

CUSTER COUNTY REPUBLICAN

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BROKEN BOW, - - NEBRASKA

William Waldorf Astor finds American changed in some respects, but still objectionable.

If worse comes to worst, Carnegie's Temple of Peace can be turned into an army hospital.

This story that cats sometimes commit suicide opens the door of hope for all light sleepers.

The higher education has resumed its prominent position on the sporting page. Tackle 'em low an' hard!

New York's latest and most palatial hostelry is frankly Parisian—but with the accent on nothing so small as the franc.

Women are perfectly contented with their lot so long as they don't meet another woman who appears better off.

An Eastern magistrate says drunkenness is a disease. An occasional fine is not a bad remedy against a return of the malady.

From the number of exciting adventures he has one would think J. Pierpont Morgan was about to go on the vaudeville stage.

A St. Louis newspaper reporter left an estate of \$79,944, but then he was a newsboy for some years before he became a reporter.

The death of "Monsieur de Paris" is a reminder that in France capital punishment still means the dexterous removal of the caput.

A St. Louis man paid a clairvoyant \$1,000 to locate a buried treasure for him. An usual, the clairvoyant now has all the treasure in sight.

If the smart set in Newport gets to quarreling too bitterly it ought to be able to find a basis for compromise in another monkey dinner.

Arizona will not permit prize fights, but there is probably no objection to gentlemen still settling their little difficulties with a good pair of guns.

It must puzzle Abdul Hamid to understand why he is spoken of as "the unspeakable Turk" when no one talks about the unspeakable King Leopold.

If the Newport women keep on losing diamonds they might store them and wear the receipt with the cost price of the jewels written across its face.

Times change, and we change with them. A man who paid \$34 for a Panama hat three years ago says that it is going to use it for a hen's nest this winter.

The police say that the women's fashion of carrying handbags is responsible for the many hold-ups. As in the days of Adam—the woman is to blame.

The newest wrinkle in golf is to put a drop of the oil of rhodium on the ball. When the ball is lost you turn a dog loose, and the animal finds it. Great idea.

The English have made a treaty at Lhasa. The British lion and the Tibetan lamb will now lie down together, in what relative positions no one needs to be told.

Workmen rebuilding Baltimore found a lot of wheat still burning on one of the wharves. And the "all-out" signal was sounded more than seven months ago!

It was distressing that Mme. Melba was "overcome" after running over and killing a man with her automobile in Paris. The French peasants should be more careful.

The dirigible flying machine either won't fly or won't steer or won't do either. Persons holding railway securities may consider them a reasonably permanent investment.

The cabled intelligence from Europe that "drought blights Bohemia" is in the nature of a cross truism. A prolonged drought would drive Bohemia to suicide—or water.

Dun's report says that "retail trade in fall lines of dry goods, clothing, millinery and nearly all wearing apparel shows a healthy growth." and this, O married man, is what it calls "prosperity!"

It is said that the cruiser Milwaukee, launched at San Francisco, "took to the water gracefully," but considering the name of the vessel we shall require confirmatory evidence before believing it.

Search the average married man's vest pockets and you will find from ten to thirty recipes clipped from the cooking columns of the papers. Possibly they cut out the recipes so their wives will not see them and try to follow them.

A speaker before the International Geographical Congress has been urging plainer weather reports. He has missed his cue. What most people want is an absolutely accurate prediction of the weather in their own yard—about a month in advance.

INTO DEEP WATER

THE NEBRASKA LAUNCHED WITH SHOUTS AND BOOMS.

CHRISTENED BY MISS MICKEY

Daughter of Nebraska's Chief Executive Stands Sponsor for the Vessel. Ship Supports Weakened Too Quickly and Boat Takes the Water.

SEATTLE—Special to the Omaha Bee: Impatient of restraint and eager to rush into the arms of Old Ocean, the Nebraska broke through the stays that held it and at 2:02 p. m., amid the shouts of 50,000 people, the booming of great guns of the monitor Wyoming, the blare of bands and the hoarse shrieks of all the whistles of all the ships in the harbor, the great hull glided down the ways and into its natural element.

Miss Mickey was not unaware, and as the first tremor of the starting ship was noted, she broke the brightly decked bottle of champagne across the massive steel nose of the vessel, a new ship was born and christened.

The day was dark and foggy, but the citizens made a holiday of it. All banks and other business houses were closed from noon until 3:30 p. m., that everybody might have an opportunity to attend what is here looked on as one of the most important events in the history of the city. At the shipyards every inch of room was occupied and on the adjoining wharves the people swarmed to the danger point. Sound steamers and tugs were fitted up as floating grandstands and many thousands were thus given a chance to see the new warship take its dip into the water.

On the launching stand had assembled the officers of the states of Washington and Nebraska and representatives of the army and navy of the United States, together with many distinguished citizens who were invited by the Moran Bros. company to grace the occasion with their presence. Bands from the navy yard, from Fort Lawton and from Vancouver barracks furnished the music, among the pieces being a spirited march dedicated to Nebraska by a local composer, and played publicly for the first time today.

The only hitch in the program for the launching was that caused by the impetuosity of the ship itself. Apparently imbued with the spirit of the occasion and eager to show that it could keep up with the pace set by the great state for which it is named, the Nebraska started eleven minutes before the time set.

The tide was still rising, but the water was sufficiently high to avoid danger of an accident. Congressman Humphrey of Washington had just begun his speech, which was to have been followed by an invocation by Rev. Dr. Matthews of Seattle, when a crash was heard as of breaking planks, and the great bulk trembled for an instant. All eyes seemed to have centered on the ship rather than on the speaker, for a whisper, "She's movin'k," turned instantly into a tumultuous cheer, and the Nebraska was on its way to the water.

Miss Mary Nain Mickey stood ready, a charming sponsor for a magnificent craft, coolly awaiting the word. As she saw the vessel starting she quickly grasped the bottle by the neck and broke it over the stem of the vessel, pronouncing the conventional formula as she did so. Her words were never heard, even by herself, for the signal service had been so accurate and the lookout so keen that the vessel had not moved a foot along the ways till the great guns of the Wyoming began to thunder a greeting to the newest sister of the navy and all the joyous pandemonium of the affair broke loose.

Mayor Halling of Seattle made the opening address, telling of the importance of the occasion to Seattle as well as to Nebraska and the nation. He was followed by Secretary of State Sam H. Nichols, acting governor of Washington, who welcomed Governor Mickey and the Nebraska visitors.

Governor Mickey then spoke, and was frequently interrupted by applause.

The Ship Nebraska.

SEATTLE, Wash.—The battleship Nebraska, which was launched here on Friday, has a displacement of 15,600 tons. Its contract price is \$5,733,600; length, 441 feet 3 inches; beam, 76 feet 2 1/2 inches; draft, 23 feet 9 inches; displacement, 15,900 tons; weight at launching, 14,500,000 pounds; speed, 19 knots; indicated horse power, 19,000; engines, two four-cylinder triple expansion; boilers, twelve water tubular. Its main battery consists of four 12-inch guns, eight 8-inch and twelve 6-inch guns.

Uprising in China is Feared. SHANGHAI—Numerous reports received from the interior telling of the activity of secret societies at points widely apart are causing serious uneasiness. It is known that the officials everywhere are displaying great anxiety and are procuring the most modern arms and munitions of war for the purpose of equipping the soldiery. There is no certainty as to whether the anxiety of the officials is directed against anticipated risings or as to whether it is a precautionary movement against possible danger.

FUNERAL OF SENATOR HOAR.

City of Worcester Bows Beside the Body of Its Foremost Citizen. WORCESTER, Mass.—The city of Worcester on Tuesday bowed beside the body of its foremost citizen, Senator George Frisbie Hoar, while the state of Massachusetts, and in a large measure the nation, sympathized with the municipality in its grief.

Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hale, chaplain of the United States senate and a life-long friend of Senator Hoar, conducted prayers at the home just before 2 o'clock. Only members of the immediate household and a few neighbors attended this service. The body was then placed in the hearse by the active pallbearers, all present or past secretaries of the senator and the honorary pallbearers, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Thomas Jefferson Coolidge, Charles Francis Adams, Attorney General William H. Moody, former Governor W. Murray Crane, General William F. Draper, Judge Francis C. Lowell of Boston, Colonel George H. Lyman of Boston, Stephen Salisbury, Henry A. Marsh, Dr. G. Stanley Hall and William E. Rice of Worcester. The active pallbearers and the family escorted the remains to the Church of the Unity, where Rev. Dr. Hale made an address.

PORTER EXPRESSES SORROW.

Ambassador of United States Writes Letter of Condolence.

PARIS—Acting on instructions from Washington Ambassador Porter sent Mme. Bartholdi the following letter:

Madame: The death of the eminent sculptor who had always aimed at giving to his works the expression of some great idea or noble aspiration has profoundly moved the American nation, which has received from him lasting proof of his sincere admiration. As the interpreter of these sentiments the government of the United States has bidden me to say to you that the statue of liberty enlightening the world has rendered the name of Bartholdi dear to all my countrymen, who join in your grief and that of the artistic world. In acquitting myself this duty allows me to express my personal sympathies and those of all the members of the embassy who, like myself, had with Bartholdi friendly relations during the last twenty years which have left in our hearts sovereigns we never shall forget. I have the honor to be, your respectful servant. HORACE PORTER.

FUNERAL OF DEAD STATESMAN

Simple, Private Service Over Sir William Vernon-Harcourt.

LONDON—The remains of Sir William Vernon-Harcourt, who died on Saturday, were buried in the family vault at Nunclam, Oxford, with the utmost simplicity and privacy. Only the family and tenantry were present.

Simultaneously a memorial service was held at St. Margaret's church, Westminster, where representatives of King Edward and the prince of Wales were among the immense congregation, which included Ambassador Choate, Mrs. Choate, John R. Carter, second secretary of the American embassy, and the other ambassadors and ministers, cabinet ministers and personal and political colleagues of the deceased statesman.

COMMITTED TO THE GRAVE.

Last Services Over Body of George F. Hoar Held.

CONCORD, Mass.—The last services over the body of United States Senator George Frisbie Hoar were held Tuesday in this town, the place of his birth, and several hundred of the senator's former townsmen followed the body to the place of its burial in Sleepy Hollow cemetery. In the First Parish church service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Loren B. McDonald. The pastor spoke no words of eulogy, reading instead James Russell Lowell's poem on Channing. At the grave brief services of burial were held and the body was committed to the grave.

State Election in Georgia.

ATLANTA, Ga.—Elections of state and county officers, members of the legislature, judges and solicitors, were held in every county in Georgia Wednesday. There was practically no opposition to the democratic candidates for state offices nor for county judges or attorneys. The state ticket was headed by Governor Joseph M. Terrell.

Senator Hoar's Will.

WORCESTER, Mass.—The will of the late Senator George F. Hoar was filed Wednesday. It makes no public bequests, dividing his property between his son and daughter, Rockwood Hoar, and Miss Mary Hoar, and giving his Asenbush estate in Paxton to his granddaughter. The will is dated January 8, 1904.

Democrats Meet Candidate.

NEW YORK—The first conference between Judge Herrick, democratic candidate for governor of New York, and Judge Parker took place Friday at the apartments of the latter. Daniel S. Lamont and National Chairman Taggart arrived shortly after 3:30. Herrick, the four conferred at length concerning the state issues in New York and the relations they bear to the national campaign. At the conclusion of the discussion Judge Parker's visitors departed, declining to talk of the conference.

A PROCLAMATION

ISSUED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.

FLAGS ARE AT HALF MAST

A Committee to Arrange for the Funeral of Postmaster General Payne—The Place to Be Filled by General Cortelyou.

WASHINGTON—The president issued the following proclamation: "To the People of the United States: Henry Clay Payne, postmaster general of the United States, died in this city at ten minutes past 6 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Rising to eminence by his own efforts, successful in his enterprises, attaining to positions of high trust in business, energetic and conscientious in his relations with his fellowmen, of singularly gentle, loyal and lovable nature, inspired by a large sense of the duties of a true citizen and winning the respect and esteem of all with whom he associated, he was called, in the fullness of his powers, to discharge the duties of a peculiarly onerous and responsible office in the high counsel of the nation. His career is an example for good citizens to follow and his untimely death is mourned by all.

"The president directs that the several legislative departments and their dependencies shall show fitting regard for the memory of this distinguished public man; that the departments in the city of Washington shall be closed between the hours of 9 o'clock a. m. and 1 o'clock p. m. on the day of the funeral, Friday, the 7th inst., and that the national flag shall be displayed at half-staff on all the public buildings throughout the United States until the funeral shall have taken place.

"By direction of the president. "JOHN HAY. "Department of State, Washington, D. C., Oct. 5, 1904."

President Roosevelt called at the apartments of the late postmaster general to extend his personal condolences. A vast number of telegrams were received from all over the country, a large portion of them coming from Wisconsin. A request has been made by friends in Milwaukee that consent be given for a public service in that city.

A committee consisting of First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne, W. H. Michael, chief clerk of the state department, and Major Charles McCauley of the marine corps will meet at the state department to plan the details of the funeral arrangements.

President Roosevelt today formally designated First Assistant Postmaster General Robert J. Wynne, as acting postmaster general. It is well understood that General Bruce Cortelyou, now chairman of the republican national committee, will be appointed postmaster general.

TO PROTECT OLD SOLDIERS.

Can't Get Patent on Land Without Residing Upon It.

WASHINGTON—The commissioner of the general land office has issued the following statement intended for the protection of old soldiers contemplating settling on public lands:

"Information has been received at the general land office that designing persons are circulating reports through Indiana and elsewhere to the effect that old soldiers are entitled to enter public lands, particularly in Western Nebraska, and receive patent therefor without residing upon or cultivating the lands, as other persons are required to do. This report is false.

"The only favor given to old soldiers by the homestead laws which is not granted to other persons is that of being permitted to make his first filing through an agent and to have the time of his service deducted from the five years which homestead entrymen are required to reside upon the land."

Labor Federation Complains.

WASHINGTON—Frank Morrison, general secretary of the American Federation of Labor, has filed with the interstate commerce commission a complaint alleging discrimination on the part of the transcontinental passenger association against the federation of labor in the matter of reduced rates for delegates to the national meeting of that organization in San Francisco, beginning November 14. The protest alleges that in response to inquiries on the subject the federation was informed by the railroads that the "regular rate" would be charged.

Railway Accident in Wales.

LONDON—Four persons were killed and it is estimated that about fifty were injured, some of them fatally, in a railway accident near Llanelly, 15 miles southeast of Carmarthen, Wales.

Des Moines May Hold Ahline.

CINCINNATI, O.—The National Baseball commission today decided that the sale of Player Ahline by the Keokuk, Ia., club to the Des Moines club was legal. The Cleveland American league club drafted the player from Keokuk, although belonging at that time to Des Moines. The commission held that the Cleveland club can only secure him by draft from Des Moines instead of Keokuk, conditioned that the draft price be as specified for the class of which the Des Moines club is a member.

NEWS IN NEBRASKA

THE STATE AT LARGE.

FIGURE ON ELECTRIC LINE.

Two grain elevators are to be erected in Papillion.

In a runaway accident at Beatrice Mrs. John Ossowski was seriously if not fatally injured.

The fruit yield is something enormous in Seward county this year. Peaches are especially plentiful.

More peaches were grown in Cass county this year than for twenty years past. They are of superior quality and flavor and are selling on the streets of Plattsmouth for 40 cents per bushel.

Timothy L. Smith of Lawrence, Kan., a large property owner of Gage county, finished shelling corn on his farm three miles southeast of Ellis last week, from which he received 8,600 bushels.

A. J. Moore of Villisca, Ia., has arrived in Omaha and taken his place as successor of Albert O. Swift, post-office inspector, who was transferred to the Chicago division last week, after many years of service in Nebraska.

A Jess of South Omaha was arrested at Chadron for selling liquor to the Indians. At first he attempted to resist arrest, but finding officers not to be fooled with, he went to jail and is now there, not being able to give a bond for \$200, for which amount he is bound over.

At Grand Island F. Z. Brandt, Joe Birdsong, and Joseph Bailey were sentenced to one year in the penitentiary, having pleaded guilty in the district court of burglary and L. McCormick to one year for forgery. All were caught in the several acts and no trial resulted.

Upon the complaint of Fred McInlay, a farmer living a few miles west of Crete, Joseph Kulhanek, a neighbor of McInlay's, was arrested charged with selling liquor on Sunday. He was brought before Justice Fay, where he unexpectedly pleaded guilty and was fined \$100 and costs, amounting to \$5.75.

Theodore Brush of Cass county, has petitioned the district court for a decree annulling his marriage to Mrs. Edna Brush. The couple were married at Lincoln, November 5, 1900. He alleges that at the time of the marriage he was only 17 years of age and incapable of contracting a valid marriage with the defendant.

A criminal assault was made by a youth named Walter Kingle, aged 15, upon a woman of 55, named Mrs. Dana, near Crawford. The woman teaches school near Crow Butte, and the boy had been carrying mail and doing chores for her for some months. He tied her to the floor and assaulted her. He is being hunted for.

The Burlington shops at Havelock will be enlarged in the spring and the present force will be increased by the addition of 150 men. The machine and boiler shops will be enlarged. At the present time the are overcrowded. At this time 500 men are employed. The proposed increase in the working force will bring several hundred people to town.

News of the death of Hon. C. H. Gere of the State Journal was received in Pawnee county with profound sorrow. Mr. Gere was a resident of that county and a state representative back in the sixties. His father and mother, H. N. Gere and wife, and his brother, J. N. Gere, who was killed by the Indians in 1870, all are buried in Table Rock cemetery.

The infantry drill regulations adopted by the United States army and which went into effect September 10 in the regular army, will be adopted by Commandant Chase at the University of Nebraska, and the style of drill of the university battalion will undergo an almost complete change. Drill at the university has been delayed a considerable time, awaiting the arrival of the new regulations.

The beet harvest is on in the vicinity of Sutherland. As yet it is difficult to determine what the average yield per acre will be, but the indications are that it will be between eight and ten tons. The beets are of good quality and there are few small ones.

John Sheehy, aged 40 years, a laborer, was found dead in a box car at the Burlington depot at Greenwood. Sheehy, with several companions, had consumed a keg of beer during the night. There is a story of a fall from the car door, but no external injuries can be discovered.

Near Verdigris, Knox county, while Lydia, Myrtle and Louie Groeling were going to a dance, their team became unmanageable and ran away, demolishing the carriage, cutting and bruising the young people in a horrible manner. Louie was thrown over a barbed wire fence and his throat, legs, stomach and arms were badly lacerated. Lydia was thrown against a post or tree and it is thought she suffered a slight fracture of the skull. Myrtle was badly bruised, but was the least injured of the three.

The finest crop of pears in Sarpy county are those raised by Adolph Peterson of Portal. The trees are weighted down with well developed and ripened fruit.

Benjamin Potoc of Falls City some time ago brought suit against the Burlington Railroad company for \$1,999 damages for backing up water on his land by the grade. The company has settled out of court by paying Mr. Potoc \$1,400. Another similar case is now pending in the district court against the Burlington, brought by Charles Pribbeno.

Activity Among Farmers of the South Loup.

GRAND ISLAND—Sixteen representative farmers from the South Loup valley were in the city and at a meeting of the Commercial club discussed with the members of the club various plans to secure the construction of an electric line between Grand Island and Gandy, running approximately due west from the city into Buffalo county, thence through Gardner and Snyder and the entire northern tier of Buffalo county townships, striking the South Loup valley in Custer county and following up the valley to Gandy. After a full discussion of the conditions in the territory to be served by such a railroad, a committee of one from each township to be traversed was selected to ascertain the probable sentiment as to voting bonds, the extent to which bonds should be voted, the assessed valuation of each township, the population to be served, the probable amount of shipping, such statistics to be sent to the secretary of the club.

Disease Among Live Stock.

LINCOLN, NEBR.—State Veterinarian Thomas says that he has received reports of more glanders cases within the past few weeks than he had ever known before in the history of the state. He attributes the increase in the number of horses affected with the disease to carelessness of horse owners in not exercising closer scrutiny as to the health of newly purchased animals which they introduce into their stables. He will leave this evening for Elgin, where several cases have been reported. He stated that there were several other cases demanding immediate attention.

Dr. Thomas fears a repetition of the cornstalk disease epidemic which last year destroyed \$500,000 worth of cattle in the state. His investigations have convinced him that the disease is due to the fact that animals affected are turned out to feed on the standing stalks. Last year 20,000 cattle died from this cause alone.

Party for Nebraska Launching.

LINCOLN—All of the arrangements for the party which is to attend the launching of the battleship Nebraska at Seattle, have not yet been completed, but Adjutant General Culver stated that everything would be settled in a few days. The party will leave Lincoln Tuesday, October 4, over the Burlington. An effort is being made to secure a special Pullman car for the use of the party, but otherwise there will be little of the de luxe surroundings of the average official junket.

A Week of Vaudeville.

OMAHA, Neb.—For the week commencing Sunday, October 9, the Orpheum theater presents a well-varied bill of vaudeville favorites. A feature in particular that is exploited as one of the season's most successful headliners, is Joan Haden's "Cycle of Love." Emmett De Voy and Company will appear in a comedy sketch entitled "The Saintry Mr. Billings." Treloar, who won first prize for being the most perfectly developed man in the world at Madison Square Garden, will be a strong card.

Found Unconscious in Road.

RUSHVILLE—Albert Ireland, a prominent horseman here, was found south of Hay Springs with his head crushed and right side paralyzed. He was unconscious when discovered and it is surmised he was driving and had got out of his buggy to close a gate, when the team started, and he went after them, attempting to get into the buggy, when the accident occurred.

Boy Injured in Parade.

BLOOMFIELD—Just after the flower parade, which was one of the main attractions of the day, Asa Zeller, a little boy about 10 years of age, ran in front of a team and threw a lot of confetti up in the air, which frightened the horses so they ran over him. The horses trampled him to some extent and the vehicle is believed to have passed over him. The boy was picked up senseless and at once taken to the surgical rooms of Drs. Kalar & Kalar. The physicians hope that no serious injury was sustained, though his chin was badly mutilated, one knee was hurt and there may be internal injuries which may prove fatal.

Bailey Gets Twenty Years.

FREMONT—Howard Bailey, who assaulted 9-year-old Pearl Olson on September 5, was arraigned in district court and entered a plea of guilty. He was given the maximum sentence, twenty years in the penitentiary.

Farmer Arrested for Robbery.

BEATRICE—John Edleman, a young farmer living ten miles south west of Beatrice was arrested, charged with robbing the hardware store of Edwards & Bradford at Ellis, which was broken into recently.

Mr. Bryan a Grandfather.

Mrs. W. J. Bryan of Lincoln announced the announcement of the birth of a daughter to Mrs. Leavitt. A telegram to the grandmother stated that the mother and child were both doing well.