

News in Brief

The prospective visit of Prince Henry of Prussia will furnish occasion for several high social events at Newport.

Alexander J. Cassatt finished his education at Heidelberg university at 20 years of age and joined a surveying party in Georgia.

The Carnegie Steel company has notified all the clerks in the South Sharon, Pa., office that after September 1 their services would not be required.

The sultan of Turkey has seventy-one titles and on the parchment containing them are the words, "As many more as may be desired can be added to this number."

Joseph W. Schaefer, aged 37, a World's fair visitor from Beaumont, Ark., was instantly killed while walking on the street car tracks near the exposition grounds.

Four more bodies of victims of the Denver & Rio Grande railway wreck were recovered and all identified. All of the eighty-eight bodies recovered have been identified.

Ray Fetterhaus of Chicago, who drew No. 232 in the Rosebud drawing, arrived just one day too late to make his filing and thereby lost a claim worth at least \$5,000.

At Everett, Wash., four trainmen were severely scalded as a result of the blowing out of a crown sheet on a locomotive hauling an extra Great Northern freight train.

Wayne McVeagh, formerly attorney general of the United States, has determined to make war upon automobile scorchers in the section of Pennsylvania where he lives.

It is said that Stephen W. Dorsey, ex-United States senator and at one time noted because of his connection with the star route frauds, has made up his mind to settle in New York.

Prof. W. F. King, chief astronomer for the Canadian government, is undertaking the resurvey of the Alaskan boundary in accordance with the recent award of the Alaskan commission.

"If the manner in which hardware merchants are ordering husking goods is an indication, Nebraska will have the biggest corn crop in its history this season," says a wholesale hardware man.

Lafayette W. Jones, a wealthy farmer living ten miles west of Plattsmouth, Mo., was shot and instantly killed by his 15-year-old son Hugh because he was not allowed to drive the family horse.

Miss Justine Ingersoll of New Haven, Conn., daughter of the late Governor Charles R. Ingersoll, has decided to erect a tombstone over her pet monkey "Jim," who hanged himself to a tree in her garden.

The South Dakota Millers' association is in session at Mitchell and from reports of members it is estimated that the wheat yield ranges from eight to fourteen bushels per acre. It is cut down largely by rust.

Consul Ruffin cables the state department from Asuncion that martial law has been declared in Paraguay. The forces of the revolutionists and the government have had a fight and considerable disorder prevails.

Advices received from Tabriz, Persia, state that on July 13 a band of Armenian revolutionists appeared near Outchklissa and that the Turkish soldiers, using this as an excuse, attacked and destroyed the city.

Secretary Shaw left Washington for Boston and from there he will go to Squirrel Island, on the Maine coast, for a brief visit with his family. Later in the week he will start on a tour of the northwest and the Pacific coast and will make speeches in Montana, Washington, Oregon, California, and probably in Utah and Colorado.

Don't think it is incumbent on you to make known just how you stand on income.

Acting Commissioner Fimple of the general land office has issued orders restoring to the public domain 319,500 acres of lands, constituting a part of the area which had been temporarily withdrawn from entry for the proposed Blue mountains forest reserve, Oregon, and 17,000 acres which had been similarly withdrawn for the proposed Wallowa forest reserve, Oregon.

The poor condition of the Pima Indians of the Gila river reservation in Arizona was the subject of a conference between President Roosevelt, Commissioner of Indian Affairs Jones and Rev. Thomas C. Moffett of Tucson, Arizona. The president has directed a fresh investigation regarding the Indians, whose crops are affected by the diversion from them of the waters of the Gila river.

According to an order issued by Postmaster General Payne large sales of postage stamps to purchasers who intend using them for mailing matter in other offices will not be taken into account in determining a postmaster's salary.

The republican state judicial convention of Missouri, held at Jefferson City, nominated Henry Lamm of Sedalia for supreme judge, Bert D. Norton of St. Louis for judge of the St. Louis court of appeals and James M. Johnson of St. Joseph for judge of the Kansas City court of appeals.

WAS HARD FIGHT

JAPS SAID TO HAVE BEEN SLAIN BY MYRIADS.

THEY, HOWEVER, GO FORWARD

Succeed in Capturing Important Positions on All Sides of Port Arthur—A Demand for Surrender of the Stronghold.

CHE FOO—A battle of huge proportions raged around Port Arthur August 14 and 15, and it was resumed August 17. The Japanese, it is reported, sacrificed 20,000 more men, but gained important advantages in the matter of position. The above news was brought here by junks, one of which, having on board three Russians concealed in the baggage of the Chinese to escape from the Japanese, left Port Arthur Wednesday night and was blown rapidly to Che Foo by a gale.

The main force of the attack was directed against the left wing and resulted in the capture of the Pigeon bay positions and some of the forts at Liaotai Shan. At Palun Chang the Japanese hastily mounted guns, which did excellent service in aiding the storming of the right wing, where the Japanese are said to have captured two forts of minor importance, mounting eight guns—two siege and six quick-firing.

The position that the Japanese occupy on the Liaotai Shan peninsula is not clear, but numerous Chinese sources aver that the Japanese have been seen in force in that section.

Apparently a crushing attack, originating at Louisa bay, swept through the Pigeon bay positions into the peninsula, in the doing of which a majority of the lives of the attacking force were sacrificed.

On the night of August 15 the battle lulled somewhat, when the Japanese sent the terms of surrender to Lieutenant General Stoessel. The terms declared that the garrison should march out with the honors of war and join General Kuropatkin; that all civilians be brought to a place designated by the Japanese admiral; that the Russian warships in the harbor and twelve or more torpedo boat destroyers and four gunboats be surrendered to the Japanese.

Lieutenant General Stoessel is alleged to have received the terms with a burst of wonderful profanity, his habitual taciturnity deserting him.

WATSON AND TIBBLES.

They Receive Official Notification of Their Nomination.

NEW YORK—Thomas E. Watson of Georgia, the people's party candidate for president, and Thomas H. Tibbles of Nebraska, vice presidential candidate, were formally notified of their nomination here Thursday night at Cooper Union. The big hall was crowded when, at 8 o'clock, the two candidates, accompanied by Alfred G. Boulton of Brooklyn, chairman of the meeting, appeared on the platform. There was much cheering. Chairman Boulton at once introduced General Samuel Williams of Indiana, who made a speech officially notifying the candidates of their selection.

G. A. R. PICKS LEADER.

General Wilmon Blackmar Elected Commander-in-Chief.

BOSTON, Mass.—General Wilmon W. Blackmar of this city was elected commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic by acclamation at the closing session of the national encampment Thursday, and Denver, Colo., was selected as the place for the encampment of 1905. The other national officers elected were:

Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief—John R. King, Washington.  
Junior Vice Commander—George W. Patton, Chattanooga, Tenn.  
Surgeon General—Dr. Warren R. King, Indianapolis.  
Chaplain-in-Chief—Rev. J. H. Bradford, Washington.

Uncle Sam's Cash.

WASHINGTON—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, \$149,389,269; gold, \$44,158,466.

Cloudburst in Arizona.

KINGMAN—Reports by telephone from Layne Springs, fourteen miles north of here, say that between 5 and 6 o'clock a cloudburst fell on Summit Cernab mountains, sending a flood of water fifteen feet down the canyons, carrying everything before it. At the Night Hawk mine a house was carried away and two men drowned. George M. Bowers, a well known mining man, escaped from the building, but was imprisoned in the tunnel of the mine and dug out by fellow miners.

Make Deed to the Island.

WASHINGTON—A mail report received at the navy department from Commander Underwood, the American naval governor at Tutuila, announces that the native chiefs of the island of Manua have acknowledged the sovereignty of the United States over that island. This they did in the form of a deed, which is enclosed with Commander Underwood's reports. The action is not regarded by officials here as a cessation of a governmental character, as the United States already owned the island of Manua.

MRS. MAYBRICK SENDS THANKS.

Protests Innocence and Prays for Time to Demonstrate.

LONDON.—The Daily Chronicle this morning publishes a three-column interview with Mrs. Florence Maybrick, mostly concerning her experiences during her life in prison. The interviewer describes Mrs. Maybrick as clear witted, outspoken, mildly robust and in no way shattered, either physically or mentally, though her face is drawn, as with grief and suffering.

Describing the arrangements for her release, Mrs. Maybrick said she could never hope to repay the debt of gratitude she owed Ambassador Choate, Henry White, secretary of the American embassy, and other kind friends, and she wished it known how good the officials of the American embassy had been to her. As a practical recognition of the fact that United States immigration officials regarded her as an American citizen, she said that Ambassador Choate provided a gentlemanly escort for her when she left Tientsin.

To the interviewer Mrs. Maybrick protested her innocence as firmly as she had done at the beginning, and said: "I am praying for the time when my innocence will be proved to the world."

She said she experienced nothing but kindness from the prison officials and spoke with deep gratitude of the late Lord Chief Justice Russell's efforts in her behalf.

Mrs. Maybrick declared that she was most anxious to get to the United States, saying: "I shall feel happier there."



DAVIS FORMALLY NOTIFIED.

Democratic Nominee for Vice President Receives Committee.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W. Va.—Henry Gassaway Davis was formally notified on Wednesday that he is the nominee of the democratic party for vice president of the United States. Mr. Davis accepted the nomination in a brief speech reviewing the political situation, expressing the sentiments of Judge Parker on the money question and expressing the determination to be successful in the campaign.

John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, chairman of the nomination committee, delivered the notification address.

The ceremonies were held on the lawn of the White Sulphur Springs hotel, which affords a natural amphitheater, the grounds sloping up from the speaker's stand on all sides, and sheltered by huge, spreading oaks. The day was an ideal one from every standpoint. There was a large attendance.

NEGROES BURNED AT STAKE.

Chained to a Tree and Fagots Piled Around Them.

STATESBORO, Ga.—With clothing saturated with kerosene, writhing and twisting in their agony, screaming to heaven for the mercy that the mob would not show, Paul Reed and Will Cato, negroes, two of the principals in the murder and burning of Henry Hodges and family, six miles from Statesboro, three weeks ago, were burned at the stake Tuesday. A determined mob charged on the court house, overpowered the military guard, secured Cato and Reed, who had been found guilty after a legal trial and sentenced to be hanged, took them two miles from Statesboro and there burned them alive. The climax came quickly and unexpectedly.

Confers with His Lieutenants.

WASHINGTON—Chairman Cortelyou of the National republican committee, who is in the city for a few days, had a long conference with President Roosevelt. The chairman will return to New York on Monday. Secretary Hay was at the White house for some time Sunday night, as was also Secretary Wilson. The latter has just returned to the city from the west and gave the president some information regarding the political and crop conditions in that section of the country.

In Daily Touch Near Liao Yang.

LIAO YANG—The Japanese are reported to be much nearer Anshanshan on the southeast than twelve miles and Lieutenant General Zsallitch's troops, who had a severe skirmish on the 13th, are now in daily touch with the enemy. The latter's advance guards, beginning a few miles south of Anshanshan, swing around to Sanchengta, occupy Liandanshan, Kachiatzu (about thirty miles southeast of Liao Yang) and the hills opposite Pensiho (on the Taiho river, about forty-five miles east of Liao Yang).

RIGHT OF REFUGE

NEUTRALITY OF CHINA IS MYTH TO THE JAPS.

THE STAND THAT THEY TAKE

It is Radically Different from That Adopted by the United States in the Spanish War—The Right of the Mikado to Independent Action

WASHINGTON—Mr. Takahira, the Japanese minister, has received a long communication from his home government setting forth its views as to the right of Russian ships to take refuge in Chinese ports. It is believed to be identical with other notes submitted to the European chancelleries and is evidently an indication of the Japanese purpose to make a defense in advance for drastic action which it proposes to take regarding these Russian ships.

The officials here freely admit that the problem presented in the Japanese demand that Russian ships shall not be harbored by China is a most intricate and perplexing one and there are precedents on all sides of the case. As late as the Spanish war the American scouts and gunboats made frequent use of neutral ports in the West Indies, notably Danish and British ports, to communicate by cable with the home government and with sections of the American fleet; yet there was no charge that neutrality had been violated. But the Japanese contention, as made in this last note, is that Chinese neutrality has been violated at Che Foo through the war by the Russian gunboats and junks which repeatedly passed between that port and Port Arthur with contraband.

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JAP FLEET WINS.

Admiral Kamimura Reports Severe Engagement.

TOKIO.—Vice Admiral Kamimura encountered the Russian Vladivostok squadron at dawn today north of Tsu island in the strait of Corea and attacked the enemy at once. The battle lasted for five hours and resulted in a complete Japanese victory. The Russian cruiser Rurik was sunk and the cruisers Rossia and Gromoboi fled to the northward, after having sustained serious damage.

Vice Admiral Kamimura cables the navy department that the injuries inflicted upon his vessels were slight.

The fate of the crew of the Rurik is not known. It is presumed that many of them were killed or drowned.

The strength of the fleet under Vice Admiral Kamimura is not known, but it is presumed that he had the Aduma, the Idsumo, the Iwate, the Takashiko and other light cruisers.

Tokio is joyous over the news, as it gives Japan mastery of the sea and restores commerce.

Japanese guns dominate the dockyards at Port Arthur, and in view of this fact it would seem to be impossible again to make seaworthy or fightable the Russian battleships which have returned to Port Arthur. It is probable that the Russian battleship Czarevitch will disarm at Tsing Chau.

The best possible naval force that Russia can now concentrate at Vladivostok is four cruisers.

The Imperial prince, Hiroyasu Kwacho, was slightly wounded aboard the battleship Mikasa in last Wednesday's engagement. The Russian armored cruiser Rurik was sunk in the engagement in the Strait of Corea. The armored cruisers Rossia and Gromoboi escaped to the northward heavily damaged.

WASHINGTON—The Japanese legation has received a cablegram from Tokio saying that Admiral Kamimura reports that his squadron, after five hours' severe fighting with the three ships of the Vladivostok squadron on the morning of the 14th, in the mouth of Tsushima island, sank the Rurik. The other two ships, which appeared to have suffered heavily, fled northward. "Our damages," says the report, "are slight."

Farmers Ask for Rates.

SIoux FALLS, S. D.—A petition has been filed with the state board of railroad commissioners by the people of Twin Brooks and vicinity, protesting against the high freight rates which the people of that place and vicinity have to pay when compared with the rates charged east of Milbank and other towns. The farmers in the neighborhood of Twin Brooks are said to have discovered that the rates on grain from Twin Brooks have been too high, and efforts will be made for a reduction.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

GOLD IS FOUND NEAR COLUMBUS

Parties Have Taken Lease on Land Where Discovery is Made.

COLUMBUS—Gold has been discovered within three miles of this city and the land has been leased and preparations have been made to thoroughly prospect the place. The gold was discovered on the farm of Gottlieb Klaus, a German, who lives on the south bank of the Platte river in Butler county. Miners from Denver made the discovery and found their pay dirt three feet under ground in a bog or quagmire. It is said that Omaha capital is behind the enterprise, and Mr. Klaus has leased his farm, but the names of the parties have not yet been disclosed.

There is much the same kind of looking land on each side of the Platte near here and if the enterprise is a success more prospecting will be done. The gold is in the form of what is called by the miners "rust deposit," and is very easy to get at. Just at present Mr. Klaus has refused all offers to sell his land and will await full developments. The prospectors also claim they have discovered evidence of an oil deposit near the same locality.

COUNTY TAXATION INCREASED.

State Board of Equalization Laying Out Course of Action.

LINCOLN—Attorney General Prout was in consultation with the members of the state board of equalization for the purpose of determining upon a course of action in the suit brought by Nemaha county citizens for the purpose of avoiding the 5 per cent increase ordered by the state board, and a decision was reached to file in the Nemaha county district court a motion to dissolve the temporary injunction granted to Church Howe, who is appearing for the remaining taxpayers of that county. The suit will be made a test case for the purpose of determining all the questions connected with equalization in the counties, and the attorney general will use every possible effort to bring the case to a speedy decision in the supreme court.

The suit will oblige the board to disclose in the courts the reason for the increase, whether it was due to the low valuation of land alone or to other factors. It is probable that they count on this feature of the suit in Nemaha county to secure evidence as to a disproportionate assessment of different classes of property.

Boys Find a Floater.

DAKOTA CITY—Arie Hager and Charley Fueston, two young boys of this place, were in the timber about a mile south of this place, and becoming thirsty, went to the Missouri river for a drink. On getting down over the bank a gruesome sight presented itself to them, it being that of a floater, who was lying face down in the water, his feet reaching the shore and his body extending out in the water. The body was recovered and buried without being identified.

Epworth Receipts Big.

LINCOLN—Over \$10,000 was taken in by the Epworth assembly management in eight days. The exact figures have not been compiled.

Child Drowns in a Tank.

PETERSBURG—A little child of William Lordeman, a farmer living near this place, was drowned in a water tank near the house.

Heat Causes Death.

BEATRICE—John J. Shandoll, for the last six years a resident of Beatrice, dropped dead at his home from heat prostration and heart failure.

Big Price for Land.

HUMBOLDT—The sale of a twenty-acre tract adjoining the city limits a few days since from Christ Beutler to Walter Hayes at a rate of \$170 per acre indicates that Richardson county soil is still in demand even if the rate of assessment is pronounced too high.

Stella Depot is Robbed.

STELLA—While the night telegraph operator was delivering the mail to the office the other morning some one gained an entrance to the station through a window and took \$27 from the cash drawer.

Seward County Farm Lands.

SEWARD—John Schuckneet has purchased of John Durland 400 acres near Staplehurst, paying \$28,000. Another farmer was offered \$100 per acre for his land, but refused to sell.

Section Man Killed by Train.

GRAND ISLAND—Gus Tegtmeyer, a section man on the Union Pacific, was struck and instantly killed by an engine. He stepped out of the way of one train in front of another.

Calf Case in Supreme Court.

LINCOLN—A stipulation has been filed in the supreme court continuing the case of Jacob Crockford against the state until the second November sitting of the supreme court. Crockford and Fred Cogger were convicted by the district court of McPherson county of stealing a calf valued at \$10 from R. H. Fowles of McPherson county on May 18, 1903, and were sentenced to five years each in the penitentiary. Crockford appeals on the contention that the two men should have been tried separately.

NEBRASKA IN BRIEF.

During an electrical storm lightning struck the cupola of the high school building at Humboldt, completely shattering it and doing damage estimated at \$100.

A far-reaching cattle quarantine will soon be established upon the territory of the northwest, beginning either at Oakdale or at O'Neill, and running west. The exact line has not yet been determined.

During a heavy electrical storm at Ashland at 1:30 in the morning, Mrs. H. C. Henry discovered a man standing within three feet of her bed. She screamed and the burglar retreated, securing no booty.

The executive committee of the Otoe County Old Settlers' association has made arrangements to hold the thirty-seventh annual picnic in Morton Park on Monday, September 5. Committees have been appointed to complete the final arrangements.

Captain Ashby, an attorney of Beatrice, was in Lincoln and made application for the pardon of Kelley and Himebarger, two boys sent up from Wymore to serve three years in the penitentiary for highway robbery. They have served but one year.

Some twenty-five of the heavy taxpayers of Nemaha county filed with the county board a protest against running upon the tax list the 5 per cent increase on the valuation made by the state board of equalization and certified by it to the county clerk of the county.

A Lingle, employed on a hay pressing machine in Otoe county, sustained a terribly crushed foot while feeding hay into the machine. The hay got caught in the wheels and he tried to push it in with his right foot, which was caught by the cogs and the bones were crushed.

Quite a strife is being carried on at Thurston by parties interested in the saloon business. The township has only sixteen freeholders. One man has secured the signatures of five of them already and the other parties say they will stay in the fight, and if necessary put in another saloon.

Miss Francis Knight Wilson of Nebraska City has been engaged for the coming season to sing the prima donna role in the comic opera "The Tenderfoot." She will commence rehearsals in Chicago in two weeks. Miss Wilson was the leading woman in "The Chinese Honeymoon" company last season.

John Robertson of North Bend was found lying alongside the tracks of the Union Pacific railroad near that city in a partially unconscious condition, with some bad cuts and bruises on his head and body. A partly empty whisky flask was in his pocket and it is supposed that while intoxicated he was walking along the tracks and was struck by a passing train. He will probably die.

Myron, the 3-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter L. Thomas of Plattsmouth, died from the effects of arsenical poisoning. While the other members of the family were absent from the house the little one awoke and mounted a high-chair near a cupboard. Reaching the door-latch, he opened the cupboard and took therefrom two rat-biscuits, which he ate, with results before indicated.

During a heavy hail storm at Nebraska City thousands of sparrows were killed. Under a tree at the home of Mrs. E. Krebs over 200 sparrows were found dead and many other citizens say a large number of sparrows were found dead under trees in their yards. The trees were not struck by lightning and the hail stones in the city did little damage and people are at a loss to account for the wholesale slaughter of these little birds.

The Lexington Chautauqua opened with a good attendance.

A storm near Wayne did much damage to crops.

The other day a stranger appeared in the bank at Tamora and offered his card, saying he was a bank examiner and wished to examine the books. He said he had just finished examining the Utica bank. His general appearance aroused suspicion, and he, noticing this, ran out of the bank and caught the eastbound B. & M. train. Word was sent to Seward and the sheriff took him from the train when it reached there, and he was lodged in jail.

County Assessor Flaherty of Nance county came to Lincoln last week to explain to the state board of equalization the discrepancy of \$430,366 in the valuation of his county. It develops that the county board in equalizing decreased farm real estate and some town property 16 per cent. The county assessor in making out the abstract for the guidance of the board, used the original figures returned to him by the deputy assessors. These figures were footed up in the office of the secretary of the board.

Alma will hold its annual combined street and agricultural fair September 14-16. Good free attractions besides the regular pumpkin show features will be engaged.

Federal eyes have been taken off the United States court house and postoffice building in Norfolk. Superintendent of Construction James R. Fain has left the work and gone to Hastings, where he will live for the next two years, watching the new federal structure at that place. The new building in Norfolk is about completed.