

Red Cloud Chief.

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RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA

The Cape to Cairo railway is at present being extended from Bulawayo to Wanki, a place about 200 miles further north, where a great coal discovery has just been made. It has also been found that the Zambesi can be much more easily crossed at this point than at the point originally selected.

When a popular young author came to see William M. Everts, while he was secretary of state, in behalf of a consularship for which he was an applicant Mr. Everts congratulated him on the fame which he had acquired, but hastened to add: "Although you have laurels on your brows, I suppose you can't browse on your laurels."

Baron Wilhelm von Rothschild, who recently died at Frankfurt, was one of the few rich men who make it a rule of their lives to give away one-tenth of their income in charity. He was not only a religious observer in all respects of the ancient Mosaic law, but he was a profound Talmudic scholar, having devoted a great part of his time to careful and systematic studies of the Talmud.

A queer instance of improper influence said to have been exerted upon a jurymen comes from New Haven. The jury in a certain civil case went to Fairhaven to visit the house of the defendants. There, according to the counsel for the plaintiff, one of the parties to the suit gave one of the jurors a piece of pie. This piece of pie is the ground upon which a motion to set aside the verdict is founded.

There was a substantial increase in the traffic through the Suez canal in 1899. Three thousand five hundred and three vessels passed through the canal in 1898; in 1899 the number was increased to 3,607, representing an increase of 104 vessels and a gain of 657,017 tons. The average time consumed in passing through the canal in 1899 was eighteen hours and thirty-eight minutes, about half an hour longer than was necessary during the previous year.

Kansas City, Mo., is claiming to be a great fruit distributing point, and in proof of the same "points with pride" to these two consignments: In one day 1,000,000 bananas were received from the tropics and on March 4 2,000,000 oranges came in, the shipment being made from Los Angeles, Cal. This orange train was composed of twenty-eight cars and a caboose. There were 364 boxes of oranges to the car, making 10,192 boxes in all.

Off Cerigo, the island at the southern end of Greece, divers are bringing up art treasures that were sunk 200 years before Christ. Lucian tells of a ship laden with art spoils that went down on the voyage from Athens to Rome, and it is believed that the wreck has been found now. Besides many bronze statues a life-size bronze statue resembling the Hermes of Praxiteles, has been brought up. Some objects are excellently preserved, but others are corroded.

Three children, a boy and two girls, brother and sisters, have had a terrible avalanche experience at Ornon. The children, neither of whom was more than 10, were overwhelmed, and the brother was carried over a precipice 300 feet high and buried under tons of snow, ice and rocks, his body not yet having been recovered. One of the girls was thrown into a shallow crevasse, whence she managed to extricate herself. The other girl caught at a tree as she was falling and managed to hold on to it. For half an hour she clung to the branches, with a drop of 300 feet below, until her sister succeeded in obtaining assistance. When she was ultimately rescued by a man who was lowered over the precipice by a rope, she was in an exhausted condition, and collapsed on being brought to solid ground.

The insurance companies have come to a new decision with regard to the granting of policies to the crowned heads of Europe since the death of King Humbert. They are willing to insure them against all risks, save that of assassination, at a slightly higher rate than that exacted from ordinary individuals. This higher rate is presumably demanded in view of the fact that royal blood is supposed to be vitiated and impoverished. King Milan, about four months ago, endeavored to insure his life. But although he was a mere ex-king, the companies to which he applied would only consent to give him a policy with the special assassination clause, which he declined, and his son, the present king, when he attempted a short time ago to insure his life in favor of Queen Draga, failed to come to any understanding with the company, owing to the same stipulation.

By the will of the late Franklin H. Bishop of Russell, Mass., the State of Massachusetts has made his residuary legatee. The will reads: "As I have no relatives on whom I care to bestow my goods and estates, and after the payment of my just debts and funeral expenses I give all the residue of my estate to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to its sole use and behoof forever." The executor says that when the estate is settled the Commonwealth will receive about \$7,000. Mr. Bishop was a prominent citizen of Russell and an ardent admirer of his state.

HAD HIM MARKED

New Sensation in the Goebel Conspiracy Cases.

GOVERNOR TAYLOR KNEW OF THE PLOT

Predicted Rival's Death—Former Executive Bradley a Witness in the Goebel Case—Different Phase on Whole Matter.

At Frankfort, Ky., Ex-Governor Bradley, who was chief counsel for ex-Gov. W. S. Taylor in the gubernatorial contest case before the legislature last year, gave sensational testimony in the trial of Capt. Garnett D. Ripley, who is charged with conspiracy with others, to bring about the murder of William Goebel. Mr. Bradley detailed a conversation which he said he had with Captain Ripley while the latter was in charge of his military camp during the occupancy of the state capitol by the Taylor troops last spring, in which Ripley told him of frequent conferences with Governor Taylor prior to the killing. The witness said that Ripley told him he was in the executive office the day before the shooting and complained to Taylor because he had not called out his (Ripley's) company and asked when he should have the capitol ready. Taylor replied: "My God, haven't you brought them yet? Goebel will not live twenty-four hours," or "cannot live twenty-four hours. I have forgotten which he said," declared the witness.

Judge W. H. Yost, associate counsel with Bradley in the contest case, according to the witness, was present, and heard the conversation. In response to a question as to whether he (witness) heard of any conspiracy to kill Mr. Goebel, the witness stated that on January 25, the day the trainload of mountaineers arrived, some one, he could not now recall who, told him that parties in the crowd were waiting in front of the state house to kill Goebel.

The defense asked witness if he knew anything of any connection to Ripley with the occurrences. Bradley said Ripley had none so far as he knew. He said Ripley's company was disbanded about that time. A number of other witnesses were examined during the day.

APOSTLE OF CHURCH DYING

George Q. Cannon Dangerously Ill at Monterey, Cal.

George Q. Cannon of Salt Lake, one of the apostles of the Mormon church, is seriously ill at Monterey, Cal., and his death is momentarily expected. Mr. Cannon, accompanied by his wife and physician, went to Monterey about two weeks ago, suffering from a nervous affection. His sickness assumed a serious form about one week ago and members of the family were summoned from Salt Lake. Former United States Senator, Frank J. Cannon, his son, has arrived from Washington, and there are now at the bedside, in addition to his wife, who is a daughter of Brigham Young and her two children, three grown sons of Apostle Cannon and his nephew.

RIOTERS STONE A CONVENT

Serious Anti-Clerical Uprising in Buenos Ayres.

A dispatch from Buenos Ayres says: Serious anti-clerical riots have occurred at San Pablo, in the state of Santiago del Estero. They were caused by the presentation of the Spanish drama, "Electra," by Perez Galdos, which recently caused disturbance in Spain. There was great excitement during the performance, and at the end the audience rushed out and marched through the streets uttering cries against the clergy. They marched to the convent of San Benito and stoned it. The police finally dispersed the rioters and arrested many of them.

FAMILY LOST IN LANDSLIDE

Father, Mother and Four Children Killed Near Cripple Creek.

The family of James Smith, consisting of the father, mother and four children, were instantly killed in their home at Cripple Creek, Colo., by the sliding of the huge dump of the Granite mine. The Smith house was located just below the base of the dump. The recent snows have softened the dump so that the top suddenly slid down, crushing the house and burying its inmates. Hundreds of men are now digging the dirt and rock away, but it is not thought possible that any of the victims will be found alive.

Would Banish Criminals.

Bishop Turner of the African Methodist church, who has been conducting services among the negro churches at Macon, Ga., openly advocates the banishment of negro criminals. He thinks the United States government should send all negro criminals to Africa.

Increase in Postal Receipts.

The gross postal receipts for last month for the fifty largest postoffices in the country show an increase of 11.4 per cent over the corresponding month of last year. The most remarkable increases are 60.5 per cent at Indianapolis and 41.5 at Louisville. There are seven offices whose receipts decreased, the most notable being Lowell, Mass., with 8 per cent; Baltimore decreased almost one-half per cent; New York showed an increase of 6.3 and Chicago an increase of 29.6.

COMMITTEE FROM CUBA.

Island Constitutional Convention Will Send One to Confer With President.

Information has been received at the war department to the effect that the Cuban Constitutional convention is contemplating sending a committee here to consult the president and secretary of war regarding the Platt amendment and the relations of the United States with Cuba. While it is known that the administration would prefer to have the convention accept the Platt amendment instead of sending such a committee, it would rather the committee should visit this country and discuss the subject than that the Platt amendment should be rejected.

The committee will visit this country upon its own responsibility, as an invitation to come might imply a disposition upon the part of this government to make concessions. It has been suggested that some of the most radical opponents of the United States control members of the committee, in order that they might ascertain definitely what the situation is in the United States. There has been some discussion as to what such a commission can accomplish by coming here.

MISERY IN HOMES OF POOR

Appeal to President McKinley From Porto Ricans.

Senor Santiago Iglesias, delegate of the federation of labor of Porto Rico, who arrived in New York on the steamer Ponce, from San Juan, is the bearer of a petition from the workingmen of Porto Rico to President McKinley. In this petition which bears 6,000 signatures, the Porto Ricans say: "Misery with all its horrid consequences, is spreading in our homes with wonderful rapidity. It has already reached such an extreme that many workers are starving to death, while others who have not the courage to see their mothers, wives, sisters and children perish by hunger, commit suicide by drowning themselves in the rivers or hanging themselves from branches of trees."

KNOX MEMBER OF CABINET

Attorney General Knox Takes the Oath of Office.

Mr. Philander C. Knox of Pittsburg, who succeeds Attorney General Griggs at the head of the department of justice was sworn in at Washington on the 10th and is now in the cabinet room of the White house. There were present President McKinley, Philander Knox, Jr., Mr. Knox's youngest son, and Justice Shiras of the supreme court, who administered the oath. Justice Shiras is an old friend of the new attorney general.

French Officers at White House.

The officers and chief midshipmen of the French school ship, Dugue Tronin, Captain Howette, which is lying at Annapolis were presented to the president recently by M. Cambon, the French ambassador. The president greeted them very cordially and chatted with the ambassador and the officers for ten minutes. After leaving the White house they went to the navy department to call upon Secretary Long. They later visited the navy yard.

Prisoner Shot Down.

Excitement runs high in Dickerson, N. D., as a result of the work of Sheriff Godall and a posse of deputies. The sheriff learned that a man named McPeak alias Jim McCartney, wanted in Montana and Dakota for a long time, was near Dickinson. He secured a posse and went after McPeak and arrested him on a charge of horse stealing. Later McPeak attempted to escape and was shot dead. His body was taken to Dickinson by the officers.

Breaks Carrier Record.

The steamship Rhein, which arrived recently in New York from Bremen broke the record as a passenger carrier. Besides her crew which numbered over 400, she had 2,502 passengers. Of the latter but fifty-three in the cabin. The 2,449 steerage passengers were landed at Ellis Island. The highest number of passengers of the third class which had previously arrived at this port on a single steamship was 2,200.

Conspiracy Against Mataafa.

The Berliner Tageblatt prints a communication from Apia, dated February 26, the writer of which asserts that about the end of last year a conspiracy developed against Chief Mataafa and the German government in the whole island of Savii, but that the skillfulness of the governor quelled the outbreak without bloodshed.

BRIEFS.

Henry Claymier, formerly chief of the Milwaukee fire department, dropped dead of heart failure in a Turkish bath establishment at Milwaukee.

The municipal council of New York at a recent meeting adopted the resolution of the board of aldermen giving the thanks of the city to Andrew Carnegie for his gift of \$5,200,000 for sixty-five libraries.

President W. E. Coffin of the Iowa Loan and Trust company of Des Moines, says that a complete examination of the company's books showed the shortage of Assistant Cashier Benjamin Grayson, who was found dead recently, to be \$1,000.

Reports to the American Agriculturist from its corps of county observers, carefully consolidated into state averages, show a condition of wheat higher than has been noted at this time in the last ten years with the exception of 1891. The general average, as noted for the whole belt, is 9.55.

WOMAN DIES IN FIRE

Aged Citizen Burned to Death at Plattsmouth.

CLOTHING CATCHES FIRE MYSTERIOUSLY

Flames Spread Quickly, but Help Arrives and They are Extinguished—A Hastings Man Dangerously Injured in Machinery Belting.

Mrs. Sarah Kinkead, eighty-two years of age, died at Plattsmouth as a result of a frightful accident she met with. She has been making her home with Mrs. Seidenstricker. While in the kitchen Mrs. Seidenstricker heard a loud scream and rushing to the door was horrified to see Mrs. Kinkead running towards her enveloped in a mass of flames. When the unfortunate woman reached the house she fell headlong to the floor. The flames were quickly extinguished, but her body was burned almost to a crisp, death resulting a few hours later. How her clothing caught fire is a mystery. It is thought, however, that she stepped on a match, igniting her skirts, and when she went out into the yard the wind fanned the blaze and caused it to spread rapidly. The deceased leaves four grown children.

FALLS FROM TOP OF CAR

Man Beating His Way on the Elkhorn Instantly Killed.

Word has been received that F. E. Moore, who left Fremont, Neb., recently on a westbound freight train on the Elkhorn railroad, was killed between Tilden and Oakdale by falling from the top of a car. Moore was accompanied by T. P. McKinney, a tramp printer, who has been at Fremont during the past two months. They were on their way to Casper, where they expected to find work of some kind. Moore struck Fremont last Tuesday evening, claiming to be from Council Bluffs. He remained about twenty-four hours, and in that time fell in with McKinney and a number of others. The two men made the plan to get out of town and left on the freight.

CAUGHT IN THE BELTING

Accident at Hastings May Cost Man His Life.

J. F. Fairman, who runs a large tank factory and planing mill on South Lincoln avenue at Hastings met with a serious accident which may cause his death. He was at work in his factory and while moving about he tripped and fell upon a large heavy belt which, with lightning rapidity, carried him to the pulley where he was held crushed between the pulley and belt until the pressure forced the belt off onto the shaft. When Mr. Fairman was rescued he was in a critical condition, as his left shoulder and left side were badly bruised. At the time of the accident the machinery was being driven by a thirty-horse power engine at full speed.

GETS LIFE SENTENCE.

Margaret Hossack of Indiana, In. Guilty of Murder.

Mrs. Margaret Hossack of Indiana, Iowa, wife of a wealthy farmer, was found guilty of the murder of her husband on the night of December 1 last, and sentence was fixed by the jury at life imprisonment in the penitentiary. For two weeks the trial has been progressing in Warren county under the guidance of the ablest attorneys in the state. The evidence was all circumstantial.

Ingalls For an Income Tax.

President M. E. Ingalls of the Big Four road, speaking at a dinner of the Knife and Fork Club at Kansas City, advocated the income tax and the franchise tax. "We are just learning that a franchise tax is the easiest collected of any. I have always believed in an income tax and have thought the decision of the supreme court against its constitutionality was one of the most unfortunate occurrences of the age."

Wants Share of Millions.

Action was begun in the United States court at Hartford, Conn., by Mrs. Helen Potshall of New York for the recovery of her alleged share in the millions of the late George F. Gilman of Bridgeport. Mrs. Gilman declares that she is the adopted daughter of Mr. Gilman, and brings her action against the Bridgeport Trust company as administrator of the Gilman estate and against George W. Smith of Bridgeport, as receiver.

Found Dead in the Woods.

Alexander McRobie, aged seventy-one, for many years prominent in St. Joseph, Mo., business circles, was found dead in the woods near Graham, Mo., having been shot through the heart. It is believed he accidentally killed himself while hunting.

Killed by Knockout Drops.

John P. Smith, former mayor of Ft. Worth, Tex., died the victim of knockout drops administered by unknown persons in a saloon near union station. The police are at sea as to who drugged Mr. Smith. He had a wide acquaintance throughout the west and his death has created a great sensation.

New Railroad Tax Bill.

The house of the Michigan legislature passed the Chandler railroad ad valorem tax bill, which also provides for taxation according to the ad valorem system of public utilities.

DUEL ON MOUNTAIN TOP.

Sheriff's Posse and Desperados Have a Battle in Kentucky.

Two men were killed and two wounded in a fight between Sheriff John W. Wright and his deputies on one side and the desperados who robbed and murdered Mrs. Jemima Hall and her son on the other. The fight occurred on the mountain between Boone's Fork and Millstone creek in Kentucky.

Wright said his posse started out months ago to capture the gang who cruelly tortured the aged widow and after securing her money murdered her and her son and burned her body with the little hut in which she lived. Citizens have been daily expecting to hear of a pitched battle between the two crowds, which have already had several small scimmages.

John and Morgan Reynolds, Isaac and Creed Potter and George Newsome were located by the posse in a rendezvous on the top of the mountain. Morgan Reynolds, Newsome and Isaac Potter went away, and while they were gone the officers surrounded the house and found Creed Potter and Reynolds, and all them, ten in number, and then opened fire.

The desperados replied with rifles and revolvers and more than 300 shots were exchanged at a distance of less than twelve steps. John Reynolds received a serious if not fatal wound in the left shoulder and retreated, leaving Potter alone. The latter's ammunition soon gave out, and he, too, went into hiding. Of the posse Will Wright, aged eighteen, and Isaac Millard, aged twenty-one, were killed. A third man named Osborne was struck in the right leg and severely hurt.

Young Wright, who was killed at the first fire, joined the posse about a month ago and to avenge the murder of his father, W. S. Wright, whom the gang assassinated. It was at first feared the posse had been defeated, and Governor Beckham was wired to send state troops to capture the gang. When it was learned, however, that the posse had been victorious, another message was sent to the governor to the effect that no troops were needed.

FEAR HE HAS BEEN DROWNED

Cuming County Farmer Mysteriously Missing.

News has reached West Point, Neb., of the mysterious disappearance of Henry Harstiek, jr. He went duck hunting and failing to return a search was made which ended in the finding of his boat which contained his gun and several ducks on the Elkhorn river. It is not known whether he has been drowned or is still alive. Searching parties have been out trying to find some trace of him but were unsuccessful. He is a prominent, well-to-do farmer living south of town, and leaves a wife and three children.

MEET DEATH IN AVALANCHE

Unverified Report of a Great Disaster in Colorado.

A report from Buena Vista, Col., says that a huge avalanche, sweeping everything before it, came down Italian mountain, in Taylor park, about forty miles west of there and that several lives were lost. Owing to the great distance of the mountain from any point of communication with the outside world and the vast amount of snow on the ranges between Buena Vista and the mountain several days may elapse before the facts are learned.

Will Replenish the Treasury.

Governor Allen of Porto Rico was with the president for a short time discussing affairs relative to the island. The governor said that the low condition of the municipal treasuries was due to the lack of an adequate system of municipal taxation, but the new tax law which had recently gone into effect would replenish the treasuries. Governor Allen will return to Porto Rico May 1.

Go Into Hysterics.

Seventy-five students of the Armour institute at Chicago, wearing nightgowns outside their garments, took possession of a southside elevated train and before they were ejected by the police they caused several women passengers to go into hysterics and otherwise created pandemonium in general. The students were celebrating the gift of \$1,000,000 to the institute by the Armours.

Eight-Year Old Boy Hero.

A Monon local train, containing many passengers, was prevented from crashing through a burning bridge fifty feet high near Frankfort, Indiana, by Milo Hughes, an eight-year old boy. At the risk of his life he remained on the track until he attracted the attention of the engineer who stopped the train a dozen feet from the bridge.

Martial Law Abolished.

Governor Hunt of Idaho has issued a proclamation abolishing martial law in Shoshone county. He recites the circumstances under which martial law was proclaimed there, and sets forth that he has recently made a personal investigation and found the county prosperous and peaceful. Martial law was proclaimed May 4, 1899, following the riots of April 29.

Vaccine for Blackleg.

The department of the interior is receiving a large number of requests for vaccine for use in treating blackleg among cattle. The vaccine is sent out by the department of agriculture and the mistake as to the department has caused considerable extra labor.

Home for Old People.

Frank H. Cooper, a millionaire merchant of Chicago, started for Holland where he will dedicate on May 8, a home for old people in Akkrum, in the province of Friesland, where he was born.

SHOT FROM AMBUSH

New Trouble in the Disturbed District of Idaho.

A Wallace, Idaho, dispatch says: Jack Powell was shot and killed at Mullen by Deputy Sheriff Williams. Three men fired from ambush at Deputies Rose and Williams wounding Rose twice in the right arm and once in the right thigh. Williams fired six or seven shots at the flashes and fatally wounded Powell. Martial law, which has been in force in Shoshone county since the Bunker Hill and Sullivan concentrator was blown up on April 29, 1899, was abolished recently by Governor Hunt. Threats had been made that with the abolition of martial law all who served as officers under it would be "done up," and it is stated these officers never went out alone after dark.

Fardoned by the President.

An order has been issued by President McKinley directing that the prisoners at Alcatraz, California, belonging to volunteer regiments sentenced for minor offenses be released. This is done to enable the men to go home with their regiments. The order reads that the release shall take place on the date on which the regiment to which the prisoner formerly belonged is mustered out. There are about 250 general prisoners on the island who will be affected by the order.

Arsenic in the Dyes.

Carrie Scott, of Denver, aged eight, is dead, and her sister Edna, aged four, is in a critical condition as the result of eating candy easter eggs which had been colored with dyes containing arsenic.

Business Man a Suicide.

C. R. Blackman of Ida Grove, Ia., one of the best known business men in northeastern Iowa, committed suicide by shooting himself. Financial troubles was the cause. He was a prominent Elk.

NEWS IN BRIEF

The first real sign of spring at Burlington was the arrival of a blind man with a hand organ.

Charles E. Magoon of Lincoln has been re-appointed law officer, division of insular affairs.

The American Cigar company has been absorbed by the American Tobacco company.

Two Burlington freights collided head on near Creston, Ia., demolishing both engines and a dozen or more cars.

At Stevenson, Wash., James P. Greene was found guilty of murder in the first degree for killing F. T. Benjamin at Underwood's Landing March 20.

Captain Hitcher of the First cavalry now stationed at the Presidio, San Francisco, is to succeed Captain Goode as superintendent of the Yellowstone National park.

An electric car on the high line of the Cripple Creek district railway jumped the track. The motorman and ten passengers were injured. J. A. McClure, a miner, will die.

The Cuban constitutional convention has decided to send a commission to Washington to reach the best possible agreement with the president, and report back to the convention.

Alfred Alexander, father of Fred Alexander, the negro burned at the stake at Leavenworth, Kan., has filed information against William Forbes and others. He wants the court to punish them.

A sealed metallic box containing the ashes of the late Capt. I. W. Marshall, who died at Los Angeles, Cal., arrived at Plattsmouth the other day, addressed to Mrs. Lodiska Hayes, a daughter of the deceased.

Stricken with remorse after a night's bout with convivial companions, Mrs. Eugenia Godfrey of Warsaw, Ind., committed suicide by taking morphine. She was divorced from her husband a few months ago.

The dead body of Evan Hledsaw, a feudist, was found near Sneedville, Tenn., sitting in an upright position against a tree with the right hand grasping a rifle. It is believed he was shot from the rear.

The theory that women will vote just as their husbands or brothers do was knocked out in Hutchinson. There the republican ticket had a majority of 211 of the male vote, but the women gave the Citizens'-or "dry"-ticket a majority of 493.

In the United States superior court at New Orleans Judge Parlange handed down a decision dismissing the suit brought by the Boer representatives to prevent the shipment of mules and horses out of New Orleans to the British army in South Africa.

Major Barnard B. Evans of Columbia, S. C., is under arrest for having shot to death Captain J. J. Griffin, commercial agent of the Norfolk & Western railroad. The two were alone in Major Evans' apartments. Evans declares Griffin killed himself. Both had been drinking heavily. The prominence of the parties makes the affair highly sensational.

Aristocratic Funeral of a Dog.

At Wichita on Wednesday a dog was buried in a fine coffin with a satin pillow under his head, and the coffin was covered with flowers. The dog was not the smashed nose pet of some wife who doesn't love her husband, but a setter belonging to a man who hunts, and who says it was the best dog in the world.—Kansas City Journal.

Adna Dobson has been appointed state engineer and secretary of the state banking board. The position says \$1,800 a year.