

CUSTER COUNTY REPUBLICAN

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BROKEN BOW, NEBRASKA

Brief Telegrams

Elias Powell, colored, was hanged at Texarkana, Ark., for the murder of J. G. Gardner, a white farmer, five years ago.

A blooded Kentucky horse from West Tennessee arrived at Frederick, O. T., for the use of the president during his hunt.

The Erie Railway company filed with the secretary of New York a certificate of increase of capital stock from \$177,000,000 to \$197,000,000.

George E. Roberts states that the question of rate legislation has absorbed tariff revision, after return from investigation of sentiment in New York.

The new cruiser Rusbeck, the first turbine propelled vessel of the German navy, ran her trial trip from Kiel to Swinemunde, 180 sea miles, at 23 knots an hour.

A man apparently about 70 years of age, supposed to be Charles H. Simpson of Lincoln, Ill., committed suicide at St. Louis by jumping into the river.

At St. Joseph, Mo., Cassius Brown, colored, was convicted of the murder of Mrs. Nancy Gay, November 23, last. Brown bound and gagged Mrs. Gay and cut her throat.

Preparations are being made for the meeting of the Southern Industrial parliament, which will assemble in Washington, D. C., on May 23, and continue until the 26th.

Emil Klaessig, the American editor of the Continental Telegrapher campaign, otherwise known as the Wolf bureau, died of pneumonia at his home in Brooklyn, N. Y.

The disbursements for pensions by the United States treasury for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1904, were \$142,092,818.75, making a grand total since 1860 of \$3,122,033,818.75.

Spotted fever has been raging for several months in epidemic form in Sicily. Much alarm exists among the people, especially the laboring population, and many have fled from the district.

Nine Servians, who were captured after a fight with Turkish troops in Uskub province were taken to Kumnovo, sixteen miles from the town of Uskub, where the inhabitants lynched them.

An effort is being made by Attorney General Ware Ellis of Ohio in the common pleas court to force the Mutual Home Fire Insurance company of Cleveland into the hands of a receiver.

It is announced, according to a St. Petersburg dispatch to a news agency that the committee of ministers has been notified of an imperial decree granting an extensive amnesty to religious offenders.

At a boarding house in Oklahoma City, O. T., M. L. Shepley, Holdenville, I. T., shot and killed his wife and then committed suicide. Domestic difficulties is assigned as the cause of the tragedy.

Secretary Hitchcock designated William H. Code of Los Angeles, Cal., as chief of Indian irrigation. He will have supervision of irrigation construction work on Indian reservations throughout the west.

Engineer Ward of the Chicago & Northwestern railroad has broken a record on the Eastern Iowa division of that road by driving his engine from Clinton to Boone, a distance of 202 miles in 189 minutes.

Harvard university has invited Prof. Wilhelm Ostwald of the University of Leipzig to serve as lecturer in the first half of the coming academic year, under the arrangement for an exchange of professors.

The secretary of the interior has ordered the withdrawal from entry of 500,000 acres of land in the San Francisco and Susanville, Cal., land districts on account of the Sacramento valley irrigation project.

A series of remarkable experiments have been concluded by an eminent English physicist, who has demonstrated by an ingenious method of his own that he is able to dispel smoke, fumes and fog by electricity.

"The tapeworm is the natural enemy of the germ of consumption and the latter cannot exist when the other is present," says Consul Canada, at Vera Cruz, Mex., in a report just received at the state department.

At Honolulu the legislature has passed a bill establishing county government for the Hawaiian islands. The bill divides the islands into five counties, the leper settlement of Molokai being made one of them.

In New York it developed that the grand jury has been investigating an accusation made against a prominent politician and attorney, David Rothschild, the former president of the Federal bank, who is serving a term of nine years in Sing Sing.

The United States supreme court handed down its opinion in the Northern Securities case in which decision was made some weeks ago, refusing the protest of the Harriman interests against proposed pro rata distribution of stock.

A report from Superintendent Carroll of the government boarding school on the Mesquero Indian reservation in New Mexico, to the commissioner of Indian affairs, indicates that an epidemic of meningitis has penetrated to that point.

JAPANESE PLANS

OYAMA'S FORCE TO BE ONE MILLION MEN.

TO CENTER AROUND HARBIN

Mikado's Forces Expect to Capture and Hold This Fortress.—Portion of Troops Cut Off at Mukden Arrive at Kirin.

TOKIO—Japan is meeting the Russian plan of reorganization and reinforcement of its Manchurian armies with an extensive expedition from its own military organization. The details and figures are carefully concealed of what seems to be a plan to double the present army units, but it is reliably estimated that by autumn next the total military organization will exceed 1,000,000 men actually employed in the field. The fighting force is roughly estimated at 700,000 men, with increases largely in the infantry and artillery, although an enlargement in the cavalry branch is also contemplated.

As a result of the manufacture at the arsenals in Japan, together with captures and purchases of guns, it is predicted that this year will see a Japanese artillery superior to that of the Russians, in quality as well as numerically, and it is confidently believed that the Russians will be incapable of overcoming these numerical advantages. Wherever railway improvements are possible they will be carried out when Japan will be sufficiently strong to take and hold Harbin and simultaneously continue operations against the Russian forces to the eastward of that city.

GUNSHU PASS, Manchuria.—The thaw has been followed by a fierce gale which has dried out the mire and is now raising a heavy dust. It is a providential change, as otherwise the troops tenting in the mud probably would soon be subject to sickness even in epidemic form. It is steadily becoming more evident that first calculations as to Russian losses in the battle of Mukden were exaggerated.

A portion of the Fifth rifle regiment, which was cut off at Mukden has just arrived at Kirin, having succeeded in penetrating the Japanese lines.

The Chinese state with great positiveness that General Kawamura's army supported by General Nogi's army is moving in a northeasterly direction, aiming to cut Russian communications with Vladivostok.

According to the same sources 20,000 Japanese landed at Dalny March 28, and it is reported that six additional divisions are forming in Japan to operate against Vladivostok and Sakhalin. The Manchurian Chinese have adopted an attitude of positive hostility to the Russians.

TENTING AT CAMP ROOSEVELT.

President Says He Feels at Home in the Wilderness.

FREDERICK, Okla.—President Roosevelt and party left Frederick shortly before 7 o'clock Saturday evening and arrived at the camp, eighteen miles southwest of town, a little after dark. The camp is nestled in timber, fringing the bank of Deep Creek, in a picturesque spot, and when the president arrived, at 6:15 o'clock Sunday morning, and first beheld the vast panorama of virgin soil without a sign of civilization except the camp he said he felt at home.

Major J. E. Mutchert of Sherman, with C. B. McHugh and J. R. Abernathy of this place, located the camp last Monday, riding out to the big pasture, which begins four miles east of here. A number of wolves were seen in this 480,000-acre reservation as they passed through. The camp consists of about twenty tents, belonging to the presidential party, and is called Camp Roosevelt. One large tent is occupied as a mess hall, a number of tents being used for sleeping apartments, about four cots being placed in each tent. About a stone's throw from these tents is Camp Quannah Parker, occupied by this noted chief of the Comanches, three of his squaws and other Indians. These Indians traveled over forty miles to get to see the president. A detail of twenty troops was sent from Fort Sill to keep trespassers from this part of the reservation. Their camp is about 100 yards from that of Camp Roosevelt.

Purpose of Watering Erie Stock. NEW YORK—It was ascertained that the increase in the common stock of the Erie railroad company from \$113,000,000 to \$133,000,000 recently announced was made to prepare for a conversion of its outstanding \$10,000,000 of convertible bonds, which have been convertible since April 1. This amount is necessary to care for the bonds, since they are convertible into stock at \$50 a share. This call for twenty shares of stock for each \$1,000 bond, and the stock is now selling at 46 1/2.

Swindled Many Farmers. BUTTE, Mont.—Federal officers are looking for Henry A. Everett, proprietor of the Imperial Globe Mining and Leasing company. The company is alleged to have secured a total of about \$25,000 from nearly 400 patrons, principally farmers of Missouri, North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, Minnesota and Nebraska. The special inducement held out to investors is said to have been a promise that they would receive several thousand dollars worth of government bonds free of cost.

WANT LAND ALLOTTED.

What is Demanded by the Standing Rock Indians.

FORT YATES, N. D.—In a great council called by Major McLaughlin, the Indians of the Standing Rock agency decided almost unanimously that they were ready to have their lands allotted. Each head of a family will have 640 acres and all over 18 years 320 acres. In addition they will get a span of good American mares, two cows, a wagon and harness, a plow, harrow, some other tools and \$50 in cash. All under 18 will get 160 acres.

After the allotments have been made there will be a big surplus of land. The Indians are bitterly opposed to selling this land and it is doubtful if it will ever be sold with their consent.

Each head of a family will be worth \$1,000 in addition to his 640 acres when Uncle Sam relinquishes his guardianship and turns these Indians over to the states of North and South Dakota as full-fledged citizens.

Between 1,000 and 1,200 voters will be equally divided between the two states.

EARTHQUAKE KILLS MANY.

Nearly Five Hundred Indian Soldiers Entombed by Collapse of Barracks.

CALCUTTA—It now appears that 400 of the Seventh Gurkhas were killed at the Dharmasala cantonment by the collapse of a stone barracks building in consequence of the recent earthquake. In addition twenty members of the First battalion and fifty members of the Second battalion of the First Gurkhas were killed, while it is roughly calculated that from 20 to 30 per cent of the native population of the surrounding villages were killed.

LAHORE, India.—Four hundred and seventy men of Gurkha regiments were buried alive as a result of the earthquake at the Hill station of Dharmasala, according to the latest information from that place. The report adds that it is impossible to rescue the entombed men.

SENATOR BURTON AT ST. LOUIS.

Will Be Retried, in May, But Will Not Discuss Matter.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—United States Senator Burton of Kansas arrived here, but declined to discuss the purpose of his visit or the report that he had come to see District Attorney Dyer relative to his retrial, which comes up in the May term of the United States district court.

The United States supreme court reversed and remanded the case of Senator Burton, in which he was found guilty of having received fees from the Riato Grain and Securities company of St. Louis for alleged work with the postoffice department in behalf of the company.

Rules on Alaska Jury.

WASHINGTON—The supreme court of the United States laid that portion of the Alaska code providing for a jury of six men to be unconstitutional. The opinion was by Justice White and was based on the ground that Alaska is a part of the territory of the United States in the full sense of the word.

Bear Hunt First in Colorado.

GLENWOOD SPRINGS, Colo.—President Roosevelt will make his Colorado camp in the Huntsman hills, twenty-three miles south of Newcastle, and fifteen miles from Redstone. Guide Goff has received a telegram from Secretary Loeb saying that it was the wish of the president to begin the hunt with a chase after bear. This necessitates a change in plans, for Goff and Borah had arranged to make the first camp on the White river plateau, a district of mountain lions.

Cautious Young Ministers.

NEWARK, N. J.—Young ministers were cautioned by Bishop Joseph E. Berry of Buffalo at the Newark conference of the Methodist Episcopal church to talk sparingly of women and to make their pastoral calls in the evening when the wife was surrounded by her husband and children. The bishop declared that the afternoon call on women of the congregation when the women were likely to be alone should be frowned on and avoided as much as possible.

Steamship Lines to Mexico.

MEXICO CITY.—Considerable progress has been made toward the inauguration of a steamship line between Mexican Gulf ports and Canada, and it is probable that steamers of the new line will begin trips in May. The question has arisen as to whether steamers shall call at Cuban ports as first intended and afterwards changed. The government objects to making stops at Cuban ports, but it is hoped to secure its consent to this. The regular service of the Mexico-Texas City Steamship begins May 1.

President May Prolong Trip.

LAWTON, Okla.—Cowboys who have arrived here from Frederick, Okla., near where President Roosevelt and his party are in camp, assert that the president has decided to remain in the pasture until Saturday, thus extending his hunt two days.

Meaning of "Dakota."

Dakota is an Indian word meaning confederated. It was the name of a division of the Siouan stock of North American Indians, composed of the Dakota prop and the Assiniboine.

FOUR ARE CAUGHT

GRAND JURY'S WORK IN THE MEAT INVESTIGATION.

THE NAMES OF THOSE INDICTED

They are Arrested and Give Bond to Appear When Wanted—Charged With Obstructing the Service of Subpoena.

CHICAGO—Four men, three of whom are employees of the Schwarzchild & Sulzberger company and the other an attorney for that corporation, were named in an indictment returned by the grand jury which is investigating the beef trust.

It is charged that the four men obstructed and impeded Marshal A. A. Bach in his efforts to serve a subpoena upon Edwin B. Fish, a clerk employed by the company, who recently returned from Canada.

The men indicted are: Joseph Weissenbach, attorney for the Schwarzchild & Sulzberger company.

B. S. Casey, traffic manager for the company.

George D. Hopkins, auditor for the company.

Leo S. Joseph, employed in the provision department of the concern.

The indictment alleges that a subpoena was issued for Fish on March 3, that it was given to Bach for service, that the four men had arranged for the departure of Fish from this country to Canada and assisted him in leaving the jurisdiction of the court.

Attorney Weissenbach, who was for several years an assistant to Governor Deneen, when the latter was state attorney in Chicago, declares that it was at his instance that Fish returned from Canada and agreed to go before the grand jury. This is not denied by government officials. Weissenbach also declares that he has never seen nor spoken to Hopkins, never spoke to Casey concerning Fish and asserts that Joseph was never in any manner in the matter.

The men were taken into custody shortly after the return of the indictments and were released on bonds of \$1,000 in each case.

Fish was on the witness stand two days and, it is said, revealed information concerning an attempt to influence his testimony. He has been carefully guarded by secret service men since his return and was before the inquisitorial board for almost an hour Thursday. Fish was held under \$10,000 bonds to insure his appearance as a witness.

Charles Starck, national bank examiner of Cleveland, arrived here in response to a request from Assistant Attorney General Pugin. Mr. Starck will take up an examination of the books found in six trunks taken from safety deposit vaults here. The trunks are said to contain books and records of the Aetna Trading company of this city.

NO PEACE TALK NOW.

Presence of Rojstvensky's Fleet Adds Strength to Russian Position.

ST. PETERSBURG—The news of the northward movement of Admiral Rojstvensky's squadron and his evident intention to accept a battle whenever Admiral Togo chooses to offer it has for the present stilled all activities in the direction of peace, and the foreign dispatches relating to the voyage of the squadron are followed with the most intense interest.

The admiralty volunteers no information regarding Rojstvensky's plans, whether his immediate destination is or is not Cape Paderon (on the east coast of Cochin-China), but in favor circles the impression prevails that the squadron will continue northward to the straits of Formosa, where, if Admiral Togo does not elect to give battle or is defeated, Admiral Rojstvensky may seize a temporary base in Japan territory and if it is considered advisable he could there await the arrival of Admiral Nebogatoff's division. It is rumored that there is a force of riflemen on board the Russian transports which could be landed for the purpose of co-operation with marines in the same fashion that the United States established a base at Guantanamo, Cuba, in 1898. Other naval men think that Vladivostok is the only base the Russian admiral has in view.

Sunday Law at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS—Governor Folk and Thomas E. Mulvihill, excise commissioner of St. Louis, are investigating the interpretation of the state law governing the closing of saloons on Sunday, and Commissioner Mulvihill declares that he will enforce the law. Just when St. Louis will become "dry" on Sunday is not yet decided, as Mr. Mulvihill says: "I want to be sure that I shall be successful in enforcing the law and hence I wish to make my preparations with deliberation."

Case of Lieutenant Osborn.

WASHINGTON—The war department has received the court-martial proceedings and findings in the case of First Lieutenant Albert C. Osborn, Twenty-sixth infantry, who was charged with duplication of pay accounts, absence without leave and embezzlement. The case was tried in the Department of Texas and Osborn was sentenced to dismissal. He was a resident of New York and served as an enlisted man in the regular army from 1894 to 1899, when he was commissioned as second lieutenant.

FATHER SCHELL ASSAULTED

Jaw Broken in Two Places and Otherwise Beaten Up by His Assailant.

SIoux CITY, Ia.—Father Joseph Schell is at St. Joseph's hospital here with his lower jaw broken in two places, both eyes blackened and swollen and numerous other bruises on his body as the result of a murderous attack this afternoon by Logan Lambert of Homer, Neb., in a livery barn at Dakota City, Neb. The attack is the result of the bitter war which Father Schell has waged against the selling of liquor to the Indians at the Winnebago agency, Lambert being one of the saloon keepers affected by the action of Father Schell.

Shocking in the extreme are the details of the assault. H. Rasdall, a partner of Lambert, was an onlooker to the assault. When Father Schell, who has been gathering evidence against the saloon keepers, went to the East-on livery barn to get his horse to return to Sioux City, the two saloon keepers accosted him and followed him into the barn. There Lambert began beating and kicking the clergyman, while Rasdall encouraged his partner. Onlookers rushed to the minister's assistance and managed to stop the assault and had Father Schell removed to Sioux City. Lambert made his escape and Sheriff Hanson, who has a warrant for his arrest, was unable to find him.

FRAUDULENT CONCERN FAILS

"Get-Rich-Quick" Company Operating in Kansas City Closes Its Doors.

KANSAS CITY—The American Mercantile association, alleged to be a "get-rich-quick" concern, with offices in a downtown office building, has been closed and this notice posted on the door: "Goodby, suckers, goodby." The whereabouts of the officers of the association is not known. The company's head office was at St. Joseph, Mo., and from there a notice had been sent out to its subscribers announcing the suspension as follows: "The officers of the American Mercantile association takes this means to announce to you that the business of the said corporation has been suspended and that it will be unable to complete or carry out its contract with you."

When this notice was received by the Kansas City subscribers, the majority of whom are laboring people, they flocked to the concern's offices. Many pitiable scenes were enacted.

The subscribers had agreed to pay \$1 a week for eighty weeks on the promise that they were to receive \$100 at that period. Many working girls and laborers had been making payments for months past. One woman had paid \$7.50 a week for sixty-six weeks and expected soon to realize \$720.

EIGHT-HOUR DAY AND CANAL

Believed That Law Does Not Apply to the Isthmus.

WASHINGTON—Chief Engineer Wallace of the isthmian canal commission had an interview with Secretary Taft, in which the conditions on the canal were discussed. Afterward Mr. Wallace met such members of the commission as are in the city.

As to the right of the commission to employ labor for more than eight hours per day there is a belief that the eight-hour law does not apply to the canal zone. Chief Engineer Wallace says that it would very seriously impede work to have the eight-hour law in effect during the construction of the canal. It would be impossible to make uniform hours for all labor, because some labor must be twelve hours, while ten hours is the regular rule for most of the working-men.

GIVES MORE THAN MILLION.

Rockefeller's Donation to Baptist Church Has Been Heavy.

NEW YORK—Dr. H. L. Morehouse, corresponding secretary of the American Baptist Home Missionary society in this city, today made the following announcement: "Mr. John D. Rockefeller has just given \$1,000,000 to the American Baptist Home Missionary society of this city, which makes a total of more than \$1,000,000 that the society has received from him during the last twenty years."

Mr. Morehouse said that this gift was a separate one from the two gifts by Mr. Rockefeller to the American Baptist Missionary union recently announced in Boston.

The Banker Not Guilty.

Denver, Colo.—By order of District Judge Frank T. Johnson, the jury in the case of E. M. Johnson, former president of the defunct Fidelity Savings association, charged with embezzlement, returned a verdict of not guilty. While lamenting the fact that thousands of poor persons had been made penniless by the failure of the Fidelity, Judge Johnson said that the worst that had been proven was mismanagement, which was not on trial and could not therefore be considered.

Hitchcock Refers Rebate Case.

WASHINGTON—Secretary Hitchcock has decided to refer to the attorney general the question of railroad rebates on material used in connection with the irrigation reclamation service, which Comptroller Tracewell has decided could not be legally accepted. The secretary refuses to discuss the comptroller's opinion, but other officials at the interior department hold that the so-called rebate is merely a reduction, such as is provided for by section 22 of the interstate commerce.

WILL USE COOLIES

THEIR EMPLOYMENT IN BUILDING THE CANAL.

A COMMISSION MEETING HELD

Plans for Construction of the Great Waterway—The Harbor Problem Discussed—Japanese and Chinese to Be Used in the Work.

WASHINGTON—Chairman Shonts, Governor Magoon and Chief Engineer Wallace met in Secretary Taft's office. It was the first meeting of the executive committee of the isthmian canal commission and details of the construction were considered.

On the whole the committee had a long and satisfactory discussion with Secretary Taft and reached some conclusions as to the organization of the Panama railroad directory at the meeting which is to take place next Monday in New York.

Chairman Shonts of the canal commission will be the next president of the Panama Railroad company and every member of the commission will be made a director of the company. That will leave four members of the directorate to be named and they will be civilians.

Another important conclusion related to the assignment to duty of the four engineer officers of the canal commission, who are not members of the executive committee, namely, Admiral Endicott, Colonel Ernst, General Haines and Mr. Harrod. It was decided to make these four men a special engineering commission, quite apart from the board of consulting engineers provided for in the president's order. To this engineering commission will be assigned the various engineering problems arising in the course of the construction of the canal. To them are to be submitted all plans of an engineering character of importance, and on these they will ask the opinion of the board of consulting engineers, which body is so far incomplete. The consulting board will report on the projects to the full canal commission, and this body in turn will make recommendations thereon to the president of the United States.

The labor problem was discussed at length and it was resolved that contracts should be made for the employment of 2,000 Japanese and 2,000 Chinese coolies in the canal construction. This is merely a preliminary and experimental move, but if it succeeds the engineers will have an almost unlimited force of labor to draw on. No opinion has yet been had from the attorney general as to the right of the commission to employ its labor more than eight hours daily, but it has satisfied itself that there is no legal obstacle to the employment of this coolie labor under contract. This conclusion is based on the theory that while the United States exercises control over the canal zone for administrative purposes, yet the titular sovereignty over the strip remains in Panama, over which no American labor law can be held to extend.

Grover Co. is Exonerated.

BROCKTON, Mass.—The R. B. Grover company and its agents were declared to be blameless for the explosion which destroyed its shoe factory here on March 20 and caused the death of fifty-seven persons, by the finding of Judge Fred K. Bixby, which was made public Thursday. The boiler explosion is held to be due to a defect which had not been discovered.

MERRIAM COMMITS SUICIDE

Of Merriam Mortgage Co. and Brother-in-Law of Sheldon.

BOSTON, Mass.—Clarence M. Merriam, an investment broker having offices in this city, has committed suicide at a hotel. His father is a broker in Chicago. No cause for the suicide is known.

Mr. Merriam's body was found some hours after death on a bed he had occupied since last Saturday. There was a bullet wound in the head. The suicide leaves a wife and two children. He was a native of Waterbury, Conn.

The police of this city say that Clarence M. Merriam, whose body was found in a hotel late yesterday, committed suicide by shooting. Merriam's friends here cannot explain the act. They say so far as they know Merriam enjoyed splendid health and was prosperous. Merriam's father and brother reside in Topeka.

Governor Brady Explains.

WASHINGTON—Secretary Hitchcock has received a cablegram from Governor Brady of Alaska in response to the secretary's letter asking the governor to explain his connection with a mining promotion company. The governor merely says that he has sent explanations by mail. The president of the governor's company, who is a clergyman, called upon the secretary and explained the governor's connection with his company, but he was told that his showing was not sufficiently clear.

Captain Clado Fights No Duel.

ST. PETERSBURG—The proposed duel between Captain Clado, formerly Rojstvensky's chief tactician, and Captain Ziloti, aide to Admiral Avellan, head of the Russian admiralty department, has failed to take place. Captain Clado having satisfied himself by investigation that he had wrongly accused Captain Ziloti of the responsibility for the publication of a letter from Vice Admiral Rojstvensky severely reflecting upon him. Captain Clado has offered the amplest apology, personal and public.