

Red Cloud Chief.

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RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA

Probably Pat Sheedy's \$5,000 prayer rug is not much worn.

It costs something to live these days, but it is even more expensive to die.

It is apparent that a great many citizens are taking pingpong for that golf feeling.

A fellow's friends always think that his capacity for drinks is three less than his own estimate.

It is certainly very considerate in the vegetarians not to try to crow over us in these beefless days.

Four revolutions are now going on in South America. The insurrections are too numerous to mention.

Mrs. Nation has established a private home for inebriates and will give the water cure a thorough trial.

Many an eye was dimmed and many a heart saddened by the passing of everybody's friend—Sol Smith Russell.

So many new systems of wireless telegraphy are being developed that a trust or combination becomes imperative.

Copper has been discovered in paying quantities in Oklahoma. Probably some of the Indians have been shedding color.

Will the news that Count Zeppelin has been ruined financially by his experiments with airships discourage Santos-Dumont?

The high price of beef will dispose of that old adage, the comfort of many a young lover, that "two can live as cheaply as one."

An expedition will start in July to rescue Arctic Explorer Baldwin. Rescue expeditions to rescue the rescuers will start out as circumstances warrant.

Down in Providence, R. I., the authorities think of stopping ping-pong because it has become a gambling game. Is there no innocence left in the world?

The husband who wants a divorce in Maryland would better abandon his prerogative. The legislature has passed a law permitting the wife to cross-examine.

A Michigan man has had his head repaired with a bone from a dog. Now if he will not chase wagons and bite the milkman he will probably get along all right.

John W. Gates is reported to have lost a lot of money in wheat. It must keep Gates pretty busy figuring to be able to tell what he is worth at the end of each week.

J. Pierpont Morgan is said to have made \$12,500,000 for bringing about the steamship combine. It would be economy to put him on a salary and not pay him space rates.

With New Jersey appropriating \$10,000 to exterminate her mosquitoes and Kansas \$5,000 to exterminate her prairie dogs, we shall soon be rid of all the wonders of nature.

This is the season of the year when the congressman who has an eye to his political future will send neatly packed and carefully selected garden seeds to his suburban constituents.

According to a dispatch there was nothing noteworthy in France on May day with the exception of a general state of tranquillity. What more noteworthy could there have been in France?

The banana is deservedly gaining ground as a food product, but in these times when by-products are so wonderfully utilized, why is the banana peel not only neglected but allowed to make trouble?

When Santos-Dumont gets his line of airships in operation between Great Britain and the United States he will probably establish elevated depots or skimming stations at convenient distances along the route.

If men would only lay as much stress on the duty of voting when they have the ballot as they do on the right to vote when they are trying to get the ballot the world would have a better brand of citizenship.

There are so few hearty funmakers in this workaday world that none of them can join the great majority without leaving an unfiled page. Everybody who ever saw Sol Smith Russell will be one of his mourners.

The shah of Persia, who is going to travel in Europe during the coming summer, will not be accompanied by any of his wives. Europeans who will have to entertain him are worrying for fear he may also leave his bathtub at home.

"Unfortunately," says the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle, "it is impossible to obtain testimony from Eve as to whether or not Adam was a myth." That may be true, but should not the testimony of Eve's daughters have some weight?

ARMS OPEN WIDE

Cuba Gives President Palma a Warm Embrace.

NOISILY WELCOME CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Shores of Havana Harbor Lined With Enthusiastic and Cheering Cubans Who Shout With Joy as Steamer Bears Him to Havana.

A Havana, Cuba, May 11, dispatch says: At twenty-three minutes of eight this morning a large Cuban flag was hoisted over Morro Castle here. This was the signal that the steamer Julia, with President-elect Estrada Palma and his party on board, had been sighted, and cheers went up from thousands who, on the shore opposite Morro Castle, had patiently awaited the Julia's arrival since daybreak.

The crowd cheered for the new president and for the flag, which was hoisted over the famous fortress for the first time.

It was a moment of exultation for the Cubans, and the fact that the stars and stripes floated from its customary flag staff beside the Cuban flag over the castle did not lessen their enthusiasm.

The Cuban flag was hoisted up when the smoke of the Julia was seen in the direction of Matanzas. As it rose the bands stationed along the water front played the Cuban national hymn, steamers saluted and church bells were rung. Two hours later, after the last of the great fleet of vessels that had gone out to escort the Julia to the harbor had returned past Morro Castle, this flag was lowered and raised over the senate chamber.

There was continuous saluting as the Julia sailed between the rows of decorated tugs and barges and there were cheers from the crowded wharves. The several warships in the harbor were also decorated. The stars and stripes floated over the wreck of the Malne.

Over the wreck of the Malne, and under this flag the Cuban commission, in charge of the festivities had caused a black and white pennant to be placed. The steam tug Dauntless, the old filibuster, was given the right of way in the marine procession.

When they arrived at the wharf the president-elect was welcomed by Vice-President Esteve, in a brief speech. A pretty feature of the reception was Senator Estrada Palma's welcome by twenty-three young Cuban women, dressed in costumes representing the American republics. Senator Durio, who represented Cuba, delivered an address and read a poem.

From the wharf the president-elect as escorted to the palace by members of the rural guard. Governor General Wood received Senator Palma at the palace. From here the president-elect proceeded to the municipal building, where speeches were made by the mayor of Havana and Mr. Palma. General Wood accompanied Senator Palma to the residence of Gen. Maximo Gomez, where the president-elect will reside until his inauguration on May 20.

The municipal council gave a breakfast in honor of Senator Estrada Palma this afternoon. At a dinner given tonight by General Wood, Senator Palma, General Gomez, the archbishop of Havana, the secretaries and a number of prominent Cubans were present.

Mrs. Estrada Palma, wife of the president-elect, will be welcomed officially when she arrives tomorrow.

COME TO AN AGREEMENT

Miners and Operators of Illinois Settle Differences.

After being in session at Springfield, Ill., two days, operators and miners of the Chicago & Alton sub-district, with the assistance of Commissioner Herman Just of the Illinois coal operators' association, came to an agreement.

This was the third session held between miners and operators of this district. The agreement was in the nature of a compromise. The question of pay for dead work is left to the state president, W. R. Russell, united mine workers of America, and Commissioner Just, who shall visit the mines and investigate the subject and agree upon some system whereby dead work may be paid for in conformity with the sixteenth clause of the present state agreement, and their decision shall be final and made part of the new agreement.

HURT IN RUNAWAY.

Two Ladies and a Child Thrown From a Carriage.

Mrs. Pat Dolan, living four miles north of Havelock, Neb., drove to Lincoln in a carriage, accompanied by her mother and little child. While driving west on Q street, east of Twenty-fifth, the horse was frightened and started to run. At the Twenty-fifth street crossing he ran up on a bank, turning the carriage over on the occupants. Mrs. Dolan was severely injured, a bad gash being cut over the left eye. Dr. Finney found that six stitches were required to sew up the wound. The baby was bruised a little, but not seriously, while Mrs. Dolan's mother received nothing more serious than a nervous shock.

ORDERED TO ISLAND

United States Cruiser Cincinnati Will Proceed to Martinique.

Secretary of the Navy Moody has cabled the commander of the cruiser Cincinnati, now at San Domingo City, to proceed to Martinique and render such aid as possible. The secretary of the navy after consultation with Assistant Secretary Hill that it would be safe to take the Cincinnati away from San Domingo.

STATEHOOD BILL PASSES

House Welcomes Arizona, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

The opposition in the house to the bill for admission of Oklahoma, Arizona and New Mexico collapsed at the last minute and the bill was passed without division as it came from the committee, except for a few verbal amendments. The real test came on an amendment offered by Mr. Overstreet of Indiana, to join New Mexico and Arizona and to admit them as the state of Montezuma. It was beaten, 28 to 106, and all opposition then ceased.

The closing scenes of the debate were accompanied by a dramatic incident, which narrowly escaped being a tragedy. Delegate Mark A. Smith of Arizona, who has been fighting for the admission of his territory for a dozen years, had just made a vigorous speech against the Overstreet amendment when he was seized with blood to the head. He was conveyed to the lobby, where several physicians, who are members of the house, by the prompt administration of powerful heart stimulants, saved him from a stroke of apoplexy. He later rallied and was removed to his hotel.

The bill as passed today provides enabling acts for Oklahoma, Arizona, and New Mexico, similar in form to former enabling acts, with the exception that the constitutional convention of New Mexico is empowered to designate the name by which the new state shall enter the union and in the case of Oklahoma the convention, by irrevocable ordinance, shall express the consent of that state that congress at any future time may attach all or any part of Indian territory to it. The enabling acts differ from each other chiefly in reference to the public lands appropriated for educational purposes. The latter part of the session was devoted to private pension bills, eighty-seven of which were passed, twenty-eight original, fifty-four for increases and five to complete military records.

PASSENGER HITS FREIGHT

Collision on Northern Pacific at Bedford, Montana.

Westbound Northern Pacific passenger No. 1 crashed into a freight at Bedford, Mont., between Helena and Townsend. A box car was knocked off the track and the engine smashed. The engineer and fireman escaped injury by jumping. The flagman had been sent back to warn the passenger train, but did not get fairly started before it came in sight, and so great was its momentum that it could not be stopped in time to avoid a collision. Beyond a severe shaking up none of the passengers were injured.

BOUND TO HAVE DAUGHTER

Mrs. May Tennant Taylor Appeals to President.

Mrs. May Tennant Taylor, the mother of Margaret, and her attorney, Thomas H. Darby, have telegraphed both President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Hay at Washington, requesting them to instruct Ambassador Meyer at Rome to ask that Margaret be turned over to the representative of the Commercial-Tribune, who expects to start for Italy with the officer bearing the extradition papers. The indications are now that the Taylor escort from Europe will include several newspaper men besides the officers.

A Quick Courtship.

Miss Mary Keenel of Ipatte, Neb., went to Miller, S. D., for a visit. She had heard of Joseph Keoch and his 1,000 acre ranch, through mutual friends, and he had heard of her. They were introduced, and after a three hours' talk, decided they were just the people to be married. Keoch went at once to the court house for a license and they were married within twenty-four hours after they had first seen one another.

Hotly Green to Carry a Gun.

For the first time in the history of the New York police department, a woman has been given a little pink card that permits a person to carry loaded firearms. That woman is Hetty Green, of world wide financial fame. Mrs. Green applied for the permit because she says she carries about with her papers, drafts and checks of great value and purposes to defend them strenuously.

Students Drown.

Saturday evening a party of students from Orleans college went bathing at the dam near Orleans, Neb., in the Republican river. Mr. Beery, a young man twenty years old, who could not swim, got into deep water. A companion, a Mr. Daniels, a good swimmer, went to his rescue. The drowning man grappled him, and both drowned. The accident has caused gloom over the entire community.

Take Turns in Milking.

A unique opinion of the downfall of President Jimenez, of San Domingo, was expressed by one passenger aboard the steamer Seminole, which arrived at New York Thursday from the island republic. "This Jimenez gang has milked the cow some time," he said, "indeed much longer than is considered usual. Now the other gang want their chance."

School for Deaf Burned.

Fire that started at 4 o'clock last Friday afternoon entirely destroyed the main building and the chapel of the Iowa school for the deaf, at Council Bluffs, causing a loss estimated at \$350,000. The buildings were uninsured, the state carrying its own risks.

Mrs. Catherine Soffel, who released the Biddle brothers from the Allegheny jail last January, was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for aiding and abetting in the escape of prisoners.

DIRE DESOLATION

Martinique Volcano Horror Growing in Magnitude.

WORST CALAMITY IN MODERN TIMES

30,000 Are Dead and 50,000 Homeless.

NATIONS SENDING AID TO STRICKEN

President Roosevelt Urges an Appropriation of \$50,000—King Edward Sends One Thousand Pounds, and Other Countries Sending Money and Food Supplies.

A Paris, May 12 dispatch says: The French cable company this morning received the following from its manager at Fort de France:

"I have sent an agent to St. Pierre. He was able to find the company's office buried under a pile of rubbish, but could find no trace of the general manager, M. Jallabert, or the personnel of the office, consisting of five men. The town is strewn with corpses, the cremation of which has begun. The cable ship Puyser Quertier is now proceeding to repair the cable from Martinique to Mayt and New York."

The commander of the cruiser Suchet, cabling minister of marine from Fort de France, states that he explored St. Pierre Saturday with a squad of marines. The town was a mass of smoking ruins, under which the victims were buried. He found it impossible to advance to the north of the island, owing to the rain of ashes, which was most intense. The volcano still presents a menacing appearance and last night rumblings, accompanied by flashes and the projection of ashes and stones, occurred.

A London cablegram says: The advice received by Colonial Secretary Chamberlain this morning indicates that the death list of the island of St. Vincent will reach 500. Governor Llewellyn of the Windward Islands, says:

"In view of the latest intelligence from Martinique, the government of Barbadoes is sending immediately food supplies, two doctors and medical equipments by the royal mail steamer Solent. I leave on the indefatigable for St. Vincent this morning."

Secretary of State Hay received from Louis H. Ayme, United States consul at Pointe-a-Pitre, Gaudaloupe, who went to Martinique with instructions from this government, the following dispatch:

"FORT DE FRANCE, May 11.—The disaster is complete. The city (St. Pierre) is wiped out. Consul Prentiss and family are dead. The governor says 30,000 have perished, while 50,000 are homeless and hungry. He suggests that the Red Cross be asked to send codfish, flour, beans, rice, salt meats and biscuits as quickly as possible. The visit of war vessels is valuable."

"AYME." Kaiser Wilhelm telegraphed his sympathy to the government and sent President Loubet 10,000 marks for the relief of Martinique.

Practically every available vessel at Fort de France, Martinique, has been pressed into service for relief duty at St. Pierre and its environs. Food and other supplies are being hurried to the scene. Outside aid is anxiously awaited as the supplies here will last but a few days.

The relief parties are working under tremendous difficulties. A terrible stench arises from the thousands of bodies and, aside from supplying the immediate wants of the survivors, all work is centered in disposing of the bodies. Fire wood, quicklime and petroleum are used for this purpose.

The water supply at St. Pierre is tainted or has disappeared and this necessity has to be transported to the scene.

President Roosevelt has ordered the state, navy and war departments to consult with each other and make arrangements for forwarding supplies to the sufferers in Martinique. He also requested the treasury department to be in readiness to utilize revenue cutters in transporting and distributing supplies.

The Paris La Patrie prints a Fort de France dispatch, dated Monday, which, besides giving a number of other details, quotes Commander Lebris, of the French cruiser Suchet, as stating that the geography of the island of Martinique is visibly modifying. Crevasses are opening and new hills and valleys are being suddenly formed.

Mayor Low of New York issued an appeal to the people to aid the destitute of Martinique.

King Edward has sent 1,000 pounds to President Loubet for the relief of Martinique sufferers.

President Roosevelt this afternoon sent a special message to congress asking the appropriation of \$500,000 for the relief of the volcano sufferers of Martinique and St. Vincent.

Mentally Unbalanced.

Archduke, Eugene & Co., West India merchants, have failed, with liabilities of 100,000 pounds, says a London dispatch. The firm suffered severe losses as a result of the volcanic eruptions.

Place for McLaurin.

President Roosevelt is considering the advisability of appointing Senator John L. McLaurin, of South Carolina, to a place on the court of claims made vacant by the death of Judge Davis. The salary is \$5,000. McLaurin's term expires next March.

Abandon Duty on Checks.

Chancellor Hick-Beach of England announced in the house of commons recently that the duty on checks had been abandoned.

SEVEROS AIRSHIP EXPLODES

Brazilian Aeronaut and Companion Killed in Midair.

The airship belonging to Senor Auguste Severo, the Brazilian aeronaut, made an ascension at Paris Monday morning. The airship exploded, and the two aeronauts who were on board were killed.

Senor Severo was at one time a deputy and president of the budget committee in the parliament at Rio Janeiro. He was born about forty years ago.

Senor Auguste Severo has occupied himself with the problem of air flying for more than twenty years. In 1881 he carried out some interesting steerable kite experiments in Brazil. In 1894 he constructed a large steerable balloon, but the results with this were not satisfactory.

WAS HYPNOTIZED.

So Claims Mrs. James Smith, Who Eloped With Hered Man.

A rather strange story is told by Mrs. James Smith, wife of the Mills county, Iowa, farmer, who deserted her husband two weeks ago. She claims to have been placed under the influence of a mysterious hypnotic power by a young farm hand named Frank Jennings. He induced her, she says, to tell her husband that she wished to come to Plattsmouth to visit a sister, but in reality he wanted to meet her there. From that city, she says, they went to Nebraska City, and a few days later he left her to go to a neighboring town. The following day she received a card from him stating that she had better return to her husband, as he was not coming back. The mysterious influence was then dispelled, and she sat down and wrote a tear-stained and pathetic letter to her husband, relating the facts in the case, asking his forgiveness, and, incidentally, for money with which to come home. The husband, who had continued his farm duties, determined to forget his troubles, did not refuse to send her the money and she returned home. Mr. Smith has fully decided what young Jennings' fate will be when they meet.

THE SUIT IS BEGUN

Complaint Has Been Filed Against the Beef Trust.

With the full approval of Attorney-General P. C. Knox, representing the national government, District Attorney S. C. Bethea has filed with the clerk of the federal circuit court at Chicago a bill for an injunction sweeping in character, designed to destroy the alleged giant conspiracy to illegally control the meat trade of the United States. The original of the bill was recorded the moment filed and was at once placed on the official files of the court clerk's office. At the same time District Attorney Bethea served notice that at 2 p. m., May 20, he will appear before Federal Judge Grosscup and ask for a temporary injunction against the packers and their representatives under the Sherman national anti-trust law.

What the defendants will do, now that the government has begun the long-talked-of proceedings was forecasted by one of their representatives. They will not make a fight on May 20, according to this authority. They will submit to the entry of an order enjoining them from the acts complained of in the bill and will promise to refrain from further alleged violations of the law until the time of the next hearing. That probably will be about June 20. Before the latter date they will have filed a demurrer, in which the insufficiency of the government's petition will be alleged.

FAST MAIL HELD UP

Bold Bandits Operate in Arkansas But Get Nothing.

Word comes from Bonnerville, Ark., that passenger train No. 206, on the St. Louis & San Francisco railroad, was held up between Jonesboro and Bonnerville, Ark.

There were four men in the attacking party. After stopping the train they detached the engine and express car and pulled to a "blind siding," where they blew open the safe with dynamite.

The explosion wrecked the car and the men escaped in the darkness. A posse has been organized at Bonnerville and with bloodhounds is on the trail of the robbers. The express messenger says the robbers secured no booty.

BODY CUT IN TWO BY A SAW

Nebraska Man Meets Horrible Death in a Saw Mill.

A Tacoma, Wash., dispatch says: J. C. Osgood, who moved to this state from Pender, Neb., last year, met the most horrible death that has befallen any workman in the Puget Sound saw mills. He was working in Cochran & Zook's shingle mill at Ballard. Slipping in a hole on the saw carriage, he fell to the floor in such a manner that his right arm was thrown across the saw. It was completely severed between his elbow and wrist. A few seconds later his body was sawed almost completely in two.

A woman in Horton sued a joint keeper for \$4,000 damages for making a drunkard of her husband. The jury awarded her \$50, which is probably as much as he was worth.

HERE AND THERE

Late Telegraphic Tickings Abbreviated to Suit Busy People.

Fifteen hundred retail butcher shops of New York city have closed in the hope of bringing the wholesalers to time.

James Bomer, of Carson, Ia., a swimmer and athlete, attempted to swim the Nishabotna river twice with his clothes on. He was seized with cramps and drowned before a boat could be manned.

FORTY THOUSAND

That Number Perish in Island of Martinique.

WAVES OF LAVA WIPE THEM OFF

Shipping in Harbor Is Also Destroyed.

THIRTY SURVIVERS ONLY ARE LEFT

Nothing Left of Flourishing City, and Whole Coast Is Covered With Ashes—The Eruptions Still Continue—Other News of General Interest.

A St. Thomas, D. W. I., dispatch, dated May 9, says: It is now estimated that forty thousand persons perished as a result of the volcanic eruption in the island of Martinique.

The commander of the French cruiser, Suchet, has telegraphed to Paris to the minister of marine, from Fort de France, Island of Martinique, under date of Thursday, May 8, at 10 p. m., as follows:

"Have just returned from St. Pierre, which has been completely destroyed by an immense mass of fire, which fell on the town about 8 in the morning. The entire population, about 25,000 souls, is supposed to have perished. I have brought back the few survivors, about thirty. All the shipping in the harbor has been destroyed by fire. The eruption continues."

Much anxiety is felt in Melrose, Mass., by relatives of Thomas F. Prentiss, consul at St. Pierre, his native place, says a Boston dispatch. He is married and has two daughters, May and Christine.

Miss Alice Frey, his sister-in-law, received a letter from him, in which he mentioned the signs of activity on Mont Pelee, and the appreciation all had of danger. The letter was written April 25, and mention was made of schooner Anna E. J. Morse of Portland, which had just arrived, and on which he was planning to have his family leave if things looked threatening. Miss Frey believes that the Prentiss family may have gone to Fort de France ere this, and she expects a cablegram from them.

The island of Martinique is one of the chain of islands extending generally north and south that mark the line between the Caribbean sea and the Atlantic. It is about 500 miles southeast of Porto Rico. It is French territory. St. Pierre was its largest city and main seaport.

KEEPS HIS PROMISE

Roosevelt Signs Oleo Bill—Nebraska Members For It.

President Roosevelt signed the oleomargarine bill Friday. The bill is intended to tax out of existence oleomargarine and other substances made and colored in the similarity of butter. Imitations must be sold as such. Nebraska members of congress voted for the measure, because the people rose up and demanded it, yet they admit that the packing industry was entitled to more consideration than was shown it in the discussion of the bill.

Taken After a Fight.

After a rough and tumble fight with officers at Ottawa, Kan., Jno. T. Wright was handcuffed and taken to the Osawatomie asylum. Mr. Wright is quite wealthy. He was injured several years ago by being struck on the head. He has lately fancied himself called upon to organize a universal church and has several times gone out to the city park and addressed imaginary multitudes. The officers found him and he resisted their efforts to take him. Much furniture was broken up before he could be subdued.

Found Gypsum.

A well is being dug on the farm of Dr. G. W. Redmond, between Kickapoo and Oak Mills, Kan., and at a depth of about ten feet a vein of genuine gypsum several inches thick was encountered. Dr. Redmond says a familiar vein, or perhaps the same strata, was discovered at a depth of 25 feet higher up on the hill, near his residence, while digging a well several years ago. This is said to be the only deposit of gypsum ever discovered in that section of the country.

Missouri Changing Course.

About a mile and a half north of Bellevue the Missouri a few days ago changed its current, and began cutting through the country toward the Burlington tracks, three-quarters of a mile away. Chunks of soil began falling in by the acre, till the Burlington sent down a big crew of men to throw up rock and willows and build rip-rap. During the last two days the current has been switched away, and cutting into the bank has been stopped.

Will Paint King Edward.

Robert Lee Keeling, the well-known portrait painter of Washington, has sailed for England to paint King Edward's portrait in miniature.

Out of Business.

Andrew Carnegie, who has arrived in London, denies any connection with the shipping trust. "I have retired from business and reformed," he said. "But this combine is purely a matter of making money and trade. Its members don't care a fig for a flag, it is the dividends that count, though every citizen likes his country to be first in everything." Of trusts in general, he said they have a tendency to check each other; that it is only for the railways that legislation is needed.