

Red Cloud Chief.

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RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA

Nebraska Notes

A stock company has been organized at Wymore for the purpose of manufacturing building blocks from cement. The capital stock of the company is \$10,000.

While Tom Fulton, a blacksmith, was shoeing a mule in Nehawka the animal kicked him in the forehead, rendering him unconscious. It is feared he will not recover from the injury.

A force of men began making the excavations for the new government building at Hastings. It is the purpose now to keep things moving incessantly until the edifice shall be completed.

A young man known as Conn Edwards, residing at Ulysses, fell from a B. & M. train, No. 21, striking his head against an iron water crane in the Seward yards. His head was badly cut and bruised. He will recover.

The Fremont Trust and Savings bank of the town of Fremont was chartered by the state banking board. It makes the third savings bank for Fremont. The paid up capital stock is \$15,000.

I. M. Macy, of Norfolk, has received a telegram announcing the accidental death of his son George, well known in Nebraska, at Santa Cruz, Cal., beneath a train of cars. Young Macy was working for the railroad company.

The mayor and city council of Tecumseh are preparing a Sunday closing ordinance which will probably be adopted at the next meeting of the body. The officers have had many complaints concerning open places of business on the Sabbath.

A monster catfish, weighing over 100 pounds, was captured in the Platte river near Plattsmouth. The fish was turned over to Superintendent O'Brien of the state fisheries, and was taken to that institution, where it will be kept for exhibition purposes.

Eighteen years ago Col. Isaac Deffenbaugh went to Adams county without a dollar. He and his boys went to farming and gave special attention to raising cattle and hogs, and now own a thousand acres of Adams county land besides hundreds of hogs, cattle and horses.

Neligh and other towns in the northern part of the state complain of more than the ordinary infliction of tramps. In a few instances they have tried to scare women into complying with their demands for assistance, but as a rule they have not been particularly troublesome.

A man named Rohrbaugh, who is too lazy to work, walked into a restaurant at Beatrice, and after eating a meal, proceeded to depart without paying for it. He said that the world owed him a living, whereupon the police took him to the station, where the world runs a boarding house of bread and water.

Ed Daniels of Stanton has been in his garret. Two swarms of bees came to his farm and established headquarters. One swarm found a hive that suited them, but the other gained admission to the farm house and settled in the garret. The owner is trying to find a way to dislodge the visitors, but so far without success.

Senator Brady, who is interested in the promotion of independent elevators in Nebraska, says that the farmers' elevator at Albion has forced the line elevators to pay from 3 to 7 cents a bushel more for grain than is paid in towns where there is no competition. Several towns in the territory adjacent to Albion are said to be planning for independent elevators.

James Lillie, who has served a term in the Kansas penitentiary and who has been wanted at Beatrice since last February for assaulting his cousin, a boy named Benson, who lives near Rockford, was arrested. He was taken before Judge Inman and his case was continued for thirty days. He gave bond in the sum of \$200 for his appearance on the date of his hearing.

Sheriff Bauman and Attorney J. C. Cook of Fremont arrived in York with a warrant charging Fred Gumpert with desertion. Gumpert met the officers at the courthouse and agreed to contribute \$7,000 for the maintenance of Mrs. Gumpert and a six-months-old child. Gumpert has been a leading clothing dealer in Fremont, and recently sold his interests in the clothing business.

After losing six head of cattle from an unknown cause, John A. Anderson, a ranchman near Loomis called in a veterinarian and held an autopsy. The stomachs of the dead animals were found to be filled with gravel and sand an indication, according to the veterinarian, that the animals had been bitten by a mad dog. Two more animals had to be shot, making a loss of eight altogether.

Elmer Robbins, of Peru, had quite an experience with a large bull snake and some chickens. He heard the old hen making a great noise in the yard and went to see what was the trouble. He found the hen and snake engaged in battle and a few chickens running wildly about. He killed the snake and cut it open, and found it had swallowed seven little chicks, two were still alive and are getting along finely in spite of their Jonah-like experience.

The Nehawka Milling company, which will do a general milling business at the town of Nehawka, has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The company expects to make food products of Nebraska grown grain. The capital stock is \$7,000 paid up.

One of the biggest land deals made in Gage county for some time was the sale of the H. H. Smith farm of 160 acres to W. Sloan McHugh of Chester, Neb., for which he paid \$75 per acre, the total amount being \$12,000. The land is located four miles south of Beatrice and two years ago sold for \$50 per acre.

10,000 HOMELESS

The Kaw and Other Kansas Rivers Overflow Banks.

NEARLY UP TO 1903 MARK

Only Five Lives Lost, with Over Ten Thousand Driven from Home by the High Water.

Armourdale, the packing house suburb of Kansas City, Kas., is practically deserted, most of its 5,000 citizens having been driven from their homes by the overflow of the Kaw river for the second time in thirteen months. The river is stationary at a stage of 26.80 feet, or nine feet below the highest mark reached in the great flood of June, 1903.

The Kaw overflowed its banks near the Missouri Pacific bridge and the water spread over the western bottoms or wholesale district of Kansas City, Mo. The water was two feet deep at St. Louis avenue and Hickory streets, three blocks from the union station. It is not believed the water will reach the union station.

West and southwest of Kansas City, Mo., in Kansas and Oklahoma, serious conditions exist, although North Topeka, where many were drowned in last year's flood and from which hundreds have fled, is gradually resuming its normal condition.

At Wichita, Emporia and Winfield, the Cottonwood, the Neosho and the Arkansas rivers caused the most disastrous flood in the history of those places.

All Kansas streams are high and thousands of acres of rich farming land has already been inundated, causing losses to crops that will run into the hundreds of thousands of dollars. Farmers at a dozen different points were forced to flee from their homes, driving their stock before them and taking their horses and what household goods could be gotten together quickly to higher ground.

Mayor Gilbert, of Kansas City, Kas., used all the means at his command to care for the hundreds of homeless people who were driven from the flood stricken district. He sent the following to Secretary of War Taft: "Ten thousand people have been driven from their homes in Kansas City, Kas., by flood. I earnestly request that you direct commander at Fort Leavenworth to issue such rations as we may need. Please answer."

As far as known, seven lives have been lost. One at Wichita, Kas., and six at Clifton, Okla. The wife and two children of Chase Woods, a policeman at Wichita, reported drowned, were rescued.

Railroad service east and west of Kansas City is demoralized, numerous washouts being reported and trains on the Rock Island, Santa Fe and Union and Missouri Pacific stalled.

The present flood, which has been the third this spring in the southwest, came after almost continuous rain at different points throughout Kansas during five days. In the past twenty-four hours from 1.50 inches of water fell at Kansas City to 4 inches in western Kansas.

The people began to vacate their homes in the middle of the night and the exodus was kept up all day. Tons of meats and carcasses were removed from the packing houses, while cattle, sheep and hogs by the hundreds were driven to safe places.

At Argentine fifty families were driven from their homes, but the damage was light. Just across the Kaw north of Armourdale, the water crept within a few inches of the basement of the live stock exchange, driving the occupants of the railway offices to the upper floors.

West Point Citizen Missing. The fate of Dominic Brazda, Sr., the old man who has been missing from West Point, Neb., is in doubt. Searching parties have been constantly working without any result. The grounds of the park have been thoroughly gone over and the water taken out of the mill race, but the body has not been discovered. It is believed that the unfortunate man has fallen into the river and the body washed down stream. A mass meeting of citizens was held and large subscriptions secured to pay the expense of searching and liberal rewards have been offered for the recovery of the body.

Watch of Margaret Steiner Found. A gold watch found near the scene of the accident, is the only clue thus far to the fate of Margaret Steiner, of Chicago, one of a party which was going to St. Louis on the Wabash train wrecked at Litchfield, and who has not been heard of since. Phillip Weber of Chicago, whose wife also was of the party and who is now in a hospital at Litchfield, found the watch and sent word to the parents of the girl at Chicago. It is thought she may be in a hospital in Decatur.

ABUNDANCE OF MONEY

State Treasurer Mortenson's Report Shows Financial Condition.

The funds in the state treasury have decreased \$70,321.50 during the month of June, although the permanent educational funds have increased at a lively rate and still are piling up, according to the report of State Treasurer Mortenson, issued at the close of business June 30. The total amount of cash on hand and uninvested, of the permanent funds, is \$370,508.48 and this amount will continue to grow instead of decrease until July 12, when the state board of educational lands and funds will meet to purchase investments to the amount of several thousand dollars.

The increase of cash on hand in the permanent funds is due to the action of Brandies & Son of Omaha, who are said to have "backed down" on a sale of \$100,000 of Massachusetts state bonds after they had been awarded the contract for furnishing the securities, as the statutes only permit of the investment of these funds at a regular meeting of the board. Treasurer Mortenson's report shows the following balances on hand in the various funds at the close of business, June 30:

Funds—	Balances, June 30.
General	4,069.65
Permanent school	350,707.25
Temporary school	90,801.35
Permanent university	2,687.40
Agr. Col. endowment	15,413.63
Temporary university	16,807.51
Hospital insane	3,281.61
State library	3,920.81
University cash	11,761.17
Normal library	979.85
Normal endowment	1,700.00
Normal interest	2,144.29
Inheritance tax	4,742.11
Pen. special labor	2,346.15
Penitentiary land	3,586.00
Agr. and Mech. arts.	.01
U. S. Exp. station.	724.61
Totals	\$515,671.80

By cash on hand \$1,736.96
By cash on deposit 513,934.84—\$515,671.80
Receipts of the treasury for the month were \$359,601.49, and the expenditures, \$429,923.26.

DEPOSITS IN BANKS.

The following balances in the various state banks are shown:

Lincoln—	
Farmers & Merchants	\$5,519.13
Bank of Commerce	18,551.24
City National	28,688.15
First National	25,977.64
Omaha—	
J. L. Brandies & Sons	2,000.00
Commerce National	30,933.27
First National	35,301.00
Merchants National	37,216.80
Nebraska National	26,819.69
Omaha National	34,479.37
Union National	28,573.39
U. S. National	35,472.67
Alliance—	
Alliance National	2,000.00
First National	3,318.83
Battle Creek—	
Battle Creek	4,159.40
Battle Creek Valley	1,500.00
Battle Mills—	
Bank of Battle Mills	4,152.61
Broken Bow—	
Broken Bow State	5,091.70
Custer National	3,066.31
Curtis—	
State Bank of Curtis	1,531.52
Dannebrog—	
Dannebrog	4,107.03
Grand Island—	
Commercial State	4,510.00
Grand Island Banking Co.	4,125.95
Harvard—	
Union State	7,662.75
Hastings—	
First National	8,887.26
German National	2,975.12
Holdrege—	
First National	3,060.00
Loomis—	
First National	3,217.88
McCook—	
Citizens	2,000.00
Newport—	
Newport State	4,178.20
Norfolk—	
Norfolk National	4,099.84
Orl—	
First National	3,510.43
Orleans—	
Bank of Orleans	3,000.00
Pierce—	
Pierce County	4,000.00
South Omaha—	
Packers National	2,748.68
South Omaha National	14,916.87
St. Paul—	
Citizens National	4,485.10
First State	1,609.43
Sterling—	
First State	4,058.00
Stromsburg—	
Farmers & Merchants	4,126.20
Syracuse—	
Bank of Syracuse	3,060.00
Valentine—	
Valentine State	4,141.52
First National	3,000.00
Wahoo—	
Saunders County National	4,167.04
Wayne—	
First National	4,139.83
West Point—	
West Point National	7,000.00
Wolbach—	
Wolbach State	1,500.00
York—	
City National	3,098.10
First National	10,807.58
Total	\$513,934.84

Nebraska City Residence Fire.

The home of D. H. Taylor, 200 First avenue, Nebraska City, was partially destroyed by fire. The roof of the house caught fire from a defective chimney and was burning fiercely when the department arrived. The flames were soon gotten under control, but not before the house was damaged to the extent of \$500, which is covered by insurance.

Sunk by a Mine.

The Japanese gunboat Kaimon struck a mine and sunk in Tallieswan bay.

50TH ANNIVERSARY

Republicans Celebrate Party's Birth at Jackson, Mich.

TEN THOUSAND PRESENT

Addresses Made by Secretary John Hay, Senator Fairbanks and Other Prominent Men.

Ten thousand people assembled in Loomis park, Jackson, Mich., to celebrate the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the republican party "under the oaks" in that city, July 6, 1854. It was there on that date that the first state convention, acting under the name of "republicans," was held. The state ticket nominated on that day went through a heated campaign to election day success.

Secretary of State John Hay, who was private secretary to Abraham Lincoln, the first republican president, was the orator of the day. Other distinguished guests were Speaker Cannon, of the national house of representatives; Senator C. W. Fairbanks of Indiana, republican candidate for vice president, and United States Senators R. A. Alger and J. C. Burrows of Michigan. Jackson was hung with bunting. Band concerts on the main streets preceded the arrival of Secretary Hay and Senator Fairbanks with a company of prominent republicans on a special train from Detroit.

Speaker Cannon was present. The Hon. James O'Donnell of Jackson presided over the morning exercises at Loomis park. Mayor William H. Todd of Jackson delivered a hearty welcome to the visitors and Governor Aaron T. Bliss briefly responded. Attorney General Charles A. Blair of Jackson read an able paper on "The History of the Republican Party."

Thomas J. O'Brien of Grand Rapids was introduced as one of the participants in the original "under the oaks" convention in 1854. Mr. O'Brien, as well as Mr. Blair, had for his subject "The History of the Republican Party in Michigan."

An interesting feature of the exercises was a body of Fremont voters and men who cast their ballots for "The Pathfinder," for whom a thousand seats had been reserved.

Grand Army uniforms, crutches and silvered locks were conspicuous among them, and the rapt attention of these "charter" republicans was notable. When the exercises at the grove were concluded, the distinguished guests were driven to the Hotel Otsego, where they were tendered a reception. Then there was a half hour's interruption of the day's program for luncheon. In the afternoon the program at the grove was resumed. A tremendous audience was present when Senator J. C. Burrows of Michigan introduced Secretary of State John Hay.

MONTHLY REPORT

Number of Inmates at Penitentiary Decrease One During June.

The total number of convicts at the Nebraska penitentiary decreased one during the month of June, according to the report of Warden Beemer, filed with the state board of public lands and buildings. On June 1 there were 328 prisoners at the institution and on June 30 the number was 327. Eleven new men were received during the month, of which Cass county furnished the largest number, two. Burglary was the principal crime, five of the cases being for that offense. Two cattle thieves, one grand larceny thief, one horse thief, one petty thief and one murderer helped to make up the total.

The murderer was James Kelly, convicted in Platte county, and sentenced to twenty years for the murder of Arthur Snowden. The average number of inmates of the prison for the month was 326. Four were discharged, five paroled, two remained and one died during the month. Discipline was good for the period and but five cases of infraction of the rules were reported. Two were for insolence, one for violent conduct toward a guard, one for quarreling, and one for a slight disobedience of orders. All but the last two were given terms in the "brig" to think over their wrongdoings. The contractors at the prison employed in broom making in June 167 men on full task, ten on half task, three on quarter task and ten on three-quarter task.

Car of Naptha Explodes.

While an east and west bound freight train were passing on the Chicago & Northwestern double tracks four miles west of Woodbine, Ia., a car of naptha jumped the rails, ditching both trains and setting fire to them. A boy named Claude Dean of Dunlap, who was stealing a ride, was burned to death in the wreckage and four others seriously hurt. Ten cars of freight were destroyed by the flames.

THE FORESTRY DETAIL

List of Those Who Will Investigate Nebraska's Timber Conditions.

The field party of the United States bureau of forestry detailed to investigate the timber growth in eastern Nebraska the present season has been "outfitting" in Lincoln during the last week. The investigation will be in charge of F. G. Miller, professor of forestry in the University of Nebraska, assisted by the following young men, all of whom are college or university graduates, and in addition have had special training in forestry:

W. I. Hutchinson, Yale forest school.

J. D. Warner and G. W. Peavy, Michigan state university.

L. L. White, New York state college of forestry.

L. N. Goodding, University of Nebraska.

The work to be done includes a complete study of both the natural and planted timber in Nebraska, east of the ninety-ninth meridian. The party will be divided into two crews of two men each, who will travel overland to the investigation of planted groves. One man equipped with a saddle horse will be detailed to study the natural timber growth, with special reference to reproduction of the forests and the natural extension of the forest areas. Measurements of the groves at the state farm will occupy the parties two or three days. The latter part of the week they will start for Weeping Water, where the crews will separate and travel by different routes, meeting the following week at Nebraska City. Considerable time will be spent in the groves of that vicinity, as plans are being prepared for a detailed study of the planted timber on the J. Sterling Morton estate.

TAKE MATTER TO POLLS

Working Men of Colorado Will Settle With the Ballot.

The ways and means committee of organized labor of Colorado, at Denver, Colo., adopted a platform for the fall campaign and pledged support of the democratic state ticket if the democratic platform shall embrace the provisions of the labor platform.

The salient features of this platform are:

A definite eight-hour law; a direct legislative measure; defeat of the present state administration; a constitutional amendment taking from the governor the power to suspend the writ of habeas corpus, except by a three-fourths vote of the general assembly, and providing that the question of insurrection shall be decided by judicial inquiry; repudiation of the military debt contracted by the Peabody administration; exemption of \$200 of personal property from taxation.

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JAPAN'S RAILROADS PAY

By Careful Management a Dividend of 8.4 Per Cent is Realized.

Japan has not been afraid of government ownership and government operation of railways, telegraph and telephones. Along with her organization of a splendid army and a powerful navy has progressed the construction of a network of means of communication. Japan has made her public railways, telegraphs and telephones pay. They pay, not only by developing the country, but by returning a satisfactory interest on the capital invested.

During the decade between 1892-3 and 1902-3 railway expansion in Japan was remarkable. The mileage increased from 1,870 to 4,237 miles. The number of engines and passenger cars was quadrupled, and the number of freight cars increased from 4,572 to 21,506. The passengers carried in 1893 numbered 28,000,000, and in 1903 the aggregate was 111,000,000. The freight carried increased from 2,700,000 tons to 14,400,000 tons. The railway service in Japan is in its infancy, yet the dividends paid last year were 8.4 per cent on private lines.

Retaining the Valuables.

A—"Is it true that your cashier has eloped with your daughter and a large sum of money?"
B—"It is quite true; but he is an honest fellow, and means to repay me. He has already returned me my daughter."

Yea, Verily!

"Many a man," remarked the philosopher, "who travels on the right road manages to reach the wrong destination."
"How's that?" queried the man.
"They are headed the wrong way," explained the philosophy dispenser.

Critical Judgment.

As the result of a picnic fight at Sarpy Mills, a few miles south of Omaha, Charles Best, a grader, of Malvern, Ia., was killed, Frank Vincent of South Omaha was fatally shot and Patrick Cahill and Willis McNeil, aged 5, were shot less seriously. A South Omaha society was celebrating at Sarpy Mill's, where is located a graders camp. Eye witnesses say that one of the graders started the disturbance, and began firing into the crowd. Several members of the picnic party returned the fire and the shooting became general.

Woman Charged With Assassination.

Mrs. Aggie Meyers, the widow of Clarence Meyers, a printer who was killed at his home in Kansas City two months ago, after a terrible struggle with the assassin, who entered his room at night and attacked him with a razor, has been taken into custody and is being held for investigation. Mrs. Meyers' arrest followed the arrest of Frank Hottman, who is being held at Walla Walla, Wash., on a charge of murdering Meyers.

Proper Definition.

Little Willie—"Say, pa, what is the meaning of premonition?"
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Far Sighted.

"Know young Fillets, the dentist, He's going to elope with Miss Travers."

"The deuce! When?"
"In a few weeks."
"In a few weeks? Why doesn't he take her now?"

"Well, you see, he is doing a little expensive work on her teeth and he wants to collect the bill from her father first."—Kansas City Journal.

Easy to Believe.



Nothing New to Her.

Mrs. Upjohn (just back from foreign tour)—But I was going to tell you about the scarabaeus I got in Egypt. It—

Mrs. Gaswell—Oh, I used to be troubled with that when we lived in Pennsylvania. Quinine will knock it out every time.

Soft Answer Just in Time.

Mrs. F (petulantly)—"You never kiss me now."
Mr. F—"The idea of a woman of your age wanting to be kissed! One would think you were a girl of 18."

Mrs. F—"What do you know about girls of 18?"
Mr. F—"Why, my dear, weren't you 18 once yourself?"—Stray Stories.

Choice Selection.

"I learn that the Van Ruxtons allow their chickens to diet on their neighbors' flowers. Do they keep it a secret?"
"Well, I should think not. If you dine with them the suave Mr. Van Ruxton will ask if you prefer violet-feu fowl or 'chicken de roses.'"

Matrimonial Joys.

Wife—I met Mr. Meeker this morning. You remember he was your rival for my hand.
Husband—Yes; I hate that man.

Wife—But you shouldn't hate him just because he used to admire me.
Husband—Oh, that isn't the reason. I hate him because he didn't marry you.

Another Fish Story.

"So you were out in St. Louis?" said the postmaster. "Did you see the big pike?"
"To be sure," drawled the village fabricator; then after a pause, "but it wasn't one inch bigger than the pike I caught in Hurly's mill pond last summer."

The Flight of Time.

The governess had been reading the story of the discovery of America to her 4 year old charge. Closing the book she said: "Just think, Mabel, all this happened more than 400 years ago."

"Gwacious!" exclaimed the little miss, "ain't it sp'wizin' how time do fly?"

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