

Red Cloud Chief.

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RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA

Carrie Nation going on the stage? Say, she doesn't look it.

Skyscraper prices will doubtless be a feature of New York's new twenty-story hotel.

Kentucky has a new feud, which was started at a funeral. It is likely to end at several of them.

Great Britain is overjoyed to discover that the hostile mullah is not addicted to the kopje habit.

Numerous experiments show that tea can be grown at Manila. This ought to settle it with Boston.

A specialist advertises "red noses destroyed by electric needle." If you don't like your red nose have it taken off.

The sultan of Turkey is said to be an accomplished pianist. Wonder if he is responsible for the Turkish patrol?

St. Louis will sell its exposition gold dollars at \$3 apiece. That puts them in the same class with porter-house steaks.

John L. Sullivan is reforming again. It is now claimed in his behalf that he doesn't begin taking nightcaps until after sundown.

A misunderstanding about religion has upset a wedding in Codrus, N. Y. Better so than to have it turn a homo topsy-turvy later.

A man carrying six bottles of beer fell down the courthouse steps in St. Joseph and never spilled a drop. The guess why is easy.

Two members of the Austrian reichsrath have come to blows, but the government still declines to charge admission to the sittings.

The man who is expelled from the Chicago board of trade for "uncommercial conduct" must have allowed an unfeeling lamb to escape.

The kerosene habit is the latest. Kerosene may taste better when you drink it voluntarily than when you absorb a little of it by accident.

If the opera libretto left by Zola is anything like the dead novelist's works it ought to attract the baldheads when it is produced at the theater.

Statistics show that every third man is afflicted with appendicitis. It is presumed that the other two have heretofore parted with their vermiform appendices.

A New Yorker who had been a postmaster for seventy-four years, died the other day at a mature age. Your Ohio man is not the only patriot who has an unshakable grip.

King Edward has deprived William Waldorf Astor of his title of "honorable." The best thing that Willie could do would be to resurrect his title of American citizen.

They are building forts around London for the protection of that city. Can it be possible that John Bull thinks a hostile force might by any means land on his shores?

The Count de Castellane has been told to go way back and sit down, but he will not care, for he has been accustomed to receiving hints that he belongs to the superfluous class.

It is not so strange, after all, that Prince Cupid has won in the election for congressional delegate in Hawaii. The mischievous chap he is named after is noted for his winning ways.

There is trouble at Fort Sheridan over hash. Accidentally a soldier saw the cook making this mysterious article of diet. Some things must still be taken on faith, and hash is one of them.

The discovery of a female repeater at the polls in Denver opens the eyes to the perils of woman's suffrage. It gives a woman a reason for changing her costume half a dozen times on election day.

When a Gotham gentleman tries to raise money on \$2,000,000 worth of old masters, it is called "negotiating a loan," but if he gets \$2 on a watch the fact is described as "pawning." What's the difference?

A St. Louis millionaire has been sentenced to three years in the penitentiary for bribery. He hasn't announced whether he will write a play during his stay or merely permit himself to be forgotten.

Weyer claims he could have kept the Americans out of Cuba if he had not been recalled. These claims are easily made. Kruger might claim that he could have defeated the British in South Africa if he had been there.

A New England scientist was knocked senseless by the bursting of an ostrich egg. This incident, occurring right in the midst of the hunting season, may be classified along with the other cases of "didn't know it was loaded."

LIVES ARE LOST

Boiler Explosion at Chicago Kills Thirteen Persons

BUILDING TORN TO PIECES

Not a Survivor in Room Where Accident Occurred—Small Brick Annex of Swift Packing Plant Scene of Disaster—Many Injured

At Chicago, Ill., a big boiler in Swift & Co.'s plant exploded shortly after 10 o'clock Saturday morning, November 29. Thirteen lives were sacrificed and scores of employees, visitors and others were injured. Huge boilers were sent through the roof of the structure and hurled hundreds of feet. Nobody within the boiler room survived to tell the story of the accident, and it may never be known what caused the explosion. A careful investigation, however, convinced the experts that the explosion was the result of carelessness on the part of an employee, whose own life also was lost. Five minutes after the explosion nothing of the building but a pile of twisted iron, bricks and mortar remained. Sheets of flame sprang from the ruins and the spectators realized that it would be impossible to save the lives of those who were caught in the wreck. The explosion was of such force that adjoining buildings were wrecked, torn and twisted. Men, women and boys at work in adjoining departments were hurled through windows to the ground below. Many of them escaped with but slight bruises, but most of the victims were hurt to such an extent that it was necessary to remove them to hospitals. The others were taken to their homes.

A vigorous examination with a view to determining the causes that led to the explosion of Swift & Co.'s boiler plant, when thirteen persons were killed, was begun Sunday by mechanical experts, representing the city and private interests.

Although those conducting the investigation were reticent in discussing the progress of the work, the intimation given was in accord with the original theories of the accident, that Water Tender Owens, who paid the penalty of death for his supposed carelessness, was responsible for the catastrophe.

WORK ON CHALLENGER

Shamrock III Being Constructed—Work Begun on Defender

Excellent progress is being made in setting frames of the Shamrock III, and everything is ready for running the lead keel. It is learned that the plan of bringing the midship frames right down outside of the keel as adopted in the case of Shamrock II, will be followed in the new challenger. William Fife considers that clinging lead ballast inside the frames in this fashion permits the use of lighter frames than when the lead is bolted outside in the usual manner. In order to obviate the possibility of warping the steel frames by the heat of a large amount of molten lead, the ballast will be run in quantities of about a ton daily. The quantity of lead to be used is larger than that of any previous challenger, giving further proof that the new boat will have an exceptionally large displacement.

From the setting of the frames of the Shamrock III, it is apparent that another novelty is to be introduced. Instead of a level draught the whole length of the keel, the challenger will have a very decided drawing considerably more aft than at the forward end of the keel.

Preparations were begun in the Herreshoff shop at Bristol, R. I., recently to strip the mould from the keel of the proposed new America's cup defender. Designer Herreshoff is in a hurry to uncover the keel as a whole. The top part of the casting is cool and the sides where openings have been made through the clay appear to be so. Lifting gear to place the keel in position in the stradle was assembled recently.

New Coal Contract

The Dominion Coal company and the New England Gas and Coke company, of Boston, have agreed upon a new coal contract to run for fifty years. The coal company will supply the gas company with coal at \$1.95 per ton, an advance of 7 cents per ton over the old price. The gas company will bring no damage suits against the coal company for alleged breach of a twenty-five-year contract made in 1897. The latter company claimed that appointment of a receiver for the former company last summer terminated the twenty-five-year contract, but the gas company held that the contract was still in force and prepared to take legal steps. Conferences between representatives of both companies followed with the result as announced.

Will Shoot Him to Death

In the circuit court at Farmington, Utah, Judge Relapp pronounced the death sentence on Nathan Haworth, convicted of the murder of Thomas Sardall, an aged watchman, in Layton three years ago. As between shooting and hanging, Haworth chose the former, and the sentence of the court was that he be shot to death on January 16 next.

Transport From Manila

The army transport McClellan has arrived at New York from Manila.

MOVING FOR RECIPROCITY

Promoters Are Sending Invitations to Detroit Convention

Reciprocity, primarily with Cuba and with Canada, and eventually with the whole civilized world, is the result aimed at by the national non-partisan reciprocity league of Detroit, Mich., which will send out over a thousand invitations to its first annual convention on December 10 and 11. Governors of all the north and mid-western states are asked to take part in the convention, as are also the Canadian cabinet and many members of the Canadian parliament. Boards of trade and similar organizations all over the middle west are expected to be represented, and the plans of the league, which first contemplated a small gathering of possibly 250 delegates, have grown within the last week or so to look for a meeting of three or four times that number.

Chicago is the headquarters of the league and will send an exceptionally strong delegation to Detroit. Among the speakers who have already promised to address the convention is Governor Cummins of Iowa, who will bring forward the "Iowa reciprocity scheme."

LICKS UP A HALF MILLION

Fire Near Rat Portage Practically Destroyed Village

A Rat Portage, Ont., Nov. 29, special says: Practically the entire business portion of the village of Normal, near here, was wiped out by the fire which started in the extensive lumber yards there yesterday.

The total loss is estimated at half a million dollars, with an insurance of about one-third of that amount. The principal sufferers from the fire are the lumber companies and saw mills which made up the only industry of the village; 25,000,000 feet of sawed lumber and logs were destroyed. A number of vessels lying at the lumber docks were also destroyed, but their value will not exceed \$75,000.

The fire was checked after fifteen houses in the residence section had been destroyed.

WILL HAVE A NEW HOSPITAL

Chicago Institution to Carry Out Dr. Lorenz's Methods

Chicago is to have a hospital wherein congenital hip dislocations and other deformities will be treated, according to Prof. Adolf Lorenz's methods. Dr. Frederick Mueller, Dr. Lorenz's assistant, who came to America with the Vienna surgeon, made the announcement Sunday.

The hospital is the direct outcome of Dr. Lorenz's visit to Chicago to treat Ogden Armour. Mr. Armour is interested in the project and it is said he will give the institution financial support. Mr. Mueller will return to Chicago within a year or eighteen months and take charge of the new institution.

EFFORT TO EXTORT MONEY

Home of Iowan Threatened With Destruction Under Conditions

A masked man summoned John Blaisdell, a leading merchant of Wright, Ia., to his door and left a note instructing him to dress and go to a designated spot and deposit \$50 in a receptacle placed there for that purpose. The note said it was useless to try to phone for help, as the wire had been cut and that failure to comply with the demand would be followed by the dynamiting of his residence. Blaisdell summoned help by telephone. Investigation disclosed that the wrong wire had been cut. A posse went to the spot designated by the robber and found the receptacle as described in the note, but the masked man, who had doubtless watched their movements, had disappeared.

Will Erect Grant Monument

Confederate veterans, survivors of company C, Thirteenth regiment, Virginia cavalry, have started a fund at Western Branch, in Norfolk county, to erect a monument to the memory of Gen. U. S. Grant, in Richmond. The fund starts off with \$16, \$1 for each survivor, and contributions will be solicited until a sufficient sum has been secured to erect the monument.

Loses Four Fingers

Leo Angus, a Burlington car inspector, was injured while at work in the yards at Lincoln. The four fingers of his left hand were so badly crushed and mangled that amputation was necessary. He was taken to the sanitarium for the treatment of his wounds.

Degree for Dr. Lorenz

The honorary degree of L.L.D. was conferred upon Prof. Adolf Lorenz, the noted Vienna physician, by Northwestern university. The ceremony which was held in the new art and science building, was witnessed by the trustees, faculty and several hundred invited guests.

Safe Is Cracked

Safe blowers made a successful raid on the state bank at Stanford, a village ten miles south of Bloomington, Ill., and \$3,000 was taken. The thieves escaped.

CONGRESS MEETS

Opening Sessions of Houses Are Brief

PROFUSION OF FLOWERS

The Desks of Popular Members Are Weighted Down With Bouquets—Sessions Brief—Message Read Tuesday—Other News

A Washington, D. C., Dec. 1, dispatch says: Congress reconvened today, but practically nothing was done, the reading of the president's message being deferred until tomorrow. The senate was in session twelve minutes the first day of the session, an adjournment until tomorrow being taken out of respect to the memory of the late Senator James McMillan, who died during the recess. Rarely has the historic chamber presented such an appearance as it did today. The custom of placing flowers on the desks of senators on the opening day of the session is one which long has been followed, but the display today was admittedly the most magnificent of any that heretofore have been seen. Many of the senators were early on the floor and kept busy exchanging greetings with old acquaintances. The galleries were packed to suffocation and hundreds stood outside the corridors anxious to gain admission.

No business was transacted beyond passing the customary resolutions that the senate was ready to proceed to business, and fixing the hour of convening the sessions at noon. The opening of the Fifty-seventh congress in the house was, as usual, a spectacular event. The galleries of the freshly decorated hall were packed to the doors with people prominent in society and politics and the flower show on the floor, although not as elaborate as usual, filled the chamber with perfume and added grace and beauty to the scene. The members were good natured and jovial and there was no outcropping of partisan feeling.

Speaker Henderson received a cordial reception as he assumed the gavel, but beyond this there was no demonstration. The proceedings were purely perfunctory. A prayer, the calling of the roll, the swearing in of members elected to fill vacancies created by death or resignation during the recess, the adoption of the customary resolutions to appoint a committee to wait upon the president, to inform the senate that the house was ready to transact business and to fix the daily hour of meeting summarized what was done.

KILLED BY KICK FROM HORSE

A Vicious Animal Taken to Break Kills Its Master

"Pink" Brown, a well known horseman was killed at Broken Bow by a vicious horse. Brown had been in the employ of Tom Flint's feeding and breeding barn the past year. He took a vicious horse to break about three months ago that belonged to Tierney Bros. The horse had been used on the farm and stock ranch of Silas Thompson on the South Loup. Being hard to handle Brown was employed to break him. He had been working the horse for nearly three months. Yesterday he drove the animal all day with the kicking straps on and it seemed so docile that he hitched him up this morning without putting the straps on. He had driven about two hours, making the delivery for the meat market. He started home from Tierney's house accompanied by C. L. Tierney and his nephew, Harry. The horse had only got a few rods from the house when it began kicking. Tierney got off the rig and pulled Harry off with him. They had just struck the ground when the horse kicked Brown in the breast and knocked him to the ground. In falling Brown broke his neck and died instantly. The unfortunate man was about fifty years old and single. He had no relatives here but has a brother at Winston, N. C., who has been notified.

WEST IS NOT TO SUFFER

Secretary Wilson Says the Cattle Disease Will Be Stamped Out

A Chicago, Dec. 2, dispatch says: "The west is not to suffer because of the epidemic of hoof and mouth disease among cattle, hogs and sheep in the New England States," says Secretary of Agriculture Wilson, who arrived in Chicago last night to attend the International Livestock exposition.

"The indications are that we will be successful in stamping out the disease before it reaches this section," he said. "My latest report from the infected district is that the disease is at a standstill. The next report will decide the number of men that I will send to New England. But you may be sure a large number will go."

"Before many days have passed there will be several hundred veterinary surgeons in the New England states and they will be instructed to inspect every cow, sheep and hog. I believe we need three or four weeks to stamp out the disease."

"Congress will be asked for a special appropriation to cure the disease permanently. I intend to ask for at least one million dollars for this purpose."

Inquire into Cattle Plague

The cattle bureau of the Massachusetts board of agriculture began Monday a systematic and exhaustive inspection of the cattle reported as having the foot and mouth disease. In their tour of inspection the cattle bureau representatives found fifty cases in Littleton and Westford, in Middlesex county and eighty cases at Attleboro, in Bristol county. Reports of infection were received from herds in Stowe, Danvers, Bridgewater and East Bridgewater. Thousands of gallons of milk have been thrown away by local dealers.

PERSHING ENDS HIS MARCH

First White Man to Cross the Island of Mindanao

Captain Pershing, with sixty men, has completed a march across the island of Mindanao from Camp Vicars to Iligan, says a Manila dispatch. This possibly is the first time white men have made the journey. Captain Pershing visited the villages of Madaya and Marabut. On his way to Madaya he found the Moros were surprised to learn that Americans were not monsters ten feet tall, with horns and tails. At Marabut he addressed 500 Moros, telling them of the friendly purposes of the Americans. Representatives of the Nato and Bocayutan tribes, which are now at war, asked Captain Pershing to arbitrate the differences between them. The captain agreed to visit them and give his arbitration on his return journey to Camp Vicars. No hostility was shown towards the column on the march.

The constabulary in the Zamboanga province reports a repulsive incident of cruelty perpetrated by the ladrones. Several columns of constabulary had been chasing the ladrones with the assistance of friendly natives. Two of the friendlies straggled from the column and were captured by ladrones who amputated the tongue and gouged out of the eyes of one and sent him back to the constabulary. The fate of the other is unknown.

The efforts to restore agriculture in the Philippine islands have been blocked by a dearth of field animals. Ninety per cent of the caribos died in the original epidemic of rinderpest and of the small number left many have died.

The government had planned an extensive importation of these animals to meet the crying need and had arranged to have them immunized. It was forced to abandon this plan on account of lack of money to meet the purchases.

The general cultivation of the plantations is impossible without them and the absence of any immediate prospect of getting the field animals leaves the agricultural situation in a serious condition.

VENEZUELA HAS CHANGED

An Agreement Handed Germany and Great Britain

President Castro of Venezuela handed, probably on Thursday last, to the German minister at Caracas, a written acceptance of part of Germany's claims, sufficient comprehensive to delay the presentation of a joint ultimatum by Germany and Great Britain, is not rendering it altogether unnecessary. It is also understood that Great Britain's demands will be satisfied.

Foreign Secretary Von Richtoffen and the British foreign secretary, Lord Lansdowne, are now in correspondence over Venezuela's change of front. This government considers that a peaceful settlement of the question in dispute is quite probable, and attributes President Castro's yielding to the fact that he has become aware that the United States would not interpose any obstacle to the forcible collection of the claims of Germany and Great Britain.

Mine Workers Will Meet

An Indianapolis, Ind., dispatch says: Secretary Wilson is preparing the call for the annual convention of the united mine workers of America, which will assemble in this city on January 19, next.

The call will be printed at once in the Mine Workers' Journal and the individual notices to each local will be sent out in a few days.

The basis of representation is the same as has been followed in the past, and this means that there will be in the neighborhood of 800 to 1,000 delegates with a voting strength of about 1,700. The coming convention will be one of the most important and most interesting ever held by the organization.

Teamsters Strike

The executive council of the national teamsters' union ordered a strike of its drivers against the People's Gas Light and Coke company at Chicago. The cause of the strike, the teamsters assert, is that the gas company discharged several men for joining the union. The strike is not expected to seriously effect the business of making gas for some time. The drivers on strike number about 200.

Killed in a Runaway

While out riding at Nebraska City, Mrs. Joseph Leibold, aged sixty-nine, was thrown from the buggy by reason of the horse becoming frightened and running away. Her left leg was broken at the ankle, right above the knee and there were serious bruises on her head and thigh. She died, and will be buried on Wednesday. Her husband, who was ten years her senior, died less than a month ago.

Fuel Ends Fatally

Charles Crone shot and killed James Faust near Carroll, Ia., while Faust was entering the home of Charlie Faust through an upstairs window. The tragedy was the sequel of an old family feud. It is said James Faust had threatened to kill Charles Faust's whole family. Crone is a nephew of Charles Faust.

Called to Texas

Rev. George T. Perker, who has been curate of Trinity Episcopal church of New Haven, Conn., for several years, has been invited to accept the rectorship of All Saints' Episcopal church at Palo Alto, Cal.

Mail Sack Stolen

A sack of mail containing \$14,000 in drafts and checks from the internal revenue office at Danville, Ky., and \$9,000 in bank checks and drafts besides registered letters, from various parties, was stolen or lost between the Danville postoffice and the depot, or on the Cincinnati mail train.

The street car conductors and motormen at Houston, Tex., walked out Monday morning and not a car has moved all day. Efforts made at a settlement during the day have been without avail.

COULDN'T GET IN

Nebraska and Notre Dame Seek Company of Big Nine

KNOCK, BUT NOT LET IN

Chicago Conference Decides to Admit Them Would Cause Unwieldiness—Other News of a General and Interesting Character

A Chicago, Nov. 28, special says: The faculty conference of the "big nine" universities rejected the applications of Notre Dame and Nebraska universities for admission to the conference, and in so doing made the more general decision to limit the conference permanently to the "big nine" at the annual meeting, held in this city at the Victoria hotel. In line with this same stand it was decided to limit the entrance for the conference track meet to the "big nine" universities and other colleges, following the conference rules, to be invited by a special committee.

The action was rather unexpected, as it had been understood that Nebraska had the backing of such allies as Stagg of Chicago and Jones of Michigan.

Nebraska's winning football team this season was supposed to be a strong card in her favor, while Notre Dame hoped to get in because of her adherence to the conference rules this year. Both, however, shared the same fate.

The representatives of the big nine colleges of the middle west—comprising the college athletic board, made up of the universities of Chicago, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Northwestern and Purdue—convened at the Victoria hotel in their annual meeting. The men representing the different institutions were: A. A. Stagg, Chicago; Judge Lane, Michigan; Prof. Charles S. Slichter, Wisconsin; Prof. F. S. Jones, Minnesota; E. A. Wilcox, Iowa; Prof. H. J. Barton, Illinois; Professor Samson, Indiana; O. F. Long, Northwestern, and Professor Moran, Purdue.

"The conference wishes to have it distinctly understood that there is no question that Notre Dame and Nebraska are now living up to the conference eligibility rules," said Prof. M. W. Samson, of Indiana, secretary of the committee and spokesman for the conference.

The case of Notre Dame was presented by Prof. D. T. Murphy of that institution, and the case of Nebraska by Prof. C. W. Clements. Nebraska made the special plea that the Missouri valley territory was not represented at all in the conference.

The entire forenoon and part of the afternoon was spent in going over all the ground on the general question of enlarging the conference. It was admitted that it would probably raise the standard of athletics to have all the colleges, for that is what it was agreed would come if the enlargement was continued. The argument which decided the whole question was, that to be effective, the conference must not be unwieldy. It is not considered unwieldy now, because of the geographical location of the colleges.

FIRE AT BROKEN BOW

Building Used for Normal College Is Destroyed

The two-story brick building used by the business and normal college of Broken Bow, Neb., was burned Friday afternoon. The lower part of the building was occupied by the musical department of the college and the second floor was divided into rooms occupied by students. Professor Garlick, who was in charge of the musical department, sustained quite a loss in the damage of several pianos. His loss is fully \$1,000. Among the roomers who lost more or less by damage to their property, are: Mrs. J. E. Logan, the Misses Hiatts, Rector, Emerson, Kestler and Messrs. Wallace. None of these had insurance.

The cause of the fire is unknown, but it is thought it originated from a defective fuse. The building is owned by I. A. Reneau, of Broken Bow. He carried \$3,000 insurance, which will not cover the damage. As Professor Roush had the business and normal departments of the college in a separate building, the fire will not interfere with the school. Professor Garlick has several rooms in the Realty block, on the south side of the city, where he will reopen his department of the work.

NEWS BOILED DOWN

The Moline plow works of Moline, Ill., has certified to the secretary of state an increase in capital stock from \$2,400,000 to \$3,200,000.

The sum of \$500,000 was deposited at the sub-treasury yesterday for transfer to San Francisco. This makes a total of \$2,250,000 transferred to the Pacific coast recently.

Three children of Morris Bressler died at the city hospital at Baltimore, Md., from burns received at their home during the day. The mother left them at home alone and when she returned the house was in flames.

The magnificent sugar house at Asherton plantation at Luling, La., formerly owned by John A. Morris, and now the property of Charles A. Farwell and others, burned. The loss is \$130,000, with an insurance of \$65,000.

Reports from Kansas counties say that the rain which fell all day Friday turned into a heavy storm of sleet and snow. In the central part of the state nearly two inches of snow has fallen. It is the first general snow of the winter.

Michael Davitt, the envoy from Ireland, was accorded a splendid reception at Music hall, St. Louis. The platform was occupied by a representative body of men identified with the united Irish league. Mr. Davitt spoke at length and in response to an appeal for financial assistance it was announced that \$2,500 has been contributed.