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Washington Letter.

WASHINGTON, April 30—It has been some years since the locust wrought ruin to the harvests of Nebraska and despair to the hearts of the Nebraska farmer, but there is danger ahead, according to the Department of Agriculture. Experts believe that the spring of 1906 will see a great army of the pests sweeping the fields of the country and although these experts believe the swarms will not extend beyond Illinois no man yet has been able positively to forecast the limits of their flight. The brood has been breeding in spots from Cape Cod to Northern Georgia and as far west as Illinois, and although the Department experts have traced the origin of the brood back as far as 1633 and have reduced their periodic flights almost to an exact knowledge, they cannot tell in which direction it will take its flight. The brood in question is the seventeen year variety, and they may be looked for the last week in May or the beginning of June. It might be as well for the farmers of Nebraska to be prepared for a visitation, although the insects may not head in that direction.

Senators of the middle west are growing decidedly nervous over the question that is looming large on the horizon of rate legislation. As soon as the general debate (or set speeches) is over, the senate will have to specify some method on which the Interstate Commerce commission may base their decisions. In all history only one such method has been found, and that is based on distance—in other words, if a ton of freight costs one-eighth of a cent a mile in transportation charges it must cost it just eight times that, or one cent, to transport it eight miles. While this method would be decidedly to the advantage of the eastern manufacturers and farmers it would mean practical ruin for their competitors in the Missouri and Mississippi valleys. The fact that no other absolutely mechanical method has been found does not serve to quiet the uneasiness of the western men.

Senator Burkett acted as escort this week for acting President Fairchild and Professors Cook and Shadd of Howard University when they visited the White House to invite President Roosevelt to deliver an oration at the commencement exercises of the institution June 1. The president declined the invitation to make an address, but promised to be present at the exercises for a short time.

Rev. Dr. Thomas C. Clark, who resigned the pastorate of the First Presbyterian church at Grand Island a few days ago, has reached here and will assume his duties as pastor of the Takoma Presbyterian church the coming week. Dr. Clark will preach his first sermon in Washington May 6. Already he has been taken to the arms of the Nebraska society, and he promises to become a valuable member of the Nebraska colony here.

Fined for Assault.

Bill Lowry of Guide Rock was arrested and brought to Red Cloud Saturday afternoon on the charge of having assaulted County Clerk Lee De Tour at Guide Rock Thursday evening. Lowry was taken before Judge Edson and was fined \$7 and costs, amounting to something over \$13.

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EARLY FIRE IMPLEMENTS.

Appliances Used in This Country in the Seventeenth Century.

Undoubtedly the first fire company organized in this country was formed in New York in 1658. It was called the Prowlers and was composed of eight men, with 250 buckets, hooks and small ladders. Where the buckets were obtained and whether or not they were in addition to those owned by the town the records fall to state. In 1679 Salem purchased two or three dozen cedar buckets, besides hooks and other implements; also the selectmen and two others were authorized to take command at fires and to blow up and pull down buildings when such action was necessary. This practice appears to have been much more common before the use of engines than afterward. Boston on Sept. 9, 1679, ordered that every quarter of the town should be provided with twenty swobs, two scoops and six axes. The swobs, or swabs, as they are now called, were long handled mops that could be used to put out roof fires. The general use of swabs has long since disappeared, but when a slight blaze is beyond the reach of a pail of water and more improved apparatus is not at hand a long handled mop is today the most efficient article to be used. In Japan these swabs may be seen on many roof tops.

In 1690 New York ordered that five ladders and also hooks be made. In Philadelphia no mention is made of public precaution against fire until 1696, when a law was passed forbidding the firing of chimneys or allowing the same to become foul. Each house was to have a swab, bucket or pail. Another act was passed in 1700 ordering every household to have two leather buckets. In the following year six or eight hooks for the purpose of tearing down houses were ordered to be made.

BINDING THE FEET.

This Queer Chinese Custom Is a Comparatively Modern One.

China's custom of binding the feet of its women is not as ancient as has been supposed. A correspondent of one of the native Chinese papers quotes from the letters of Yuan Mei, who lived in the eighteenth century. In one of his letters Yuan Mei wrote to a friend: "You ask me to get you a handsome wife and ardently desire, as your first requisite, that she shall have small feet. Surely you cannot be one who admires true beauty. An admirer of true beauty has his own individual tastes, disdaining to follow the dictates of others. Our ancient literature, in both prose and poetry, has many allusions in praise of beautiful women, but in no instance touches upon small feet."

"A work treating of the customs of the Sung dynasty by Shen Yo says a man's well made shoes are said to be square, and a woman's round, at the toe. In the Tang dynasty, the first allusion to the feet of Yang Kwei Fel, the court beauty, was about her silk stockings. In one of Han Tung Lang's poems, referring to a woman's feet, he says, 'Her six inch feet so bright and sleek.' These allusions clearly point to unbound feet."

Yuan Mei's letter concludes by saying that the taste of those who ignore the beauty of face and form is depraved. He laments that sensible men should be so led away by a foolish fashion.

Origin of the Orange.

It is to India and to the Arabs as middlemen that Europe, and through Europe America, owe the orange. The orange crossed from Africa to Spain with Mohammedanism, while probably the crusaders are to be thanked for bringing it to Italy and western Europe among their trophies of the east. The very name is really Arabic—"naranj"—and of eastern origin, though the legend that it comes from two words meaning "elephant" and "be ill," because elephants ate oranges to make themselves ill, is absurd. Probably in French the initial "n" is dropped off from naranj, with the final "n" of the indefinite article, just as our "an apron" represents "a napron," and the spelling with an "o" points to false association with "or" (gold).—Economista, Havana.

A Good Reason.

Two Irishmen were digging a sewer. One of them was a big, strong man about six feet four inches in height, and the other one was a little, puny man about four feet six inches. The foreman came along to see how the work was progressing and noticed that one of them was doing more work than the other. "Look here," he cried, "how is it that little Dennis Dugan, who is only half your size, is doing nearly twice as much work as you, Patrick?" Glancing down to his partner, Pat replied: "And why shouldn't he? Ain't he nearer to it?"

Fixtures.

One day four-year-old Fred climbed upon a chair to reach something he wanted.

"You must not get on that chair with your feet, dear," said his mother. Fred looked down at his feet, evidently puzzled. "Why, mamma," he said, "I can't take 'em off!"

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.

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is hoped to begin work on the walk in front of Wm. Wolfe's property this week. Bids have been submitted for laying the walks in front of the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank Building and Plumb's feed store, and preparations are being made for walks in various portions of the residence district.

M. L. Thomas, formerly editor of THE CHIEF, who is now postmaster and editor of the Daily Vidette at Pond Creek, Okla., accompanied by his wife, is expected here for a visit soon. He is a brother of Dr. M. U. Thomas and an uncle of Dr. E. A. Thomas.

George P. Miller, who recently came here from Beaver City, has opened his cigar factory over Wise-carver's meat market, and will run a strictly union shop. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are living in the Mrs. Manspeaker house on north Webster street.

George R. McCrary arrived in Red Cloud Thursday morning after an absence of several months in Indiana. He strenuously denies that he has been married, and appearances seem to back up his statement. At least he did not bring a wife home with him.

Members of the A. O. U. W. and Degree of Honor are requested to meet at their hall at 1:30 p. m. next Sunday, and march to the M. E. church, when Rev. Austin will preach the annual sermon. Everybody is invited to attend, whether members of the order or not.

The Commercial Club has built a King road drag and it will be given a thorough trial on the roads leading into Red Cloud. If the drag does the work claimed for it, it will not be long before others will "go and do likewise," and the bad roads will disappear.

Dr. Nellie E. Maurer, who has been practicing dentistry here for about three years, left last Sunday for Osborne, Kan., where she will make her future home. Miss Maurer is a first-class dentist and enjoyed a good practice here. We wish her success in her new location.

Mrs. Newton Cook of Sandy Creek, New York, who has been visiting with Dr. Cook and family, departed for her home Saturday morning. Mrs. Henry Cook accompanied her as far as Omaha for a few days' visit with her daughter, Myra. Mrs. Cook returned home Wednesday evening.

Last week we announced that the hotel at Cowles had been closed. While the business has been a paying one, owing to the ill health of Mrs. Decker and inability to secure suitable help, it was decided to discontinue serving meals. However, lodgers will still be taken care of.

G. W. Carson, who formerly worked for Wm. Wolfe, but who has been living at Edgar for some time, has returned to Red Cloud and is now associated with J. W. Bogenrief in the blacksmith shop. Mr. Carson will move his family here as soon as he can get a suitable house.

The adjourned term of the district court will convene Monday. Following the arguments in the Waufile case, the suit of Howard vs. the City of Red Cloud will be taken up, and all cases on the docket will be advanced one day. Judge Adams took his son home to Minden and reports that he is recovering.

Traffic with the south side was temporarily interrupted by the high water washing out the approaches to the pile bridge. When the bridge was put in it was thought that long ere this the iron bridge would have been repaired, but the work has been unavoidably delayed. The temporary baidge was repaired yesterday.

Evangelists Honeywell and Bilhorn closed their work in Hoquin, Washington, April 15, with a total of over 400 converts as a result of the four weeks effort. Over half of these were men. The population of that place is very largely lumbermen and the results were considered remarkable for the character of the situation. They are now at Onarga, Illinois, and will begin work here about June 1. The exact date will be announced next week. The churches interested in the coming evangelistic meetings will hold a union service in the Christian church next Sunday evening. Rev. Austin will preach the sermon.

Corn Shipped In.

O. N. Warthen of Inavale, Neb., one of the well-to-do farmers and cattle feeders of Webster county, is surprised at the large amount of corn that has been shipped into his community dur-

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ing the past few months. "And I think I would be safe in saying" said Mr. Warthen, "that over 100,000 bushels have been shipped into that vicinity during the past winter and this spring. That certainly seems strange as we are located right in one of the great corn producing centers of that whole country. That breaks all records. The cattle feeders who are now having it shipped in are paying 38 cents a bushel for it laid down there, which is a high price for us. This shows the enormous amount of feeding that is being done up there, of both cattle and hogs."—Drovers' Telegram.

For Resisting an Officer.

James J. Ryan of Garfield township was brought before Judge Clarence Reed yesterday on the charge of using abusive language to and resisting an officer. It appears that Ryan took up some cattle belonging to Will Fisher and there was a difference of opinion as to the amount of damages to be paid. Fisher went before Justice of the Peace N. L. D. Smith and secured a writ of replevin for his cattle. Frank Amack was deputized as constable to serve the writ, but when he went for the cattle Ryan ran him off the place with a shotgun, at the same time using some rather strong language. For thus defying the majesty of the law Ryan was arrested and brought before Judge Reed. Trial of the cause was postponed until next Tuesday, May 8.

Light Bonds Sold.

The city council held a meeting last Saturday evening to consider bids for the electric light bonds. The only bidder was the Nebraska Grand Lodge of the A. O. U. W., which offered a premium of \$100 for the bonds with the accrued interest, thus making the price a fraction above par. There being no other bidder the bonds were awarded to the A. O. U. W.

Careless Shooting.

As S. Day was driving to his barn this noon he heard the crack of a rifle and his horse dropped to the ground, shot through the jugular vein. It is not believed the horse's life can be saved. The shot came from the direction of the old Valley House, but it is not known who the guilty party is.

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Wedding Bells.

Phillips Hansen.

Miss Mattie M. Phillips and Mr. Charles Hansen were united in marriage Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock, Judge Edson officiating. The ceremony took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Martin, brother-in-law and sister of the bride, on South Seward street. They will make their home on the Cather farm, fourteen miles northwest of Red Cloud.

Wm. Kudrna and Miss Josephine Havel, both of Webster county were united in marriage Monday, April 30, by Judge Edson.

Judge Edson issued a license to W. A. Anderson of Franklin and Miss Leona Geneux of Webster county, April 30.

New Partnership.

George Beardslee of Smith county, Kansas, has purchased a half interest in the blacksmith and implement business of William Wolfe. Mr. Beardslee does not expect to move to town before next fall, and in the meantime will buy or build a residence.

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