

# The Chief

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Merit and perseverance win except in a government land lottery.

There are mighty few idle mills and factories in this country now.

From impending lawsuits it is evident that all persons who wear wings are not angels.

It is gambling when you lose and speculation when you win. There is no other difference.

Here and there a French aeronaut succeeds very well without the aid of queer-looking whiskers.

Chicago has some fine skyscraper roofs which should look attractive to aspiring aeroplane operators.

One woman says that she stole two shirt waists because she was hungry. Still, shirt waists are not very toothsome.

It will not be long before the sight of farmers coming to the city in autos will be so familiar as to escape comment.

With 7,000 immigrants coming in one day New York may have to put upper stories on its parks for lodging places.

People continue to fall victims to the "Spanish prisoner" swindle. That is what they get for not reading the newspapers.

Some day the world will really come to an end, and it will be just the luck of those prophets not to be on the job at the time.

Actors are said to be scarce in New York, but as this is the open season for decayed vegetables and aged hen fruit, "there's a reason."

It is high time a stop was put to those Spanish swindles, and it is also high time that Americans grew too wise to be caught by them.

Spain has a war abroad and a rebellion at home, which is enough to make her unfortunate government walk Spanish. At least, this is the pleasant prospect if they do not win the war and put down the rebellion.

The Belgian concessionaires in the Congo are suing missionaries for alleged libelous statements about cruelty to the natives. If the trials are fair, they ought to afford a good way of bringing out the truth about this much-mooted point.

The sultan of Morocco is writing to the powers that he is afraid Spain has ulterior motives and that the powers might as well look into the matter. Which shows that these oriental barbarians have caught the infection of some European diplomacy in the way of slyly arousing international jealousy.

The annual average loss of property by fire in Germany, Austro-Hungary, Italy, France, Denmark and Switzerland is about 33 cents per capita. In the United States it is \$2.47 a year. The only consolation for Americans in such figures—and it isn't very sensible—is the fact that they have more per capita, than the Europeans to burn.

The postal authorities at Washington have ruled that a mail carrier is not obliged to deliver mail where vicious dogs are kept, and that owners of such animals must call at the post office for what is coming to them. That seems to be an equitable decision. Uncle Sam is under no obligation to provide mail carriers as tidbits for savage canines.

An authority in a western university declares that too much prosperity allows students to buy motor cars, and that their studies suffer in consequence. He apparently holds that work and a taste of hardship will keep in check the natural propensity of the average student to get into mischief. No one can deny that a speeding car is a terrible incentive to the fast life.

Forty-seven Chinese students, an installment of several hundred that are coming, have started from Peking for the United States. These young men will go to various institutions of higher education, and as they are selected by competitive tests from the brightest youths of the Celestial kingdom it may be reasonably expected that they will make their mark in scholarship here.

The latest Enoch Arden has rather varied the usual order of things in his celebrated case. Disdaining the magnanimity of his prototype, he had the spouse he left behind him arrested for bigamy. That he was able to show any originality at all in the matter of such long-established precedent is to his credit, but no amount of other good qualities can make the whole class of Enoch Ardens other than undesirable citizens.

Companies for operating aerial lines of travel are multiplying in Germany and many of the most solid financiers are among the investors. This appears to afford opportunities for literally taking flyers in stocks.

This is the country of big things, even in the matter of small ones. The official statistics show that the people of the United States have bought \$100,000,000 worth of toys in ten years and that the toy industry here is large and flourishing. Unquestionably this is a happy land for the youngster

## TRY TO LOOT BANK

VAULT IN SHUBERT BANK IS BADLY WRECKED.

### HAPPENINGS OVER THE STATE

What is Going on Here and There That is of Interest to the Readers Throughout Nebraska and Vicinity.

Stella, Neb.—The vault of the Farmers' state bank at Shubert was blown open by burglars at an early hour on Wednesday morning. The vault was completely wrecked and the small safe containing the money was thrown by the force of the explosion into the middle of the room.

The safe with the money was lying face down, and it is thought that the robbers were afraid to try a third shot for fear of being caught.

One of the citizens heard a report at 2 o'clock but as there were some large galvanized water tanks stored near the bank he supposed some one in passing had thrown a stone at a tank. A second report was heard but at that distance he still supposed it was the same thing.

An expert has been sent for to get the safe open. Two days ago a team and buggy were stolen at Verdon, the next town south. An effort will be made to catch the burglars.

#### The Midwest Life.

The Midwest Life is just issuing a new list of its Lincoln policyholders. They now number 278 and the amount of insurance they have in this company aggregates \$539,260. In this list none are included who do not live in Lincoln. No company doing business in Nebraska has any stronger home endorsement than The Midwest Life.

The agency force of The Midwest Life has recently been increased by the addition of Mr. W. P. Hancock, formerly with the Northwestern Mutual, who will work in Lincoln; Mr. A. L. Pope, who takes charge of the agency at York; Mr. W. N. Peterson, who will make North Platte his headquarters, and Mr. G. S. Southworth, who will aid Mr. C. L. Williams in the development of the Norfolk agency. There are plenty of good openings left for men who are producers or who are capable of becoming producers. Write the company for an agency.

#### Hunter Accidentally Shot.

Columbus, Neb.—While out hunting Wednesday afternoon Louis Weinberger of this city was accidentally shot and may die from the wound. He and some companions were out of town in the sandhills. Weinberger started to get out of the buggy, placing his gun on the ground first. In some manner it was discharged, the load entering his right breast. As soon as possible an automobile was telephoned for, but before it arrived, another one came along and he was rushed to a hospital. A book in his pocket broke the force of the shot and probably saved him from instant death.

#### Suits to Test the Law.

Beaver City, Neb.—The fall term of district court convened here Tuesday, Judge R. C. Orr presiding. Of the ninety cases on the docket nine are for divorces. The most important cases are the suits of the county against the former county treasurer for interest on county money deposited in excess of the bonds of depository bonds. The suits are not criminal and were brought more to test the law than for any other reason. Court will continue during the week.

#### Boy Killed Near Ashland.

Ashland, Neb.—As his brother was handling him a shotgun, Robert Young, eighteen years old and the son of a farmer living east of here was accidentally killed Wednesday. In some manner the gun was discharged and the young man died almost instantly. At the time of the accident the boys were gathering driftwood along the Platte river. The coroner decided that an inquest was unnecessary.

#### Fire Destroys Large Barn.

Beatrice, Neb.—A large barn on the farm of Frank Marsh, seven miles north of Beatrice, was destroyed by fire Sunday night about midnight. Six head of valuable horses, a large quantity of harness, machinery, five hundred bushels of oats and eight hundred bushels of corn were consumed by the flames. The loss is \$2,500 with \$1,700 insurance. The origin of the fire is not known.

#### Wells-Fargo Report.

The Wells-Fargo company has filed its annual report with the state railway commission. It indicates a modest amount of prosperity, with a 10 per cent dividend paid last year and with the profit account showing more than four millions to the good on a capitalization of \$8,000,000.

#### Select Judges for Show.

Plattsmouth, Neb.—Work on the new steel bridge of the Missouri Pacific over the Platte river north of this city has been started, a large bridge gang occupying some ten cars being stationed at La Platte. There are about twenty-four cars of bridge material in the yards at this city and about eight cars to come. At La Platte there are about eight or ten carloads of material. The work on the bridge will require a large force all winter. It is to be a steel deck girder structure on concrete piers and will be capable of carrying the heaviest trains

## NEBRASKA HAPPENINGS.

State News and Notes in Condensed Form.

Mrs. Frank Spear, a resident of Diller, Jefferson county, was thrown from an automobile and killed near Pickrell Thursday morning about 7:30 o'clock.

James Keenan, age ninety-two years, residing on his farm one mile east of Broken Bow, died Tuesday night of blood poisoning resulting from a scratch caused by a sand burr.

F. L. Keran, who resides on the east side of the river east of Nebraska City, sold 3,000 water melons from eight acres of ground and received \$925 for them. He has something like two carloads left which he will keep for seed. This is the most profitable crop he has ever raised.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Security state bank of Broken Bow, a new board of directors was elected. The board in turn elected the following officers: W. A. George, president; Jules Haumont, vice president; L. H. Jewett, cashier; Ross Pickett, assistant cashier.

The Kearney city council met Monday evening and accepted the bid of Troupe & Crull for the erection of the soldiers and sailors' monument at the intersection of Twenty-fifth and Central avenue in that city. The monument is to be built along elaborate lines, and is to cost the city \$4,300.

During the progress of threshing at the Wake farm, two miles north of Seward, occupied by F. E. Wood, a spark from the engine set fire to the grain sacks and before the flames could be extinguished, three stacks of wheat had been burned. The crop was insured, so it will not be a total loss to the owner.

John O. Pearce, a pioneer resident of Jefferson county and father of Frank T. Pearce, editor of the Diller Record, died Sunday at the home of his son. The deceased was a native of Cayuga, N. Y. He was in his ninety-first year. He located in Jefferson county in 1876, where he resided up to the time of his death.

Robbers made an unsuccessful attempt to raid the bank of Manley early Thursday. Although their explosions were heard by citizens for two hours and a half no one appeared to have suspected what was going on. The building and safe of the bank were wrecked, but the interior cash box defied their efforts to open it. There is no clue to the robbers.

Trinity Lutheran church of Fremont celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding Sunday. The principal address on the occasion was made by the Rev. J. Hillendorf, who, in the capacity of pastor of the Brown Creek church near Fremont, was instrumental in the establishment of Trinity church. A large number of Lutherans came from Hooper, Blair, Scribner, Arlington and other points.

The Aurora Electric company has asked the state's permission to issue additional stock in the sum of \$28,000 for improvement of the plant. This company, a local corporation, already has a capital of \$32,000, all of which is represented in the lighting plant for the city. It now seeks to branch out and install a heating system and for this purpose, as well as new equipment in the electric part of the plant, seeks additional capital.

Prosperity seems to have struck the Burlington shops in Plattsmouth. Many more men have been placed on the rolls in the last few weeks and the company is advertising for more. In addition the company is wiring the shops for electric lights and making other preparations to run the plant on long hours during the winter. Work in the planing mill is considerably behind and this shop runs until until far into the night, the men making big overtime.

Directors of the Omaha Saengerfest association, which was originated to boost the Northwest Saengerbund convention to be held in Omaha in 1910, were guests at a dinner tendered them Monday evening by the Omaha Maennerchor at the Maennerchor club rooms, 1320 Farnam street. Otto W. Roland of St. Paul, Minn., and George H. Klock of Milwaukee, president and secretary, respectively, of the Saengerbund of the northwest, were present at the dinner by special invitation and brought words of cheer regarding the coming convention.

The Commercial club of Plattsmouth has just concluded arrangements with a company of Omaha for the putting in of a shirt and overall factory there, the contract for the plant having been signed up and work on remodeling the Pearlman building, where the plant will be located started. It is the intention to have the factory running in full blast by the first of November. Fifty employees will be used at the start. The factory movement is preliminary to the erection of a large plant here, conditions governing the trade being considered. This plant is the first fruits of the work of the Commercial club and is hailed with delight by property owners and citizens.

Elmer Miller, the boy who escaped from the reform school in Kearney and made his get-away on a stolen horse, was found at his old home north of Minden and brought back to the school by an officer of the institution Monday.

The work of surveying the Nemaha river territory through Johnson county for the proposed drainage ditch was commenced by the government engineering force Tuesday. The crew includes three surveyors and four helpers and the work was commenced on the county line, northwest of Sterling.

## FOWLER IS OPPOSED

NO CENTRAL BANKS SAYS NEW JERSEY CONGRESSMAN.

### READY TO ARGUE THE QUESTION

Says He is Convinced Country is Against Proposed Innovation, and Submits a Plan to Enlighten.

Elizabeth, N. J.—Charles N. Fowler, congressman from the Fifth New Jersey district and former chairman of the house committee on banking and currency, Saturday addressed an open letter to Senator Nelson W. Aldrich of Rhode Island, chairman of the monetary commission created by congress, and also chairman of the finance committee of the senate, challenging him to a joint debate in one or more cities on the subject of a central bank. In the letter Mr. Fowler says he is opposed to the establishment of a central bank under existing conditions, because he believes with it would come a most discouraging and disheartening favoritism and the ultimate destruction of our purely individual and independent form of banking.

The letter follows: "Just before you started for Europe in August it was stated in the press of the country that as a result of a meeting of the monetary commission, of which you are chairman, a central bank was to be advocated by your commission, and that upon your return from Europe you would proceed with a view of instructing the people upon our financial and currency needs, and recommended as a 'peace all' a central bank.

"After your departure there was an evidently inspired and well organized propaganda in favor of a central bank, conceived and carried on for the purpose of preparing the way for your home-coming, and your arrangements to swing around the circle, and initiate the people of the United States into the mysteries of your central bank plan.

"Inasmuch as I am convinced that the one thing above all others that this country does not want is a central bank, because it will not affect nor accomplish the necessary reforms, but, in the end, will make a bad condition immeasurably worse, therefore, in order that the American people—whom I know will decide this most important question now pending before them for consideration and determination, right, as they did that of the gold standard, if only they be given an opportunity of having both sides of it fully presented and thoroughly discussed—may be informed as early as possible, I now challenge you to a joint debate upon the following propositions:

"First—A central bank will not effect nor accomplish the necessary reforms of our finances and currency, is unsuited to our conditions; will accentuate many of our present evils, and precipitate and develop other evils of a most serious nature.

"Second—Our financial and currency problems must be solved upon economic lines of an entirely different character. I assert that you cannot successfully and beneficially superimpose a monarchical form of banking upon nearly 25,000 individual, independent, free banking institutions, which have grown and developed in harmony with the principles of our republican form of government, and are themselves republican in form and character.

"To establish a central bank in this country under existing conditions would be undemocratic, un-republican, un-American and inimical to the general welfare of the people because, with a central bank, will come a most discouraging and disheartening favoritism, the gradual breaking down and ultimate destruction of our purely individual and independent form of banking.

"I will meet you in joint debate upon the above propositions at one or more of our leading cities or a hundred or more of them, if you choose, at such time and under such conditions and terms as may be agreed by us hereafter."

#### Ready for Land Lottery.

Aberdeen, S. D.—Every arrangement is completed for the drawing of names of winners of the 19,000 farms in the Cheyenne river and Standing Rock Indian reservations. Tuesday morning little Alice Jackson of Aberdeen, and Josephine Burke, the little daughter of Congressman Charles Burke of Pierre, chairman of the Indian affairs committee, will begin to draw the names and they will continue all week. There are 81,000 applicants registered.

#### Building at Grand Island.

Grand Island, Neb.—The contractors are at work on the roof of the federal building and expect to have it enclosed before the cold weather sets in, so that the work on the interior can go on uninterruptedly during the winter as far as weather conditions are concerned. The contract calls for the completion of the building by March 31. It is not expected, however, that the building can be completed in that time.

#### Boom Glenn for President.

Omaha, Neb.—The first active presidential boom for 1912 was sprung Sunday night in this city when former governor Robert B. Glenn of North Carolina was made the subject of a campaign cry by the thirty-sixth national convention of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. It being Sunday night, no official action was taken by the convention, but following an extensive address by the former governor his name was proposed informally for the nomination in 1912 by the prohibition party for president.

## NEWS FROM THE CAPITAL CITY

Items of Interest Around the State House.

### Can They Scratch Ballot.

Will voters be able to scratch the name of any candidate for judge and vote for an opposition candidate without being forced to mark his ballot from top to bottom for each person for whom he is voting, or at least without marking all his preferences of judge? This is the question that is put up to the attorney general by Secretary of State Junkin. In his query the secretary supposes that a republican voter should desire to vote his ticket straight except for one judge, and here he should want to vote for a democrat. Can said voter place a cross in the party circle, then another cross opposite the name of the democratic candidate for judge he prefers and have his ballot counted by the judges. If the judges agree to count the ballot they must, according to law, count it as a straight vote except for the one cross. But this latter cross presupposes that one republican judge has been left off the list. Which one? Can the judges even make an assumption? And if not, do they only count the vote for the one judge who is marked or do they throw out the vote on judges entirely?

This question has been put to the secretary of state and he passes it up to the attorney general. It is considered of some importance because of the present campaign for places on the supreme bench. The democrats are making the entire fight on the theory that non-partisanship should reign on the supreme bench and some democrats should sit thereon. This battle cry is a modest one, inasmuch as only one democrat now sits on that tribunal. If enough of the people give heed to the slogan and vote for a mixed court, election boards will have to answer the question on the method of counting fairly often.

### Meningitis is Contagious.

Dr. W. H. Wilson, state health inspector, says the impression may have gained some foothold that the disease of spinal meningitis is not contagious. Some published articles recently have rather conveyed that idea. Competent authorities have held that the disease is not only epidemic, but contagious, and that is the stand taken by the state board of health. It insists that every case shall be strictly quarantined, and this action of the board has resulted in checking the spread of the disease very materially. In support of the contention that the disease is not actually contagious some physicians have pointed out that in Lincoln only one member of the family has had the disease in each case. Dr. Wilson admits that this seems to be true of the disease in Lincoln, but declares that in other parts of the state, particularly where it has raged hardest, two, three, and even four members of the family have been stricken with the malady.

Just how widespread the disease has been and is now is hard to determine. Although the law requires that every case of a contagious disease must be reported to the office of the state board, physicians do not always obey it. About 200 cases have been reported in the past few months, although it is said on good authority that fully 600 cases have been found in the two counties of York and Polk alone. Only six or eight cases have been reported from Lincoln, although possibly more than that number have occurred.

The chief counties in which spinal meningitis has been reported this summer and fall are Polk, York, Seward, Hamilton, Saline, Valley, Custer, Hall and Lancaster.

### Seeks to Save Neck.

John Masourides, through his attorneys, has appealed from the sentence of the Douglas county district court, in an effort to save his neck. Masourides was sentenced to be hanged for having on February 19, last murdered a policeman of South Omaha, Edward Lowry, and the date for the execution was set for January 19, 1910. The appeal is based on sixty-eight exceptions to the instructions of the court to the jury and to motions which had been overruled by the court during the progress of the case. Among the exceptions it is stated that the witness for the state were intimidated by the South Omaha police and compelled to testify. Masourides was being taken to jail last winter by Policeman Lowry, in company with a girl with whom he had been found. On the road to the lock-up the Greek shot the officer and then stabbed himself in the abdomen.

### State is Loading Guns.

Attorney General Thompson, Assistant Attorney General Martin, the three railway commissioners, Experts U. G. Powell and L. E. Wetling have been closeted for days reviewing the testimony offered by the railroads in the Omaha hearing where they are attempting to knock out the 2-cent fare law and the Aldrich maximum freight rate law. The railroads' inning was before Special Master in Chancery Chas. Pearsall, and the state's turn comes on November 10, before the same official of the federal court.

### Want to Issue Stock.

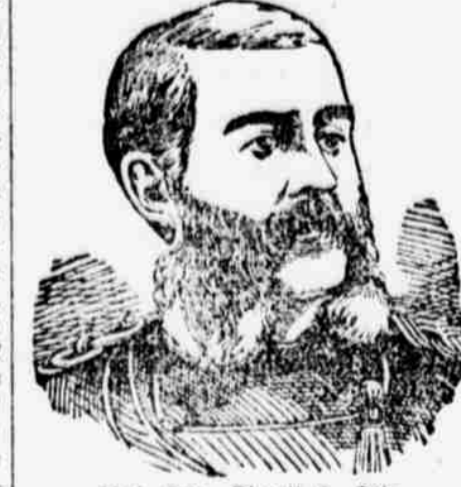
The Harvard Electric company has applied to the railway commission for permission to sell \$12,000 in stock to secure an electric lighting system for that city. The city has no system at present, but has made all the necessary contracts for the construction, the terms of which are set forth in the petition. Permission is asked for under a law passed by the last legislature which gives authority to the railway commission to control the issuance of stock and bonds of public service corporations.

## FOUNDED THE ARMY SCHOOL.

MAJ. GEN. OTIS DIED IN ROCHESTER, N. Y., OF HEART FAILURE

Was Veteran of Civil War and Was Twice Brevetted For Gallantry in Action.

Rochester, New York.—Maj. Gen. Elwell S. Otis, retired, who died at his home here, left as his monument the big army school at Fort Leavenworth and a record of having distinguished



Maj. Gen. Elwell S. Otis.

himself in every command he held. He was three times brevetted for gallantry and distinguished services. Heart disease was the cause of his death.

Gen. Otis was born in Frederick City, Md., in 1838. While he was yet a baby his family moved to Rochester. He studied in Rochester university, and after graduation entered the law school at Harvard.

When the Civil war began young Otis volunteered and was made captain of the One Hundred and Fortieth New York Infantry, rose to be colonel, was wounded at Chapel House, almost died in a hospital, returned to the front, was present at the fall of Richmond and returned to his home in 1865, a general of brigade. He was twice brevetted for gallantry in action at Spotsylvania and Chapel House.

## KANSAS CLUB WOMEN ELECT

Eight Annual Meeting of Second District Federation at Pleasanton Completes its Work.

Pleasanton, Kansas.—The last day of the eighth annual meeting of the second District Kansas Federation of Women's clubs was given to business, the election of officers for the ensuing year and a program, including a general discussion of the use of the natural forests. There was also a discussion of civics by the Kansas City clubs.

The officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, Mrs. Henson, Paola; first vice-president, Mrs. Rumbaugh, Fort Scott; second vice-president, Miss Glueckie, Lacygne; secretary, Miss J. W. Ham, Pleasanton; treasurer, Mrs. Thorne, Olathe; auditor, Mrs. Hale, Kansas City. Next year's meeting will be held at Olathe.

## DEATH UNDER THE WHEELS

Independence Stock Trader Throws Himself in Front of Street Car in Kansas City.

Kansas City, Mo.—The startled throng of a busy downtown corner saw Fred Riske, 40 years old, a stock trader of Independence, seek and find death by diving under the wheels of Northeast car No. 635 at Eleventh street and Grand avenue. A widow and three children are left.

From talks with his family and friends it was learned that Riske has been very despondent several months, both from worry over his illness and because of a lawsuit which he brought in the Independence division of the circuit court in February and shortly afterwards dismissed.

### Paralysis in Nebraska Now.

Auburn, Nebraska.—The first case of infantile paralysis reported in this vicinity caused the death of the 6-year-old daughter of William Shumaker here. Two more cases are reported in this vicinity in the families of Ab Chambers and Alex Stoddard. The Shumaker girl was taken ill while at school a week ago.

### To Oppose Kansas Regulation.

Topeka, Kan.—The Hartford Fire insurance company of Hartford, Conn., is planning a fight on the insurance rate regulation law passed by the last legislature. The company is sending circulars to all of its agents in Kansas asking for their co-operation in the fight.

### Invited Taft to Fly.

Savannah, Georgia.—An invitation will be extended to President Taft and Gov. Brown of Georgia to make a flight in an airship while they are here November 5. Two airships will be here for racing purposes at the Savannah fall festival.

### Kansas Town Bought \$2,620.

Salina, Kansas.—The sale by auction of the town and townsite of Shilpton, nine miles northwest of this city, took place as advertised the purchaser being Frederick Warnow, a farmer, whose land adjoins the town on the north. The consideration was \$2,620.

### New York Tribune for One Cent.

New York, N. Y.—The New York Tribune founded by Horace Greeley in 1841, announced that the price has been cut from three cents to one cent.