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NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Fatal Hunting Accident.

Beatrice, March 6.—Ray Minkler, son of D. O. Minkler, died from the effects of an accident while hunting. He was attempting to place his shotgun in the back of the buggy when the weapon was accidentally discharged.

Passes the Century Mark.

Rushville, Neb., March 2.—The death of Mrs. Anna Hammond, a distinguished member of the Daughters of the Revolution, was brought home to our people by the most impressive funeral ever held in Rushville. She died Sunday. Mrs. Hammond would have attained her 105th year on March 23.

Conversions Cost \$6.66 Each.

Omaha, March 4.—Pastors report that the expenses of the religious revival in the north side district for four weeks were \$200, which makes the cost of each conversion \$6.66. Ministers also report that two-thirds of their congregations consisted of women and that there were few young men among them.

One Prisoner Given a Pardon.

Lincoln, March 8.—Governor Mickey commuted the sentence of Frank Henry, to take effect March 15. Henry was sentenced to the penitentiary for six years from Antelope county for robbery and he has served about one year. The man is dying of consumption and it was upon the recommendation of the prison physician that the commutation was made.

Fixes Line of Two States.

Washington, March 7.—The supreme court entered final decree by stipulation of counsel in the suit of Missouri against Nebraska. The decree fixes the boundary between the two states in the middle of the river, as it was prior to avulsion of July, 1867. Alfred Hazelett of Nebraska and John W. Halliburton of Missouri are appointed commissioners to erect monuments.

Anti-Trust Legislation in Nebraska.

Lincoln, March 3.—The house passed the anti-trust bill by a vote of 72 to 19. It has still to be considered by the senate. The bill exempts domestic corporations in its provisions, and its author, Representative Jenkins, said while it affected all foreign public corporations, it was aimed specifically at the so-called beef trust and Standard Oil company. Publicity, by the medium of complete reports to the attorney general, and severe penalties for violation of the anti-trust provisions, are leading features of the bill.

Whittecar is Released.

Dakota City, Neb., March 6.—After spending nine months in the county jail and having once been convicted on the same charge, but granted a new trial by Judge Graves on misconduct of the jury, Steve Whittecar was given his freedom, the jury acquitting him of attempting to assault his fourteen-year-old daughter. The testimony of the plaintiff and defendant was in direct conflict of each other and the jury chose to believe Whittecar instead of the girl. Whittecar, his wife and aged mother wept with joy when the verdict was announced, as a conviction meant imprisonment for life.

Methodists at Lincoln.

Lincoln, March 2.—A state missionary convention, bringing together five bishops of the Methodist Episcopal church and leading workers of that denomination from over the country, is in progress here with an overflow attendance. On the program for addresses are Bishops Andrews, Thoburn, Joyce, Hamilton and Warren, together with Dr. F. D. Gamewell and Dr. George Heber Jones, New York; Dr. E. M. Randall, Chicago; Dr. C. M. Boswell, Philadelphia, and others prominent in home and foreign missionary efforts. Evangelization of the state, nation and world was the leading thought brought out at the opening meeting.

T. E. Hibbert Dies Suddenly.

Beatrice, Neb., March 6.—T. E. Hibbert, prominently identified with Gage county politics for many years, died suddenly at his home near Adams. He was taken ill while attending a school entertainment. Mr. Hibbert was twice elected to the state legislature, being a member of the visiting board of the soldiers' home, supervisor of the census of 1900 for the Fourth congressional district and assistant superintendent of the Nebraska exhibit at the Pan-American exposition. He served in the Thirty-seventh Pennsylvania volunteers in infantry and battery C, Second Pennsylvania veteran artillery during the civil war. He was fifty-nine years of age and leaves a widow and seven children.

CODY IN HIS OWN DEFENSE.

"Buffalo Bill" Denies Charges Made by His Wife. Omaha, March 8.—William F. Cody (Buffalo Bill) spent the day behind locked doors in his hotel apartments in this city, defending his personal

character in a deposition to be used in his suit for divorce from Mrs. Cody.

Colonel Cody's deposition declares Mrs. Cody is one of the richest women in Nebraska. He says he presented her with the residence in North Platte and other properties valued at \$200,000. The home in North Platte alone is worth \$20,000.

Colonel Cody swore to an emphatic denial of the charge that he had in times past been a frequenter of disorderly houses at Fort McPherson, Neb.

Dies After Having Teeth Pulled.

Norfolk, Neb., March 2.—As a result of having three teeth extracted at Magnet, Neb., Silas Johnson is dead. Cocaine was administered and it is believed this drug worked its way to his heart.

Army Officer's Wife Shoots Herself.

Omaha, March 4.—Mrs. L. B. Chandler, the wife of Lieutenant Chandler of Fort Niobrara, fatally shot herself at the Paxton hotel, the bullet lodging in the left breast near the heart. Ill health is the cause assigned.

Brakeman Killed by Cars.

Lincoln, March 8.—W. P. Threadkell of Lincoln was run over and instantly killed in the Burlington yards by a freight train. Threadkell was employed as a brakeman and in making a coupling it is supposed he caught his foot in a frog and fell under the wheels.

Accidentally Killed by Gun.

Beatrice, Neb., March 7.—William Quackenbush, son of David Quackenbush, was killed near his home, eight miles northwest of Beatrice by the accidental discharge of a shotgun. He was standing near William Plucknett, who had just finished reloading his gun, when the weapon was discharged, blowing the top of his head off.

Business Houses at Lynch Burn.

Norfolk, Neb., March 8.—Fire started in the empty Nebraska hotel at Lynch at 3 a. m., destroying a block of buildings completely, including the Walters hotel, Thompson's barber shop and Dr. Neligh's office. The hotel guests escaped. The fire is thought to have been the work of incendiaries. The loss is about \$8,000, partially insured.

Fences Are to Come Down.

Washington, March 8.—"The fences on the public domain in Nebraska have got to come down," said United States District Attorney Baxter after an interview with Attorney General Moody. Judge Baxter received his instructions from the attorney general to proceed, both civilly and criminally, against the offenders who are violating the public land laws.

No Extra Pay for President of Senate.

Lincoln, March 8.—State Auditor Searle has refused to honor the warrant of State Senator Jennings for \$3 a day extra pay as president of the senate, claiming the act providing for increased compensation is unconstitutional. The attorney general upholds the auditor in his contention. Attorney General Brown received from W. H. Harrison, president of the senate at the session two years ago, a check for \$219, the amount paid him, which he asks to be returned to the state.

Lucas on Trial for Life.

Holdrege, Neb., March 7.—The trial of John R. Lucas, who shot Clyde Lester last December, is in progress here. The story brought out by the testimony was that Lester on the morning of Dec. 6 came across the field from a neighbor's, where he had been staying, to the Lucas place. Lucas ordered Lester to halt while he was still in the field, but he came on in spite of the warning and while in the roadway Lucas fired and Lester fell forward. Lester was unarmed and had done nothing except to walk toward Lucas. The state rested and the defense introduced its testimony. The shooting was admitted, but it was claimed it was done in self defense. Several witnesses told of conversations with Lester in which Lester made threats against Lucas on account of the failure to pay wages which Lucas owed Lester for work.

CATTLE THIEVES ON TRIAL.

Case Turns State's Evidence Against Titterington at North Platte.

North Platte, Neb., March 8.—The district court has been in session for a week trying the famous cattle rustling cases.

The first case to come up was that of Del Titterington, who was jointly charged with Lee Case of stealing cattle belonging to one Jones. These defendants were engaged in the butcher business together at Sutherland, and the manner of the arrests and the various escapes of Lee Case have been told some time ago. The trial of Del Titterington occupied nearly all of the week, and its chief sensation was Lee Case pleading guilty to cattle stealing and then turning state's evidence against Titterington. Case testified as to how they had together stolen the cattle and butchered them. Evidence, more or less conflicting

was given to the jury, the defendant himself taking the stand and denying that he was in the neighborhood when the crime was committed. After being out one night and one day the jury was discharged because it could not agree.

The case of the state against Markee also charged with stealing cattle, was taken up while the jury was out in the Titterington case and after the submission of evidence and the arguments by counsel the case was given to the jury who likewise had a tussle. The jury was discharged because it could not agree, and a new trial will probably be had.

The case of the state against Del Titterington, on information of George Bentley charging conversion of cattle by bailiff, has been begun. This is another one of the several stealing cases brought against Titterington. If this case does not win the former will be tried again.

The cattle stealing case against Elias Barber has not yet been tried.

General Retreat at Russian Capital That Retreat Has Begun.

St. Petersburg, March 8.—That the battle of Mukden will go down in history with Liao Yang in the long list of Russian defeats is the almost universal belief in pessimistic St. Petersburg, which has forgotten the meaning of the word victory. The war office does not admit that the issues of the great battle, which already exceeds in magnitude of operations and losses that of Spalkhe, has been decided, although it is positively said in high quarters that Kouropatkin has telegraphed to Emperor Nicholas that it will be impossible to hold Mukden and that the withdrawal of the army northward has already been begun.

Advices to St. Petersburg newspapers and dispatches to the Associated Press indicated that the position of the Russian army after a day of furious and unprecedented fighting is desperate, but not absolutely hopeless. Everything probably now depends on General Kouropatkin's reserves.

While the Japanese hurled themselves forward at every point, their main energies were behind the blow west and southwest in an attempt to envelope the Russian right and drive a wedge through the line at Madzypa, but General Kouropatkin seems to have been able successfully to change front on the line of his shattered right, aligning from northwest to southeast, to protect the railroad to Mukden, and it was reported he was practically holding all his positions. At the same time he was drawing in and shortening his line to the southeast.

According to reports all the concentrated attacks of the Japanese to the westward failed, and the effort of Generals Nogi and Oku to push the encircling movement north and eastward across General Kouropatkin's line of communications was blocked. Reports, however, are conflicting. One correspondent telegraphs of hearing firing to the northward, toward Tie pass, which may be between Cosacks and a flying column of Japanese.

General Kouropatkin has been confining his strategy, as at Liao Yang, to meeting the attacks of the Japanese and accepting battle at places chosen by Field Marshal Oyama. Both sides are terribly exhausted by ten days of continuous fighting, and all the correspondents at the front intimate that the issue must be definitely decided today.

At the military clubs here General Kouropatkin is already regarded as beaten, the only question being his ability to execute a retreat. Those who believe there is still a chance of actual Russian victory are few and far between. The majority regard the fighting as in reality a rear guard action.

Politically the result may determine the question of continued prosecution of the war. An overwhelming disaster, it is believed, will surely bring Russia to terms. In its bearing on the interior situation the result of the battle is regarded as equally important.

SUIT AGAINST SANTA FE ROAD.

Taking of Testimony in First of Kansas Oil Conspiracy Cases Begins.

Topeka, Kan., March 8.—C. C. Coleman, the attorney general, and Frank B. Monett, the attorney for the state oil producers, began taking testimony here in the case brought against the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe Railroad company in Chautauqua county. The action against the railroad company is based upon the charge that it is violating the state anti-trust law. Very little progress was made. Cyrus Anderson, secretary of the state board of railway commissioners, the first witness called, was required to furnish copies of the annual reports made last year by all of the Kansas railroads to the board of commissioners.

Reunion of Rough Riders Postponed.

Washington, March 8.—It was announced that the reunion of the rough riders, President Roosevelt's old regiment, which had been scheduled to take place at San Antonio, Tex., on the 31st inst., had been postponed until April 7 on the request of the president.

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