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## BECOMING SERIOUS MENACE

Stock Insurance Companies Get Alarmed—Farm Work in Kansas Impeded—Treasury Will Aid Money Stringency.

Washington.—Intervention in Mexico and the possibility of President Taft calling a special session of congress to determine whether American troops should be sent across the line are being widely discussed here by public men and diplomatic circles. It is known that the government has been pressed on many sides to take such a step and various accounts of what influences were being brought to bear and the objects sought to be accomplished are related among those interested in both sides of the question.

Stock Insurance Companies Alarmed. Lincoln.—That the epidemic which is prevalent in the state at the present time and has resulted in the death of over two thousand head of horses, will become an overwhelming plague among the animals of Nebraska unless it is soon checked, is the opinion of F. E. Lynch, president of the Farmers Mutual Insurance company. The various companies that insure the stock of the farmers are beginning to become alarmed at the magnitude of the ravages of the mysterious disease, and putting forth every effort to discover the source of the contagion.

### LACK OF HORSES STOPS WORK.

Many Farms Without Animals Because of Malady. Topeka, Kas.—Farm work is going undone in western Kansas for lack of horses killed by the plague. Crops remain untouched and fall plowing is weeks behind. On many farms all the horses have died. Until the experts ascertain positively a remedy for the disease, farmers are unwilling to purchase more horses which they fear will meet the same fate.

### G. A. R. at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles.—Within the next few days over 10,000 members of the Grand Army of the Republic and its affiliated organizations will gather here for the annual encampment of the G. A. R., which will be held September 9 to 14 inclusive. The affiliated bodies which will also hold national conventions here during the encampment week include the Women's Relief corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Veterans, National Association of Army Nurses of the Civil War, and the National Association of Union ex-Prisoners of War.

### To Relieve Money Shortage.

Washington.—The annual money stringency, due to the movement of crops, emphasized by a decrease of \$1,000,000 Saturday in the legal reserve in the New York clearing house statement, will be relieved by the United States treasury if, in the judgment of Secretary MacVeagh, conditions warrant such relief. The secretary's plan is to deposit government cash in banks to the extent of \$25,000,000, if that sum should be required.

### Says Lumber Company Responsible.

Portland, Ore.—C. W. Eberlin, former land commissioner of the Southern Pacific, testifying in the Southern Pacific land forfeiture hearing, blamed the Booth-Kelly Lumber company for the Harriman order of 1903, withdrawing 2,300,000 acres of the Oregon & California railroad grant lands from entry or sale.

### State Fair Sets Record.

Lincoln.—Nebraska's 1912 state fair set a new attendance record, the total for the week being 166,964, more than twice the number that attended the state fair in 1909, and four thousand more than attended the fair the record-breaking year of 1911.

### No Peace in Sight.

Rome.—A semi-official statement has been issued denouncing as absolutely unfounded various newspaper reports that an agreement had been reached respecting the conclusion of peace between Italy and Turkey.

### Serves Long Prison Term.

Boston, Mass.—Jesse Pomeroy, probably the most notorious of life prisoners in the United States, has rounded out his thirty-sixth year of solitary confinement in the state prison at Charleston.

### A Human Tool Chest.

Chicago.—When physicians operated upon John Martiner at the county hospital to learn what has caused "terrible pains in his stomach, they found nineteen pocket knives, seventeen nails, five knife blades, a dozen screws and a silver dollar. For eighteen years Martiner, who has been known to Chicagoans as the human tool chest, swallowed the articles on wagers. "Eating knives and all that stuff never hurt me," said Martiner, before the operation, "but sometimes I'd get terrible pains in my stomach."

## DYING BY THE SCORE

STRANGE DISEASE CARRYING OFF MANY HORSES IN STATE.

## TO INVADE U. S. TERRITORY

Mexicans Prepare to Raid New Territory—Transmit Disease to Man—Straus Nominated for Governor.

Lincoln.—State Veterinarian A. Bostrom has returned from Holdrege, where he investigated the ravages of the terrible deadly disease that is spreading through western states. He was downcast on his return, for he had heard of 500 deaths among horses in Phelps county or near the borders of that county. "It takes the good horses as well as the poorer class of animals," said Mr. Bostrom. "According to my reports the disease now exists in the southern part of the state from McCook to Fairbury and from Columbus to Merna in the northwestern part of the state. I have heard reports of 2,000 cases in Nebraska."

To Invade U. S. Territory. El Paso, Tex.—In view of the critical condition at Hachita, General Steever has dispatched an additional troop of the Third cavalry for duty at that point. A portion of the signal corps

### DR. R. E. DOOLITTLE



Dr. Doolittle has succeeded Dr. Harvey Wiley as chief pure food expert of the United States government, in the agricultural department.

also will be sent so as to assist the cavalry in locating the invading Mexicans. Additional information is to the effect that 100 rebels are encamped only a half mile from the line, with avowed intentions of making another raid into the United States.

### TRANSMITS AILMENT TO MAN.

Further Menace Feared in Kansas Horse Disease. Topeka, Kas.—The report that a man at Jotmore, Kas., attending horses afflicted with the disease that has caused the deaths of thousands of horses in Kansas during the last few weeks, has been taken ill with all the symptoms of spinal meningitis, caused S. J. Crumline, secretary of the Kansas board of health, to hurry there for a more critical investigation.

### Straus for Governor of New York.

Syracuse, N. Y.—Oscar S. Straus, former secretary of commerce and labor in the cabinet of President Roosevelt, was unanimously acclaimed the nominee for governor of the progressive party by a stampede Friday afternoon. Mr. Straus' nomination came about under circumstances that were not only unexpected, but dramatic.

### New Church at Kearney.

Kearney, Neb.—Dr. William Oeschger, chancellor of Cotner university, was the principal speaker at the laying of the corner stone of the First Christian church at Kearney Tuesday night. The pastor, Dr. E. M. Johnson, and Dr. A. O. Thomas of the Kearney state normal also addressed the large audience. The church building will cost \$25,000. It is finished with pressed brick, with stucco work, and the indirect lighting system is to be installed.

Holdrege, Neb.—One-half of the business portion of the town of Funk, seven miles east of here, was consumed by an early morning fire. The town has no fire protection and chemical apparatus rushed to the scene from this city was of service in confining the fire to certain limits.

### Coughed Up.

Plattsmouth, Neb.—Harry, the six-year-old son of J. J. Lohnes, residing a few miles west of Plattsmouth, who five weeks ago drew a grain of corn into his windpipe which wedged in his right lung, has finally coughed the grain up.

### Row in the Family.

Hartford, Conn.—Because his son, Edward, a Yale graduate and lawyer, declared himself a bull moose, State Senator E. L. Pond, a dyed-in-the-wool Taft man, has disowned him.

## WILLIE'S DREAM



## FLOG MICHIGAN PRISONERS

KOUNTZE BROS. GRANTED USE OF PLATTE RIVER.

Normal Conditions at Jackson Prison—Burning Plague-Stricken Horses in Kansas—Drops Dead at Reunion.

Lincoln, Neb.—Kountze Bros. of New York and Omaha have been granted a right to use 2,000 cubic feet per second from the Platte river for power purposes. The water is to be taken out of the river near Schuyler and returned to the river through Elk creek near Fremont. The grant was made on the application of D. C. Patterson, filed in 1908. L. D. Richards of Fremont, one of the original power canal promoters, says money is at hand for the development of the enterprise and \$4,000,000 will be spent on the work right away.

Resort to Flogging. Jackson, Mich.—For the first time in its history, flogging has been resorted to at the Michigan state prison here. Nine of the ringleaders in the prison mutiny were given from ten to twelve lashes each, and it is understood all who took a prominent part in the rioting will be meted out similar punishment. The number of lashes given each was in accordance with a report of physicians as to how much the prisoners could stand. Everything otherwise is gradually assuming normal conditions at the prison, although the troops are still on duty.

## THOUSANDS OF HORSES DEAD.

Disease Stricken Animals Are Being Burned in Kansas. Topeka, Kas.—The skies of western Kansas glow at night with the funeral fires of plague-stricken horses. This is the report of travelers who passed through twenty-six counties to which the disease has now spread.

Four thousand horses, representing a value of nearly half a million dollars, have died in these counties," said J. H. Mercer, state live stock sanitary commissioner. "If the disease continues to spread at the present rate, it is but a matter of a few days until the whole of Kansas is included in its ravages and there is nothing to insure it staying within the state boundaries."

Milwaukee, Wis.—While recalling the deeds of the Twenty-four Wisconsin volunteers in the Atlanta campaign, Lieutenant General Arthur MacArthur, U. S. A., retired, dropped dead following an apoplectic stroke at the last reunion of the regiment, known as the "Chamber of Commerce regiment," in the university building here Thursday.

Cowboys Anxious to Get Busy. Douglas, Ariz.—Equipped with 120 rifles and 60,000 rounds of ammunition, an organized body of cowboys is prepared to move at a moment's notice into Sonora, where Americans are said to be gravely imperiled.

Captured by Rebels. Marfa, Tex.—Ojinaga was captured by rebels Tuesday without firing a shot. The federal forces commanded by General Sanchez fled to the hills and a small garrison left behind failed to fight.

Saloonkeeper Attempts Suicide. Omaha.—Hans Nindel, a well known East Omaha saloonkeeper and deputy game warden, attempted suicide Saturday night by shooting himself through the head with a revolver. Despondency is given as the cause of the rash act.

Corporal Punishment Restored. Jackson, Mich.—By a resolution of the Jackson prison board of control, passed when the board met to discuss the recent riots at the prison, corporal punishment was restored to the release

## BRIEF NEWS OF NEBRASKA

Superior now has free city mail delivery. The grocers' picnic at Hastings was attended by over 3,000 people. The crop season of 1912 at Ainsworth had 22.36 inches of rain. Brakeman C. L. Ryan was crushed to death between cars while making a coupling at Meadow Grove. There have been more applications for space at the Geneva fair than in any previous year in its history. An order bringing about a general increase in rural postal carriers' salaries has been received at the Lincoln postoffice.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the building and most of the stock of the Bennetson Furniture company at Grand Island. More than 300 people who had registered in Colfax county over twenty-five years were at the old settlers' picnic at Howells.

Tecumseh is facing a water famine. The new well is not giving the supply that was expected. The city will have to dig more wells. The board of education has promoted Prof. Earl Lantz, a Kearney boy, by electing him to the position of principal of the city schools.

The decorations caught fire when a flash light picture was taken of floral hall at the Stanton county fair, and the exhibits were a total loss. The Masonic temple at Havelock is nearing completion and will be ready for occupancy about October 1. The building will cost about \$15,000.

Garrett Stock is at a hospital in Fremont suffering from a severe case of blood poisoning resulting from scratches from raspberry thorns. A farmers' elevator company has been formed at Creston, and the old Trans-Mississippi Grain company property bought by the new corporation.

Arthur, the sixteen-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Johnson of Wyoming, was drowned in Indian creek, two miles west of that place, while bathing with companions. Twenty-six carloads of Scribner citizens headed by the Dodge band made a run to Dodge county towns through the mud for the purpose of advertising the Scribner stock show.

Paul Witulski was probably fatally hurt in a runaway near Beatrice. He was thrown against the sickle bar of a mowing machine and was terribly cut about the head and neck. R. H. Starker, who has been physical director for the York Young Men's Christian association, has accepted a like position with the Young Men's Christian association of Muscatine, Iowa.

Continued dry, windy weather has been very bad on the late corn and that which has not been well tended around Oxford. Fall plowing has been delayed because the ground is too dry to permit plowing.

E. M. Jenkins, of Kenesaw, 91 years old, a veteran who saw Abraham Lincoln nominated in 1860 for the presidency of the United States, attended the unveiling exercises of the new \$30,000 monument at Lincoln.

Because automobile boosting trade trips have grown common and of little value on that account, the Fremont commercial club has decided to have no more of them. Instead, the club will get up parties who will visit the stock shows and county fairs at surrounding towns.

Two small boys, sons respectively of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Bliven and Charles Schuman, both of South Sioux City, by mistake consumed a portion of washing powder under the impression that the stuff was sugar. Both children were seized with convulsions, but are now said to be out of danger.

After serving twenty-six years as a member of the paid Lincoln fire department, Engineer Frederick S. Stretton was retired at midnight Saturday on a pension. No fireman in Lincoln is better known than Fred Stretton, for in season and out he has been at every important fire for over a quarter of a century.

The apple crop of Richardson, Otoe, Nemaha, Johnson and Pawnee counties is going to be the heaviest in years. The high wind and dashing rain of Saturday afternoon did some damage to partly constructed tents and stands at the state fair grounds, but no serious damage to permanent structures or to exhibits.

Colonel J. W. Flanders of Lyons has discovered a remedy for hog cholera and a preventive for the same which he proposes to sell to the general government for \$75,000 so it can be distributed free to the people. A little son of N. P. Trout at Lyons ran a stick with which he was playing into his mouth, inflicting a bad wound.

The board of trustees of the Franklin academy has elected Benjamin H. Groves of Superior to be assistant principal. He is a graduate of the Nebraska university and is a teacher of experience. The gas tank for the large soda fountain of the Creston pharmacy blew up while Mr. Ewing, the owner of the store, and the fountain attendant, Walter Davis, were recharging the tank from a supply tank. The explosion was heard all over town.

Miss Beulah Rader, formerly athletic instructor in the Peru normal, has been elected principal of the Jansen schools. Fairbury is experimenting with oiling some of the streets in the business district, using the coal tar refuse from the gas plant, which seems to make a satisfactory material for laying the dust.

The Fremont postoffice, which has been on a semi-open basis for a year past, will be closed up tight and not a single piece of incoming mail will be distributed by orders from the department.

## HAS MONEY IN BANK

### GOSSIP FROM STATE CAPITAL

Items of Interest Gathered from Reliable Sources and Presented in Condensed Form to Our Readers.

Two hundred and eleven banks in 167 towns of the state held state money on deposit at the close of business August 31, according to the state treasurer's report. The total represented in all of the banks was \$674,178.48, of which the Stock Yards National bank of South Omaha held \$67,463.67. The City National of Omaha is next with \$40,000, while the First National bank of Lincoln is third with deposits aggregating \$23,014. The National Bank of Commerce of Lincoln stands fourth in the list with deposits amounting to \$22,423.

### Wanted to Be Sent Home.

The question as to whether or not a blind and needy old man should be furnished transportation to another city or state, when no assurance is given that he will be cared for upon his arrival, again confronted the officers of the charity organization when John Kent called to secure enough money to land him in Kansas City. Secretary Prevey was unwilling to grant the demand until after he had received word from Kansas City that the man would be cared for. Kent waited around the office for a few days, and then, becoming impatient, left on his own accord. He expressed himself as satisfied with the treatment accorded him during his stay, but was indignant that the society would not send him home.

### Auto Fees Go to County.

An apparent conflict in the statutes of Nebraska, wherein one section provides that registration fees for automobiles shall be paid to the county treasurer in the county where the auto owner lives, and another provides that payment shall be made to the secretary of state in case of transfer of ownership, has been ruled upon by Attorney General Martin. He holds that the fees must be paid to the county treasurer and that in case of transfer of ownership the owner must present the county treasurer's receipt to the secretary of state and the latter will register the machine without pay.

### Receive Maine Relic.

Adjutant General Phelps of the national guard has received a powder tank, about three feet long and nine inches in diameter, which was on the battleship Maine and which, until that vessel was raised from Havana harbor recently, has been immersed in Cuban waters since 1898. The relic was sent from the navy yards near the national capital and will be presented to the local camp of the Spanish-American war veterans.

### Glanders in Nebraska.

Cases of glanders have already been discovered at Walthill and at Cody in this state. A preliminary investigation has been made by the state veterinarian's department and steps have been taken to eliminate all traces of the disease. In other parts of the state where cases have been reported in the past year, the disease appears to have been successfully stamped out as no new cases have been reported.

### Want Live Stock Sanitary Board.

Stockmen of the state and others interested in the growth and development of the stockraising industry are starting an agitation looking to the creation of a livestock sanitary board or some such body to have charge on behalf of the state of the fight against diseases which are causing losses to the extent of hundreds of thousands of dollars each year.

### State Laboratory Robbed.

Laboratory thieves made their appearance in Lincoln Tuesday, when by a clever scheme they managed to get away with something like \$250 worth of platinum from the pure food commission laboratory at the state house. The loss was not discovered until Thursday by Chemist Redfern of the department.

### Norfolk, now has a population of 7,368, according to an estimate based on a new city directory just issued.

The board of regents of the state university have decided to draft a letter to the Omaha Steel Structural company, denying the charges preferred by the company against President C. S. Allen of the board, and stating the full board's attitude on the matter and the results of the investigation. Some time ago the Omaha firm filed with the board a petition in which statements were made reflecting on the official integrity of President Allen. The controversy grew out of the letting of the contracts for the college of law building.

### Ask for Homestead Information.

Scores of letters asking for information as to homestead land to be obtained in this state have been coming in to the labor commissioner's office for the past several days. Most of the letters are from out of the state, although some of the requests come from the larger cities of Nebraska. Labor Commissioner Guye is now in Chicago from which place he will leave in a few days with a trainload of homeseekers who will look over the state in an effort to find suitable land for settlement.