

Red Cloud Chief.

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Deaf mutes are on the increase in Germany. There are no fewer than 6,458 persons in institutions where deaf mutes are specially instructed.

As a curiosity of the recent German census, the "Gaulois" records that the returns showed the village of Reutenbourg contained 444 inhabitants, 222 being of the masculine and 222 of the feminine gender. The "Gaulois" thinks quadrilles ought to flourish in Reutenbourg.

Austria and Mexico have resumed intercourse for the first time since the execution of Emperor Maximilian. Emperor Francis Joseph has appointed Prince Khevenhuller-Metsch to represent him at the dedication of a memorial chapel to his brother on the spot at Queretaro, where Maximilian was shot in 1867.

A watch, believed to have been lost some time about 1627, which has been found on Poverty Island, at the mouth of the Connecticut river, is attracting great attention from antiquarians. The watch is a large silver one, and on the inside of the outer case is engraved a name which cannot be made out, and the date, 1627.

The Rev. Dr. MacArthur of New York is going to open his church to a meeting at which the Chinese minister, Wu Ting Fang, Andrew Carnegie, Booker T. Washington, the negro educator, and two Jewish rabbis will speak. And this combination attracts as much attention as if it had not been 1900 years since Christ began preaching the brotherhood of man.

The Vicksburg national park will soon be complete as far as the acquisition of land is concerned. It will comprise in all 1,231 acres. It is proposed to restore all military features that marked it in the struggle of 1863, and all the regiments and batteries that had a part to play then will be asked to aid in the location of the historic objects and the marking of historic spots.

One of the Zionist movements in Vienna is an effort to establish industries in Palestine. Among those being considered are fez and basket making and the manufacture of textile fabrics, clothing, paper, chemicals, matches, machinery, bricks and tiles. The production of wines has been one of the Zionist developments and has proven successful, large quantities of Palestinian wine being exported annually.

In the postoffice of some of the large cities there is an unknown clerk who for several weeks has been stamping religious texts on the envelopes of the mail that passes through his hands. Business men of New York, Philadelphia and Chicago have been finding lately printed in purple type across their correspondence such admonitions as "Prepare to meet thy God," or "No man knoweth the day or the hour when his soul shall be required of him."

The Chinese minister, Wu Ting-fang, was one of the eulogists of Abraham Lincoln at the late birthday celebration. "I do not look on Lincoln," said he, "as belonging to America alone. The world claims him as a benefactor of mankind." The simple fact that the representative of China thus claims a share in the interest, common to all lands, which centers in Lincoln's person and work is one answer to the question, Does the Celestial Empire make progress?

The Paris correspondent of the London Standard writes: The First Chamber of the Appeal Court has just given a decision which is of considerable interest to spiritualists. Madam Rivail, widow of Allan Kardec, led a will bequeathing her considerable fortune to a spiritualistic society and persons connected with that belief. The will was attacked by Madam Rivail's natural heirs, and the court has given a verdict in their favor, annulling the will leaving the money to the spiritualistic society because it is a society which has been effectively declared null and void in the eyes of the law.

A smallpox scare at Loyalsville, Pa., is responsible for a queer election muddle. The day before election it was found that Thomas J. Bryan, in whose store the poll was located, was ill of smallpox. His house and store were quarantined, and the election board hired a hall for a polling place. The smallpox scare kept the country voters at home, only forty out of 280 coming to the polls. All the candidates chosen were residents of the village, and now the country voters have begun to contest the election, holding that the board had no right to change the polling place without an order from court.

The Indian census just completed shows that the famine cost over 1,100,000 lives, or more than five times the population of the two Boer republics. This famine was purely a matter of money; there was plenty of food in the country, but the people died because they did not have the means to buy it and the British government had other uses for its own. One-tenth of the money spent in bringing 200,000 reluctant Boers into the empire would have prevented over five times their number of British subjects from going out of it by the road of death.

TAMPER WITH MAIL

Pilfering in Philippines Causes Complaint.

NEED OF GREATER CAUTION RECOGNIZED

What is supposed to have occurred on Steamers—New Province Created—Casting of Islands of Masbate, Ticao and Burias—Other News.

A Washington, March 20, dispatch says: Director General of Posts Cotterman of the Philippines has reported to the postoffice department that within the past few months a great many complaints have been received from Manila indicating pilfering from the mails. Most of the mail dispatched from the Philippines, as well as that received, originates at army posts, where there is no regular postoffice. Much of this mail is carried between the army post and the nearest postoffice in tied sacks.

The report details the necessity for imprints on wax seals on mails, as recommended by the director general in a report received yesterday. Mr. Cotterman desires a supply of 150 hand presses, with die on each bearing a distinctive number. He adds:

"Many sacks of mail are carried on steamers doing a local traffic throughout the islands, but which are not under government control. The crews of the steamers are composed wholly of natives or Spaniards, and the time has not arrived when these people can be trusted to any extent."

Iloilo, Island of Panay, March 20.—By mail from Panayog, Island of Masbate, March 19.—The islands of Masbate, Ticao and Burias, with a population of 40,000 were today constituted the province of Masbate.

Masbate island has been impoverished by the rinderpest, which has killed the cattle, the raising of which is almost the sole industry of the inhabitants. The people welcome the idea of a civil government and promise to extend their timber and agricultural operations.

For reasons of economy the commission has decided upon no salaries for the provincial officials. Senor Serrano, a native, has been appointed governor of the province; George Landers, a New York soldier, supervisor, and Lieutenant Snyder of the Twenty-seventh infantry, treasurer. The duties of the fiscal of Romblon will be extended to the Masbate province. Arrangements have been made for the establishment of schools of which there have heretofore been practically none in the province.

TO COMBINE GOULD ROADS

Kege Consolidation Under Consideration in New York.

A dispatch from New York says that George J. Gould has for several days been in conference at his Lakewood home with officers of western roads, with a view to combining all the Gould roads in the west and southwest into one high corporation with a capitalization of \$250,000,000 or \$300,000,000 and with a total of about 13,000 miles.

The chief roads concerned in the proposed deal are: Missouri Pacific, St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railway company; St. Louis & Southwestern Railway company, Texas & Pacific Railway company, International & Great Northern railroad, Wabash railroad company. Practically all of the stock of the St. Louis, Iron Mountain & Southern Railway company is already owned by the Missouri Pacific. When seen at his home Mr. Gould refused to confirm or deny this report.

BETTER SALARY FOR MAYOR

Detroit's to Be Increased From One to Five Thousand.

A Lansing, Mich., special states that the bill to increase the salary of the mayor of Detroit from \$1,500 per year to \$5,000, which passed the house, was passed by the senate by a vote of 24 to 1, and has gone to the governor for approval. During the debate on the bill Senator Helme of Adrian, the leader of the democratic minority in the senate, made a vicious attack on Thomas Navin, airman of the republican city committee of Detroit. He declared that the bill was part of a scheme on the part of the chairman to build up a great machine in Detroit, and said that his fathering of it should be enough to discredit it.

Cleveland is Sixty-Four.

A Princeton, N. J., dispatch of March 18 says: Ex-President Cleveland spent his sixty-fourth birthday, at home with Mrs. Cleveland and their children. He entertains no callers. Congratulatory telegrams in abundance were received from friends.

Memphis, Ind., was totally wiped out by a disastrous fire which visited it March 18. Only ten residences were left standing. Many are homeless. The loss is estimated at \$200,000.

Weather Chiefs to Meet.

Prof. Willis L. Moore, chief of the weather bureau, under the auspices of Secretary Wilson, has called the triennial convention of weather bureau officials at Milwaukee, Wis., August 27 to 29 next. About 100 officials will be present, including Secretary Wilson, Chief Moore and experts from the west.

Joseph Chamberlain, colonial secretary, has notified the house of commons that General Botha has rejected the peace terms offered him

PASSES THE GAME BILL.

Senate Approves and It Goes to the Governor.

Lincoln, March 21.—The general game law, which provides for a game warden and throws protection about the birds that makes Nebraska their permanent or temporary home, was passed in the senate yesterday with practically no opposition. It was pushed through without discussion and hurried on to passage. Twenty-five votes were cast for the bill, more than enough to have passed it with an emergency clause had the house been considerate and left that clause attached. As the bill has now passed both houses, it will go to the governor for executive action.

The senate discussed a bill providing for the sale of the governor's mansion and recommended it for passage. Ex-Governor Crouse, the introducer of the bill, made a speech in favor of the bill. Martin of Richardson, who was a member of the constitutional convention, also spoke in favor of the strict adherence to the constitutional provision providing state officers from receiving emoluments or perquisites in addition to their salary.

A bill presented some time ago by Governor Dietrich to enable Nebraska City to refund \$40,000 of railroad bonds that have been adjudged a valid judgment against the precinct was passed.

Governor Dietrich presented a bill to correct numerous errors in senate file No. 74, a charter bill applying to cities having 5,000 inhabitants and less than 20,000. The new bill will be introduced by Harlan of York and will be pushed as rapidly as possible. The governor had signed senate file No. 74, but he deemed it best to correct the many errors, one of which prohibits cities from selling bonds at par, when it should have read "less than par."

The house spent all day in committee of the whole. The members were not in a very savage mood, owing to the late hours some of them kept in the caucus. A considerable number of bills on the sifting committee file were disposed of. Among these was one specifying the manner in which the Nebraska exhibit at the Pan-American exposition shall be managed.

A bill pushed by some of the members of the Omaha delegation amending the Omaha city charter as regards the fire and police commission, was postponed because the members found it charged with matter of which they were suspicious. The Omaha delegation was not united upon the measure.

ARTHUR EDWARDS DEAD.

For Years Editor of Northwestern Christian Advocate.

Rev. Arthur Edwards, D. D., editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate, and widely known in Methodist Episcopal church circles, died Wednesday at his residence in Chicago, aged sixty-six years. Dr. Edwards was born in Norwalk, O., and was graduated from the Wesleyan university of that state soon after entering the Detroit conference of the Methodist Episcopal church. At the outbreak of the civil war he went to the front as a chaplain but resigned after the battle of Gettysburg to become colonel of a cavalry regiment. In 1864 he left the army and became assistant editor of the Northwestern Christian Advocate, in which position he continued until 1872, when he became editor-in-chief.

ARGO TRUST CASE.

Motion of the Attorney General is Submitted.

The suit of the state against the Argo Manufacturing company of Nebraska City was called to the attention of the supreme court March 19, by a motion of Attorney General Prout to strike out part of the answer of the defendant. The part referred to sets up the claim that the suit is criminal in nature and therefore should have been instituted in the district court and not in the supreme court. The court passed on a similar allegation in the Standard Oil company case and held that the suit was properly started in the supreme court. The motion of the attorney general was submitted.

NEWS BOILED DOWN.

Deputy United States Marshal Hawley of Cincinnati has left Columbus, O., for Niles, Mich., with Charles Johnson, arrested on the charge of wrecking the Niles National bank.

Desertions from the navy yard are reported. The report that a heavy draft of men were to be sent to the Asiatic squadron is given as the probable cause. The total number of deserters is said to be 81.

The Michigan house has passed a bill authorizing the city of Detroit to raise \$25,000 for the purpose of celebrating its bi-centenary anniversary and also the bill abolishing the Detroit board of canvassers. Both bills are now ready for the governor's signature.

Articles of incorporation have been filed at Trenton, N. J., by the American Can company, with an authorized capital of \$88,000,000 to manufacture cans, receptacles of all kinds and metal ware. Of the capital stock \$44,000,000 is to be preferred with 7 per cent cumulative dividend.

Trouble has broken out between the cattle and sheep men on the range in Colorado. Near Delta five masked men shot 200 sheep belonging to A. C. Perkins which were in territory claimed by the cattlemen as exclusive grazing ground for cattle.

The will of General Harrison has been probated. He leaves the bulk of his fortune to his wife and youngest daughter. He provided also for his son, Russell, and for his daughter's (Mrs. McKee) children. His wealth is variously estimated at \$250,000 to \$300,000.

KILLS HER CHILDREN

The Awful Act of an Insane Massachusetts Mother.

SHE TAKES EACH CHILD IN ITS TURN

Wife Comes First, and so on Through the List—Tries to End Her Own Life, But Not Successful—Husband is Prostrated—Other News.

A Coldbrook, Mass., March 21 dispatch says: Mrs. Lizzie Naramore while in a fit of insanity, killed her six children at her home, a farm house half a mile from this village, and then tried to take her own life. The children ranged from ten years to a baby of ten months, and their lives were taken by the mother with an axe and a club. She laid the blood-drenched bodies on the beds, two on one bed and the other four on a bed in another room, and then attempted to take her own life by cutting her throat with a razor.

When discovered she was in the bed on which the bodies of four children were lying. Although she cut a deep gash in her throat and suffered the loss of much blood it is believed she will recover.

Frank Naramore, the husband and father, left his home at the usual hour this morning to go to his work at a sawmill, and at that time his wife did not attract his attention by acting strangely.

It is supposed the crime was committed shortly after noon, the discovery being made by George Trasher, an employe of a grocery store, who visited the Naramore house about 2:45 p. m., for the purpose of delivering groceries that had previously been ordered by Mrs. Naramore. He returned to the village and told of what he had seen.

A party of villagers made a hasty visit to the place. The woman was alive but weak from loss of blood.

She says she expected the gash in her throat would cause her death, and that when her husband returned at night he would find all of the bodies in the two beds. She appeared rational and displayed signs of sorrow for the deed she had committed, although she is unable to give any reason for killing the children.

When Mr. Naramore reached the house he was prostrated with grief by the loss of his family.

RUNS INTO SWITCH.

Fireman Killed in Chicago & Eastern Illinois Accident.

The Chicago and Florida special on the Chicago & Eastern Illinois, while running thirty miles an hour, ran into an open switch at Terre Haute, Ind., derailing the engine and four of the six cars and killing the fireman, Sam Cardeman, of Chicago. None of the passengers were hurt, except the baby of T. J. Delahunt. The child will probably recover. Several of the Pullman cars were damaged, as the train dashed into some freight cars on a siding.

BRINGS CASE TO AN ISSUE

Protest Made Against Paying Extra Sugar Duty.

The protest of Gustav A. Jahn & Co. of New York, against the assessment of a countervailing duty on a lot of Russian sugar imported by them was sent from the custom house to the board of United States general appraisers, and the next thing in order will be a hearing before the board of classification of the general appraisers. The sugar in question was produced and refined in Russia, although it was shipped via Hamburg. There were 3,068 bags in the lot and the invoice was \$15,389 and the regular, that is, ordinary duty as determined by polariscopic test, was \$13,016.

The countervailing duty assessed was \$4,827. The regular and extra duty together thus exceed the invoice value of the sugar. The question to be passed upon by the board of classification is as to whether the payment made by the Russian government when the sugar was exported was in reality a bounty, as contemplated by section five, or merely a rebate of taxes allowed on goods exported.

Tipton is Indicted.

At Buffalo, N. Y., the grand jury has reported three indictments against John E. Tipton, secretary-treasurer of the switchmen's union of North America, each charging grand larceny in the second degree in having appropriated money belonging to the union as follows: On February 8, \$249; on February 19, \$24, and on March 4, \$151. The total shortage in his accounts is said to be \$2,536.

Obliged to Ask Charity.

Mrs. J. O. Jenkins, widow of Abraham Lincoln's private secretary, was an applicant for charity in Washington recently. She applied to Trustee Gibeon for transportation to Logansport. She is sixty-four years of age and is trying to reach friends at Springfield, Ill.

Car Jumps the Track.

A car on the Anderson & Indianapolis interurban line bound for Indianapolis jumped the track at Summitville while running at a high rate of speed. Six of the fifty passengers and Motorman Trueblood were badly injured.

Calls for Letter Box Bids.

The postoffice department has issued a call for furnishing street letter boxes to the government for the next four years for use in cities throughout the country. The proposals will be received until April 12 next.

STATE FAIR BUILDINGS

House Approves an Appropriation for \$35,000.

Lincoln, March 22.—The bill appropriating funds for the purchase of a site for the state fair was recommended for passage in the committee of the whole of the house yesterday afternoon, carrying with it an appropriation of \$35,000. The measure originally carried an appropriation of \$50,000, but the standing committee amended this to \$35,000, at which figure it went through the committee. The measure was altered slightly, being changed from providing for the purchase of the old fair grounds north of the city so that the board of public lands and buildings shall have the right to go into the open market and select ground within three miles of the city.

The appropriation is left open for the use of the board in purchasing land, in constructing new buildings, no limit being specified as to the amount that may be used for either purpose. A sharp fight on the bill was maintained by Representative McCarthy, who was alone in his opposition. The discussion lasted the entire afternoon and brought out many interesting points. McCarthy insisted that two years ago the Lancaster county measure promised that in consideration of the permanent location of the fair here, they would agree to donate the site.

The house passed Sears' bill to permit the purchase of supplies for all the state institutions a year ahead if the board of purchase and supplies sees fit to do so.

The senate spent a large part of the day's session discussing a bill authorizing three state officers to enter into a compromise with Bartley's bondsmen or the Omaha National bank or to settle suits in which the state seeks to recover money alleged to be due. Ex-Governor Crouse was one who made a strong speech in favor of the bill and it was recommended for passage by a majority large enough to indicate its final passage. The senate bill authorizing the sale of the governor's mansion was passed with a large vote in its favor. The report of the committee on final adjournment was received but no action was taken by the senate. One of the interesting bills approved in committee of the whole was Senator Edgar's bill, senate file No. 95, defining blackmail and extortion.

Governor Dietrich approved the following bills:

Senate file No. 116, by Pitney, authorizing county boards to formulate and enforce quarantine regulations to stamp out or prevent the spread of contagious diseases.

House roll No. 51, by Mead, making it unlawful for anyone to accuse or threaten injury to person or property with intent to extort money.

House roll No. 14, by Crockett, to authorize the payment of damages arising from the opening or closing of roads to be paid out of the county general fund.

The governor has also approved senate file No. 41, an act, providing for the sale of supreme court reports at \$1.25 a volume, but his approval will not be placed before the legislature until today.

Nebraska Postal Changes.

C. C. Sprague of Red Bird has been awarded the contract for carrying the mail from Dorsey to Red Bird. The postoffice at St. Michael will become a money order office after April 1. Rural free delivery service will be established at Humboldt, Richardson county, with four carriers, H. L. Bement, C. M. Hughes, George Gird and J. R. Gird. They are to cover an area of 162 square miles, serving a population of 2,850. The postoffices at Eden and Middleburg are to be discontinued.

Accumbent to Blindness.

The Herald says that a letter just received in New York from Sir Edwin Arnold shows that he has been obliged to relinquish much of his active literary work owing to blindness.

In his letter he says: "My condition would be a sad one without patience and resignation. I never despair and go on with my work, thanking heaven for my unimpaired mental power."

Embassier Sentenced.

Edson Gould, former postmaster at Bone Gap, Edwards county, Illinois, pleaded guilty in the United States district court in two counts in an indictment for embezzlement of money order funds. The amount of embezzled money was \$622. On one count he was fined this amount and on the other he was sentenced to six months in jail. The embezzlement occurred about two years ago.

Dry Dock to Be Preserved.

The dry dock in Havana harbor, says a Washington dispatch, which the navy department refused to purchase, will remain in there and be conducted as a private enterprise. A company will be organized to construct another for the use of shipping coming into port.

Auburn Laundry Burns.

At Auburn, Neb., on March 21, the steam laundry went up in smoke about 3 o'clock in the morning. Building and machinery are a total loss. The building was insured for \$300 and the machinery for \$800.

The battleship Massachusetts went aground off Pensacola while crossing the bar. The keels and Alabama had crossed just ahead, but the Massachusetts took a sheer, left the channel and went aground on split sand. The vessels were started on a cruise of the gulf.

An attempt to rob the Wapella, Ill., bank was frustrated by two young gentlemen who were awakened by the explosion of the safe, and who opened fire on the burglars who fled. No money was taken.

WILL NOT CHANGE

House Postpones Governor's Bill to Reduce Clerk's Salary.

SPEECHER OF COLFAX COLLAPSES

Suddenly Overcome While Making a Speech—Immediately Cared For by Physicians and Taken to Governor's Mansion—Has Recovered.

It was the turn of the house Saturday to give the governor a shock, and this was done with some delicacy when the standing committee reported his bill to make the clerk of the supreme court a salaried officer. The bill had been sent in accompanied by a special message from Governor Dietrich, who said he was anxious to have the matter looked into by the legislature. The standing committee reported it for indefinite postponement and the house agreed.

The house Saturday considered in committee of the whole the appropriation bill for current expenses of the state government. The bill as drafted by the committee carried an appropriation in round numbers of \$1,350,000. It was not materially changed in the committee. The state university appropriation was not touched, except to provide that a small appropriation of \$2,500 for the state entomologist shall come out of the funds raised by the one-cent levy set apart for that institution.

Eighteen bills passed with the record made by the senate Saturday. Among the number passed some had a narrow escape from defeat. The bill authorizing three state officers to compromise suits brought by the state for the recovery of money and the bill appropriating money to reimburse state treasurers for money paid out for guarantee bonds came in this class.

The latter bill has now passed both houses and will go to the governor for approval. The other bill will have to run the gauntlet in the house. Senator Edgar's bill defining extortion and blackmail was one of the important bills that passed. This measure contains new and important legislation. At present the statutes are almost silent on the subject of blackmail and extortion but this law defines both, and declares violations of the law to be a felony. The penalty was amended, however, to include either imprisonment in the penitentiary or a fine of from \$200 to \$600.

The salary appropriation bill reached the senate, but it can hardly be considered in committee of the whole before Wednesday and possibly not before Thursday.

Specher Stricken.

During the discussion of the bill introduced to reduce the fees of the Supreme Court clerk, Representative Sprecher of Colfax was overcome, while in the midst of his speech, by an attack that rendered him unconscious for an hour. He suddenly seemed to lose the power of speech, grew very pale, and uttered the words, "I don't know," several times.

This caused the members to look at him and notice the very evident change in his appearance. Those nearest to him went to his assistance immediately and induced him to be seated.

He was able to resist their efforts and while the physician members of the house were making a hurried examination of his condition, he struggled to his feet and said wildly that he did not know what the members were voting on. He was not able to keep up long and in a few moments he sank to the floor unconscious.

The physicians of the house immediately looked after and cared for him, and he was removed to the governor's mansion. He is able to be up and around, and no further trouble is anticipated.

The trouble appears to be of a nervous character. Mr. Sprecher has been one of the members of the house who have endeavored to make a thorough study of all the measures that have come up. He has worked very hard and in doing this he has kept late hours. During the early part of the season he was busy preparing bills of an intricate character. On one appropriation bill he spent 300 hours simply in preparatory study. His collapse is believed to have occurred from this strain.

Elkhorn Freight Train Wrecked.

A wreck in the freight yards of the Elkhorn at Fremont, Neb., derailed seven cars. A special freight from Omaha was putting a number of cars on the sidetrack when the engine and about 15 cars were coupling up to the train again. At a signal from the rear brakeman the front end brakeman had the bulk of the train detached from the engine. The cars were sent down at a moderate rate of speed, but they could not be stopped before striking the rear of the train. Seven cars were derailed and more or less damaged. No one was injured.

Murdered at His Home.

Hugh Noe, a telephone lineman, of Newport, Tenn., was killed by a member of a party which attacked the house in which he boarded. The attackers stoned the house and Noe went to the door and was met by an unknown man who cut his throat from ear to ear.

Battleship Flouted.

The battleship Massachusetts, which went aground in Pensacola harbor, has got out of her perilous position and joined the squadron.