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been discussed by the president and secretary of war. Mr. Ross will move at once to Washington and will have his headquarters there after June 1.

### War Talk in Norway.

London, May 30.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that the Norwegians are very angry because the king refused to go to Christiania. Rumors of war, the correspondent says, continue to be circulated and it is stated the Swedish troops will be gathered in Warmland. It is also rumored that the crown prince is attending the royal wedding at Berlin and during his visit to Windsor castle will try to secure the intervention of Germany and England in favor of Sweden.

### Rio Grande Still Rising.

El Paso, Tex., May 30.—The Rio Grande continues to rise, but slowly. Many houses have been carried away from the Mexilla valley and others in the Mexican section of El Paso are being flooded. The street car track from El Paso to Towne, Tex., is washed out. The main line of the Santa Fe to Albuquerque is completely under water in several places and traffic is suspended. A bridge on the Rock Island near the Canadian river was washed away, as well as a large stretch of track.

### Franchise Tax Law Upheld.

Washington, May 30.—The validity of the special franchise tax law of 1899 of the state of New York, under which the franchises of many public utilities are subjected to ad valorem taxes was sustained by the supreme court of the United States. The decision affects immense interests and it is stated that over \$24,000,000 of unpaid taxes in Greater New York are made payable by the decision.

## NEWS OF NEBRASKA

### Auditor Searle is Enjoined.

Lincoln, May 27.—District Judge Cornish granted a permanent injunction restraining State Auditor Searle from issuing a license to the Western Maccabees, organized by seceding members of the Maccabees of the World. The parent order claims the right to the exclusive use of the name.

### Cadets Pitch Camp at York.

York, Neb., May 29.—The university cadets battalion advance detail, composed of artillery and signal corps, are setting up the camp in the city park. The artillery is in charge of Lieutenant Crawford and Lieutenant Heintz has charge of the signal corps. The remainder, about 400, will arrive today.

### Young Woman Kills Herself.

O'Neill, Neb., May 26.—Word was received here that Miss Julia Sullivan of this place had committed suicide at Clearwater by shooting herself in her room at a hotel there. She had been teaching school and some time ago took the civil service examination for a position as teacher in the Philippines, but failed to secure the place.

### Union Pacific's New Through Line.

Hastings, Neb., May 29.—The Union Pacific is advancing rapidly with the line from Topeka to Marysville, Kan. The railway officials expect to have that part of the road completed before August and through trains running over that line and the St. Joseph and Grand Island, and out of this city, over the Burlington stub, to the Union Pacific line at Kearney by Sept. 1.

### Irwin Guilty of Manslaughter.

O'Neill, Neb., May 30.—Martin Irwin who has been on trial in the district court the past week for the murder of Robert Curns, was found guilty of manslaughter by the jury after being out ten hours. It developed at the trial of the case that Irwin stabbed Curns in the heart with a knife while engaged in a quarrel over some trivial matter at a point near Dunton last March.

### Well-to-Do Farmer Found Dead.

Pender, Neb., May 29.—Herbert Boorman, a well-to-do farmer residing six miles southwest of here, was found dead in an oat bin. It is supposed he committed suicide, as he was hanging to a beam with a rope around his neck. No one was at home but his wife and children, who found the dead man dangling by a rope. The cause for this act cannot be learned.

### Storm in Eastern Nebraska.

Lincoln, May 29.—Eastern Nebraska was visited by storms. In places the heavy rain assumed the proportions of a cloudburst. Lightning demolished the farm residence of Guy Sherman, near Tecumseh. Telegraph and telephone poles were blown down near Sterling and other property was damaged. Residents along the river near Sterling are moving out to avoid the rising flood. A disastrous hailstorm did much damage at Ravenna. Crops in an area five by twelve miles were pounded into earth. Railroads report tracks under water in many places in eastern Nebraska.

### Lively Interest in Good Roads.

Kearney, Neb., May 29.—The special train over the Union Pacific carrying the officers of the National Good Roads association arrived here at

noon. The party came to attend a meeting, previously arranged, for the purpose of organizing a "Good Roads" association at this place, which will be an auxiliary to the national organization. There was a full turnout of citizens from all over the country. Great interest is being taken in the movement and the good roads movement is starting out with a whoop. It is intended that the effort to be put forth will bring the country and city closer together.

### CO-OPERATE WITH GOVERNMENT

#### Water Users' Association Files Articles of Incorporation.

Lincoln, May 27.—Articles of incorporation for the North Platte Valley Water Users' association, which is to control the Nebraska end of the Pathfinder irrigation enterprise, were filed in the office of the secretary of state. The capital stock is placed at \$200,000, but eventually it will be raised to several millions. The corporation is to have very extensive powers, not only to control the irrigation enterprise, but also to build and operate transportation lines, produce electrical power and carry on many enterprises. The first election of stockholders is to take place in July. Until that time Harvey L. Louis is to be president and Wenzel Hiersche, vice president.

### NEBRASKA CROP CONDITIONS.

#### Cold Weather Favors Small Grain, but is Bad for the Corn.

Lincoln, May 31.—The cool, wet weather has been favorable for grass, winter wheat and rye. Pastures are in excellent condition. Alfalfa is a good crop and cutting is just beginning. Winter wheat is heading and continues in excellent condition, and except a few reports in south central counties indicate slight damage by the Hessian fly. Oats have grown slowly and generally are in less promising condition. Corn has come up slowly and quite generally to a thin stand. An unusually large amount of replanting will be necessary, especially in the early planted fields. In a few southern counties the cultivation of corn has begun. Strawberries are ripening and are a large crop. Apples give promise of a good crop. Cherries promise a light to fair crop.

### PRESIDENT MAKES SPEECH.

#### Delivers Address at Unveiling of Statue of General Slocum.

New York, May 31.—In a stirring address delivered at the unveiling of a big statue of General Henry W. Slocum in Brooklyn, President Roosevelt paid a splendid tribute to the men who composed the northern armies, but did not forget those of the southern posts. The most notable sentence in his speech was an expression of his hope that as the nation increased in strength there would come a corresponding increase in its sense of responsibility which should prevent its people from either injuring or insulting other people; his declaration that the surest way for a nation to invite disaster is to be opulent, aggressive and unarmed.

Significant, in the light of recent events, was his assertion that: "If our navy is good enough we have a long career of peace and prosperity before us and the only likelihood of trouble ever coming to us as a nation will arise if we let our navy become too small or inefficient. A first class navy, first class in point of size, first class in point of efficiency and the individual unit as units in combination, is the surest and cheapest guarantee of peace. I should think that any American looking at what is happening and has happened abroad and in our own history during the past few years, must indeed be blind if he cannot read that lesson."

The president was in New York city five hours, but during that time did not put his foot in Manhattan, passing around the island in a ferryboat to the Brooklyn side of the East river, and after the exercises returned in the same fashion. The entire trip was without unhappy incident.

### What She Meant.

"Is yo' got enny hah' fo' sale, boss?"  
"Any what, aunty?"  
"Hah, boss."  
"Hair?"  
"Yassuh; hah lak' yo' got on yo' hah!"  
"Oh, hair!"  
"Yassuh; hah."  
"Why, no, aunty; this is a dry goods store, not a hair store."  
"Dat's whut Ah 'lowed, boss. But missus tole me to cum yeah an' get free yahds mo' hah lak she done got yistiddy."  
"Oh, you mean 'mohair'?"  
"Yassuh; mo' hah."—Houston Post.

### Trees That Make a Noise.

A curiosity is known in the tropics as the sand bark tree and also as the monkey's dinner bell. It has a round, hard shelled fruit about the size of an orange, which when ripe and dry bursts open with a sharp noise like the report of a pistol. Its juice is poisonous. The South American trumpet tree might furnish a band with musical instruments, inasmuch as its hollow branches are utilized for horns and also for drums.