

# THE NEWS IN NEBRASKA

## OVER THE STATE.

The residence of Mrs. Sarah Holland of Tecumseh was destroyed by fire.

The slot machines, which have been in use for so many years in the business houses and saloons of West Point, have been ordered taken out.

The management of the Fillmore county fair feel greatly encouraged over the prospects for an unusually successful fair September 12 to 15.

A horse was stolen from the barn of August Zillmer, living two miles west of Stanton and one of the old settlers of this county. The animal is valued at \$110.

Doctor Edwin Oxford of Omaha and a son of Doctor Charles Oxford of West Point, has been made assistant physician of the Mormon hospital of Salt Lake City, Utah.

Rev. Mr. Winter, who has been pastor of the Leigh German Lutheran church of Leigh for the last six years, has resigned and accepted a similar pastorate in Minnesota.

The 13-year-old granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Squires of Decatur is dead, as the result of being scalded from head to foot by steam from a toy engine, which exploded.

Work has been begun on the actual survey of the new Iowa of Uehling, on the Great Northern railway, three miles east and a half-mile south of the southeast corner of Cuming county.

J. F. Berger of Dakota county, suffered from the loss of his barn, seven head of horses, three calves, one colt, besides harness, machinery, etc., to the amount of about \$2,000, by fire.

Frank Iams of St. Paul arrived from Europe with his annual importation of draft stations. This year's shipment is the largest he has ever made. They are mostly Belgians and Percherons.

Harry Moore, a young freight brakeman, while making a coupling at Ashland, slipped under the cars and was run over, the wheels taking off one leg and an arm. It is thought he cannot live.

The insanity committee heard the evidence in the case of Sadie Woods of Wymore, charged with being an habitual drunkard and sentenced her to three years in the insane hospital at Lincoln.

Phillip Manshis of Buffalo county, a farm hand who has been working for Henry Newman of Prairie Center, attempted to commit suicide by slashing his throat and both wrists with a pocket knife in a cornfield on the Newman farm.

During a severe windstorm the framework of the tower on the new church at Monterey was blown down and completely wrecked. The tower was 100 feet high, fifty-eight feet of brick and forty-two of frame and galvanized iron.

P. S. Heacock, one of the largest buyers of grain in the southeastern part of the state, has purchased the William Douglas mill in Falls City and will run it in connection with the grain business.

Of eighteen candidates for enlistment in the United States navy examined at the recruiting station in Lincoln last week but six were accepted. All of the others were turned down for defective eyesight.

Lightning struck the residence of Harry Peard, cashier of the bank of Phillips, and tore off a lot of shingles and entered the house without making any hole. It shocked the two-year-old boy, but no one else was hurt.

In the district court of Dodge county Mrs. Clara Steward was granted a divorce from her husband, R. W. Stewart, on the ground of failure to support and also received \$900 alimony. The parties are prominent in social circles.

E. Williams of Leavitt is in the Dodge county jail awaiting a hearing on the charge of bootlegging. The sugar town is dry, but the employees of the factory have apparently had plenty of booze lately, which was brought to them from Fremont.

Charles Fox of Omaha, but formerly of Brownville, Nemaha county, at the fair pocketed the pocket of G. W. Mershon and stole from him his gold watch. Fox was detected in the act by Mershon, who gave chase and overhauled the transgressor.

The Methodist church of Albion is making extensive arrangements to entertain the ministers of that district who will attend the annual conference that convenes on September 15. It is expected that about 150 members of the conference will be in attendance.

Robert List, a farm hand employed by William Oahlerking, who resides near Dakota City, became violently insane while the family was waiting for breakfast, and taking his pocket knife out of his pocket made a lunge after Mrs. Oahlerking, who was preparing the morning meal, and attempted to cut her, at the same time demanding of her why she was putting poison in the victuals.

Deba Rees, 2-year-old daughter of J. R. and Mrs. D. Rees of Norfolk, was seriously burned as the result of her clothes catching fire from an alcohol lamp. Enveloped by the flame, her face and hands were burned and her hair singed off. It is thought she will recover.

The large barn on the James Richardson farm five miles southwest of Sterling, was destroyed by fire together with considerable corn and oats and two nearby stacks of straw and hay. None of his live stock perished. It is believed that children, with matches started the fire.

## THE STATE APPROPRIATION.

### Money for Public Buildings May Be Tied Up by Legislative Act.

LINCOLN—The supreme court must decide whether building appropriations made by the legislature lapse under the constitutional provisions providing for the lapsing of appropriations for governmental running expenses. The question will be presented to the court by the state board of education for normal schools and the board of regents of the state university in an action to mandamus the auditor to allow vouchers and draw warrants for the payment of claims in advance of completion of the buildings for the unexpended balances of the building appropriations made by the legislature of 1903 for the Peru normal school, the Kearney normal school and the university. The amounts involved are \$12,000 for the Peru library building, \$15,000 for the main building at the Kearney normal and \$20,000 for the administration building of the university. All three buildings are in the course of construction, but, according to the law, all appropriations made in 1903 lapse August 31 of this year.

The board of regents recently instructed that the unexpended balance of the university building fund of 1903 be drawn on advance warrants, to be held in trust until the building was completed. A voucher was presented for the amount, but not acted on by Auditor Searle. Today the state board of education asked the auditor to make a ruling in a similar proposition in regard to Kearney and Peru. The board had fortified itself with an opinion by the attorney general that such proceeding would be legal.

Despite this opinion the auditor informed the board that he would not take the responsibility of allowing the claims until the work had actually been completed and requested that he be mandamused to do so, that the courts might interpret the law.

The decision of the auditor places the attorney general in a peculiar situation, as in the mandamus proceedings he must appear for the auditor in an action instituted by a state board at his suggestion.

### GETTING BACK TO DUTY.

#### State House Again Puts on Working Appearance.

LINCOLN—The state house has again assumed the appearance of a real estate capitol, all of the state officers who have been away on their vacations having returned and settled down to work. Governor Mickey and Secretary of State Galusha returned from Portland; Land Commissioner Eaton returned from Portland and H. Lindsay, clerk of the supreme court, returned from Spearfish. Every one of them came back feeling robust and looking good.

Those state officers who went to Portland were delighted with the exposition and Nebraska's part of it and especially were they pleased with the courtesies extended to them by the New York commissioners, who turned over their building and annex for the Nebraska day exercises. Secretary Galusha said Governor Mickey delivered a splendid address that took well. Enroute home Governor Mickey was taken ill just after leaving Seattle, and at Spokane a physician was called to the train and soon straightened him out. The governor is feeling all right now, though he shows that he has been through a strenuous experience. Adjutant General Culver returned from Sea Girt, N. J., where he has been with the National Guard team.

#### Back Pay for Soldiers.

The names of the Nebraska soldiers of the Spanish-American war to whom money is due from the government have been received by the governor, and upon his return to the state Adjutant General Culver will attend to the distribution of the same.

#### Dies at Kansas City.

SEWARD—News was received of the sudden death of Miss Minnie Cole of this place at Kansas City, where she was visiting friends. Miss Cole was a teacher in the public school, and has lived in Seward since childhood.

#### Two People Killed by Lightning.

PEATRICE—Coroner Walden returned from the home of William O. Bering, near Pickrell, where he was called to investigate the cause of death of Henry Henke, aged 76, and Anna Henke, aged 70, who were found dead in bed, having been killed by lightning. No inquest was held.

#### Insane Man From Boston.

YORK—H. L. Smith, who left Boston last spring, was found at the Burlington yards. When he left Boston he had \$200 and when found possessed just 3 cents. He has at some time been in the insane asylum.

#### Demand for Furnas Lands.

CAMBRIDGE—By reason of the splendid crops in Furnas county the last few seasons has been the occasion of numerous land seekers being in evidence lately. A large number of farms have changed hands the last six months and indications are that the tide is just starting. The Republican valley has become famous far and wide for good crops at all seasons. Lands have been and are selling below their actual value as compared with the lands a short distance east of this locality.

## With Uncle Sam's Regular Soldiers

### Some Facts About Army Life and the Treatment, Prospects and Facilities for Education of the Men.

It must be borne in mind, says a writer, that one essential for leading a happy life in the United States army is good behavior, and if any voice from the ranks tells a tale of unnecessary hardships endured, or other grievances, it is certain to be merely the natural result of bad conduct, and of leading a lazy and dissolute life, and the same man would have fared equally bad in any other walk of life, or that he is inexperienced and does not know how to care for himself or fails to attend to the directions received.

The army is necessarily governed by intelligent regulations, and strict obedience is required of all, for without this nothing could be done, and what is now viewed by the world as a magnificent fighting force would become of no more use than an armed mob.

While the ordinary citizen may view with some contempt the proffer of \$13 a month for his daily work, still how many to-day tolling eight, ten, and sometimes sixteen hours, are making on an average of \$60 a month, or an income of \$720 a year? This is what the average soldier in the United States army is getting to-day, when all clothing, medical attention, medicines, baths, free gymnasium, libraries, with books of all sorts, magazines, periodicals, post exchanges exclusively for the soldier's use where he may purchase at cost such soft drinks and articles as may be deemed necessary for his comfort, and where may be found billiard and pool tables and a good supply of games, such as chess, checkers, dominoes and cards, can be taken into consideration.

In addition to this, if the soldier be a good tradesman, carpenter, mason, teamster or any kind of workman or a man with a fair education, or it may be mentioned that even when a man enlists, if he is not up to his work, he

### BRACELET EMBLEM OF POWER.

Afterward It Was a Reward of Bravery Shown in Battle.

In the most ancient period of history, the bracelet was an ensign of royalty. In later times it has been used in the East as a badge of power.

The bracelet of Rebecca (mentioned in Genesis) weighed 10 shekels, or about five ounces. Among the ancient Romans the men as well as the women wore bracelets, but the latter never wore them till they were betrothed.

Bracelets were at first properly military ornaments, or rewards, frequently conferred among the ancients, by generals and princes, on those who behaved gallantly in fight. They became afterward arbitrary decorations, assumed at pleasure.

"The emblems," says Fosbrooke, "of supreme authority among the British kings were golden bands worn around the neck, arms and knees. Ornamented bracelets of brass have been found round the arms or skeletons in British barrows."

The northern people used to swear on their bracelets to render contracts more inviolable.—Exchange.

### "Firedamp."

"Firedamp" and "afterdamp," words brought into terrible prominence in many disasters in mines, preserve the older English sense of "damp"—vapor, and especially noxious vapor. Precisely where the word came from philology does not know, but the earliest existence of its use is quoted by Dr. Murray's dictionary as Caxton's (1840)—"after the dragon shall come a goot and ther shall come out of his nostril a damp that shall betoken hunger and grete deth of peple." Bacon is one of the writers of his time who speak of the "damps" of mines. "Damp" gradually came to be applied to visible vapors, such as evening mists, and the transition to the sense of moisture is obvious. But in "damping down" a furnace one finds a relic of the very "damp" in the sense of "suffocate."

### READY WITH HIS EXCUSE.

Clerk Justified Mean Trick by Scriptural Quotation.

A certain tailor of very strict principles was in the habit of excusing the faults of his assistants only if they could justify themselves by Scripture. One day a woman entered his shop and asked to see some material, but refused to buy it because it was too cheap. After showing her some other goods the assistant brought back the same material, this time asking a higher price, whereupon the customer bought it. Afterward, the proprietor, who had witnessed the transaction, reproved his assistant severely. The latter, remembering the rules of the establishment, replied, "Oh, it's according to Scripture all right. She was a stranger and I took her in."—Harper's Weekly.

### Made American Rifle Famous.

The American rifle became famous all over Europe after the battle of New Orleans, January 3, 1815, where, with the deadly American weapon in the hands of Kentuckians and Tennesseans the English lost 2,117—two-thirds of these killed—out of 6,000 men engaged, and the Americans lost six killed and seven wounded. The English were all shot at from forty to sixty yards distance. No wonder Wellington did not believe the story of England's awful loss when he heard it.

may, by little application, and by taking advantage of the chances to inform himself, soon become a good scholar or improve in his trade.

As in the case first cited he will receive in addition to the regular soldier's pay, 35 or 50 cents a day by being detailed for duty in some of the places in which extra duty is paid at these rates.

From this it may be seen that an industrious man can earn from \$10 to \$15 a month in addition to his pay. Any money saved can be deposited in the treasury in sums not less than \$5 at 4 per cent interest and cannot be forfeited except by desertion, thus giving the enlisted man a bank and a surety for saving, such as no citizen in the United States can boast.

A private soldier with a fair education, who proves himself, by his conduct, his duty well done, his efficiency, and aptitude, will always sooner or later get the first step upward—that of a corporal, from where, if he is ambitious and shows fitness, he can be sure that his work and talents will be noted and rewarded by further promotion. For it may be truly said that while we have no field marshal in our service and we cannot literally repeat Napoleon's assertion, that every soldier carries a marshal's baton in his knapsack, still the highest rank in our army to-day is held by a lieutenant general, who was at one time a recruit. He succeeded a man, Lieut.-Gen. Young, who also started as a private, and when Gen. Young relinquished the highest rank in our army, he sent to his successor a pair of lieutenant-general's shoulder straps with the note: "From Private Young, 12th Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry, to Private Chaffee, Troop K, U. S. Cavalry." Of course these men enlisted during the civil war, when motives for enlisting were different, while those who enlist at present with commissions in view, mostly do so from love of a soldier's life. To say that a man loves the life is simply saying that he is a born soldier, and his success in the army is assured.

### How Foolscap Got Its Name.

Every one probably has wondered why a certain size paper, familiar to all who write, is called foolscap. As early as the year 1301 water marks were employed by paper manufacturers to distinguish their products. No grade of paper much in demand during the middle ages, resembling what we call foolscap and known by that name, had for its water mark a fool's head wearing a cap and bells. The mark appeared on this grade of paper until the middle of the seventeenth century, when the figure of Britannia was substituted by the English manufacturers, and other marks by other paper makers. No one has, however, changed the name of the paper, so we have to this day the foolscap paper.

### The Good Mixer.

"He's a good mixer," or "He isn't a good mixer," are expressions you often hear. A "good mixer" is supposed to be a man who can associate with people and make business. A poor mixer is one who makes friends slowly, who minds his own business and is not much of a rounder. A man who gives his business close attention is the best "mixer." When people are in need of a certain article they buy where they can get the best and cheapest—where conditions suit them. When people are buying articles they dealer is a "goodfellow" or not. We have never thought much of the "good-mixer" idea.—Atchison Globe.

### Cure for Insomnia.

A writer in a medical journal advises people troubled with sleeplessness to have a list of words, so associated that each one suggests the next—for instance, ice, slippery, smooth, rough, ruffian, tramp, etc.—and when sleep is coy to recite the list mentally. This is said to be an infallible cure for insomnia, the secret being concentration of the mind on each word so suggested by the preceding one, not allowing the attention to lapse for an instant. The plan is certainly a better one than counting those interminable sheep.

### Make Fuel from Foliage.

In Paris a company has contracted with the municipal authorities for all the foliage to be derived from the trees of the public squares, gardens, streets and woods within the limits of the city. These leaves are to be compressed under high pressure and will then be converted into a fuel, which, it is claimed, will have far greater calorific capacity than coal or any other fuel known.

### Scientist on Hypnotism.

A Boston scientist says that hypnotists mean develop only natural instincts and that the best hypnotist in the world cannot make a really moral person do wrong. From experiments he has made he believes that 75 per cent of the human race, if unrestrained by family pride and other like considerations, would steal.

### When a Pet Dies in China.

When a favorite dog, cat or other domestic pet belonging to a person of royal rank dies in China its sorrowing owner has its body inclosed in a coffin of polished oak, elaborately carved, and buried in the animal cemetery behind the summer palace at Peking.

### Complete Set of Chopin.

Herbert L. Jenks has presented the Fitchburg (Mass.) library with the only complete set of Chopin's compositions.

## THE ADS THE BEST READING.

Japanese Admiration for Information They Conveyed.

Commodore Edward Dunham Robie, who sailed on Perry's flagship in the historic American expedition to Japan fifty-two years ago, talked in New York the other day about the Japanese.

"What impressed me most at that time," he said, "was their incredible bravery. There we were, a strong fleet, with modern equipment, and when we approached their port they sent their greatest battleship—a junk—to turn us back. They defied us, and pointed to the line we must not cross.

"As remarkable as their bravery was the brilliance of their minds—minds at once powerful and naive. A great samurai got hold of an American newspaper, and had it all translated to him, every word, from cover to cover. At the end he said to Perry: 'I have read this newspaper with delight, especially the advertising section. Within that singularly narrow space the author has contrived to collect the most valuable information—the bargains offered by the various merchants, the humble marriages which have taken place, the houses for sale or to be let, many investments and business opportunities, and, above all, the most valuable and precious medicines.'"

### JUST WANTED TO KNOW.

Visitor's Object Lesson in Loss of Weight Attained.

Prof. D. P. Cropp, of the University of Colorado, has invented a machine that increases the height from one to five inches and the chest girth from one to four inches.

"It is amazing," said Prof. Cropp the other day, "what an interest people take in any change in their physique—the gain of an inch around the chest or forearm, the loss of an inch in the neck or stomach.

"I know a fat woman who spent July at the seashore, taking an ocean bath and a hot bath daily, so as to reduce her weight.

"The day she was to leave for home, she entered a butcher shop and told the old man to cut her off twenty pounds of pork.

"He cut and weighed this great chunk of meat, and then said: 'Where, madam, shall I send it?'

"But the woman, as she feasted her eyes on the pork, replied:

"Oh, don't send it anywhere. I don't want to buy it. You see, I have lost twenty pounds since I have been down here, and I just wanted to see how much it was."

### At Any Cost.

A dandy preacher was lost in the happy selection of his text, which he repeated in vigorous accents of pleading.

"Oh, brethren, at de las' day dere's gwine to be sheep an' dere's gwine to be goats. Who's gwine to be de sheep an' who's gwine to be de goats? Let's all try to be like de lil' white lambs, brethren. Shall we be de goats, sisters? Naw, we's gwine to be de sheep. Who's gwine to be de sheep, brethren, an' who's gwine to be de goats? Tak' care ob your souls, sisters. Remember, dere's gwine to be goats an' sheep. Who's gwine to be de sheep an' who's gwine to be de goats?"

Just then a solitary Irishman who had been sitting in the back of the church, listening attentively, rose and said:

"O'll be the goat. Go on; tell us the joke, Elder. O'll be the goat!"—Lippincott's.

### How Col. Morrison Kept Cool.

Col. William Morrison and his wife were once staying at a hotel, when in the night they were aroused from their slumbers by the cry that the hotel was afire.

"Now, my dear," said the colonel, "I will put into practice what I have always preached. Put on all your indispensable apparel, and keep cool.

Then he slipped his watch into his vest pocket and walked with his wife out of the hotel.

When all the danger was past he said: "Now, you see how necessary it is to keep cool."

Mrs. Morrison for the first time glanced at her husband.

"Yes, William," she said, "it is a grand thing, but if I were you I would have put on my trousers."

### What They Mean.

The little glances that I get, So timid and appealing, The pressures when our hands have met, The sighs so full of feeling, The "smuggling"—there's no better name.

When on my arm you lean, I'm conscious of, but just the same I wonder what they mean.

Your sympathetic interest Whenever I am talking, The sudden and quite recent zest You have for moonlight walking—When you accord my little joke Appreciation keen And say you love the smell of smoke What may these tokens mean?

Though on anticipation's alp, I have no heart affection, I think you merely want my scalp To add your collection. I've played the game, too, more or less. I'm not so very green, And so I think that I can guess Exactly what you mean.

### Conductor Was Mistaken.

Senator Penrose tells of a lady who objected to all familiarity by street car conductors, such as touching her or calling to her, or assuming that she needed help in getting on or off a car. One day when the motorman was putting on brakes and slowing up the lady arose, and the conductor shouted:

"Wait, leddy, until the car stops." "Don't address me, sir, as lady," she indignantly replied.

"Beg your pardon, ma'am," replied the conductor; "but all of us is liable to make mistakes."—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

## SENATOR SULLIVAN

Says He Has Found Doan's Kidney Pills Invaluable in Treating Sick Kidneys.

Hon. Timothy D. Sullivan of New York, Member of Congress from the Eighth New York District, and one of the Democratic leaders of New York State, strongly recommends Doan's Kidney Pills.



Senator Sullivan writes:

"It is a pleasure to endorse a remedy like Doan's Kidney Pills, having found them of greatest value in eliminating the distress caused by sick kidneys, and in restoring those organs to a condition of health. My experience with your valuable remedy was equally as gratifying as that of several of my friends.

Yours truly, (Signed) TIMOTHY D. SULLIVAN, Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale by all druggists. Price, 50 cents per box.

Some men try to keep the faith by keeping the faithful in a pickle.

I do not believe Plac's Cure for Consumption has an equal for coughs and colds.—JOHN P. BOYCE, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 15, 1900.

Once men fought for abstractions, now they fight for abstractions.

### YELLOW CRUST ON BABY

Would Crack Open and Scab Causing Terrible Itching—Cured by Cuticura.

"Our baby had a yellow crust on his head which I could not keep away. When I thought I had succeeded in getting his head clear, it would start again by the crown of his head, crack and scale, and cause terrible itching. I then got Cuticura Soap and Ointment, washing the scalp with the soap and then applying the Ointment. A few treatments made a complete cure. I have advised a number of mothers to use Cuticura, when I have been asked about the same ailment of their babies. Mrs. John Boyce, Pine Bush, N. Y."

### HAD MADE GOOD HAUL.

Banker's Hunt for Chickens Met with Much Success.

A banker in a western city bought some chickens of a ranchman and told the man to deliver them at his house. When he went home at noon his wife met him at the door and told him with great consternation that the man brought the chickens, he had promised, but instead of putting them in the henhouse, had left them on the lawn, and they had all disappeared.

Forgetting his dinner, he started off in no very amiable frame of mind in pursuit of the missing fowls. After scouring the neighboring alleys for some time, he came back triumphant, driving the lost chicks.

When in a few days he met the offending ranchman, he demanded, severely: "What did you mean by leaving those chickens on my lawn the other day? I hunted the neighborhood over for them and then could find only eleven!"

"You did mighty well," was the mild reply. "I only left six."—Grace M. Crawford in Harper's.

### Asiatics in the Transvaal.

English inhabitants of the Transvaal are much worried over the increase in the Asiatic elements in the population. Already in Natal the Asiatics outnumber the Europeans. In Natal, too, the white retail trade has been almost eliminated as a result of Asiatic competition.

### OUST THE DEMON.

A Tussle with Coffee.

There is something fairly diabolical in the way coffee sometimes wrecks its fiendish malice on those who use it.

A lady writing from Calif. says:—"My husband and I, both lovers of coffee, suffered for some time from a very annoying form of nervousness, accompanied by most frightful headaches. In my own case there was eventually developed some sort of affection of the nerves leading from the spine to the head.

"I was unable to hold my head up straight, the tension of the nerves drew it to one side, causing me the most intense pain. We got no relief from medicine, and were puzzled as to what caused the trouble, until a friend suggested that possibly the coffee we drank had something to do with it, and advised that we quit it and try Postum Coffee.

"We followed his advice, and from the day that we began to use Postum we both began to improve, and in a very short time both of us were entirely relieved. The nerves became steady once more, the headaches ceased, the muscles in the back of my neck relaxed, my head straightened up and the dreadful pain that had so punished me while I used the old kind of coffee vanished.

"We have never resumed the use of the old coffee, but relish our Postum every day as well as we did the former beverage. And we are delighted to find that we can give it freely to our children also, something we never dared to do with the old kind of coffee." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Postum Coffee contains absolutely no drugs of any kind, but relieves the coffee drinker from the old drug poison.

There's a reason.