

Red Cloud Chief.

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RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA

A vessel loaded with Cuban sugar was beached a few days ago on Mo-iaes Island. This is a case of sweets to the sweet.

John L. Sullivan is having an arena built around him and will endeavor to revive the waning interest in Olympian sports.

The Havemeyers have invested heavily in the copper business and are supposed to be after the red scalp of Senator Clark.

The New York miner who fell 500 feet down a shaft without serious injury would make good ballast for one of the airships.

The New York publisher who is to establish a suburban line of balloons will not be the first editor who has gone up in the air.

The mountain lion sent to the White House from Colorado as a gift to President Roosevelt will be kept there because it is stuffed.

A Chicago city official has resigned because he couldn't live on the salary he got. He must have regarded public office as a public trust.

J. Pierpont Morgan says he will attend the coronation of King Edward. If he likes it real well he may hire the king to do it over two or three times.

By the time Spain shall have emerged from the many perils now confronting the dynasty the Carlists will begin to emerge again from the mountains.

The successful method of bringing the insurgent Cherokees to order by threatening them with the barber's shears might be tried with Padrewski and Kubelik.

A Chicago hunter was arrested with his game bag full of songbirds that he had shot. Doubtless he is too mean to live, but he will have to be permitted to do so.

The news that a college football player was employed to watch the polls in the first ward of Chicago shows that higher education can be put to practical uses.

A Detroit woman had a man arrested on a charge of robbing her. Then she married him. Perhaps she figures on getting even by going through his pockets while he slumbers.

Paris is about to impose a municipal tax of four cents a volume on novels. Such a move on the part of the United States might curtail the production of colonial romances.

The fact that the young king of Spain, who is to be crowned May 17, will be known to history as Alfonso XIII, may explain the dark predictions concerning his accession.

Scientists believe that there is a city at the north pole, and that the inhabitants are just like other people. If so, we may be sure that they are kicking on the smoke nuisance.

Foxhall Keene has been nearly killed riding to hounds again. If Foxhall didn't get nearly killed in this way every few months his life would be wholly devoid of excitement.

A Binghamton, N. Y., couple were arrested for getting married by mistake. Suppose all the couples that have made a mistake in getting married should be arrested. But let's don't.

There is a chance for a rich American woman to see the coronation of England's king by marrying a peer of the realm. And there are women who are perfectly willing to take the chance.

France expects a number of cabinet changes in the near future. No doubt dozens of obscure statesmen are taking advantage of the opportunity to have themselves mentioned for cabinet positions.

That Paris woman who retained her china intact until a servant who had been discharged returned and broke it is in luck. In this country the smashing of the ware would have been attended to during the period of amicable relations.

Officials of the Merchants' National bank of Chicago, which is to be consolidated with the Corn Exchange bank, distributed \$80,000 in gifts to faithful employees. This particular feature of the merger business wins popular approval.

King Edward has revived the habit of snufftaking. It is to be hoped that the London correspondents will not fail to cable over the exact minute the king indulges, so those on this side who care to can sneeze.

The spectacle of Peter Sells changing the route of his circus parade more than half a dozen blocks to give a poor little bed-ridden girl a sight she had never seen makes us pay less heed to the pessimists who are forever harping on the growing selfishness of mankind.

A RUMOR OF PEACE

Boers Said to Have Accepted British Proffer.

SUCH REPORT HAS REACHED LONDON

The London Financier and Bullionist publishes a dispatch from Pretoria declaring that the Boer leaders have accepted the British terms; that peace has been arranged, and that the terms of peace have been cabled to the Boer agents in Europe.

Other unconfirmed statements of a similar character are in circulation in London. It is said that Frederic Rutherford Harris, former secretary of the British chartered South African company, has received a telegram to the same effect, but nothing of any official or really reliable nature concerning the matter is known.

A telegram was received in London Thursday morning, from Pretoria, saying that President Steyn and Generals De Wet and Both had agreed upon terms of peace. The telegram indicates that the British terms have been accepted and that peace has been arranged.

NEBRASKA AT THE TOP

Condition of Its Winter Wheat Ahead of That of Her Neighbors.

The April report of the statistician of the department of agriculture will show the average condition of winter wheat on April 1 to have been 78.7, against 91.7 on April 1, 1901, and 82.4 the mean of the April averages of the last ten years. The averages of the principal states are as follows:

Pennsylvania 82, Ohio 77, Michigan 82, Indiana 81, Illinois 99, Tennessee 60, Texas 72, Kansas 73, Missouri 91, Nebraska and California each 93, and Oklahoma 67.

The average condition of winter rye on April 1, was 85.4, against 93.1 on April 1, 1901, and 88.1, the mean of the April averages of the last ten years. The averages in the principal states are as follows: New York 92, Pennsylvania 85, Ohio 82, Michigan 91, Indiana 80, Illinois 94, and Kansas 87.

ALL ARE IN LINE

Nebraska Congressmen Will Vote as a Unit for Irrigation Bill.

Since the conference at the White house on the irrigation bill and the action of the house committee in conformance therewith, there is little doubt that the entire Nebraska delegation will support the bill as it now stands.

The senate confirmed these nominations: W. R. Aikens, receiver of the Alliance land office; T. J. Sedgwick to be postmaster at York, and W. H. Wells, postmaster at Crete.

PRESIDENT OFF FOR HOME

Leaves Summerville, S. C., Amid Cheers of the Crowd.

The visit of President Roosevelt and party to the south terminated at Summerville, S. C., Thursday. No special program had been arranged.

The tea farm of Dr. Shepherd, not far from the inn, was visited, after which the party was driven direct to the Southern station, where the special train was in waiting.

The train pulled out for Washington amid the cheers and hurrahs of an immense crowd which had gathered at the station. Through the towns that the presidential train passed on the journey crowds of cheering people lined the tracks to catch a glimpse of Mr. Roosevelt.

Firmer Hand in Ireland.

The Evening Telegraph of Belfast, Ireland, says it believes that Lord Londonderry, the postmaster general and a member of the British cabinet, at a meeting of the Conservative association of Belfast, will announce that the government decided at Monday's cabinet meeting on a firmer policy in Ireland, including the suppression of the United Irish league.

Newspaper Man Named.

Robert J. Wynne, the Washington correspondent of the New York Press, has been offered and has accepted the office of first assistant postmaster general. The change will take place May 1, or soon afterwards, as Charles Johnson of New Jersey, whom he succeeds, is anxious to retire as soon as possible.

Dr. Draper Loses Leg.

President Draper of the University of Illinois suffered amputation of his right leg above the knee as the result of his runaway accident recently. The left leg, which was broken, is doing well.

Fearfully Burned.

At Boone, Ia., Mrs. Matilda Ericson, former wife of Senator Ericson, attempted to quench a bonfire which had been started in the yard, when her clothing caught fire and was burned completely off. She was burned so badly that it is not thought she can recover.

City Clerk Arrested.

City Clerk W. H. Moore was arrested at Durango, Col., on complaint of Mayor Wall, charging him with embezzling \$12,000 of the city's funds.

MISS STONE ARRIVES

Will Use Her Lecture Money to Repay the Ransom Fund.

The steamer Deutschland, with Miss Ellen Stone, the returning American missionary, and Aeronaut Santos-Dumont among the passengers, has arrived in New York.

Miss Stone said she had a rough trip and suffered from seasickness. The effect of her captivity, she said, had worn off.

She said she felt it was the prayers of the world that had saved her and she felt more than pleased over her reception. She will go immediately to Chelsea, Mass., to see her mother.

THE COFFELT TRIAL

Winfield Murder Case Now on in District Court.

The trial of O. W. Coffelt on the charge of murdering G. C. Montgomery, the Santa Fe detective, is on in the district court of Winfield, Kan.

The defendant, it is said, will try to prove that Coffelt was not present when the deed was committed. Also that immediately before the killing the notorious outlaw Ben Cravens, in company with a fellow ruffian, made threats against the life of the deceased to several persons in Oklahoma. The enmity of Cravens against Montgomery arose through the fact that Montgomery, in the summer of 1900, shot and wounded Burt Welby when the latter attempted to escape the federal jail at Guthrie, while awaiting trial there for the murder of Alf. Bateman at Red Rock.

KANSAS CROP CONDITIONS

Observer Jennings, at Topeka, Has Issued His First Crop Bulletin.

Observer Jennings, at Topeka, has issued his first crop bulletin for the season.

The conditions the past week have been favorable, though the week has been slightly cooler than normal, with a deficiency in precipitation. The precipitation during March was generally above normal excepting in the northern and northeastern counties, but much of the subsoil is still dry.

MISSING WITH FUNDS

Wellington, Kas., Young Man Leaves Town Owing Many Bills.

Bert Taylor, a young man who had attracted much attention in Wellington, Kan., on account of his reputation as a hustler, and who had all kinds of jobs open to him, has skipped for parts unknown. His relatives have been making settlement of his bills to prevent prosecution.

He has had charge of a lot of gasoline lamps all winter for a Wichita company, and after collecting his bills the first of the month did not remit to the company and failed to settle bills.

Troops are Mutinous.

A Brussels, Belgium dispatch says the soldier reserves were called out by the government Thursday morning as a precautionary measure in view of the growing disorders instigated by the socialists. When mustered it was found that dissension had spread to their ranks. The men defied their officers, hooted the government and sang revolutionary songs. The situation is most serious. Four different encounters between the police and rioters occurred, the latter using revolvers freely. The police returned the fire. Fifty persons were injured, including two policemen. Serious unrest is spreading among the miners throughout Belgium.

Talmage Seriously Ill.

Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage is critically ill at Washington, D. C., and his chances for recovery seem slight. The prevailing symptoms in Dr. Talmage's case have been aggravated by congestion of the brain which a consultation of physicians has determined now exists. The patient has been most of the day unconscious and his present condition is very grave.

Farmers' Company Prosper.

The manager of the Solomon County, Kan., Co-Operative Grain association has made his first annual report, which shows that the farmers of Kansas by co-operation can be as successful as any other class of people, whose interests are the same. The Solomon company was organized one year ago with a capital stock of \$2,200.

Feed Cattle Cottonseed Meal.

Theo. Anthony, of Cummings, Kan., will shortly ship three hundred fat cattle. He has been experimenting the past winter with cottonseed meal, shipped from the south, and finds results wonderful. He fattened his cattle on cottonseed meal. He has fed three carloads of the cottonseed meal, and has two other carloads on the way.

Stole Five Dozen Chickens.

Chicken thieves raided the hen house of William Shook, at Atchison, Kan., the carpenter who lives south of the brewery, and stole five dozen chickens, taking every fowl on the place except a couple of setting hens and a rooster. Shook had several dogs, but the animals were silenced in some way, and did not give an alarm.

Swindlers Work Fremont Women.

Another swindling game has just been worked at Fremont, Neb., with considerable success, by a couple of unknown men. They called on a number of Fremont housewives and exhibited large bars of fine white soap as samples of what they were selling at the rate of 25 cents a dozen. They took a multitude of orders, collecting the money in advance. When the soap consignments arrived the bars were found to be of such small dimensions that the price paid for them was three times their value.

TALMAGE IS DEAD

Noted Divine Succumbs to Inflammation of Brain.

HAS BEEN LONG IN POOR HEALTH

It is Expected That the Funeral Will be Held in Washington and Interment Made in Brooklyn—Other News of Importance to the Reader.

A Washington dispatch says: Rev. T. DeWitt Talmage, the noted Presbyterian divine, died at 9 o'clock Saturday night at his residence in this city.

It has been evident for some days that there was no hope of recovery, and the attending physicians so informed the family. The patient gradually grew weaker until life passed away so quietly that even the members of the family, all of whom were watching at the bedside, hardly knew that he had gone. The immediate cause of death was inflammation of the brain.

Dr. Talmage was in poor health when he started away from Washington for Mexico for a vacation and rest six weeks ago. He was then suffering from influenza and serious carpal condition. Since his return to Washington some time ago he has been quite ill. Until Thursday, however, fears for his death were not entertained. The last rational words uttered by Dr. Talmage were on the day preceding the marriage of his daughter, when he said: "Of course, I know you, Maud." Since then he had been unconscious.

At Dr. Talmage's bedside, besides his wife, were these members of his family: Rev. Frank DeWitt Talmage, Chicago; Mrs. Warren G. Smith, Brooklyn; Mrs. Daniel Mangum, Brooklyn; Mrs. Allen E. Donnau, Richmond; Mrs. Clarence Wycoff and Miss Talmage, Washington.

While arrangements for the funeral have not been finally completed, the family have about decided to have the remains taken to the Church of the Covenant here on Tuesday, where services will be held. The body will then be conveyed to Brooklyn, where interment will be made in the family plot in Greenwood cemetery.

Silent tribute to the memory of Dr. Talmage was paid Sunday by thousands of people who walked past the residence on Massachusetts avenue, where the visit of death was marked by a cluster of violets tied with a streamer of black hanging at the right entrance.

Many intimate friends, including the pastors of most of the Presbyterian churches of the city, were among those who called at the house.

Messages of sympathy from nearly every state in the union, and from England, Russia and other European countries, came to the family during the day.

MAJOR WALLER ACQUITTED

Only Two Stand Out for Conviction of Accused Army Officer.

A Manila dispatch states: Maj. Lytleton W. T. Waller of the marine corps has been acquitted. He was tried by a court-martial on the charge of killing natives of the island of Samar without trial. The court-martial stood eleven to two for Waller's acquittal.

Reading Circle Board.

The state reading circle board met in Lincoln and concluded its labors with the selection of several books for the teachers' course. A list of seven books was selected of which the one entitled "Nature Study and Life," by Hodge, must be read, while one of the remainder may be read at the choice of the teacher. The remaining books are: "Jean Mitchell's School," by Angelina W. Wray; "The Art of Teaching," by White; "School Hygiene," by Shaw; "Turning Points in Teaching," by D. C. Murphy; "What is Shakespeare?" by L. A. Sherman; "Waymarks of Teachers," by Sarah L. Arnold.

Safely Move Huge Bridge.

One of the most remarkable and cleverly-executed pieces of engineering work ever performed in engineering took place Saturday last when the two thousand ton bridge of the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago railroad, spanning the Allegheny river between Tenth and Eleventh streets, Pittsburg, Pa., was moved a distance of about thirty feet to temporary piers, to make way for the new double deck structure that is to take its place. The huge mass of steel and wood was moved without mishap.

Anarchist Bertoni Arrested.

The anarchist, Bertoni, whose published article led to the rupture last week of diplomatic relations between Italy and Switzerland, has been arrested at Lausanne, Switzerland, for holding a general strike meeting in defiance of the prohibition of the police.

Pressed Brick Plant Burned.

Fire destroyed the storehouse of the Kansas City Hydraulic Pressed Brick company, and an official of the company estimated the loss at \$100,000. Two million high-grade and ornamental brick were damaged. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

Young Man Fatally Shot.

Coroner Walden, of Beatrice, received a telephone message from Virginia, telling him that a young man named Anton Hubka, twenty-two years old, living seven miles south of there, was accidentally shot and killed. No particulars of the affair could be secured.

At Durand's Riding Academy, New York City, Heatherbloom, the champion high jumper, broke the world's record for a high jump by clearing seven feet and six inches.

AN EXECUTIVE HOUSE

New Building in Which the President Will Have State Quarters.

Senator Fairbanks, chairman of the senate committee on public buildings and grounds; has reported favorably a bill providing for a building for the use of the executive department of state and the department of justice.

Senator Fairbanks consulted President Roosevelt before the report was made and found him agreeable to having the executive offices in the new building. The proposed building is to be erected north of the present state, war and navy building. It is estimated that the building and site will cost \$7,000,000.

The census bureau has issued a preliminary report on the cotton crop of 1901 in commercial bales, gross weight, as returned by the cotton ginners, showing an aggregate crop of 9,952,982 bales. This is 533,166 bales less than the 1900 crop.

NEW TUNE FOR AMERICA

Gold Medal in Store for One Who Can Compose It.

President Asa Bird Gardner, of the Rhode Island state society of the Cincinnati, has announced that the society will present a gold medal to the composer of a new tune for the national anthem "America." Colonel Gardner says that by general consent "America" has come to be the national anthem of this country, and that if a national tune can be found as inspiring as that of "God Save the King," it can be taught to the school children, and before long will be willingly accepted. The conditions upon which the medal will be awarded are that the tune must have unusual intrinsic value, meet the severest expert musical criticism, and obtain popular approval.

ANTONIO MAGGIO FREE

Anarchist Who Threatened President McKinley Let Go.

Antonio Maggio, who has been confined in jail at Las Cruces, N. M., since shortly after the assassination of President McKinley, on suspicion of having knowledge of an anarchist plot against the president's life, has been released. It was said that Maggio, who was a member of the McAndrews Opera company, had predicted the death of President McKinley several months before he was shot at Buffalo. His release was ordered by Judge P. P. Parker at the request of United States District Attorney W. C. Rehr, and the case dismissed.

FINDS FORTUNE IN A CHEST

Man Who Purchased It for a Trifle Discovers It's 'den Wealth.

W. E. Koch, York, Pa., jeweler, has, according to a special, found cash and securities valued at \$15,000 in an old chest.

Several years ago Koch purchased, for a trifling sum, a small and antique chest. Having no immediate use for it, he placed it in the garret over his place of business. Finally, he decided to use the box, and upon taking it apart for repairs, a false bottom was found, underneath which was found the hidden wealth. The former owner of the chest is unknown.

Caught After 16 Years.

Constable J. J. Breene, of Arkansas City, Kan., arrested a man recently for whom he has been looking for sixteen years. The crime for which this man was arrested was committed in October, 1886, and since that time he has never been in Arkansas City. The man is Eli Christy, and he is wanted for stealing a horse from Lute Jones. One night in the month of October, in 1886, a horse and a harness were stolen from Jones' stable.

Improving Plant.

The Edison Electrical company of Topeka, Kan., makes improvements at their plant on Van Buren street, between Seventh and Eighth streets, this year that will require an expenditure of about \$110,000. The extensive improvements are being made with a view to furnishing power by electricity to the largest concerns in the city that use machinery, as well as the smallest. It also means the construction of a large new building on the present site.

Hays Makes First Report.

The report of Oil Inspector J. E. Hays for the month of March, the first month of his term, shows the inspection of 8,896 barrels of oil which netted the office \$889.60. The expenses of the office for the month were \$870.52, leaving the sum of \$19.08 to turn into the state treasury. The number of barrels inspected was rather low, because the oil companies took this time to clean their tanks in many localities.

Entitled to Free Delivery.

The Columbus, Neb., postoffice receipts, for the year ending April 1, were \$10,208, entitling the city, upon petition, to a free letter carrier service, provided the houses are numbered and the sidewalks pass the required inspection. The receipts are 22 per cent above those of the preceding year.

Signs the Bill.

President Roosevelt has signed the war revenue repeal bill, which cuts off some seventy mills from the annual income of the government.

Pays Fine for Smuggling.

Lewis Busch, convicted in the United States court, at Detroit, of smuggling 561 diamonds, worth about \$20,000, into the United States from Canada in 1899, was sentenced to pay a fine of \$1,400, and paid the fine and was released.

Lady Will Treat Smallpox.

Dr. Mary Tinley was awarded the contract to treat smallpox patients in Council Bluffs for the current year. Her bid was the lowest of all submitted. She will do the work for \$1,000.

THE RESPITE CAME

But Hanging Occurred Half Hour Previously.

THE GOVERNOR PONDERED TOO LONG

St. Louis Negro Hanged at Sunrise for Murder of Louis Roth—Reprieve Had Been Granted by Governor Dockery, But Was Too Late.

Henry Fletcher, colored, was hanged at St. Louis, Mo., at sunrise Friday morning for the murder of Louis Roth, seventy-six years of age, August 27, 1900.

At 6:45 a. m., just thirty-five minutes after the fatal drop fell, the following telegram was received from Governor Dockery:

"Jefferson City, Mo., April 11.—Joseph F. Dickman, Sheriff, St. Louis: I have granted a respite of fifteen days in case of Henry Fletcher, to be hanged today. Stay execution. Answer."

The following reply was sent by Sheriff Dickman:

"St. Louis, Mo., April 11.—A. M. Dockery, Governor, Jefferson City, Mo.: Henry Fletcher executed 6:10. Telegram of respite received 6:45."

WHOLE FORCE MUST GO

Presidents Tired of Discord in Immigration Bureau.

Secretary to the President ortelou Friday sent the following letter to Secretary of the Treasury Shaw:

"I am directed by the president to say that after listening carefully to all the charges and counter-charges affecting Messrs. Powderly, Fitchie and McSweeney, and without expressing any judgment upon these charges or assuming their truth as to any or all of the gentlemen concerned, he has decided that a situation exists in which it is for the good of the service that a complete change should be made and new men appointed in all three offices. In response to a request for his resignation, Mr. Powderly has sent it in. Mr. Fitchie's term has expired and Mr. Williams has been nominated to succeed him; Mr. Sargent will replace Mr. Powderly, although he will not be able to take office for some weeks to come.

"The president also requests me to ask you to forward a copy of this letter to Mr. McSweeney, with a request for his resignation and to appoint Mr. Joseph Murray in Mr. McSweeney's place."

WARE TO SUCCEED EVANS

Kansas Lawyer-Post Named for Pension Commission.

Eugene F. Ware, of Kansas, has been selected by the president to succeed H. Clay Evans as commissioner of pensions. Mr. Ware is from Topeka, Kan., and is a member of the law firm of Ware & Glead.

Eugene F. Ware, "Ironquill," has lived for many years in Kansas, and has always been prominent in republican politics, although he has never been an office seeker, and has seldom held office. He formerly resided at Fort Scott, and represented Bourbon county in the state senate. Since his removal to Topeka, he has devoted his entire time to the practice of law.

ANY KIND OF BOXES

Greater Latitude Allowed Rural Free Delivery Patrons.

The commission of postal experts, which has been investigating the question of letter boxes on rural free delivery routes, has submitted its report to the postmaster-general. The commission recommends that after July 1 the public, in all rural free delivery districts throughout the United States, be allowed to use any box whatever, subject only to simple requirements regarding the size, shape and materials. The only boxes now permitted by the government are those issued by fourteen manufacturing establishments approved by the department.

Military Going to Ireland.

A dispatch to the London Pall Mall Gazette from Dublin says that ten battalions of English and Scotch militia are to be embodied and sent to Ireland within a month in pursuance of the British government's determination to apply the coercion act. The correspondent understands that Lord Londonderry, the new postmaster-general, threatened to resign from the cabinet unless active measures were taken to circumvent the United Irish league.

Wade Hampton Dead.

Gen. Wade Hampton died Friday morning from valvular disease of the heart, after having been unconscious for several hours. The general had just passed his eighty-fourth birthday. Twice this winter he had sustained attacks that had greatly weakened him, but he rallied wonderfully.

Ris Doesn't Want It.

Jacob A. Ris, of New York, in an interview in Springfield, Mass., said he would decline the position of governor of the Danish West Indies.

Statute for McKinley.

Governor Odell, of New York, Friday signed a bill appropriating \$100,000 for a statue of the late President McKinley in Buffalo.

NEWS CONDENSED

The strike at the Penwell mine, Pana, Ill., involving 300 men, is ended. A satisfactory adjustment of the scale was made by President Austin of the United States Scale company and the men will return to work tomorrow.