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BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA

Columbia's new national anthem: "I don't want to play in your yard."

The last new thing in words is "syzgy." Sounds like a Hungarian melody.

Very likely a flying machine that cost only \$10 would fly just as well as any other kind.

Perhaps we have all been unjust to Uncle Russell Sage. Maybe he can't afford to take a vacation.

Also it is remembered that the Yale-Harvard teams are not by any means the pick of our college athletes.

No tears will be shed over the wounds of those Spaniards who were hurt while goading a bull and a tiger to fight.

The czar doesn't play poker anyway, but even if he did, you couldn't persuade him that four of a kind beats one heir.

That New York woman who swore that her husband had beaten her 1,040 times certainly has a striking talent for figures.

The Savannah Press says that "he who plants a tree plants love." Love unfortunately happens to be a plant of slow growth.

Heinz, the Montana copper king, has been sued for \$5,750,000. Even the well-to-do are not exempt from petty annoyances.

New York is to have a liquor show. Evidently that town has given up all hopes of ever being able to capture a prohibition convention.

Even if Oom Paul Kruger did leave a fortune of \$5,000,000 to the lucky Eloff family, he was nevertheless an object for universal sympathy.

How time flies! In a month or so all the little George Dewey Smiths and George Dewey Browns will be celebrating their sixth birthdays.

A freak of fashion has made calico gowns the popular thing; but a lot of pessimistic married men fear that the situation is too satisfactory to last.

That Eastern professor who says we all eat too much doubtless has an assured income and a good appetite. Or perhaps he's keeping his wife's folks.

In three months the railroads of the United States have killed nearly 1,000 persons. Traveling is becoming almost as dangerous as celebrating the Fourth.

A new invention known as the tele-cryptograph reproduces in print conversations over the telephone. A good many of 'em will have to be barred from the mails.

Kuroki and Kuropatkin may be merely holding off the big battle till they can find some place with a wholly new and unpronounceable name to fight it in.

The people who hoped for a national theater are disappointed to discover that Mr. Carnegie is not out on a feverish chase for any project that is susceptible of endowment.

The evangelists who are laboring for the moral and spiritual advancement of New York city point hopefully to the circumstances that the 400 have been reduced to 200.

Those of us who aren't in the least alarmed by the reports of counterfeit \$100 notes begin to prick up our ears when we read that bogus quarters and half-dollars are in circulation.

The American Domestic League claims that it turns out fine cooks. Send their addresses along. This is not one of those cases where you should "hide your light under a bushel."

It is just beginning to dawn on Korea that the Japanese are like other philanthropists—willing that the Koreans should have what is left of their own country after Japan has had what it wants.

The Chicago bridegroom who at the altar said "No!" and then fled will probably find a variation in his case of the old proverb, that he who courts and runs away will go to court some other day.

Brazil and Peru threaten to settle a dispute by war. They had better wait until Japan settles her controversy with Russia. If they start up their performance now they will play to empty benches.

Gabriele d'Annunzio, the Italian dramatist, replies to all requests for his autograph that he will be delighted to furnish it, but only upon a copy of his works. Sig. d'Annunzio clearly possesses more than one kind of genius.

The new Duchess of Roxburgh is reported to be winning golden opinions in England on account of her contributions to charities. Evidently she has found that purchasing a dukedom is not enough to get one into the choicest circle of society.

ALL ARE ANXIOUS

NOTHING HEARD FROM THE PORT ARTHUR SQUADRON.

FIGHTING RUMORS CONFLICTING

Russians at Port Arthur Said to Be Short of Ammunition—Another Story Afloat that the Port Has Fallen.

LONDON—Rumors that Port Arthur has fallen are again current, but apparently there is no further warrant for them than on previous occasions. It is regarded as impossible that Port Arthur can hold out much longer, but there is no further news either concerning the fortress or the fate of the Port Arthur squadron beyond, the statement from Chee Foo that the protected cruisers Askoid and Novik have entered the port of Kianchau, which is German leased territory.

According to the Chee Foo correspondent of the Telegram the Japs tried to blow up the Russian torpedo boat destroyer Rishiteln and her crew had to swim for their lives. The same correspondent states that Lieutenant General Stoessel, the commander of the military forces at Port Arthur, personally commanded the forces in the fight for the possession of the Taku mountain, which was accompanied by fearful carnage. The correspondent adds:

"The Russians are short of ammunition and the garrison is excited by incessant fighting. If the Japanese continue their assaults with fresh troops the worst may happen."

CHEE FOO—According to the latest information obtainable the Russian squadron has not returned to Port Arthur.

On the night of August 9 heavy cannonading was heard at sea in the direction of Port Arthur. Advice from the fortress say that the Japanese bombarded the town, placing their batteries in dense kaolin fields, where they were effectively masked. The shells dropped mainly in the western basin, where the squadron was anchored. Many of the shells fell upon the battleship Retvizan, but no serious damage was done either to the town or the fleet. Later the forts got the range of the Japanese field batteries and drove them out from their shelter in the kaolin fields.

On the morning of August 10 the squadron put to sea, where heavy cannonading was heard for several hours. The result of the battle is not known and nothing definite has been learned regarding either squadron.

NO WORD FROM LEISHMAN YET.

State Department Has Heard Nothing From Minister.

WASHINGTON—The State department has heard nothing from Minister Leishman at Constantinople since last Monday, when he cabled that the port had promised to see that he received by today the sultan's answer to his representations touching the rights of American citizens in Turkey. If today's engagement is not kept the department probably will send additional instructions to Minister Leishman as soon as he officially reports the additional breach of faith. In that event he is expected to go to Smyrna to communicate personally with Admiral Jewell, commanding the European squadron, and perhaps to take up his quarters aboard the flagship Olympia, thus marking a diplomatic crisis.

FOREST FIRE IN NEWFOUNDLAND

St. Johns is Threatened and Blue Jackets Aid Citizens.

ST. JOHNS, N. F.—The ravages of forest fires along the outskirts of St. Johns continue and threaten the section in which the asylum for the insane, containing 200 patients, is situated. A force of police, with a detachment of blue jackets, from the cruiser Charybdis and the French warship Troude, have gone to the scene in an endeavor to prevent the fire from destroying the asylum and other buildings. The conflagration is so extensive that railroad trains are unable to penetrate the forest.

Lewis Nixon's Mysterious Trip.

ST. PETERSBURG—The Associated Press learns that Lewis Nixon of New York, who has been in St. Petersburg for several days, came here at the request of the Russian admiralty and that negotiations are progressing between the admiralty and Mr. Nixon, but whether for the sale of ships, machinery or what is not ascertainable. Mr. Nixon is going to Sebastopol Friday to confer with the commander of the Black sea fleet.

Stork Nearing the Palace.

ST. PETERSBURG—Dr. Rott, the imperial accoucheur, was hurriedly summoned to the Villa Alexander at Peterhof this afternoon and announcement thence is expected hourly.

Fierce Japanese Fire.

LIAO YANG—Detailed reports arriving at headquarters show that the right wing of the Japanese army had the hardest fighting during the battle of last Sunday. A sensational feature occurred at Chobai pass, ten miles from the Motien pass. A brigade constituting a center column raced with two Russian regiments for the possession of the summit commanding the Russian flank. The Japanese fired as they ascended, dislodging the Russians from the rocks and killing or wounding 1,000.

DIE IN A WRECK.

Lives on One Hundred Passengers Snuffed Out.

TO SINK OR SAVE

RUSSIA'S RIGHT TO DECIDE

ST. PETERSBURG—The Russian reply to Great Britain's representations on the subject of the British steamer, the Knight Commander, sunk by the Vladivostok squadron, while couched in the friendliest terms, does not recede from the Russian position as set forth in the prize regulations in regard to the exercise of the right to destroy neutral vessels carrying contraband in cases of emergency, reserving the question for discussion after the war.

At the same time Russia assures Great Britain that the extreme resource to sinking neutral vessels, as announced, will not be resorted to unless circumstances render it impossible to take them to a prize court.

Great Britain's proposal that the British steamer, the Allenton, captured June 16 by the Vladivostok squadron, be liberated upon the deposit of security, has not been accepted, Russia replying that the documents in this case are already on their way to St. Petersburg and will have to be submitted to the admiralty court before further action is taken.

Russia has formally notified the United States of the decision of the prize court in the case of the Portland and Asiatic line steamer, the Arabia, captured by the cruiser Gromobol, of the Vladivostok squadron, but the statement from Vladivostok on the subject leaves some doubt as to whether all the goods consigned to Japanese ports were declared contraband or only the flour and railroad material. The Russian government manifested a friendly disposition in suggesting its readiness to entertain an appeal.

The correspondent of the Associated Press learned later that nothing was confiscated in the cargo of the Arabia which was not designated as contraband in the Russian declaration.

The Russian reply in the case of the Knight Commander points out that the prize regulations under which Russia is acting were promulgated nine years ago, and that Great Britain did not enter a protest until after the present war began.

Word was received from the scene of the wreck at 5 o'clock that sixty bodies have been recovered and that no more are now in sight. The search continues and bodies will in all probability be taken out further down the stream, where they were washed and covered by the mud and sand.

JUDGE PARKER CALLED UPON.

Committee Notifies Him of His Nomination at St. Louis.

ESOPUS, N. Y.—The worst rain of the summer marked the advent of the day on which Judge Parker was to be notified of his nomination to the presidency by the democrats.

DEMOCRATS AND POPS. FUSE.

Both Parties Will Support the Same Ticket in Nebraska.

LINCOLN—The democrats and populists both held their state conventions here the same day. Each made nominations, the populists' convention naming five and the democratic three of the state officers, as follows:

- For Governor—GEORGE W. BERGE, populist, of Lincoln.
For Lieutenant Governor—DR. A. TOWNSEND, democrat, of Franklin county.
For State Treasurer—JOHN M. OSBORN, populist, of Pawnee county.
For Secretary of State—R. E. WATZKE, democrat, of Richardson county.
For Auditor—J. S. CANADAY, populist, of Kearney county.
For Attorney General—EDWARD WHALEN, democrat, of Holt county.
For Land Commissioner—A. A. WONSLEY, populist, of Boyd county.
For Superintendent of Public Instruction—ALBERT SOFTLEY, populist, of Perkins county.

Each party has a separate electoral ticket in the field and both presented platforms. The conventions were in session many hours, and for awhile it seemed as if harmonious action could not be had, but finally the two bodies got together and agreed upon candidates as above given.

T. H. Watson, populist nominee for president, was an attendant upon the populist proceedings.

Russia is More Lenient to Jews.

ST. PETERSBURG—As evidence of the increasing leniency for the Jews, the exclusion of Jews from the ranks of barristers, followed since 1889, is becoming less rigorous, and it is considered probable that a complete removal of the disabilities will result. The present restrictions have many drawbacks. The Jews, unable to become barristers, monopolize the posts of lawyers' office assistants and are gradually attracting most of the business to themselves, employing barristers to represent them in court.

Refrigerator Shop Burns.

ST. LOUIS—The repair shops of the American Refrigerator Transit company, including sixty-five refrigerator cars, were burned Tuesday, entailing a loss estimated at \$300,000, fully covered by insurance. The origin of the fire, which is not positively known, is supposed to have been from a spark of a passing engine. The cars destroyed were valued at \$1,000 each. In the building, which was a large one-story shell, there was considerable valuable machinery and tools, which were ruined.

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Fillmore county has a large peach crop. A new park is projected for West Point. The David City Chautauqua is proving a great success. A case of smallpox was reported at Virginia, Gage county. Dodge county has organized an anti-horse stealing association. Lincoln has commenced making preparations for Labor day. Seven persons were baptized in the Missouri river at Plattsmouth. The recent halibut min Lincoln county did much damage to crops. O. P. David is getting the Nemaha county exhibit ready for the state fair. The Auburn Canning company will commence work about the 10th of this month. The wheat yield in Johnson county this year will average ten bushels to the acre. Three thousand people were on the grounds at the opening of the Fremont Chautauqua in Fremont. The Otoe Poultry company is engaged in preparing a forty-acre tract upon which to raise chickens. Wayne people believe that they have one of the best towns in the state, both artistically and commercially. Two hundred and ten acres of unimproved land five miles northeast of Kearney was sold recently for ten thousand five hundred dollars, or an even fifty dollars an acre. From 1,500 to 2,000 people participated in the annual meeting and picnic of the Custer County Old Settlers' association at Broken Bow. J. W. Dryden of Kearney was orator of the day. Alma is to have an alfalfa meal factory, with a capacity of twenty-five tons a day. This is expected to increase the local demand for alfalfa to such an extent as to raise the value of alfalfa land in the vicinity. News was received to the effect that Charles Inscoot, a former employe of the Burlington shops in Plattsmouth, had one of his lower limbs blown off as a result of an explosion in the Union Pacific shops at Omaha. The barn of H. W. Shufeldt, a farmer residing two miles northeast of Friend, was burned. The building was well filled with hay and grain. The stock and tools therein were saved. Articles of Incorporation have been filed with the secretary of state by the San Jose Mining and Milling company of Albion and Los Angeles, Cal. The incorporators are Raymond A. Gardner and John P. McCullough of Albion. While plowing in a field, Ivan, son of A. U. Marshall of this county, rolled out a rattlesnake nest containing thirty-two eggs. He killed the old one, which had six rattles, and in the eggs he found little snakes about three inches long. Thomas Hattan, residing about six miles south of Edgar, fell dead while threshing wheat. He was in his usual health, and had been feeding the machine, and stepped down to get a drink of water, and while in the act of taking a drink dropped dead. M. Pellen, a packing house striker, and wife were struck by Union Pacific passenger train No. 11, the Colorado special, at a point about half a mile east of Avery, about three and a half miles south of South Omaha, and instantly killed. Both were quite aged people. Sixty men, neighbors of Gerhard Tleken of York county, are searching cornfields, straw stacks and out-of-the-way buildings hoping to find Tleken, whom the neighbors believe has lost his mind through the death of his wife and illness of his family. He has been missing for some time. The tenant house on H. E. Clark's farm, three miles northwest of Stella, burned. The house was occupied by John Jenkins. The fire caught from the kitchen fire. The secretary of the state banking board has authorized the Security State bank of Plainview, which is incorporated by M. D. Dutcher, J. M. Dutcher, W. M. Dutcher, J. D. Dutcher and R. E. Dutcher. The new bank has a capital stock of \$25,000 and the paid-up capital is \$15,000. Henry Rhodes, a resident of Hall county, south of Doniphan, attempted suicide by taking three teaspoonfuls of arsenic. He is 55 years of age and has a wife and two sons. He was formerly well to do, but recently had financial reverses, and took to drinking heavily, which is believed to have caused the despondency. Out of 300 people who registered for claims on the Rosebud drawing eleven Seward county people were winners. The highest number was 2199. Dr. John Anderson of Seward and James Mahoney of Germantown drew Nos. 682 and 483. At \$15 expense bill for the trip, Seward county spent \$4,500 trying for land for 300 individuals. Sheriff Moses of Bellefourche, S. D., left McCook with E. H. Yearsley and W. H. Moore, two young men wanted in Butte county, S. D., on the charge of stealing sixteen horses. They were arrested on the Yearsley farm in Frontier county, north of McCook. A gasoline stove exploded in Beatrice at the home of Mrs. Jacob Shaw, and her escape from serious if not fatal injury was somewhat remarkable, considering the fact that she is about 70 years of age. She was thrown across the room by the force of the explosion, but was not much injured.