

Brief Telegrams

More than thirty-one thousand five hundred persons paid for admission to Shakespeare's birthplace last year.

William B. McKinley of Champaign was nominated for congress by the republican convention of the Nineteenth Illinois district.

General Sherman Bell claims to have evidence which will hang from thirty to forty men for recent dynamite outrages in Colorado.

Joseph Farr of Richmond, Mo., shot and killed his son-in-law, Charles Reburn, with a shotgun near Reburn's home, and then surrendered to the sheriff.

"We were all treated like dogs and were glad to get away," was the remark of the South African constabulary who recently returned to Halifax, Nova Scotia.

The state charter board of Kansas refused to grant a license to do business in Kansas to the Kansas Natural Gas company, a corporation organized under the laws of Delaware.

The island of Nordstrand, the only portion of once fertile North Friesland, which is as yet unreclaimed, is now to be saved from the sea by the construction of a large dyke.

The secretary of the interior has withdrawn 115,000 acres of land from settlement in the Buffalo and Lander districts in Wyoming on account of the Shoshone irrigation project.

The joint army and navy board has postponed until next fall the consideration of the question of control of wireless telegraph systems operating on the coasts of the United States.

Superintendent Melville, the head of Scotland Yard, has retired after a service of over thirty-one years. On the occasion recently he was presented with an address and a check for over \$10,000.

A contract was let at St. Paul, Minn., to a Tacoma, Wash., firm for the erection at Tacoma of a \$75,000 hospital building for the Northern Pacific railroad employes' beneficial association.

Dr. Eugenia Metzger of Kansas City has just received an appointment to the woman's table for research work at the zoological station at Naples and will sail from New York city the last of this month.

The Court of Pardons, at Trenton, N. J., refused to commute to life imprisonment the sentence of Anna Valentine, who is to be hanged in Bergen county on June 15 for stabbing Rosa Salza, at Lodi.

Samuel M. Burbank of Arizona, a dry goods merchant, attempted kill himself by cutting his throat in a law office in New York city. He is now a prisoner in a hospital, charged with attempted suicide.

On a tombstone at the head of a grave in one of the dog cemeteries in Paris is this inscription to the memory of a brave St. Bernard: "He saved the lives of forty persons and was killed by the forty-first."

Locked in each others embrace, the dead bodies of three young men were taken from the dam at Mutual No. 4 plant of the H. C. Frick Coke company, Mount Pleasant township, near Greensburg, Pa. Two went in bathing, and beyond their depth, not being able to swim. The third attempted rescue.

The "potato king" of America is Junius C. Grove, a negro, who has farms in the best section of Kansas, and whose credit is good for \$100,000 at the banks any day. Booker T. Washington tells the interesting story of the success of this man and his wife, for they began the triumphal march together without a dollar.

The executive board of the World's fair has announced the official figures for May as follows: Paid admissions, 542,028; admissions by pass, not counting workmen's passes, 459,263, making a total of 1,001,291 persons attending the exposition in May. The number of workmen admitted has not been given out and cannot be learned.

Assistant Controller Mitchell, in a decision reversing the auditor of the War department, holds that the removal to their homes of the remains of officers and soldiers who may die in military camps or at other places while on duty, is to be done at government expense, the same as if death should occur in the Philippines or Alaska.

The death recently of Jerome Shavehead, a member of the Sioux tribe of Indians of North Dakota, removed a valuable friend of the government and an example of the best sort of educated Indian. The son of a tribal policeman, who had in his day assisted in the capture of Sitting Bull, Jerome was educated at Hampton, Va.

The State department has applied to the Mexican government for the extradition of Samuel V. Fulkerson, who is wanted in El Paso, Tex., on a charge of embezzlement of public money while acting in the capacity of assistant to the collector of customs at that place.

John L. McAtee, associate justice of Oklahoma, from 1894 to 1902, died in Chicago.

Chinese report that battle was fought on June 9 within seven miles of the inner fortifications of Port Arthur.

JAPS WIN BATTLE

RUSSIAN HOPE OF RELIEVING PORT ARTHUR VANISHES.

GZARS FORCES ARE DEFEATED

Japanese Capture Prisoners and Take Fourteen Guns—Russians Charged with Having Displayed Japanese Flag to Deceive Their Adversaries.

TOKIO—The Russian hope of relieving the pressure on Port Arthur by threatening the rear of General Oku, the commander of the Japanese forces investing the Russian stronghold, came to an end at Telissu, a point on the railroad fifty miles north of Kin Chou and twenty-five miles north of Vafangow, when the Russians were outmaneuvered, enveloped and sweepingly defeated. They left over 100 dead on the field and the Japanese captured 300 prisoners and fourteen quick-firing field guns. The Russians retreated hastily to the northward.

The Japanese charge that the Russians violated the Japanese flag. Certain officers aver that during the fighting a body of Russian soldiers appeared carrying a Japanese flag and that the Japanese artillery, deceived by this flag, ceased firing upon that particular body of Russians. Official dispatches from the Japanese commanders made specific charges of this flag violation.

Early estimates of the Japanese loss say that 500 men were killed or wounded. The Japanese attacking force was divided into right and left columns and began the advance on Tuesday along both sides of the railroad. They encountered the Russians east of Vafandien and drove them back. At a late hour in the afternoon the Russians held a line between Lung Wang Tiso and Tafang Shen. The Japanese artillery opened on this line and the Russians responded.

The shelling continued for two hours and it was followed by the advance of the Japanese line to a position extending from Lung Chia Tung to Yuhotun. Darkness put an end to the fighting. The Japanese dispatched a column to the westward toward Fuchau for the purpose of covering the Russian right wing and to protect their left and rear.

During the night it became apparent that the Russians were being reinforced and it was decided to make a general attack in the morning and force the Russians into a defile back of Telissu. When morning came it was discovered that the Russians held a line extending from Ta Fang Shen to Cheng Tzu Shan with a force estimated at over two divisions.

The Japanese commander makes no estimate of the Russian losses, but says they probably were great. Among the Russians captured by the Japanese is the colonel of the Fourth regiment of rifles.

The Japanese planned to envelop the Russians near Telissu and they succeeded admirably. While the main Japanese force was moving north along the railroad columns were swung to the left and to the right and finally converged at noon on the main Russian position. The Russians in this position were at a disadvantage, but they held it with determination until 3 o'clock in the afternoon. At this hour they were routed. The Japanese cavalry continued to pursue the enemy and probably inflicted considerable punishment.

WILL FERRET OUT CRIME.

Teller County Sets Aside Fund for Investigation.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo.—Determined to bring to justice, if possible, every person implicated in the Independence dynamite explosion, the county commissioners have appropriated \$10,000 for the services of a special prosecutor and to furnish other assistance necessary. Samuel D. Crump, attorney for the Mine Owners' association, has been engaged as special prosecutor.

The situation in the district is quiet. Deportations are now being made on the regular trains, and of these persons it is required only to get out of Teller county.

Lost at St. Louis Fair.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—Two mysterious disappearances have been reported at the Iowa building at the World's fair. The police have been notified and are now searching for the missing persons. Both are men. One is Dr. Fisher of Yale, Ia., who has not been seen since Tuesday morning. His wife is distracted. The other disappearance is that of Captain Randolph Stry. He is 75 years of age and disappeared Wednesday afternoon from the Palace of Agriculture.

Bids on Bonds.

LINCOLN, Neb.—The state board of educational lands and funds will advertise for \$100,000 of state bonds to be purchased for the investment of the permanent school funds.

Fast Passenger Held Up.

BUTTE, Mont.—The North Coast Limited, the finest train on the Northern Pacific, was held up one mile east of Bear Mouth, the scene of last year's holdup of the same train, when Engineer O'Neill was killed. Three explosions of dynamite on the express car completely demolished the car, as far as reports are obtainable. The engineer was killed in the fight with the robbers. The rear brakeman was sent back to Bear Mouth, conveying word of the holdup. A special was sent out from Mistula.

PEABODY SAYS WAR IS OVER.

Denies the Statement Issued by the Miners' Federation.

DENVER, Colo.—"I think the war is nearly over," said Governor Peabody Monday. "I have news from General Bell that the Cripple Creek mines are open and running today and there is comparatively little disaffection among the men. There is no news of further trouble or any likelihood of any."

"I don't know how many more men will be deported or whether any will be. I have heard nothing on this point."

"I learn from Captain Bulkeley Wells of Telluride that the union men there concede that their cause is lost and those of them who are acceptable to the mine owners are at work again. One hundred and fifty capable men, whether union or non-union, have been invited to go to work and the invitation will be speedily accepted."

"In Silverton and Ouray peace reigns. The troops have all been ordered from Las Animas county and only Major Hill remains to look after the closing up of the details of the campaign."

Governor Peabody sent the following reply to a message he received from the Industrial council of Kansas City, condemning his action:

"The fact that your council indorses the assassins, train wrecking and dynamiting by the lawless element in the Cripple Creek district but proves the necessity for my present action in suppressing all such from the soil of Colorado. Become wise before you attempt to teach."

KNOX MAY QUIT THE CABINET.

Stated at Washington that He Will Be Succeeded by Secretary Moody.

WASHINGTON—Although the attorney general refuses either to deny or to affirm the statement it is learned from a high source that it is his intention to retire from the cabinet within the next few days, or as soon as his appointment as United States senator from the state of Pennsylvania shall be received from Governor Pennypacker. He will be succeeded by Mr. Moody, the present secretary of the navy. It is said that after a conference with the president Attorney General Knox concluded that his action in retiring at once from the Department of Justice would be in accordance with the spirit of the constitution, which provides that each state shall have two senators and empowers the governor to appoint in case of vacancy.

BRYAN TO SPEAK IN GOTHAM.

To Deliver Principal Address at Anti-Parker Meeting.

NEW YORK—W. J. Bryan, it is announced, will be the principal speaker at the convention of New York democrats opposing the nomination of Judge Parker and which will be held in Cooper Union June 20. Frederick W. Hinrichs of Brooklyn, who was the financial candidate for comptroller in the last municipal campaign, and who in 1896 was the candidate for lieutenant governor on the Palmer and Buckner ticket, also will speak. The convention was originally called to meet June 18, but the date was changed to June 20 in order that Mr. Bryan might be able to attend.

To Extend Road to Pacific.

MEXICO CITY.—If the plans of the Chihuahua & Pacific railroad are not impossible of completion by reason of the ruggedness of the country from the Sierra Madre to the Pacific coast the road will be extended to the west coast in the direction northeast from Guerrero, Chihuahua and crossing the great divide at Temosachic. This statement is authorized by William K. Ryan of the New York firm of Ryan & Dudley, who are building the extension from Minaca to Temosachic.

Pay of Officers on the Isthmus.

WASHINGTON—Secretary Taft on Monday decided that army officers serving on the Isthmus of Panama in the construction work of the canal shall receive 50 per cent additional from the canal commission over the pay they are entitled to under the law. In many cases this is not satisfactory to the officers, and it has been suggested that men serving in independent position, should receive such compensation as would be paid civilians doing the same character of work.

Bridge Arbitrary at Issue.

CHICAGO—Merchants from Omaha and Council Bluffs conferred in Chicago with executive officers of the Chicago-Council Bluffs roads concerning freight rates from those points to places in Iowa. The question at issue is the bridge arbitrary, which the Bluffs men insist shall be enforced to Iowa points. The officials told them to file written statements within ten days.

Reserves Are Called Out.

ST. PETERSBURG—The calling out of the reserves in several districts was announced today. It foreshadows the dispatch of four Volga corps, which was predicted in these dispatches a month ago. The latter would give General Kuropatkin 200,000 more men.

Japanese Sink More Mines.

LONDON—A dispatch to the Central News from Tokio says that white flotillas of torpedo boat destroyers and torpedo boats were supporting the military bombardment of the forts at Saoping Tao (on the Kwan Tung peninsula, between Port Arthur and Port Dalny). Tuesday morning, the Russian protected cruiser Novik and ten torpedo boat destroyers made a sortie from Port Arthur. The Japanese warships retired, unsuccessfully endeavoring to lure the Russians into the open sea.

SIX HUNDRED DIE

CHICAGO HORROR RIVALED BY BURNING OF A BOAT.

EXCURSION STEAMER IN FLAMES

Loaded with Women and Children on a Sunday School Outing—Disaster Occurs on the East River at New York City.

NEW YORK—One of the most appalling disasters in the history of New York tragic in its intensity, dramatic in its episodes, and deeply pathetic in the tender age of most of its victims, took place today in the East river, within a short distance of the New York shore and within sight of thousands of persons, the majority of whom were powerless to minimize the extent of the catastrophe.

By the burning to the water's edge of the General Slocum, a three-decked excursion steamer, the largest in these waters, more than 600 persons, the majority of whom were women and children, were burned to death or drowned by jumping overboard or by being thrown into the whirlpools by the lurching of the vessel and the frantic rush of the panic-stricken passengers.

Approximately 483 bodies have been recovered and are now being tagged at the morgues of Bellevue hospital and Harlem. Divers were still busy at a late hour taking bodies from the hold of the vessel, which they say is choked with the remains of human beings, while the bodies of scores who leaped or were thrown into the river had been recovered.

It is the season of Sunday school excursions in New York bay and the Long Island sound, the latter one of the most picturesque bodies of water in the country.

Great preparations had been made for the seventeenth annual Sunday school excursion of St. Mark's German Lutheran church, the congregation of which is drawn from the dense population of the lower East and West Side, and the General Slocum had been chartered to carry the excursionists to Locust Grove, one of the many resorts on Long Island sound.

It is variously estimated that there were between 1,500 and 2,000 persons on the General Slocum when it left the pier at Third street, East river, though the Knickerbocker Steamship company, which owns the Slocum, officially states that the number of passengers was 873, that being only one-third of the vessel's capacity. It is thought, however, that there were several hundred children in arms, for whom fares are not usually charged on these trips.

On board the decks of the steamer as it passed up East river the scene was one of merry-making. A mass of flags fluttered in the June breezes, the bands were playing and the children were singing, dancing and waving handkerchiefs and flags in answer to the salutations of those on shore or from passing steamers.

At the extreme eastern end of Randall's island, off One Hundred and Thirty-fifth street, there is a stretch of water known as the Sunken Meadows.

At this point, just as the crowds were watching the gaily decorated steamer from the shore, the General Slocum took fire, and as the age of the vessel (it was built in 1891) had resulted in the well seasoning of the wood, with which it was almost entirely built, it was soon a mass of flame. The fire is said to have broken out in a luncheon on the forward deck through the overturning of a pot of grease. The wind was high and all efforts to subdue the fire were futile.

The Death List Grows.

NEW YORK—With unceasing effort search is going on for the bodies of those who perished on the General Slocum. What the list of victims will total scarce any one dare venture a guess, but whatever the number may be there is hardly a parallel in the history of disasters where death came to so many in so brief a period of time.

Police and health department officials have placed the number at a figure as high as 1,000 and more, but it would seem that the maximum fatality will not largely exceed 700.

All day long, from sunrise until darkness, shut off even the melancholy satisfaction of watching for the dead, anxious searchers kept up their vigilance and at dusk there had been recovered 536 bodies, for the greater part women and children.

Russians Suffer Reverse.

LONDON.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Morning Post telegraphs, under date of June 8: "General Stakeburg's Russian brigade, marching in the direction of Port Arthur, suffered a reverse on Saturday near Wafangtun and retired to Tashichiao."

Parker Leads in Mississippi.

JACKSON, Miss.—The democratic state convention to name delegates to the national convention at St. Louis meets here Wednesday. There are 268 votes in the state convention and the indications tonight are that Parker will come to the convention with a majority of the vote instructed for him. One hundred and thirty-five is a majority, and he has 127 instructed votes with half a dozen more counties yet to act. John Sharp Williams will likely be the permanent chairman of the convention.

NEWS IN NEBRASKA

MANY ARE LOOKING FOR LAND.

O'Neil Land Office Has Many Applicants for Big Homesteads.

O'NEILL—Inquiry at the local land office brings out the fact that from twenty to thirty strangers are visiting this place daily in search of homesteads. Many persons are filing on 160 acres under the impression that when the Kinkaid bill takes effect on June 28, that they can then take three more quarters and some under the impression that such a filing now will give the applicants a preference right to adjoining land. It is certain that such a filing made now will not give any preference right to adjoining land, but it is believed by some well informed persons here that such an applicant may on June 28 make application to amend his original entry and that if such an application is made before another filing is made on the land desired in the amended application, and there would be a possibility of the entry as amended being allowed to stand. Judge Kinkaid is taking an active interest in looking after the rights of the settlers in his district and hopes to have such a construction put upon the law. The judge received word from Washington that the filing fee on 640 acres will be \$14, the same amount as heretofore charged for 160 acres. There is yet an open question regarding the rights of those who have homesteads and have not made proof, where there is no vacant land adjoining, being able to take three quarters not adjoining, but the judge is making an effort to get a liberal construction which will permit such filings. Such a provision was in the judge's original bill in plain words and it is believed that the bill as passed will be construed to permit taking land in this manner. The last congress also passed a bill allowing persons who have taken homesteads and have abandoned or relinquished their former entries to take another homestead.

BONESTEEL IS ON THE BOOM.

Hundreds of Prospective Homesteaders Camping Out.

NORFOLK—Within the last ten days the town of Bonesteel, the terminal of the Northwestern branch which runs out of Norfolk, has practically doubled in size. From a village of hardly 400 people eight weeks ago it has developed into a little city of 6,000 today. Everywhere in Bonesteel is to be heard the constant rapping of the carpenter's hammer. The lumber yards are busy and the drymen are on the jump, getting new stock settled. Out around the town, stretched for a mile or so, are innumerable white tents wherein bunk hundreds of prospective homesteaders who have got in ahead of the rush. Women of Bonesteel have made preparations for the reception of the incoming throng of women who will want to take chances at the free home business.

Northwestern officials in Norfolk have ordered all general agents of the company to make no arrangement this year whatever for Fourth of July special trains, as every car with wheels on will be required for use on the national day for the transportation of the Rosebud rush. Registration begins at Fairfax, Bonesteel, Yankton and Chamberlain on July 5 and continues till July 23.

Found Dead in Saddle.

HAY SPRINGS—During a severe rain and thunderstorm Sam Lane, a ranchman and farmer living eight miles west of here, was killed by lightning. Mr. Lane was a horseback, riding his fences when the storm came up, and he and the horse were instantly killed and he was found shortly afterward sitting in the saddle.

Dr. Lang Is Dead.

YORK—A special from Pawtucket, Rhode Island, announcing the death of Mr. B. F. Lang was received here by friends of the doctor. He was a resident of this city for some time and was appointed superintendent of the home for feeble minded at Beatrice from this city.

Values in Gage County.

BEATRICE—According to the assessors' books the total estimated assessed valuation of personal property in Beatrice for 1904 is about \$350,000 as against \$206,000 for 1903. The total assessed valuation of the county for the year is \$8,400,000 as against \$5,300,000 for 1903.

Cow Has Tuberculosis.

State Veterinarian Thomas was called out in Lincoln county to examine a sick cow, and discovered the animal was afflicted with tuberculosis and had her shot. It is not known how long the cow had been afflicted though one family had been using her milk for about four years.

What a Fish Swallowed.

SEWARD—Among quantities of fish caught from the Blue river last week was one that was observed to have a peculiar pouch beneath its mouth. On opening this four ten-penny nails and a 1-cent piece, coined in 1880, were discovered.

Rushville

QUARTERMASTER Crowder rode into Rushville from Bordeaux and reported that a man named Lane, who lives ten miles northwest of Hay Springs, was killed by lightning while chopping wood in the yard.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

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The grand jury of Douglas county, after thirty-three days of deliberation, reported to the court and was discharged. It returned thirty-six indictments, sixteen of which were submitted with the final report.

The large three-story warehouse of the Black Bros. Milling company at Beatrice was partly destroyed by fire. About 10,000 sacks of flour were stored in the building, all of which was ruined by the water and smoke.

The committee in charge has decided to hold the Southwestern Log Rolling association meeting this year at McCook. The affair will last several days and is expected to bring several thousand people to that city.

Fred Flaska and Albert Brehm were brought to Beatrice from Wymore by Marshal Acton and lodged in the county jail on the charge of assaulting a Bohemian named Laka with intent to kill. They were bound over at Wymore to district court in bonds of \$1,000 each.

The auditor's office issued a certificate to the Bankers' Union of the World of Omaha and the fraternal order now has the privilege of conducting its business in the state. The certificate states that it was issued at the behest of the supreme court. The injunction against the Bankers' Union has been dissolved by the supreme court.

Prof. W. W. Cook of the University of Nebraska College of Law has resigned his position and will accept a professorship of law in the University of Missouri. Lighter work and a substantial increase in salary are the inducements which have caused Prof. Cook to leave Nebraska. The State university loses a strong man of high scholarship.

Six months in jail and a fine of \$100 was awarded to Charles H. Wilson by Judge Holmes at Lincoln. Wilson is the man who beguiled Mrs. Anna Endres a widow of Des Moines, Ia., into coming with her children to Lincoln under promise of marriage. After living with her until he had used up all her money he drove her from the house with blows and curses.

A farmer by the name of Rhinehart, living six miles northeast of Fremont, showed symptoms of insanity in an attempt to kill his children. Mrs. Rhinehart, seeing that there was danger and that the man was deranged, left him and took the children to the house of a neighbor. Since then he attempted to take his life by cutting his throat. He is not likely to live.

At Clear Lake, about twenty-five miles southwest of Ainsworth, Frank Clapper, the 15-year-old son of Frank Clapper, Sr., with a lot of other friends was at the lake fishing and started to swim the lake where it is about 200 yards wide. He got within thirty feet of the opposite shore when he sank to rise no more in about seven feet of water. The body was recovered.

The supreme court has held that the evidence in the case in which John Fickenscher received a judgment against the Union Pacific Railroad company for \$1,175 for injuries received in a prairie fire alleged to have been started by a spark from an engine belonging to the company was not sufficient to sustain the verdict and therefore the decision of the lower court was reversed.

Considerable curiosity has been manifested regarding the identity of the mysterious "John Doe" who subscribed \$5,000 toward the Omaha auditorium building fund, at a time when the auditorium company was very much in need of money. It develops that it was the Burlington railroad.

The supreme court in the case of the Aachen and Muenchen Fire Insurance company against the city of Omaha decided that it has no original jurisdiction because municipal revenue is not included within the scope of the term revenue as used in the state constitution. The court holds that the constitution gives original jurisdiction in cases involving the state revenues only and not municipal taxes.

Word has been received in Grand Island of the death of Mrs. Joseph Smith of Columbus, O., and her burial at Toledo. She is the wife of Joseph Smith, ex-policeman, who made a record against crooks in that section, later received a position as special officer of the Wheeling & Lake Erie, and is at present chief of the detectives of the Hocking Valley road. Mrs. Smith met her death by falling down a cellar way.

A committee of farmers met at Greeley for the purpose of talking over the advisability of operating an elevator at that point on the cooperative plan. Considerable interest was manifested and a meeting is called for the 15th.

An excursion for members of the Commercial club of Omaha has been arranged via the Union Pacific, which will run as far west as Sidney. The object of the trip is to permit business men of that city to become acquainted with the dealers in the towns and cities along the line.