about to take steps to effectually put an end to the wandering of gypsies, who are so frequently to be met in that country. The stalwart Hungarian gypsy, with his multi-colored cloak, his dark-eyed, fortune-telling wife, and his crowd of half-naked children, is one of the most picturesque figures in this part of Europe.

The Sieck announces that M. Ostris, a well-known Paris philanthropist, has instituted a prize of 100,000 francs to be awarded by a committee of the Paris Press Syndicate to the author or authors of a work adjudged by the committee to be the most meritorious, whether from the artistic or industrial point of view, or on the ground of general service to humanity.

It has been remarked in connection with the late Lord Armstrong as not a little singular that while he was the founder of Elswick, the arsenal of the north, a member of another branch of the same family was the founder of the royal arsenal at Woolwich in 1716. This was John, a scion of the Liddesdale Armstrongs, who became a very celebrated military officer and engineer, serving with the highest reputation under the duke of Marlborough and Prince Eugene.

Captain Cotton of the Norfolk navy yard has made a report on the damage sustained by the torpedo-boat Ericsson on Jan. 2, when she touched bottom in the Delaware and Chesapeake canal, while the water was low and the ice thick. The known damage is a bent propeller. Orders have been issued for the docking of the boat at Norfolk and it is expected that she will soon be in readiness to join the torpedo flotilla which will accompany the north Atlantic squadron on its winter cruise.

In Scotland the halpenny is called a "bawbee," but how it came to receive that name is not a matter of common knowledge. It appears that the first attempt at the portraiture of the unfortunate Mary, queen of Scots, was made in her earliest infancy, and her "wee" face was engraved upon the Scottish halpennies at the time of her coronation in 1543, when she was but 9 months old. A number of these small coins are still preserved, and it will be easily understood that the name "bawbee," or baby, was originally given to the coin bearing the baby's effigy.

Miss Jane Schroeder, who has just died in Essex, Conn., has left what is called in sporting parlance 7,000 "bones" to two dogs which she had picked up on the streets. During her 65 years of life Miss Schroeder lived in a tumble down shanty and devoted her days to visiting the sick of the town and picking up stray dogs and cats. During one of these missions she picked up a child and adopted her as a daughter, Gretchen Schroeder, as the child is called, will inherit what remains of the \$7,000, should the dogs die before she does.

MANY NEW BILLS

Nebraska Senators and Legislators Moving.

THE HIDE BILL HAS BEEN POSTPONED

Resolutions on Death of Judge Maxwell Adopted by a Rising Vote—House to Meet at 9 a. m. and Hold Sessions Tuesday and Thursday Afternoons.

The senate committee on medical societies heard physicians of many schools on a bill to legalize the practice of osteopathy and then reported the bill to the senate without recommendation. It was placed on the general file for consideration in committee of the whole. The physicians of the regular school proposed to repeal all medical laws and enact a rigid examination law. To this the osteopaths consented but whether the proposition will be followed by the introduction of a bill for that purpose is not known.

A bill applying the Lincoln system of nominating candidates in counties having over 30,000 inhabitants, introduced by Edgar of Gage, and one for a similar system for metropolitan cities and cities of first and second class, by Lyman, were favorably reported by the committee on privileges and elections. A bill was passed to include young soldiers in the biennial state roster of soldiers and sailors. A bill providing for registers of deeds in counties having more than 28,250 inhabitants was defeated on its passage.

Report of standing committees on the following bills were adopted in the senate yesterday morning:

Senate file No. 122, by Cummins, imposing a \$100 license fee on peddlers of jewelry, patent medicines, etc., to pass.

Senate file No. 136, by Lyman, relating to enrollment of farmers and wage workers, male and female, by assessors, to be indefinitely postponed.

Senate file No. 211, by Martin, exempting from taxation property of schools, religious or charitable institutions which is rented for the benefit of such institutions, to pass.

Senate file No. 212, by Cummins, to empower metropolitan cities to issue certificates of indebtedness, to be referred to the committee on municipal affairs.

Senate file No. 187, by Cummins, providing for a tax of \$100 peddlers, to be indefinitely postponed.

Senate file 173, by Lyman, relating to fees of county treasurers, to pass.

The following bills were passed at the afternoon session:

Senate file No. 23, by Newell, a curative act amending section 17 of the criminal code, relating to assault and battery.

Senate file No. 112, by O'Neil, to include the names of soldiers of the Spanish war and the Philippine insurrection in the list of soldiers compiled biennially by the state assessors not to receive pay for their labor until they list the names of all soldiers and sailors in their districts; Johnson of Harlan and Miller of Buffalo alone voted in the negative.

The bill legalizing the practice of osteopathy, senate file No. 102, was placed on the general file without recommendation.

The following were placed on the general file:

Senate file No. 139, by Young to protect primary elections.

Senate file No. 113, by Edgar, a general primary election law for cities of the metropolitan class and cities of the first and second class, and requiring all political parties to comply with its provisions.

Senate file No. 17, by Edgar, a general primary election law for the selection of candidates for county offices in counties of over 30,000 inhabitants.

Senate file No. 54, by Lyman, making the giving of official bonds optional for officers less than state officers, and authorizing payment of premiums on guarantee bonds from the public funds.

Resolutions were passed by the senate on the death of Judge Samuel Maxwell.

The House.

Standing committees reported in the house yesterday morning immediately after the house convened. They were adopted as follows:

House roll No. 173, to prevent combinations of lumber dealers, to be postponed.

House roll No. 172, to compel the stamping of adulteration of lard on cans or vessels containing the same, to be postponed. The bill later, on motion of Hamilton, was placed on general file.

House roll No. 161, to permit the organization of home guaranty bond companies, to pass as amended.

House roll No. 207, to permit meetings of state poultrymen's association at such times as the board of managers may direct, to pass.

House roll No. 290, relating to the Torrens system of land transfer, to pass as amended.

The house went into committee of the whole with Sprecher in the chair. House roll No. 110, by Mullen, to amend the law relating to garnishment and provide different collection laws, was first on general file. Mullen wanted action on the bill postponed till some Omaha men could get here. Tanner moved to postpone and he said Mullen had asked postponement for consideration before. The bill was ordered postponed by a vote of thirty to thirty-nine.

House roll No. 306, to provide for the appointment of a state prosecutor, to be postponed.

DEATH PENALTY POSSIBLE

Anti-Kidnaping Act Passes the Senate Unanimously.

Lincoln, Feb. 15.—The Cudahy kidnaping case, which attracted the attention of the entire country, and which resulted in the payment of a \$25,000 ransom, stirred up the people of the state and a demand was made for the passage of an act to punish such crimes.

The senate yesterday took the first step and passed senate file No. 29, by Ransom, a bill which provides for the death penalty or life imprisonment for one grade of crime. The bill punishes kidnaping by a sentence of from three to seven years in the penitentiary. Kidnaping for the purpose of extorting money may be punished by imprisonment from one to twenty years, and kidnaping with threats of injury to the person or actual injury to the person is made punishable by death or imprisonment for life in the discretion of the jury.

An act passed by the senate requires the name of the manufacturer and the number of feet per pound to be stamped on each ball of binding twine offered for sale in this state. One effect of this bill will be to discredit convict-made binding twine, which is now manufactured at more than one penitentiary in the country.

The forestry bill introduced by Senator Arends of Otoe, providing that the increase in value of land by reason of the growth of trees shall not be taken into consideration for purposes of assessment, was also passed.

The senate approved Martin's bill for the repeal of all boards of transportation acts.

Miller's bill for the repeal of the oil inspection law was indefinitely postponed. Haldrige's bill to submit a constitutional amendment to increase the supreme court to nine members was favorably reported by the judiciary committee. As amended the bill provides that unless the voter erases the negative part of the ballot his vote shall be counted as a vote for the amendment.

The house yesterday received the bill making an appropriation for the purchase of a site for the state fair in Lincoln. The committee on public lands and buildings reported the measure and the same was placed on general file. The appropriation was amended by the committee to \$25,000. Some little controversy was aroused by McCarthy, but the majority of the members favored giving the bill a thorough consideration.

The greater part of the day in the house was spent receiving reports of standing committees which were filed. The bill creating the state board of charities and corrections passed on third reading after a long call of the house to call members to duty.

The special committee appointed to draw up a ballot law satisfactory to all parties has about completed its labors. The ballot agreed upon embodies the features of the old blanket ballot and the present single column type.

ROOSEVELT DONE HUNTING

Vice President-elect Soon to Leave Colorado.

Information has been received at Denver that Vice President Roosevelt, who has been for several weeks hunting wild animals in the wilds of northwest Colorado, will reach Rifle, Colorado, February 16, and will there board a Colorado Midland train to begin his homeward journey. It is not known whether he will accept the invitation that has been extended to him to stop in Denver and address the legislature.

Emperor Thanks Sultan.

Emperor William in thanking the sultan for the reception of the mission sent to attend the inauguration of the fountain erected by the emperor in Constantinople to commemorate his visit and that of Empress Augustus Victoria, says he considers it a fresh proof of the sultan's friendship.

Odd Dinners in New York.

It is a very unimportant part of the civilized world whose existence is not celebrated by a dinner in this city at least once a year. Australians living in New York are the latest to fall into line, and they propose to dine together in a few weeks. Every civilized nation is represented here by a dining society. Nearly every state in the Union has its society here, and at least a dozen countries of this state are also represented by societies.—New York Sun.

To Penetrate Afghanistan.

Prof. A. V. Williams of Columbia university leaves for India in the interest of the department of Indo-Iranian languages and literatures in the university. He will make an attempt to penetrate Afghanistan through the Khyber pass and will study the customs and religious ceremonies of the Parsees and Hindoos. He expects to return in June.

Doesn't Need the Crown Now.

Prince Ferdinand of Bulgaria two years ago ordered a crown designed by a prominent artist at Munich. At that time the prince hoped to be promoted to kingly rank, but since his ambition has been disappointed he refuses to pay for the design, and the artist has been compelled to sue.

The Man-Fearing Spirit.

St. Clair McElway, editor of the Brooklyn Eagle, speaking for the laity at the celebration at Rev. Dr. Meredith's church recently, said that at the root of the caste spirit, too often found in churches, is the man-fearing spirit.

The Emperor's Great Advantage.

The kaiser has taken to playing practical jokes. And his loyal subjects dare not retaliate, for there is less majesty. There are certain advantages in being an emperor.—Baltimore American.

THE ACT STANDS

Senate Refuses to Repeal Corrupt Practices Law.

SLOCUM LAW IS JEALOUSLY GUARDED

Several Liquor Bills Killed in the Senate, and One is Given a Lease of Life—House Seeks Information on Subjects of Some Importance.

Lincoln, Feb. 14.—The senate occupied an hour's time at the forenoon session yesterday in flights of oratory and a short period afternoon in discussing the bill introduced by Martin, of Richardson, to repeal the corrupt practices act, a law governing the conduct of candidates for office. The bill was indefinitely postponed by a vote of 26 to 4. Quite a number of bills were killed by standing committees, including two or three bills amending the liquor law. Harlan stated that there seemed to be no desire to change the Slocum law. However, one bill permitting saloon keepers to pay their license fees quarterly in advance instead of annually in advance was referred back to Mr. Harlan's committee in order to give Liddell, of Douglas, an opportunity to present the merits of the bill to the committee. Harlan warned the senator from Douglas that it was useless to refer the bill back to the committee as the members were unanimous in their decision against the bill. The house bill to establish two new normal schools was favorably recommended by the committee on university and normal schools.

The house paid particular attention to the passage of bills. The bill permitting Lancaster county commissioners to retain their present salaries passed as did a number of other measures recently considered in committee of the whole. The committee on soldiers' homes reported what they had found at Milford and Grand Island with recommendations.

On motion of Beam of Custer the attorney general was requested to give to the house answers to the following questions:

First. The specific features of the contract between the state of Nebraska and Guy H. Brown and his successor, H. H. Wheeler, whereby the said Guy H. Brown and H. H. Wheeler compiled, annotated, indexed and prepared for publication the various editions of the laws of Nebraska since 1880.

Second. To what extent does the said Guy H. Brown or his heirs and H. H. Wheeler hold copyright on annotations, indices, catchwords or other matters of forms contained in said editions and the length of time of said copyrights will yet hold.

Third. The number of copies of the laws of the state of Nebraska that would be required by the state in order to comply with the requirements of chapter 47 of the compiled statutes of the state of Nebraska, 1899, and the probable cost per copy of material, printing and binding of the 1899 statutes.

Builds and Tears Down.

William C. Whitney is continually spending some of his vast fortune in building or tearing down. He will give instructions for the erection of a stable for instance, after having carefully considered plans therefor. It is a safe bet that before the building is completed he will order it to be entirely remodeled. Hamilton McK Twombly is another millionaire who is given to similar changes of mind.

A Church Accepts Parker Statue.

The Kraus statue of Theodore Parker, made in 1855, is still a source of trouble. It was first rejected, with many protests, by Parker's friends, and was retired from view, but it has now been accepted by the First parish (Unitarian) of West Roxbury, Mass., and will be set up in front of the church of that congregation.

To Explore the South Polar Sea.

The duke of Abruzzi proposes to start from Buenos Ayres in 1902, on a voyage to explore the south polar sea, in a ship which will be specially built in Italy from his own plans and specifications. He has selected as his companions Vittorio Sella, the geographer, and several young officers of the Italian royal navy.

Best for Cincinnati Schools.

A marble bust of Mrs. Christine G. Sullivan, the Ohio educator, is being made by C. T. Webber, the sculptor, for the Cincinnati public schools. It is the gift of several members of the National Educational association and the Southern and Ohio Teachers' associations.

Couldn't Count the Hens.

A Maine man sent his small son out to count the new brood of chickens which had hatched out that day. When the boy returned he said: "I counted them all but one, daddy, and that one was running 'round so fast I could not count him!"

Emblems Denoting Married State.

Married men in Sweden and Norway wear wedding rings, thereby proclaiming themselves to all and sundry as appropriated blessings. Directly they become engaged they proclaim the fact to the outside public by sporting a ring, just as do their fair fiancées.

Perfume Wards Off Cholera.

The cholera repeatedly during the last century visited London and Paris, but at no time was there a death from that disease among the operatives of the perfume factories.

THE LEGISLATURE.

Proceedings of That Body For Saturday, February 16.

Lincoln, February 16.—The house members were determined to work yesterday. Some of the representatives believed the general file might get away from them unless they put in an hour or two of intense application, and the afternoon was spent in committee of the whole after the morning was occupied with committee reports and introduction of bills. In committee of the whole a bill providing that in counties of 3,000 population or less the county boards shall appoint county attorneys and pay them not to exceed \$300 per annum, was agreed to. This measure will affect about twelve Nebraska counties and is regarded by those who favor it as a stroke in favor of economy.

A good portion of the afternoon was spent discussing a bill to reimburse both ex-Treasurer Meserve and Treasurer Steiner for money paid out as premium for bonds furnished the state. The entire question of furnishing bonds was discussed and the policy of the state should pursue. Many of the members desired more time and the discussion was postponed until Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Representative Loomis called up his resolution offered earlier in the week in memory of the late Judge Samuel Maxwell. They embodied a motion to adjourn out of respect for the eminent jurist. Mr. Loomis spoke very eloquently of his friend and townsman and his speech was followed by shorter ones by Representatives McCarthy, Lane and Speaker Sears. The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

A half hour was devoted by the senate to legislation yesterday. During that time Senator Owens of Dawson, from the irrigation district, introduced a constitutional amendment which is designed to do away with the common law interpretation of water rights. The object of the new constitutional amendment is to dedicate to the public use all water in natural streams, subject to appropriation under the laws of the state. Under recent decisions of the supreme court it is believed that the irrigation laws which appropriate the use of the water to the state can not be held constitutional.

For the purpose of curing this the irrigation societies of the state demand the adoption of a constitutional amendment which will permit the state to control water in natural streams and to pass laws regulating appropriations.

A list of bills was killed in the senate on recommendation of the committee on agriculture. Included in the list is one for the establishment of three agricultural experiment stations in the western part of the state, and another had for its purpose the regulation of horseshoeing in cities of 5,000 inhabitants.

King Resigns Mastership.

Earl Amherst, presiding at a special meeting of the grand lodge of Free Masons, in London, announced that King Edward will assume the title and position of protector of the English Free Masons. The Duke of Connaught was nominated for grand master in succession to king Edward. The election will take place March 6.

Merriman to Succeed Lee.

A Washington Feb. 14 dispatch says: When General Fitz Hugh Lee is placed on the retired list, and he will be in a few days, it is expected that General Merriman, now commanding the department of Colorado, will temporarily have charge of the department of the Missouri, with headquarters at Omaha.

CONDENSED NEWS

Some playful corn fed steers delayed a Russell county school a half day by chasing the lady teacher up a tree.

The report drifts in from the Central branch that snow is up to the second story windows. This is one story too many.

The ridding of Mother Hales' saloon at Holton exemplifies the theory that all joints look alike to such wreckers as public sentiment.

The Belgian hare had at Hanover has taken a temporary lull since a measly little tabby cat changed owners for a \$50 consideration.

A spider swung itself down from the ceiling of a Jackson county store by its web and attached itself to the tail of a mouse and dragged the mouse up till only its front feet touched the floor, where it was held by the spider until life was extinct.

Campbell has a proposition to put in a system of waterworks consisting of a gasoline engine, an 800 barrel tank, main hydrants, 400 feet of hose and all necessary appliances complete for \$2,500. The council will decide upon the construction of a plant at the next meeting.

The Turners of Plattsmouth gave an exhibition recently and they were greeted by one of the largest audiences since the opening of the Farmers theatre. The society gave this exhibition for the purpose of illustrating to the public their methods of physical culture, and the interest shown was very gratifying to them. They have made the school board liberal proposition with a view of introducing physical culture into the local public schools.

Nation's Snow Over Ten Miles.

A balloon fitted with automatic instruments was sent up recently in Paris and came down safely. The instruments showed that it had risen to 66,000 feet, or over 10 1/2 miles. At that height the temperature outside the balloon was 102 degrees below zero.

Long Term as Insurance Secretary.

Sanford J. Hall, who had been secretary of the Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance company of Springfield, Mass., died a few days ago, aged 80. He had been secretary of the insurance company since 1868.

Hand Badly Crushed.

Fred Landt, a laborer on the Burlington bridge gang, at present at work on the bridge over the Platte river several miles east of Grand Island, has been taken to St. Francis hospital with a badly crushed hand. While another employe was splitting a piling with a twelve-pound maul, Landt's hand came between the maul and the piling.

Wagon Loads of Wildcats.

"Buck" Davis, a cowboy, who has just reached Meeker, Col., in from the north, brings the information that Governor Roosevelt and his guides and party will come in with two wagon loads of lions and wildcats.

With Fatal Results.

A street car containing thirty passengers, en route from Dayton, O., jumped the track on a down grade and plunged over a fifty-foot embankment into a small stream, injuring all but one of the passengers. Several may die.

NITRIC ACID IN HIS FACE

Divorced Wife of an Omaha, Neb., Man Makes an Assault.

At South Omaha, Neb., Mrs. Mary Adams, divorced wife of J. G. Adams, a commission merchant residing 1805 Locust street, threw nitric acid into his face. She came in from Denver, registered at a hotel and took a hack for her former husband's residence, knocking at the kitchen door. Adams opened the door. His young wife was in the kitchen with him, he having married Clara Quain last June immediately after getting a divorce from his first wife.

Adams seized the infuriated woman, who had followed him into the kitchen, took a revolver out of her hand and knocked her down. He then ran for the police. In his absence the interloper demolished the dishes and everything in sight, chasing the bride upstairs, where a few minutes later she was rescued by neighbors. The woman was taken to jail. The doctor says Adams is not badly hurt.

BANK IS LOOTED.

Crookston Rob State Bank at Phillips of Cash on Hand.

The state bank at Phillips, Neb., was entered, the safe blown to pieces and all the money contained therein secured by a gang of presumably four robbers. The amount secured is estimated at between \$1,000 and \$1,500, the exact amount unknown by reason of the fact that through the explosion some of the money was so defaced and mashed up as to make it impossible to tell just what it was.

The sheriff of Hamilton county, at Aurora, was sent for and took the case in charge. Bloodhounds have not as yet been set for owing to the fact that the bank officials and officers have little faith in their work.

Last June a similar effort was made on the bank. In fact this is the third attempt. It is the only one that has been successful.

NOW A THING OF THE PAST

Carnegie Steel Company, as Rush, Ceases to Exist.

"The Carnegie Steel company, as such, has ceased to exist except by courtesy."

This statement was made in New York city by a high official of the American Steel and Wire company. By this it was implied that all details for the transfer of control of that company to the Morgan syndicate have been completed, and that the only delay in making complete and final announcement is due to matters affecting the other companies which it is believed will be taken in.

Charles M. Schwab of the Carnegie Steel company has been formally selected as the head of the big steel combination.

MAY COMPROMISE TROUBLE

Effort to Settle the Schley-Sampson Controversy.

A Washington, Feb. 15, dispatch says: Senator McComas is making an effort to secure a compromise which will permit confirmation of the president's nominations advancing various officers of Admiral Sampson's fleet for meritorious conduct during the Spanish war. He suggests that all but Sampson and Schley be confirmed and that congress pass a resolution creating the grade of vice-admiral, with the understanding that these two officers be given the position. Some opposition is made by supporters of Admiral Schley, who fear that he would not be given the senior position by the president.

HANGS HIMSELF TO A TREE

Falls City Man Commits Suicide After a Debauch.

World reached Falls City, Neb., Feb. 15, that the dead body of a man had been found hanging from a tree by the road side about two miles east of this place. The body was identified as L. Chestnut. The man had been on a spree for two days. After going about two miles he drove his team to the side of the road, tied a hitch strap about his neck and the other end to a tree and jumped from the back of his wagon. The body was still warm when discovered and brought to the city and the coroner notified. The dead man was about sixty-five years of age.

To Lay Mines In Harbor.

The work of laying mines and torpedoes about the entrance to Port Orchard dry dock, Tacoma, is soon to begin. A shipment of five ears of mushroom anchors has been received by the quartermaster's department, consigned to the United States engineer by the ordnance department of the army. They are to be used to hold down the gun cotton mines and torpedoes.

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