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NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Bryan Donates Land to Cotner.
Lincoln, June 8.—At Cotner university commencement announcement was made of the donation to the university by W. J. Bryan of land valued at \$1,000. Cotner is the denominational university of the Christian church of Nebraska.

Girl Drinks Muriatic Acid
Norfolk, Neb., June 12.—Miss Louise Bedford, a student at the Wayne Normal school all winter, lies in a critical condition at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Bedford, at Redbird, Neb., as the result of drinking two ounces of muriatic acid with suicidal intent, during a temporary spell of insanity.

School Girl Ends Her Life.
York, Neb., June 9.—Blanche Castle, a school girl of seventeen years, committed suicide here because she failed to pass examination in her grade. After being told by her teacher of her failure, she went to a drug store and induced a school girl friend to buy poison, representing that her father wanted it. This she swallowed and died despite the efforts of a physician who was summoned.

Leupp at the Reservation.
Winnebago, Neb., June 8.—Commissioner of Indian Affairs Francis E. Leupp arrived here for a personal inspection of the agency. His coming, although it had been announced some time ago, was unexpected for this particular time. While here he is expected to familiarize himself with the management of the agency and also look into the various abuses the Indians have complained of.

Vacates Townsite of Portal.
Papillion, Neb., June 13.—Charles Hagedorn appeared before the county commissioners with a petition asking to have the Portal townsite vacated. As the petition had the required number of signers and there being no objections the petition was granted. Portal was laid out in 1887 and for a time grew rapidly, but the boom did not last long. Mr. Hagedorn intends to make one of the best stock ranches in the state out of this old townsite.

Burlington Train Is Wrecked.
Eustis, Neb., June 12.—An extra freight train on the Burlington ran into a washout five miles west of here. The train was eastbound with two engines. The head engine passed over, but the second engine dropped into the ditch. The engineer and head brakeman, who were in the engine at the time, escaped without serious injury, but Clyde Sederburg, the fireman, was caught between the engine boiler and tender and instantly killed. Two cars behind the engine, loaded with corn, were telescoped and three other cars were wrecked.

Chamberlain Gives Bonds
Tecumseh, Neb., June 8.—Charles M. Chamberlain, the defaulting cashier of the failed Chamberlain Banking house of this city, has given bonds to the district court in the sum of \$20,800 to appear for trial on the charge of embezzlement. As the case now stands there are fourteen indictments against him. Four of eighteen indictments were quashed by the court, but the state has filed informations in two counts covered by the quashed indictments. Chamberlain is assisting Receiver W. A. Campbell of the defunct bank in some matters of business.

Barker May Not Hang.
Lincoln, June 14.—There is a bare possibility that Frank Barker will not be hanged in the penitentiary next Friday. After District Judge Holmes had overruled the motion for the appointment of a special jury to pass on the sanity of the condemned man, Barker's attorney announced that he would perfect an immediate appeal to the supreme court. If the supreme court decides to listen to the appeal a stay may be granted. Four physicians who examined Barker are divided in opinion, two declaring him sane and two questioning his responsibility.

KRAUSES ARE FOUND GUILTY.
Two Big Cattlemen Are Convicted of Enclosing Public Lands.

Omaha, June 10.—John Krause and Herman Krause have been found guilty jointly of maintaining and enclosing certain public lands, appropri-

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ating 4,500 acres in Sheridan county, Nebraska, also of asserting an exclusive right to the use of such public lands and of preventing the free public access to and across such public lands.

John Krause is found additionally guilty of intimidating Theodore Osborn, Edward Whetstone and other settlers from entering and from free transit to and across certain public lands by threats and other intimidating means, in the vicinity of the Osborn homestead, on what is known as the Krause brothers' summer range. The trial of which this verdict is the result has been on in the United States district court for the eight days last past and is the first trial and conviction of cases of this character yet held in the United States district court for the district of Nebraska.

Attorney Noleman, upon the announcement of the verdict, gave notice that he would file a motion for a rehearing of the case and asked that he be furnished a complete transcript in the case. Judge Munger gave Mr. Noleman ten days to prepare his motion. The penalty fixed by the United States statutes in such cases is a maximum fine of \$1,000 and imprisonment for one year for each offense.

MRS. MYERS CONVICTED.

Jury at Liberty, Mo., Brings in Verdict of Guilty With Death Penalty.
Liberty, Mo., June 12.—The jury which has been sitting for the past week in the case of Agnes Myers of Kansas City, charged with the murder of her husband, Clarence Myers, returned a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree. This verdict means that the death penalty by hanging is to be inflicted. When the jury retired at 11 o'clock it stood ten for conviction and two for acquittal. The jury continued its consideration of the case intermittently throughout the night. It was not until the most urgent arguments were presented by the ten men in favor of conviction that the other two were prevailed upon to change their votes.

The crime for which Mrs. Myers was convicted was one of the most atrocious ever committed. According to the story of her paramour, Frank Hottman, who confessed to being an accomplice with Mrs. Myers in the murder of her husband, the crime was premeditated and was executed in the most brutal manner. Hottman was tried last February for the crime and was convicted and is now awaiting the death penalty. According to Hottman's confession he was admitted to the Myers home at an early hour on the morning of May 10, 1904, by Mrs. Myers, in accordance with a prearranged plan to kill Clarence Myers. After Mrs. Myers had administered a drug to her husband to compel sleep, Hottman went to the bedside of the sleeping man and dealt him a blow with a billiard cue. This served to arouse Myers, who grappled with Hottman, and as the latter was intoxicated, Myers was getting the better of the fight, when Mrs. Myers struck her husband with a bed slat and later cut his throat with a razor repeatedly. She then stabbed the dying man in the back a half dozen times with a pair of scissors. The confession of Hottman was the strongest evidence of the state against Mrs. Myers. Hottman testified voluntarily against the woman and he was offered no immunity by the prosecution.

Train Takes Warships.
Washington, June 10.—Secretary

Taft has received the following cablegram from Governor Wright at Manila: "Russian warships did not leave harbor within the required twenty-four hours; as a result they are now in custody of Admiral Train, who informs me he has taken necessary steps to intern them. They are now behind breakwater, under the guns of the Ohio and Monadnock. He will disable their machinery and remove breech locks from guns."

San Francisco Merchants Indicted.
San Francisco, June 14.—In an indictment returned by the federal grand jury, four merchants of this city are charged with having financed a scheme to kill seals in the forbidden waters of Bering sea. The accused men, who are charged on information supplied by Secret Service Agent H. M. Moffitt, are R. T. Tyson, W. J. Woodside, W. J. Wood and S. E. Smidt, who owns a plantation in Tahiti, a British subject.

Searching for Slayer Ploehn.
Plattsmouth, Neb., June 13.—For the capture of Max Ploehn, the murderer of Miss Alma Goos, a total of \$500 is offered. The announcement of the reward has been the means of stimulating the efforts put forth to effect the capture of the murderer. The Beatrice bloodhounds have been put on the trail and it is now believed his capture will be only a question of a short time.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PROVISIONS

Features of the Day's Trading and Closing Quotations.

Chicago, June 13.—Reports from the threshers that the crop is very small helped maintain a firm tone in the wheat market today. At the close July delivery was up $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Corn showed a gain of $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Oats were off $\frac{1}{2}$ c and provisions were down $2\frac{1}{2}$ to $7\frac{1}{2}$ c. Closing prices:

Wheat—July, 89 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Sept., 82 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Dec., 82 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.
Corn—July, 53 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Sept., 51 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Dec., 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.
Oats—July, 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; Sept., 29c; Dec., 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.
Pork—July, \$12.52 $\frac{1}{2}$; Sept., \$12.87 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Lard—July, \$7.22 $\frac{1}{2}$; Sept., \$7.42 $\frac{1}{2}$.
Ribs—July, \$7.37 $\frac{1}{2}$; Sept., \$7.65.
Chicago Cash Prices—No. 2 hard wheat, \$1.00; No. 3 hard wheat, 96 $\frac{1}{2}$ c; No. 2 cash corn, 54 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 55c; No. 2 cash oats, 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 30 $\frac{3}{4}$ c; No. 2 white oats, 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 32 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.

Chicago Live Stock.

Chicago, June 13.—Cattle—Receipts, 5,500; steady; good to prime steers, \$5.50 to 6.25; poor to medium, \$4.00 to 5.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.75 to 4.50; cows, \$2.50 to 4.00; heifers, \$2.50 to 5.00; canners, \$1.50 to 2.50; bulls, \$2.25 to 4.00; calves, \$3.00 to 6.25. Hogs—Receipts, 15,000; steady; mixed and butchers, \$5.25 to 5.42 $\frac{1}{2}$; good to choice heavy, \$5.20 to 5.40; rough heavy, \$4.00 to 5.10; light, \$5.25 to 5.42 $\frac{1}{2}$; bulk of sales, \$5.30 to 5.37 $\frac{1}{2}$. Sheep—Receipts, 14,000; steady; good to choice wethers, \$4.00 to 5.25; fair to choice mixed, \$3.50 to 4.40; western sheep, \$4.00 to 5.15; native lambs, \$4.75 to 6.50; western lambs, \$5.00 to 6.65.

South Omaha Live Stock.

South Omaha, June 13.—Cattle—Receipts, 5,500; active, strong, 10c higher; native steers, \$3.75 to 6.75; cows and heifers, \$3.90 to 4.50; western steers, \$3.25 to 5.10; canners, \$2.00 to 3.00; stockers and feeders, \$3.00 to 4.85; calves, \$3.00 to 5.75; bulls, stags, etc., \$2.50 to 4.50. Hogs—Receipts, 13,000; steady to shade lower; heavy, \$5.15 to 5.22 $\frac{1}{2}$; mixed, \$5.15 to 5.17 $\frac{1}{2}$; light, \$5.12 to 5.22 $\frac{1}{2}$; pigs, \$4.00 to 5.00; bulk of sales, \$5.15 to 5.17 $\frac{1}{2}$. Sheep—Receipts, 1,500; steady; westerns, \$4.75 to 5.25; wethers, \$4.40 to 4.90; ewes, \$4.00 to 4.50; lambs, \$5.50 to 6.25.

Kansas City Live Stock.

Kansas City, June 13.—Cattle—Receipts, 9,000; steady; top steers, \$5.90; fair to good, \$4.25 to 5.00; western fed steers, \$4.25 to 5.50; stockers and feeders, \$3.00 to 4.65; cows and heifers, \$2.25 to 4.90; bulls, \$2.50 to 4.40; calves, \$3.00 to 5.75. Hogs—Receipts, 19,000; 5c lower; top, \$5.30; bulk of sales, \$5.25 to 5.30; heavy, \$5.25 to 5.37 $\frac{1}{2}$; packers, \$5.25 to 5.30; pigs and light, \$5.15 to 5.30. Sheep—Receipts, 5,000; steady and active; lambs, \$5.75 to 7.15; fed ewes and yearlings, \$4.25 to 5.50.

Powers Exchanging Views.

London, June 13.—Dispatches from Tokio report that the emperor presided at an important council, which included all the ministers of state and forty high military and naval officers, but not a word of information is published here, except that emanating from Washington. It is understood that the great powers are actively engaged in exchanging views on the situation, and, according to the Berlin correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, Emperor William is communicating direct with Emperor Nicholas.

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