

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

Mistook Gasoline for Water; Dead.
Omaha, July 6.—Mrs. Anna Johnston, in attempting to light a gasoline stove, mistook leaking gasoline for water and applied a match, causing a terrific explosion, which resulted in the woman's death and the partial destruction of her home.

Young Livingston Is Dead.
Burwell, Neb., July 8.—Robert L. Livingston, the young man who was shot sixteen miles northwest of here, is dead. He was a student of Creighton Medical college of Omaha. The accident was caused by a shotgun. The charge entered the left leg, just below the pelvis, and went upward, shattering the pelvic bones and entering the abdomen. The funeral was held this morning at Elkhorn.

Missouri River Flood Receding.
Omaha, July 10.—With the same rapidity with which the muddy water of the Missouri began climbing out of its bank the flood has begun to recede, and since Sunday at midnight, when the crest of the flood wave was reached, there has been a drop of about two feet. To Omaha property damage of very small amount was done. The principal sufferers were the cottagers along the bottom lands. With the farmers and truck growers on the lowlands in the country greater damage has been done, as crops in some places have been entirely washed out.

Lawson Speaks at Fairbury.
Fairbury, Neb., July 12.—Thomas W. Lawson spoke to a large crowd at the Chautauqua grounds. He was welcomed by Congressman E. H. Hinshaw and Colonel G. W. Jenkins, representing Governor Mickey, who was unable to be present. Mr. Lawson spoke on "The System," and said his expose, which was only begun, would be continued indefinitely. He said his attacks on the Standard Oil and other corporation was not the result of a sudden impulse, but followed a resolve formed more than ten years ago, before he had become involved in a controversy with any of the companies.

LaFollette in Fight to Stay.
Beatrice, Neb., July 10.—Governor LaFollette of Wisconsin spoke to a large audience on "The Perils of Our Country." Chief of these perils, the governor said, was the departure from representative government by permitting corporation interests to control political parties and legislative bodies. The governor spoke for about three hours and was attentively listened to. Part of his talk was devoted to political affairs of Wisconsin, telling of his struggle with the machine and the bosses and his final triumph. He also devoted considerable time to regulation of railroad rates by legislative and congressional enactment and said he was in the fight to stay.

TWO MEET DEATH IN WASHOUT.
Burlington Train on Oberlin Branch Goes into Ditch Near Kanona.
Republican City, Neb., July 10.—On the Oberlin branch of the Burlington out from here two were killed and several injured in a wreck near the small town of Kanona, Kan.

The killed are: Miss Millie Koll of Republican City and Harry White. The injured are: Dr. A. A. Allen of Topeka, Ed Bender of Hastings, Neb., Mrs. W. L. Egbert of Republican City. The families of the engineer, fireman and brakeman of the ill-fated train were on their way to the other end of the road to spend Sunday because the train crew had been kept away from home for a week on account of a washout near the Republican river. Miss Millie Koll is the daughter of the engineer. Her mother and younger sister escaped serious injury. Mrs. Egbert is the wife of the fireman. Her small child was with her. Since the high water, which came last week, no regular trains have been run on the Oberlin branch. Passengers, express and the mail have been carried by the work trains on each side of the washout and transferred at the gap. The whole train, consisting of engine, boxcar and caboose, went into the ditch.

WITNESSES WILL NOT ANSWER.
Men Called in Worrall Grain Case Refuse to Testify Before Examiner.
Lincoln, July 8.—Five witnesses were examined in the taking of depositions at Havelock in the suit of the Worrall Grain company against members of the Nebraska Grain Dealers' association for damages. The witnesses sworn were F. E. Levering, assistant treasurer; Edward Slater, clerk for the Central Granaries company at Lincoln; W. H. Ferguson, who operates some forty-five or fifty elevators along the Burlington; E. N. Mitchell, secretary and treasurer of the Jaques Grain company, and Samuel Walker, formerly in the grain business at Waverly. Questions were addressed to Levering and Slater with intent to show the maintenance by the state association of a price committee, consisting of the Central Granaries company and the Nebraska Elevator company of

Lincoln, the Nye-Schneider-Fowler company of Fremont, the Omaha Elevator company and the Updike Grain company of Omaha, by which the price to be paid farmers for grain were fixed and sent out to regular association representatives in the thirteen districts into which Nebraska and a small portion of northern Kansas were divided by the association.

These witnesses refused to answer any of the questions on the ground that the answers might tend to incriminate themselves.

Jury Justifies Killing.
Fullerton, July 6.—The coroner's jury returned a verdict that the killing of Dimick, the Austrian laborer, Saturday night, by a fellow laborer, was purely an act of self-defense, as Dimick assaulted Bosovic with a large dirk and stood near the door of the car, rendering it impossible for Bosovic to escape. Bosovic is now in jail awaiting preliminary trial.

PLOEHM GIVEN LIFE SENTENCE.
Murderer of Alma Goos Pleads Guilty at Plattsmouth.
Plattsmouth, Neb., July 6.—Max Ploehm surprised the people of this place by pleading guilty to the charge of murder in the first degree. Judge Jessen, before whom the plea was made, immediately sentenced the murderer to the penitentiary for life and he was taken to Lincoln.

Ploehm shot and killed his cousin, Alma Goos, and wounded her sister, at the Goos farm, south of Plattsmouth, last month. He eluded arrest for several days, but finally surrendered. At the preliminary examination he pleaded not guilty.

NEBRASKA CROP CONDITIONS.
Yield of Wheat Good and Quality Excellent Where Harvested.

Lincoln, July 12.—The winter wheat harvest, although retarded some by the showers, has on the whole progressed nicely. A little threshing has been done in southeastern counties, the yield being good and the quality excellent. Spring wheat has improved somewhat in condition. Early oats are ripening and the harvest has begun in southeastern counties. The heads are well filled, but the stand thin and the straw short. Late oats promise a better crop. Considerable hay was damaged by rain. The wild or prairie hay crop will be heavy, especially in northern and western counties. Corn has grown fairly well, is healthy and in good condition, but needs higher temperature. Cultivation has been retarded by rain, and only a small part of the crop has been laid by. The second crop of alfalfa is about ready to cut.

VIRGIL WHITE IS FOUND.
Sheriff of Hall County, Nebraska, Locates Missing Man.

Grand Island, Neb., July 6.—Sheriff Taylor made a third attempt to locate Virgil White, the son of an ex-congressman of Iowa, who disappeared Tuesday, June 27, and who was a prominent attorney of Des Moines, and was successful. He found White near Scotia, Greeley county, through information gained from Mail Clerk Boydstock.

Upon being apprehended and when White realized that he was in the hands of an officer he promised to come peacefully and not attempt to escape provided the sheriff first promised him that the first person to see him be his aged father.

Fred E. White, the father, arrived during the day, and when he met his son face to face was almost overcome. After a long and earnest conference at the home of Sheriff Taylor, the two went to the city and took a train for Scotia, it being stated that the young man decided to go back to the farm, and it was with the evident consent of the parent.

GREATEST EVIL IS GRAFT.
Governor Folk Talks to Fremont Chautauqua Assembly.

Fremont, Neb., July 12.—"The decay of a state is its failure to enforce its laws," declared Governor Folk of Missouri in his address before the Fremont Chautauqua assembly last evening. "There is nothing to a state but its laws. The cities, its lands and its wealth do not constitute it. Its perpetuity depends on its rigid carrying out of the laws its people make." Governor Folk's topic was "Boodle and Boodlers," and his address was largely upon his experiences in enforcing the laws in Missouri. He declared graft is so prevalent that it has become conventional. Men who believed themselves honest fall into the way. With the disregard for law the growth of graft grew, till it was so universal as not to be thought much of. "If this county lives 300 years yet, it will be the youngest republic," said Mr. Folk. "Its greatest evil is graft. The necessity of greater service first is apparent. Graft has a general prevalence. It has had little prosecution. Before the prosecution of grafters begun in St. Louis there had been only two or three such prosecutions in the history of the country. In St. Louis the house of delegates for fourteen years passed not a single favorable vote for which a price was not paid. The value of votes was fixed."

Wings of the Morning.

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of the interior floor could be obtained were the branches of a few tall trees and the extreme right of the opposing precipice, nearly ninety yards distant. There was ample room to store water and provisions, and he quickly saw that even some sort of shelter from the fierce rays of the sun and the often piercing cold of the night might be achieved by judiciously rigging up a tarpaulin.

"This is a genuine bit of good luck," he mused. "Here, provided neither of us is hit, we can hold out for a week or longer at a pinch. How can it be possible that I should have lived on this island so many days and yet hit upon this nook of safety by mere chance, as it were?"

Not until he reached the level again could he solve the puzzle. Then he perceived that the way in which the cliff bulged out on both sides prevented the ledge from becoming evident in profile, while, seen in the glare of the sunlight, it suggested nothing more than a slight indentation.

He rapidly sketched to Iris the defensive plan which the eagle's nest suggested. Access must be provided by means of a rope ladder, securely fastened inside the ledge and capable of being pulled up or let down at the will of the occupants. Then the place must be kept constantly stocked with a judicious supply of provisions, water and ammunition. They could be covered with a tarpaulin and thus kept in fairly good condition.

"We ought to sleep there every night," he went on, and his mind was so engrossed with the tactical side of the preparations that he did not notice how Iris blanched at the suggestion. "Surely not until danger actually threatens?" she cried.

"Danger threatens us each hour after sunset. It may come any night, though I expect at least a fortnight's reprieve. Nevertheless I intend to act as if tonight may witness the first shot of the siege."

"Do you mean that?" she sighed. "And my little room is becoming so very cozy?"

Jenks always accepted her words literally. "Well," he announced, after a pause, "it may not be necessary to take up our quarters there until the eleventh hour. After I have hoisted up our stores and made the ladder I will endeavor to devise an efficient cordon of sentinels around our position. We will see."

Not another word could Iris get out of him on the topic. Indeed, he provided her with plenty of work. By this time she could splice a rope more neatly than her tutor, and her particular business was to prepare no less than sixty rungs for the rope ladder. This was an impossible task for one day, but after dinner the sailor helped her. They toiled late, until their fingers were sore and their backbones creaked as they sat upright.

Meanwhile Jenks swarmed up the pole again and drew up after him a crowbar, the sledge hammer and the pickax. With these implements he set to work to improve the accommodation. Of course he did not attempt seriously to remove any large quantity of rock, but there were projecting lumps here and inequalities of floor there which could be thumped or pounded out of existence.

It was surprising to see what a clearance he made in an hour. The existence of the fault helped him a good deal, as the percolation of water at this point had oxidized the stone to rottenness. To his great joy he discovered that a few prods with the pick laid bare a small cavity which could be easily enlarged. Here he contrived a niche where Iris could remain in absolute safety when barricaded by stores, while, with a squeeze, she was entirely sheltered from the one dangerous point on the opposite cliff, nor need she be seen from the trees.

Having hauled into position two boxes of ammunition—for which he had scooped out a special receptacle—the invaluable water kegs from the stranded boat, several tins of biscuits and all the tinned meats, together with three bottles of wine and two of brandy, he hastily abandoned the ledge and busied himself with fitting a number of gunlocks to heavy fagots.

Iris watched his proceedings in silence for some time. At last the interval for luncheon enabled her to demand an explanation.

"If you don't tell me at once what you intend to do with those strange implements," she said, "I will go on strike."

"If you do," he answered, "you will create a precedent."

"I withdraw the threat and substitute a more genuine plea—curiosity," she cried.

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Thirty-nine Miners Entombed.

Dortmund, Prussia, July 11.—A fire has broken out in the Borussia coal mine, caused by the careless handling of a lamp by boys. The lamp exploded, igniting the timbers of the shaft, which burned rapidly. Two hundred and fifty miners escaped through an air shaft, but thirty-nine were cut off, and their death is regarded as certain. The work of rescue is attended with great danger, owing to the escape of poisonous gases, and six of the rescuers are reported missing. The ground over the mine is sinking gradually with a sound like that of thunder, as the supporting timbers of the mine are being burned. Great crowds of women and children are standing about the mine in a drenching rain, hoping for the rescue of husbands and fathers.

Progress of Scott Special.

Denver, July 11.—J. P. Hall, passenger agent of the Santa Fe railroad, announced the progress of the Scott special. From Trinidad to La Junta, a distance of eighty-two miles, over a heavy grade, the time consumed was one hour and twenty-seven minutes. The 203 miles between La Junta and Dodge City, Kan., was made in 194 minutes. Mr. Hall states that the special left Dodge City one hour and forty-five minutes ahead of the schedule and that he felt assured of further cutting of the schedule by reason of the fact that the train, after leaving Dodge City, almost immediately encountered the best roadbed the Santa Fe has in this section of the country.

Battleships to Meet Sigsbee's Fleet.

Washington, July 11.—It was stated at the navy department that as an additional mark of honor to John Paul Jones, whose body is being brought to the United States by Rear Admiral Sigsbee's squadron, that a division of the North Atlantic fleet, probably battleships, would be sent to meet the home-coming vessels outside the Virginia capes and escort them into Chesapeake bay.

Tennessee Hotel Man Murdered.

Pikeville, Tenn., July 10.—W. L. Toilet, proprietor of a hotel here, was waylaid and shot to death while coming from his farm. No cause is known for the crime.

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