

Red Cloud Chief.

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Mixed drinks and mixed metaphors are the principal features of an up-to-date banquet.

The debates in congress are almost warm enough to start an early spring in Washington.

If it is true that Secretary Shaw once sawed wood for a living he undoubtedly earned the "handout."

Gov. Beckham gives positive assurance that peace has arrived in Kentucky, and that she has come to stay.

John Legree Sullivan's dramatic company has come to grief, but John will drown his share of it in the old way.

Mr. Morgan drew his check for \$34,000,000, and the bank teller didn't ask him if he'd have it in small bills, either.

London is becoming a great concentration camp, its population having increased nearly a million in ten years.

Mayor Low of New York has just made the painful discovery that it is a hard thing to please everybody all the time.

The most surprising thing about "Uncle Tom" is not his own vitality but the faculty he has of stirring up other people.

Puts and calls in Illinois have been put on the shelf by the United States supreme court, where they are likely to stay put.

Lord Sholto Douglass and wife are to open a saloon in Spokane. It is not every country that can boast of royalty "tending bar."

The exportation of large quantities of surplus gold bricks is a very shabby way of profiting by England's new-born trust and friendship.

There was something peculiarly harmonious and appropriate about the recent meeting of Paderewski and Count Podgowski at Poughkeepsie.

Andrew Carnegie's plans for a national university have not been fully matured, except that he knows where the money is coming from.

A Boston paper refers to an inventor of that city as "The Father of the Monkey Wrench." The population of Boston is getting sadly mixed.

The latest misalliance is charged up to hypnotism. However, that's only another name for powerful fascination. So let the couple plead guilty.

A Missouri school teacher whipped William Boone's son and shot William for objecting. There may have been some other extenuating circumstance.

The aged organist who boxed J. Pierpont Morgan's ears is now making a bid for fame, but he should have waited until after Prince Henry had gone home.

A man who once boxed J. Pierpont Morgan's ears for "cutting up" in a church gallery is still alive. He ought to have little trouble in making himself dear to the hearts of the American people.

We must all quit this vale of tears some day, and many a weary mortal would like to make his exit after the manner of that lucky Wisconsin man who has just died of laughter over a good story.

If eastern Siberia grows in the next fifty years as our western states have grown in the last half century, the people of Siberia and the United States will be singing "Hands Across the Sea" to a new tune.

Great Britain has just invited bids for ten new torpedo destroyers, and one of the principal conditions of the contract is that the torpedo destroyers shall float a reasonable length of time after leaving their docks.

The daughter of a Kentucky politician accompanies her father during his campaign for a congressional nomination and sings and plays for votes. This differs from the general custom, where money pays for everything.

Admiration for Washington is nothing new in England. Byron declared that there is but one such man in history. Washington came of an old English family and for the most of his life was an English subject. What he did in his later years helped to make England itself freer. Mr. Bull has no reason to be ashamed of the Washington strain of blood.

There is a strange mingling of the Arabian Nights with the modern western world in the notice that the opening of the Baghdad railroad has been postponed till after the feast of Barmecide. By trolley to Jerusalem is the next extension projected.

After July 1, 1902, the only kind of pistol that can be sold lawfully in South Carolina will be a formidable affair twenty-two inches long and weighing not less than three pounds. There will be some bootlegging in pistols done in South Carolina after that date.

BLAZE AT CAMPBELL

Nearly Half of the Town Destroyed By Fire.

FLAMES ACCOMPANIED BY STRONG WIND

Rather Than Submit to Hair-Cut Indians Enroll Themselves—Plunged Over Niagara Falls—Furniture Car Burns While En Route.

A disastrous fire destroyed nearly half the town of Campbell, Neb. The fire started at 2 o'clock in the pool hall, and in less than an hour it had completely wiped out the pool hall, blacksmith shop, printing office, post-office, hotel and drug store.

A terrific wind had been blowing all day and when the fire broke out on the east side of the street, it was forced along at lightning speed and ignited everything within reach before it could be extinguished. As the buildings were all frame structures they burned like so much paper and the people could do nothing out save some of their contents.

The only fire protection that Campbell has is a bucket brigade and everybody lent a helping hand to prevent the fire from wiping out the entire town. The origin of the fire seems to be a mystery to all, as there was neither explosives or fire in the pool hall. The loss will amount to several thousand dollars, but most of the property was insured.

FREIGHT CAR BURNED.

Trainsmen Discover Fire Too Late to Control It.

As freight train No. 63 was en route from Wymore to Red Cloud the train crew discovered, between Hubbell and Chester, that a furniture car in the train was on fire, and appearances are that it caught from the inside. When discovered the whole inside of the car was on fire and as the train was stopped the car was disconnected. The crew used their best endeavors to extinguish the fire and all the water was used and the engine run to Chester for another supply. The car was entirely consumed and was thrown from the track, and traffic was resumed at 7 p. m. The fire was discovered about 2 p. m. It was thought at first that a track would have to be built around the burning car, but a new rail or two will be all the repairs necessary.

MUST STAY ON THE LAND

Secretary of Interior Affirms Decision of Local Land Office.

Franklin Thackery has appealed to the secretary of the interior from the decision of the general land office canceling his homestead entry for certain land in the Valentine, Neb., land district. On March 13, 1900, he made his entry, and in July, 1901, submitted proof showing that he built a house on the land, dug a well, etc., that he was absent from the land on account of being employed by the United States government in various Indian schools in Nebraska, South Dakota and Oklahoma. The land commissioner held that his employment from prior to his entry to the present time was such as to render compliance with the homestead law impossible. This decision was affirmed by the secretary.

Mrs. McKinley Improving.

Secretary to the President Cortelyou and Dr. and Mrs. Rixey, who arrived at Canton, O., noted the improvement in Mrs. McKinley's condition. The visitors and Mrs. Barber accompanied Mrs. McKinley carried a bunch of flowers to the cemetery during the morning. Mrs. McKinley carried a bunch of flowers and herself entered the vault and placed them on the casket containing the remains of President McKinley.

Forty Houses Wrecked.

A tornado struck the mining town of Piper, Bibb county, Alabama, wrecking forty houses and damaging thirty-five others. Ed Turner, colored, was killed, and John Allen, wife and three children were severely injured. The storm also did great damage at Gurnee Junction and Belle Ellen.

One Is Killed.

David Williams, a prominent citizen of Hidalgo, Ill., shot and killed Edward Ortman. An old grudge had existed between the two men and Ortman, it is alleged, had threatened Williams' life a number of times. Today Ortman went into Williams' drug store and placed his hand on his hip pocket. Williams then commenced firing and shot eleven times, eight bullets taking effect. Ortman was killed instantly.

Shot Each Other to Death.

Reese Evans and A. A. Smith fought a duel with Winchester at eight feet distance at Purdy Station, Nevada. Each received injuries from which death resulted. The quarrel was over a strip of almost worthless land.

Ready to Accept.

It is understood that Mr. Frank P. Sargent, the chief of the brotherhood of locomotive firemen, will accept the office of commissioner of immigration in the treasury department when it is formally offered him, which, it is said, will be shortly.

Carried Over the Falls.

A man who registered at the Hotel Lafayette, Niagara Falls, as H. J. O'Connell of South Bend, Ind., jumped into Niagara river, just above the Horseshoe Falls, and was carried over the falls.

THE HAUNT OF CRIME

Woman Does Not Remember How Many Have Been Drugged and Robbed.

John Welsh, a white man, who has been implicated by allegation by Mattie Bennett, the negro leader of the gang of robbers and murderers, was brought to Beaumont, having been arrested at Houston on the strength of the woman's confession. Welsh denies complicity in the murders. He was an iron moulder employed in the foundry where Benjamin Pearson, one of the murdered men, worked.

In jail the Bennett woman talked freely to a reporter. She confessed everything except direct murder, and went fully into the details of the plan pursued by the gang.

"The business has been going on for six months," said she. "The men would go out to the saloons and street corners and find men that had money. They'd bring them to my house, and I and the other women would give them beer with knockout drops in it. Then the men would either beat them up there and rob them or take them out into the 'hobo' yard. I don't know how many men I've drugged; too many to remember, and all of them were robbed."

"I don't know what those folks that I've told the sheriff about will do to me. I know I'm safe in jail now, but if I ever get out they will kill me, if any of them are alive and are out of the penitentiary then."

The Neches river, where five bodies of supposed victims of the gang were found, skirts the town of Beaumont. It is about 150 feet wide and thirty feet deep. In some places swamps run back. A body thrown into the swamps stands small chance of being found. The alligators would devour them. If it is true that fifty persons have disappeared from Beaumont, this may be the solution of the mystery of the missing bodies.

The case is some of its features recalls the Bender family murders in Labette county, Kansas, thirty years ago. The Benders for months entrapped travelers and killed them. The family consisted of a man and his wife and their grown daughter. When the murders were finally discovered the Benders had fled.

NO MORE BOND-BUYING

Secretary of Treasury Announces End of Purchases.

The secretary of the treasury has announced that he will discontinue for the present the purchase of United States bonds of the 5 per cent loan of 1904, the 4 per cent funded loan of 1907, the 3 per cent loan of 1908-1918 and the 4 per cent loan of 1925, such discontinuance to take effect at the close of business March 15.

The secretary believes that the price of bonds is unreasonably high and that the effect of the government being permanently in the market stimulates and helps to maintain this price to the prejudice of national bank circulation, presumably for the purpose of selling the bonds now on deposit at present prices, or for the purpose of using them, with the treasury as security for government deposits the secretary is disposed to discriminate in favor of such banks as maintain their circulation, and by these two methods he hopes to overcome the tendency to retire national bank circulation.

Death for Train Robbery.

Representative Kahn of California today submitted the report of the judiciary committee on the bill to suppress train robberies. He points out the extent of these depredations, particularly in sparsely settled localities where it is difficult to organize a posse, the robbers escaping before the posse gets in pursuit. The report says we are accustomed to sneer at the futile efforts of Turkey, Greece, Spain and other countries to stop brigandage, yet we have in train robbing a system involving both robbery and murder, as atrocious as brigandage. The bill reached provides the death penalty to train robbers when death results to any one on the train; otherwise imprisonment from five to ten years.

Public Buildings for Nebraska Towns.

The senate passed Senator Dietrich's bill appropriating \$25,000 for the erection of a public building at Hastings, Neb., on the site acquired in 1899.

Representative Neville (Neb.) introduced a bill providing that citizens who now have or may hereafter file application on any of the lands within the abandoned Fort McPherson military reservation in Lincoln county, Nebraska, shall be entitled to a patent upon compliance with the homestead law and not required to pay the appraised value of the lands in addition to the homestead requirements.

Senator Lillard introduced a bill to provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building thereon in the city of Kearney, Neb. The amount is \$75,000.

May Move the University.

Representative Larrabee, son of ex-Governor Larrabee, introduced a joint resolution into the Iowa legislature amending the constitution so as to permit the removal of the state university from Iowa City to Des Moines, or some other city offering sufficient inducements, providing Iowa City continues to do as little for the institution as in the past.

Refuses to Reopen Litigation.

Judge Harney, in a decision handed down March 15, refused to grant a new trial in the celebrated Minnie Healy mining case. He also ordered stricken from the court files the sensational affidavits which alleged that the court had been unduly influenced in deciding that the Minnie Healy property belonged to F. Augustus Hetzke.

Kansas has raised an aggregate of \$3,000 for the McKinley memorial fund, which is within \$22,000 of the amount wanted.

SAFE BLOWN OPEN

Jewelry Store Robbed at Dannebrog and \$600 Secured.

SUSPECTS ARE NOW UNDER ARREST

Life-Saving Crew Perish in Storm—Boston Strike Ended—Carload of Insane Soldiers—Kansas Tornado—Shot Himself in Forehead.

M. C. Peterson's jewelry store at Dannebrog was burglarized on the night of March 17. The safe was blown open and all the contents, valued at about \$600, taken. The crime was committed at about 2:15 a. m. the force of the explosion having stopped the large jeweler's clock at that time. A number of citizens heard the report but suspected nothing wrong and no alarm was given until daylight.

Coming just at this time, the robbery recalls a similar crime committed at Boelus, only a few miles from Dannebrog, five years ago, when the Howard bank safe was cracked and \$1,300 stolen. Governor Savage recently liberated one of these robbers, Otto Warwick, who had served less than half of his term of eight years.

Three men, supposed crooks, giving their names as John Riley, George Lytle and Charles Adams, were arrested at Grand Island on a message received from Dannebrog advising the police to look for men of a given description and hold them for having robbed the jewelry store safe and taking \$600 in jewelry and some cash. The men answered the description exactly and will be taken back to Howard county for trial. The same men are said to be wanted for burglary and highway robbery at Valley, and it is believed two of them were the men who held up Dick Wietfeld, they having been seen here that day and having departed during that night. The three men were seen walking from the direction of Dannebrog.

LIFE-SAVERS PERISH.

Seven Drown on Massachusetts Coast in a Storm.

Seven life-savers, practically the entire crew of the Monomy station on the south end of Cape Cod, Massachusetts, met death at their post of duty, and with them into the sea which capsized the life boat went five men from the stranded barge Wadena, whom they tried to bring in safety to the shore. One man, Lemuel Ellis, through the heroic work of Capt. Elmer Mayo of another stranded barge, the John C. Fitzpatrick, was rescued from the bottom of the upturned life boat. Among the lost was William H. Mack of Cleveland, O., who was on the barge representing his company, the Boutelle Towing and Transportation company of that city, while Capt. Marshall N. Eldridge, one of the oldest life-savers on the coast, went down with his men. All the life-savers came from Chatham and Harwich.

SITE FOR AN ARMY POST

General Chaffee Makes Selection Near Manila.

General Chaffee, at Manila, has signed an executive contract for the purchase of a site for an army post at a point seven miles up the Pasig river. The site is a mile and a quarter wide by two miles and a half long. It is bounded on one side by the Pasig river and on the other by the Laguna de Bay. It is on high ground and overlooking Manila. Building on this site will commence as soon as the purchase has been approved by congress.

Givera, the insurgent leader, has issued a proclamation in the island of Samar declaring he has succeeded General Lukban, who was captured by the Americans and that consequently all orders now standing in the name of Lukban are void. Givera also says he has been compelled unwillingly to issue this proclamation.

Man and \$30,000 Missing.

Larry McKee of Mattoon, Ill., a messenger employed by the Adams Express company, is missing and a package containing \$30,000 has also disappeared. The package was sent from Brazil, Ind., to St. Louis, in McKee's charge. When the train arrived at St. Louis both the package and McKee were gone.

Last Shot the Best.

Frederick Moecker, a well known young man of Quincy, Ill., shot his wife twice in the breast and then sent two bullets into his own brain. Moecker is dead, but his wife will live. The couple had been separated for some time. Moecker left a note showing that he had intended also to kill their little child.

They're Sure of Evans' Sculp.

A high official of the G. A. R. is authority for the statement that the pension committee appointed at the last annual encampment will soon submit its report to the president. They are confident of Commissioner Evans' removal, although not immediately, and not in a way to humiliate him.

Hang Boers Accused of Breaking Parole

The latest returnee South African hero to London is Sergeant Paish of the Glamorganshire militia. He hanged with his own hands four Boers, accused of breaking their parole, a punishment which in itself, is a breach of civilized usage.

What specially aroused jingo admiration was Paish's description of the "pretty scene" created by the wife of one of his victims, when she saw him practicing the hanging beforehand with an old avial. This practice was carried on in a public place, where the women could not fall to see it.

BROUGHT TO TERMS

Indians Enroll Themselves Rather Than Submit to Hair-Cut.

Rather than submit to a hair-cut, eight full-blood Cherokee Indians, were arrested at Muskogee, T. T., charged with being in contempt of the federal court, enrolled before the Dawes commission. These Indians are members of the Katoowah society, composed of an element in the Cherokee nation opposed to enrollment.

Last month Judge Raymond of the United States territorial court ordered them to present themselves for enrollment under pain of contempt. They disobeyed the order and were arrested and placed in the federal jail. The government officials pleaded with them to submit, but they declined stoutly, Redbird Smith, their leader, making an impassioned speech in defense of their action. Argument being of no avail, an order was issued that each prisoner should have his hair cut. They were lined up to take their turn in the barber's chair. When the first Indian had lost his shock of hair the others broke down and signified their willingness to enroll. With sullen faces they signed their names to the enrollment and were released.

Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock, in a ruling says Indians in the Creek nation may rent their allotments for a period of not longer than one year prior to the receipt of their deeds. Hundreds who have gone to the Creek nation with the idea that the lands are now open to purchase are disappointed. The Creek rolls are incomplete, the deeds are held up, and thousands have already fled on their homesteads.

CARLOAD OF LUNATICS

Insane Soldiers on Their Way to Washington.

A special car carrying eleven American soldiers to the Washington hospital for insane soldiers, passed through Omaha. They had been rendered insane by the hardships of the campaigns in the Philippines and some of them from drinking vino, the favorite drink of the Filipino. A half dozen guards from the 105th coast artillery sufficed to guard them, under command of Sergeant Bevington. Hospital Steward Pirie had charge of the car. The men came from the Philippines in January on the transport Meade. They were kept at the Praesidio till last week in the hope that a change of climate would better their condition. Some recovered while those who require longer treatment are now being taken to Washington. After a day's run some of the men were in straight jackets and many were put in restraining mitts and strapped to their seats. None of the eleven reside in Nebraska when at home.

A Big Explosion in Kansas.

The glazing mill and one of the barrel mills of the Lafin & Rand powder works, four miles north of Columbus, Kan., exploded March 15. Seventeen thousand five hundred pounds of powder was ignited. The shock of the explosion was felt in Joplin and Galena. Most of the men had gone to dinner, leaving Walter Reid cleaning a rotary barrel. Reid was killed. The powder works were established in 1889 at a cost of about \$200,000. This was the third explosion that has taken place in the mill, but only two persons have been killed. The loss from the explosion was about \$10,000, not including the powder. The damage to the works will be repaired at once.

A Tornado in Kansas.

A small tornado passed over the edge of Scotch Plains, five miles southwest of Belleville, Kan., demolishing the Dunkard church, several barns and windmills and moving one house from its foundation. The barn belonging to N. K. Williams, containing several horses, was blown to pieces and not an animal injured. The granary in which were 100 bushels of corn and a quantity of other small grain was picked up and carried several rods without spilling the grain or damaging the building. No loss of life is reported.

Boston Strike All Over.

The great strike at Boston, involving 20,000 union men, was completely wiped out March 17, when practically every man went back to work under conditions but slightly changed from those existing when the trouble began. The only incident in the labor situation is the strike of seventy-five longshoremen at the Clyde line wharves. This is an independent strike, brought about by two disgruntled workmen. At the freight sheds of the railroads the number of men left without immediate employment was less than 500.

Ends His Life.

John Nicholson, a well-to-do farmer living near Newark, Neb., shot himself in the forehead. Death was instantaneous. He has been ill with the grip for several weeks and became despondent and melancholy and just before noon he went into a room adjoining the kitchen, got an old shotgun, leaned against the wall, calmly looked down the barrel and sprung the trigger with a stick. No reason can be assigned for the act and it is supposed that it was on account of his ill health.

By a vote of 8 to 2 the city council of Plattsmouth decided that absolute darkness shall prevail during the pending litigation between the city and the electric light company.

Harry Watts, 17-year-old son of C. D. Watts of Crescent, Ia., was severely stabbed by George Saratt, a man from Nebraska. The trouble started in church. Saratt assaulted Watts, who said he did not want any trouble, but on the way home after church, Saratt drew a knife and stabbed the Watts boy six times. One cut required four stitches to close. Watts bled profusely. Though Watts was cut horribly, he will recover, if blood poisoning does not set in. Saratt escaped.

A man who is fond of cabbage is nearly always a cigar smoker.

BROKE HIS NECK

Falls From Top of Twenty-Foot Windmill Tower.

HEAD STRUCK THE PUMP HOUSE

Strike Situation at Boston—Found on the Track with His Skull Fractured—Plattsmouth Youth Accidentally Shoots Himself

Moses H. Smith of Loup City, Neb., was instantly killed by falling from a windmill tower on his farm. He went to the farm to inspect some repairs on the windmill and fell from the top of the twenty-foot tower. His head struck the pump house and when his body was picked up his neck was found broken. He was 70 years old and was formerly a machinist in the Burlington shops at Plattsmouth. He leaves a wife and two children.

THE BOSTON STRIKE.

Governor Crane Receiving Delegations From Both Sides.

The labor situation in Boston is extremely perplexing. To give weight to statements of labor men, who spoke without authority, that harmony is not restored is to make the outlook far more critical than at any time since the allied freight transportation council began its fight against the R. S. Brine Transportation company. Governor Crane in summing up the present status of the strike, says:

"The situation looks very much more encouraging than last night. The railroads have all agreed to take back as many men as possible without discrimination. As far as the steamship lines are concerned, I understand that the men have returned, or practically all of them. The railroad companies will not consent to discharge men whom they have hired in place of the strikers, but they are well disposed to the men and are very anxious to take back as many as possible. The question of the loading and unloading of teams while it came up incidentally, was not very much discussed."

Skull Fractured.

Wallace Paramore of Madison, Fla., was picked up on the Union Pacific track at Shelton, Neb., early this morning with his skull fractured in three places. He has been unconscious ever since and it is thought his injuries will prove fatal. It is supposed he fell from a train on which he was stealing a ride. He was taken to the hospital at Grand Island. His mother in Florida was notified by wire and answered asking that he be given the best of care.

Salesman Ends Life.

A traveling salesman for the Diamond Medicine company of Kansas City, Mo., who had letters on his person addressed to George West, but known here as N. B. Dawson, was found dead in a room at a boarding house at Springfield, Ill. He had attached a rubber tube to the gas jet, the end of which he placed under the bed covering. Poor business is undoubtedly the cause. He left a note, asking that his wife, Mrs. H. L. Dawson, 362 West Fifteenth street, care of J. L. Laughlin, New York, be notified.

Veteran Commits Suicide.

Charles Michaelis, a retired merchant and prominent politician of St. Joseph, Mo., committed suicide at his home by shooting himself through the right temple. Continued illness and despondency over the recent death of his wife are supposed to have been the causes which led to the suicide. Michaelis was 68 years of age, was a veteran of the civil war and prominent in G. A. R. circles.

Beats His Wife's Brains Out.

Seized with sudden insanity, Lefe Yankey of Flint, Doderidge county, West Virginia, buried a hatchet in his wife's head and shoulders and then beat her brains out with a poker. After killing her he cut his own throat with a razor, and, although still alive, he will die. He is violent in spite of his injuries and has to be held with ropes.

Passenger Train Wrecked.

A westbound Nickel Plate passenger train ran into an open switch at Knox, Ind., resulting in a disastrous wreck. The train was running at a high speed when it collided with a number of freight cars which were standing on the sidetrack. The baggage coach was torn to pieces and the engine and six freight cars were piled in a heap, which was completely destroyed by fire.

Boy Shoots himself Fatally.

Frank, the son of Councilman Newman of Plattsmouth, Neb., accidentally shot himself in the hip this afternoon while hunting. He was sitting on a log and reached behind him for the gun when it was discharged. The wound is of such a nature that the attending physicians have given up all hope for his recovery.

The folketing (or lower house of the Danish parliament), by 88 to 7 votes, today approved the treaty providing for the sale of the Danish West Indies to the United States. The treaty now goes to the lansting (upper house).

A mixed Missouri Pacific train on the Versailles branch was wrecked by a broken rail near Fortuna, Mo. An express car and one passenger coach were turned upside down in a ditch. Twenty-four persons were injured, but none of them fatally.