

Red Cloud Chief.

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RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA

Sightless men of Toledo have formed a trust. This looks like a blind deal.

Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., is taking cooking lessons. Now let the hired girl beware.

Venezuelan soldiers seem to think that foot-racing is the greatest of soldierly accomplishments.

President Loubet's life has been threatened. The people of France are becoming restless again.

By the way, just ask your wife what the phrase, "the differential sugar," means. Of course you know, yourself.

If the Prince of Wales comes we can promise him that the menus will always be presented in our choicest French.

If a successful airship ever be devised it will be worth far more than the \$250,000 Sir Hiram Maxim offers to pay for it.

The ordinary wedding is closed with a ring on; but that telephonic matrimonial alliance down in Kentucky ended with a ring off.

King Edward belongs to twenty clubs—and probably nothing disagreeable would be done even if he should not pay his dues.

Belgian socialists who want the "one man one vote" plan evidently intend to do the voting for their wives, as we do in this country.

William Waldorf Astoria has given \$100,000 to an English university, but when last heard from he was still waiting for that title.

And the greatest victory that Wisconsin Grand Army veteran ever won was in securing three kisses without having to pay for them.

Kubelk and Paderewski no sooner wind up their season than it is announced that the seventeen-year locusts are headed this way.

Some people are not bothering so much about the price of meat since the cost of cigarettes is being reduced. All kinds of living are not dear.

Kansas City has a bribery scandal. It seems to be a mere matter of discovering the briber in order to put all American cities on the same footing.

During the year 1901 nearly half a million cases of champagne were imported into the United States. It will be remembered as an extra dry year.

A man with a live body and a dead mind has been found in Chicago, but nobody is reported missing from the railway station bureau of information.

The habit of talking back at the preacher during the delivery of his sermon is becoming so common as to make church services unusually attractive.

Having seen a few portraits of King Leopold we shall not be surprised at anything the people who see the original every day may take a notion to do him.

Mr. Morgan is getting perilously near that place on the public stage where Alexander posed while he wept because he had no more worlds to conquer.

It has been brought out in a Connecticut divorce suit that the man was drunk twice a day for 364 days in succession. Why he missed on the 365th is not explained.

Carnegie advises young men not to strive to obtain more than a competence. He will not have to plead very hard with the majority of them to get their consent.

An Illinois girl wrote her name and address on an egg and put it in a crate with others to be shipped east. She is still waiting for a matrimonial proposition to hatch out.

The prospect of having American college yells at Oxford seems to diswoman and proved that though marriage may be a lottery there are no blanks for the man with a will.

The originator of the comic valentine has just died at the age of ninety. He lived in Philadelphia and was therefore very slow about facing the ghosts of his numberless victims.

Since a Waukegan judge has decided that egg money is the legitimate perquisite of a farmer's wife, there will be a chance for some women to buy new dresses often than once in five years.

Paris has prevented J. Pierpont Morgan from carrying off one pair of iron doors, but the city ought to be careful how it treats our covetous millionaires. He may yet transfer the Latin Quarter to the Bowery, New York, or Clark street, Chicago.

People who are in the habit of selling their old books to the junk men should keep the fact in mind that an old volume bearing the date 1567 brought \$1,100 in New York recently. There was nothing valuable about the book but its age.

SAMPSON IS DEAD

Dies From Case of Severe Cerebral Hemorrhage.

SEMI-CONSCIOUS FOR NUMBER OF DAYS

Death Visits Rear Admiral at His Home in Washington.—Remains to be Taken to New York for Interment.—Bret Harte, Author, Dead.

A Washington, May 7, special says: Rear Admiral William T. Sampson, retired, died at his home in this city at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The immediate cause of death was a severe cerebral hemorrhage. He had been in a semi-conscious state for several days. At the bedside when the admiral breathed his last were Mrs. Sampson, Mrs. Lieutenant Cluverius, the admiral's married daughter, Admiral Sampson's two sons, Ralph and Harold Sampson, Dr. Nixon, the attending physician, and nurses and attendants. Mrs. Sampson has broken down under the severe strain, and was quite ill all during the day. But for the critical condition of the admiral she would have been confined to her bed.

While no definite arrangements have as yet been made concerning the funeral ceremonies, it is probable they will take place Thursday at the Church of the Covenant in this city. The remains will be taken to the admiral's old home at Palmyra, N. Y., for interment.

BRET HARTE IS DEAD

Famous Author, Poet and Humorist Passes Away in London.

Bret Harte, author, poet and humorist, died Monday at Red House, Chamberley, says a London dispatch. His illness, which was an affection of the throat, was not thought to be necessarily serious and the end accordingly came rather suddenly. Mr. Harte had a hemorrhage, death following soon afterward.

Frances Bret Harte was born at Albany, N. Y., August 25, 1829. In 1854 he went to California and became a miner, school teacher, express messenger, printer and editor. In 1864 he was appointed secretary of the mint at San Francisco, holding the office till 1870. In the meantime he became editor of the Overland Monthly and became famous by the publication of his poem, "The Heathen Chinese." In 1871 he went to New York and Boston; was appointed consul at Erfeld, Germany, in 1878; was transferred to Glasgow in 1880, and in 1885 took up his residence in London, where he has since lived. Among his famous writings were "Luck of Roaring Camp," "Mrs. Skaggs' Husband," "Echoes of the Foothills," "Tales of Argonauts," "Thankful Blossom," "A Wolf of the Plains," etc.

RAIN CHART AND CROPS

Weather Bureau People Tell About Them in Bulletin.

The University of Nebraska weather bureau gives out the following: Rainfall chart for week ending 8 a. m., May 5. The past week was warm and dry, followed on Sunday and Monday by general and sufficient rain. The daily mean temperature averaged 7 degrees above the normal. The maximum temperatures of the week were generally about or slightly below 90 degrees.

Very little rain fell during the week previous to Sunday. A general rain followed in the southern counties, with rainfall ranging from half an inch to an inch and a quarter.

The week, previous to the rain, was most unfavorable for the growth of vegetation. Winter wheat continued to suffer for lack of moisture and is considerably damaged in a few southern counties, where some wheat fields have been plowed up. Oats continue in a very poor condition. Grass is short and pastures poor. Plum, cherry and apple trees are blossoming very full and indicate a good crop. Plowing for corn is well advanced, but corn planting has progressed rather slowly the past week because of the dry condition of the soil. The rain will materially improve the condition of all crops.

THE JUDGES REFUSE

Decline to Turn Bolting Ball Players Over to National League.

A St. Louis dispatch of May 6 says: Judges Talty and Fisher, sitting jointly in circuit court this morning, rendered a decision in the cases of the National league ball club against Players' Injunction, Heidrick and Wallace. The injunction sought by the plaintiff are quashed.

Both judges held that the contracts between the players and the National league club were one-sided and favored the National league. Judge Talty held that the players preferred to play for their present employers; that they are following their chosen calling and selecting their own association, enjoying the gains of their own industry. "These are the natural rights of free men," said the court, "rights which cannot be bargained away either by contract or consent because of constitutional provisions."

PLAY WITH RIFLE IS FATAL

Indiana Man Killed by Gun in Hands of His Best Friend.

Aaron C. Black, who lives near Long Cliff, Cass county, Indiana, was shot and killed recently by his best friend, Samuel Probst. The two men were playing with a rifle which was in the hands of Probst. The weapon was pointed at Black and in some manner it was discharged. The bullet entered Black's right breast a little below the shoulder.

THEY SHUT THE DOOR

Club Women at Convention Draw the Color Line Tight.

Tuesday may be chronicled as the day when Massachusetts club women saw all their pet plans, for which they have been fighting two years, go down before the vote of the convention, says a Los Angeles, Cal., dispatch. The final defeat was given to the admission of colored women's clubs.

The effort being made to down the individual club as a step toward reorganization through state federations only failed, and the plan to reduce the per capita tax from 10 to 5 cents was snowed under.

The dispatch with which the three issues was defeated, in the midst of intense excitement on both sides, is a matter of surprise, even to the delegates who aided in the result.

SAYS IT IS UNTRUE

Tate Concerning Roosevelt, Dewey and Miles Denied.

A Washington, D. C., special says it is authoritatively denied at the White house that President Roosevelt has refused permission to the French government to bestow the cross of the Legion of Honor upon Dewey and Miles upon the occasion of the unveiling of the Rochambeau statue on May 24th. The president, it is stated, says authority for the officers to receive decorations from foreign governments rests solely with congress.

The senate passed, under suspension of its rules, the house joint resolution appropriating \$10,000 for the expenses of the dedication of the statue of Marshal Rochambeau to be unveiled May 24th.

BLOW OPEN A DEPOT SAFE

Crackman Blind Watchman and Makes Off With Money.

Three masked and armed safecrackers blew the safe at the Lake Shore freight depot, at the foot of Watson street, Cleveland, O., and secured an unknown amount of money, thought to be about \$500.

The robbers had a violent struggle with the night watchman and after overpowering him he was bound and gagged. Then the men took from him everything he had before proceeding with the drilling of the safe.

The safe was badly wrecked. There is no clue to the robbers.

WIFE AND SON DROWN

Fred Landsperger is Too Late to Save His Family.

A skiff containing four grown people and a child was overturned in the Yorkhoughney river at West Newton, Pa., Tuesday and two were drowned. Mrs. Frederick Landsperger and her son, 4 years old, were drowned.

Besides Mr. and Mrs. Landsperger and the child, Miss Maggie Herrington and Fred Bendig were in the boat. Landsperger helped Miss Herrington to shore, supposing she was his wife.

When he heard his wife and child crying for help he returned to the water, only to see them sink.

DEATH TAKES ALL VICTIMS

Spotted Fever Causes Panic in Montana and Leads to Inquiry.

Dr. A. F. Longeway, secretary of the Montana board of health, and a party of scientists left Helena Tuesday for the Bitter Boot valley to inquire into the mysterious malady known as spotted fever, which is causing a panic among the inhabitants of that region.

Every case of the disease has been fatal and up to the present time it has baffled the skill of all physicians who have sought to investigate it.

Several eminent New York scientists have been invited to participate in the investigation now commenced by the state.

HOUSE MOURNS THREE MEMBERS.

For the first time in its history, the house met Tuesday with three desks covered with flowers, draped in black in memory of deceased members. Joshua H. Salmon (dem. N. J.), it was announced, died suddenly at his home in Dootton. The chaplain made an impressive reference in his prayer and after the appointment of the usual committee, the house adjourned.

GIVES AWAY LIQUORS.

Lord Sholto Douglas Tuesday night gave away all the liquor in his saloon, a drink at a time, in forty minutes, says a Spokane, Washington, dispatch, after which he announced his retirement from business. It was the wildest night in the tenderloin of Spokane. Douglas recently received £2,000 remittance from England and announced he would attend the coronation with his wife.

HANSAS GETS A DRENCHING.

A Wichita, Kan., dispatch of May 4 states: The drought is broken here. Heavy rain is falling tonight accompanied by a fearful electrical storm. It is doubtless general, as wire communication is badly crippled for more than 100 miles south. The importance of rain here is shown by the fact that forty million bushels of wheat was produced within a radius of forty miles of Wichita last season.

Falls Dead While at Work.

B. F. Brackett, and old resident of Nebraska, who lives near Pawnee City, fell dead while at work in his barn Tuesday evening. He was past sixty years of age and leaves a wife and two sons, one of whom is an instructor in the state university.

Want Bill Vetted.

President J. W. Springer of the national live stock association has sent a telegram from Denver to President Roosevelt asking him to veto the oleomargarine bill.

WANT TITLE CLEAR

Bill in Behalf of Nebraska Homesteaders.

CONGRESSMAN NEVILLE THE CHAMPION

Confers on Measure With Secretary Hitchcock—St. Louis World's Fair Postponed to May 1, 1904—Other News of Interest.

Congressman Neville called upon the secretary of the interior Friday relative to his bill to quiet the title of homesteaders on the Fort McPherson reservation. The chairman of the committee having charge of this bill informed Mr. Neville that no action would be taken on the measure unless it received the indorsement of the secretary, and it was with a view of getting this indorsement that the congressman from the Sixth district called upon Secretary Hitchcock. He also took up with the department his bill to amend the homestead law so as to permit homesteaders to make entry on 1280 acres of land on any of the public domain lying west of the 100th meridian in Nebraska, which is not susceptible to irrigation, instead of 160 acres, as the present law provides. The bill also provides that the homesteaders of 160 acres may increase their holdings to 1280 acres. Congressman Neville contends that a law of this character puts it in the power of the small holder of cattle to support himself and family by raising stock. The secretary of the interior has agreed to take the matter under advisement, but would give no definite assurance as to what position he will take.

DECIDE TO POSTPONE FAIR

Agreement Arrived at, and Congress Will Be Asked to Act.

A Washington, May 3, dispatch says: Secretary Hay today sent to the senate a letter stating the necessity for postponing the Louisiana purchase exposition from 1903 to 1904.

Enclosed with it was a letter from Chairman Carter of the government commission and a telegram from President Francis of the exposition company, showing the necessity for the postponement.

Senator Cockrell had the letter read in the senate and then offered an amendment to the sundry civil appropriation bill, now pending in the senate, providing for the postponement of the exposition in accordance with the request.

The postponement amendment provides for the dedication of the buildings of the exposition on April 30, 1903, for the opening of the exposition to visitors on May 1, 1904, and for its closing. The coinage of \$250,000 in gold dollar pieces to be used as a souvenir coin is also authorized, the money thus provided to be a part of the \$5,000,000 appropriated by congress for the aid of the fair.

LEAVES ALL TO HIS SONS

The Will of the Late J. Sterling Morton Read at Nebraska City.

The will of the late J. Sterling Morton was read Friday afternoon. It provides for the disposition of his estate, worth upwards of \$250,000, among his four sons, an annuity being provided for his sister, Emma Morton.

Joy Morton, the oldest son, will receive the homestead, Arbor Lodge, in lieu of which he will pay into the estate \$25,000. The life insurance, amounting to \$100,000, will be equally divided among the four sons or their heirs.

The property is listed as \$65,000 real estate, \$60,000 personal, and the balance life insurance.

AMOS J. CUMMINGS DEAD

Congressman and Veteran Journalist Succumbs to Pneumonia.

Congressman Amos J. Cummings of New York died Friday at the church home and infirmary in Baltimore, Md. The cause of death, pneumonia, incident to an operation. The congressman's wife and cousin, Charles H. Cummings, were at his bedside when death came. Mr. Cummings was a democrat and has been an active member of New York Typographical union, No. 6, for many years.

The Ping Pong Craze.

In London a ping pong dance, in which the ladies wear ping pong patches and powdered hair, is the latest development of the present mania.

The ladies, carrying white balls, with a red number on each, and each gentleman a scarlet ball, with a corresponding figure in white, walk down the ball room and meet at a silken net. Bating begins. As soon as each dancer secures a ball the numbers are called out, pairing off begins, and the couples glide down the room hand in hand, in minut style.

The latest rival of ping pong by the way is table bowls, which are just being exhibited at the Alexandra palace.

Not Exempt in America.

There was an amusing incident yesterday in a house-rental office in Duluth. The agent of a certain dwelling had managed to squeeze two raises out of a steady and prompt paying tenant and was after the third. The tenant is a son of the Emerald Isle. He paid the two first raises without protest, but he became wroth at the third attempt. He hid him to the agency and said to the agent:

"I'll not stand that raise."

"All right. Get out."

"Gladly. I ken from Oireland to escape the landlords and O'Little thought I'd find a maner one here than there."

—Duluth News-Tribune.

Prostrated by Heat. Philip Herr was prostrated by heat Friday at Burlington, Ia. His recovery is doubtful.

LIFE IN BUSY CITY OF BUTTE

Men Are Octogenarians at 40; Seattle Hints at 55.

Into an ounce of brandy put a small dose of cocaine; drink the mixture, and in ten minutes you will find yourself in the mental and nervous condition which is the normal state of the citizen of Butte, says a writer in a Boston paper.

Butte never sleeps. It is as wide awake at 2 in the morning as at mid-day, every shop open, every industry in full blast. The life of the town depends upon the mines and the smelter; and these never stop. Day in and day out, the year round, they work continuously, with three eight-hours "shifts" of men, one stepping in as its predecessor steps out; from year's end to year's end neither industry ever drops a stitch. The shift that comes off duty at midnight must eat, drink, and be served with its amusements like the others. So it happens that every door in town, of boarding house, shop, saloon, theater and all the rest stands always ajar. So far as business is concerned, there is literally no day, no night. One hour is like all the rest; every hour is an hour of hustle. To the stranger it appears like delirium; to the man of Butte it is a matter of course.

The result is easily foretold: Quick exhaustion and early death. The man of Butte is an octogenarian at 40, a senile ruin at 55. No one lives to be old, in the accepted eastern use of the word; you will never see that white and venerable and useful old age which has so firm a place in our life, our poetry, our very religion. Overstrung nerves snap; brains crumble; hearts yield to their load.

WHAT PHYSICIANS MAY DISCLOSE

A Decision by the Court of Appeals of Missouri.

An important ruling made by a court was that when a person who is suing for damages testifies in court that a doctor examined him and found him injured, the doctor is a competent witness in the case, and must tell about his treatment of the case and what he found.

This ruling was made in the case of W. R. Highfall against the Missouri Pacific Railway company. Highfall was a passenger on a train, and claimed to have had his hip dislocated by a blow of a swinging car door. His case was tried in the Circuit court of the county, and a jury gave him \$500 damages. This verdict the Court of Appeals reversed and remanded the case for a new trial because when Dr. Wood was put on the stand in the trial of the case, and was asked what he found to be the matter with Mr. Highfall, the lawyers for the latter objected to the question, and the court sustained the objection, holding that a physician cannot be forced to reveal the secrets of the sick-room. But the Court of Appeals holds that when a witness seeks to fortify his case by testifying that a doctor found him injured, he waives the secrecy imposed by the statute, and the doctor may be put upon the stand to testify.—Kansas City Star.

"Liar's Aid"

The Sunday school lesson had been on the beauty of truth and the evil of falsehood and the scripture passage under especial consideration was the story of the sudden demise of Ananias and Sapphira. The study of the lesson ended, a visiting clergyman was asked to speak to the children and point the moral.

"Suppose," he began, "the Lord was to treat everybody that told untruths nowadays the same way he did Ananias and Sapphira—what would be the result?"

Prompt and clear came the answer in the small piping voice of a very little girl:

"Why, there wouldn't be a single person left in the whole world!"

This is no fairy tale, either, for this question was put and this answer given at the Everyday Church two Sundays ago, says the Boston Journal. Dr. Shutter had been preaching for Dr. Perin, and at the latter's request began to address the school as above. Dr. Perin did not state whether the address ended right there, but it is pretty safe to say that there was at least a brief intermission before Dr. Shutter resumed.

Duration of Life.

Nothing more beautifully illustrates the small thrift of foreigners than the mails. For instance: While we write for transmission abroad over 73,000,000 letters a year, we receive only 59,000,000. While of unpaid and short-paid letters we send 1,369,752, the foreigners afflict us with 2,165,552, on which we are obliged to pay postage. While we send abroad 49,157 postal cards with paid reply, they send us only 27,713. We write more single cards than they do, beating them nearly three quarters of a million in a total of 7,800,000. In short postage they impose on us annually to the sum of about \$300,000. For sending and receiving this mail the government pays \$2,250,000 a year.

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Of 1,000,000 persons born in 90 years

AS THE WORLD REVOLVES

SEEK GOLD SEEN IN A VISION

Farmer City, Ill., Men Led by Women Spiritualist.

Mrs. Edward Conover, a spiritualist who resides at Farmer City, Ill., has stirred that village with a vision which, she says, has disclosed to her the location of an immense pot of gold south of Farmer City. In her vision, she says, she was told to select twelve men, the names of whom were given her by the spirit. She told the twelve men of her vision, but one of them was unable to join in the search so Mrs. Conover secured another person.

While looking for the treasure the man who had said he could not come put in an appearance, making thirteen men. Last night, Mrs. Conover says a spirit told her there was an evil person in the party, and that the gold could not be found until he was discharged.

HAPPY THOUGH IN THE POORHOUSE

Pauper Once Rich and a Partner of Jay Gould.

The tricks played by fate upon humanity are many and varied. One would naturally think that a man who was the partner and trusted friend of Jay Gould, the noted financier, and who had attained a fortune would be in a fair way to pass his declining days in his own home and with comforts of various kinds about him. Josiah Lynn, who fifty years ago conducted with Gould a number of successful business enterprises and who then located in Washington, N. J., to enjoy his wealth, is now a public charge, old and blind but cheerful and philosophical withal.

Mr. Lynn is 73 years old, has snow-

white hair and a fine intellectual face. He was when young a good business man and made money fast. Then came reverses and his fortune dwindled. His wife died, friends deserted him and his eyesight failed. Still he was happy and even when it became necessary to remove him to the poorhouse at Karsville, N. J., his courage did not fail. Mr. Lynn is awaiting the last summons hopefully but is content with prevailing conditions while they must be endured.



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Of 1,000,000 persons born in 100 years

The above diagram shows your chances of attaining various ages.

King Edward's Cook. The cook of King Edward of England draws a salary of \$10,000. This is the same as the salary of a lieutenant general or an admiral of the fleet and exceeds that of many bishops of the Established Church. The King has often referred to his cook as a "perfect treasure" and has often proffered him a cigar from the royal pocket case. The cook is a Frenchman named Manager and maintains a splendid establishment of his own. He generally goes to the royal residence at 11 o'clock in the morning and drives there in his own carriage.