

General News

The Missouri Press association will meet at St. Louis, Laclode hotel, February 8 and 9.

An earthquake shock was felt at Cumana, in the state of Bermuda, Venezuela. There was no damage.

The petition against the destruction of the old frigate Constitution, signed by 300 residents of Massachusetts, was presented to the president.

Republican members of the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce decided to support the Hepburn bill with a few modifications.

Seven men were killed by a snowslide at the mining camp of Alta, Utah, according to the last message received before the telephone wires broke.

It has developed that during the attack made on the barracks by rioters at Quayaquil, Ecuador, only sixty-one persons were killed and ninety-four wounded.

John Willis Baer, for many years president of the Presbyterian board of home missions, has accepted the presidency of Occidental college, at Los Angeles, Cal.

Isaac Syfe, a Syrian, suspected of throwing Peter Kaden, a settler from Hoskins, Neb., into a well, is in jail at Bonesteel, S. D., charged with murder in the first degree.

Governor M. A. Otero, who will go out of office, has appointed Dr. J. H. Sloan, of Santa Fe, insurance commissioner of New Mexico, vice Pedro Parea, deceased. Sloan is a democrat.

The news of the appointment of Luke E. Wright, governor general of the Philippines, to be the first American ambassador to Japan, has been received at Tokio with general satisfaction.

In a hotel in Chihuahua, Mex., Manuel Algara de Torroeros, a member of a distinguished family of Mexico City, shot Senora Maria Reiga, an actress, and afterwards shot himself. Both will die.

The chief of staff has favored the proposition of army chaplains to build chapels at some of the posts where there are present no places of worship and has recommended that the war department endorse the project.

About 150 members of the Life Underwriters' association of New York have pledged themselves to organize an anti-rebating bureau to prevent the practice of giving or accepting rebates on life insurance premiums.

Orrin C. Murray, said to be the son of a wealthy banker of Kokomo, Ind., was arrested in Chicago, charged with embezzling \$900 from the St. Louis & Southern Railway company, while agent at Kelsey, Mo.

George W. C. Cushing, for many years identified with several railroads, including the Chicago & Northwestern, the Union Pacific, the Missouri, Kansas & Texas and the Denver & Rio Grande, as superintendent, died in Chicago.

John E. Stevens, chief engineer of the isthmian canal commission, was elected vice president and director of the Panama Railroad company to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of former Chief Engineer John F. Wallace.

It is rumored that Senor Lizardo Garcia, president of Ecuador, has taken refuge in the Brazilian legation at Quito, the capital. It is impossible however, to ascertain the truth of this rumor, as communication with Quito is interrupted.

A bill for a receiver for the National Life Insurance company of Chicago has been filed in the district court at Des Moines, Ia., where the company has \$1,700,000 on deposit with the state auditor. The bill was filed for Dr. A. L. Watson, a policyholder.

Serious troubles threaten to break out in China as the result of the viceroy's scheme for taxation in order to raise revenue for the construction of the Canton-Hankow railway. The Merchants' guild is determined on a retaliatory strike and the viceroy threatens the leaders with decapitation.

Alexander Barry, a naturalized American who is among the prominent manufacturers of Moscow, takes an exceedingly gloomy view of the situation there. Mr. Barry employs from 300 to 3,000 men and unquestionably has a more profound knowledge of Russian conditions than any American in the empire.

A movement to provide a monthly income for Russian Socialists has been started in Spokane, Wash. It is proposed that Socialists in this country shall give not less than 5 cents each a week, this money to be collected through the national organization in this country and forwarded to St. Petersburg every month.

The new president of France is the son of a clerk and the grandson of a blacksmith.

Passenger train No. 3 on the Choctaw division of the Rock Island railroad was wrecked at Riceville, Ark. Seven passengers were slightly injured.

Three hundred and fifty thousand silver pesos were taken out of Mexico City on a special car en route to London, England.

The hostile attitude of President Castro of Venezuela toward the American minister may necessitate the dispatch of a warship to the spot.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

NEBRASKA GRAIN MEN COMMEND ROOSEVELT

LINCOLN—The farmers' Co-Operative Grain & Elevator association adopted resolutions commending President Roosevelt in his fight for the regulation of freight rates; commended Attorney General Brown for the manner in which he looked after the interests of the state in the tax suits brought by the Burlington and Union Pacific roads, commended him for his assistance in prosecuting the grain trust and asked him to investigate the supposed coal and lumber trusts; endorsed the Clay county resolutions; pledged the association to work for the adoption of the amendment to the constitution providing for a railroad commission; favored the state inspection and weighing of grain.

Young Man Makes a Start.

PLATTSMOUTH—It has been learned that some time since a Plattsmouth girl told a young man who had asked her for her hand that she could not think of marrying a man with less than \$10,000. The young man went to Omaha and worked hard for a few years. Then he returned and called on the young woman, who greeted him with: "Well, John, how are you getting along?" "Pretty well," he replied. "I have almost saved \$19 towards the \$10,000." "Well, John," she said, "I guess we can get along with that."

FARMER WAS TOO SHARP FOR THE SHARPERS

PLATTSMOUTH—Three strangers drove to the home of a wealthy farmer in Mount Pleasant precinct, in this county, and one asked of the farmer many questions concerning the number of his family and their ages, his crops, the number of cattle, horses, hogs, sheep and agricultural implements he owned. They informed him that they were taking the census for the government. The shrewd old farmer noticed that there were two sheets of paper, one under the other on which one had written down the answers to the questions, and he could not quite understand why it should require three men to do the work of one, so he became fully convinced that they were trying to "work" him, and would not sign the paper as requested. The strangers then took their departure. The farmer, who declined to allow his name to appear in print, learned that the strangers did not visit any other farmers in that neighborhood.

DAIRYMEN OF NEBRASKA ELECT THEIR OFFICERS

Nebraska dairymen elected officers for the ensuing year last week. Henry P. Glissman of Omaha was named as president; H. C. Young of Lincoln, as vice president; S. C. Bassett of Gibson, secretary and treasurer. Board of directors for the same period; L. D. Stillson, York; C. A. Clark, Ravenna; J. K. Honeywell, Lincoln; A. L. Haecker, Lincoln and A. C. Jones, Blair. Papers were read by H. C. Young of Lincoln and Prof. H. M. Reynolds of the University of Minnesota. The dairymen report their organization in a highly prosperous condition and the business of butter making growing each season by big jumps.

Jelly Without Fruit.

In a bulletin which he will shortly issue State Chemist Redfern will tell something about various kinds of jellies he has analyzed. Five brands which he has in his office now and which were sold for jelly manufactured from fruit, contain not a suspicion of fruit, but are made of glucose, starch and coloring.

Peculiar Birthday Gift.

LINCOLN—A. D. Burr, who was 61 years of age Wednesday, received from his brother, C. C. Burr of Washington, as a birthday present a 2-cent stamp with instructions to squander it as he saw fit. In this manner C. C. Burr has remembered his brother's birthday for the last twenty years.

Hope to Avoid Deficiency.

LINCOLN—Every state officer and every head of a state department is conducting his business with an eye to finishing the biennium without a deficiency. So far every institution and every state officer is in better condition financially than at this time last year, that is, the supply of money set aside to conduct the same for one year is not yet used, with one exception. The Soldier's Home at Milford, owing to improvements, is already beyond its appropriation and this institution will report a deficiency.

Celebrates Ninety-Fifth Birthday.

DAKOTA CITY—Mrs. Isabelle Lapsley, the oldest person in Dakota county, and probably the oldest in northeastern Nebraska, last week celebrated her ninety-fifth birthday, by her relatives congregating at her home and being served with a birthday dinner, and among the assemblage none enjoyed the event more than "Grandma Lapsley," who, although nearing the century mark, is well preserved, enjoys the best of health, has perfect eyesight, not using glasses, and is always occupied with some light work.

NEBRASKA BRIEFS

Fifty singers met in Plattsmouth and organized a choral union.

The smallpox case at Syracuse is reported as well under control.

There were eight operations for appendicitis in Fremont in one week.

A grand union revival has been arranged by all the churches of Edgar.

The public school at Chalco, Sarpy county, has been closed on account of scarlet fever.

Charles Hacker, a Fremont saloon-keeper, was fined \$75 for selling liquor on Sunday.

George Roberts of Wahoo, was adjudged insane and was taken to the asylum at Lincoln.

The incubator factory at Clay Center is being enlarged to accommodate increasing business.

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Will Wickham, a young man residing in Elk Creek has the thumb and front finger of his right hand badly hurt in a buzz saw.

Hon. William E. Ritchie, a prominent farmer, stockraiser, and ex-member of the legislature from Seward county, died last week.

The Lininger Implement company of Omaha has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The capital stock is \$100,000.

The saloon men of Plattsmouth have been called upon the carpet and told by the county attorney that henceforth they must obey the Slocumb law.

At Hastings the Y. M. C. A. fund of \$20,000 has been completed and work will be commenced by the first of February, for the erection of the new building.

The Westbrook-Gibbons Grain company has decided to close its elevator at Fremont and Agent Morrison will be transferred to some other point and the building removed.

Fire destroyed the large barn, together with the contents, including eleven head of horses, belonging to Paul Johnson, a farmer living about ten miles south of Ashland.

A rifle club to be part of the national rifle association is being organized in Beatrice and a paper is being circulated for the signature of twenty names who are to compose the charter membership.

At Elkhorn Miss Mary Beck has commenced suit against the four saloonkeepers for selling liquor to her husband, John Beck, alleging that he came to his death while in an intoxicated condition.

A. C. Buckmaster, while hunting along the Platte river, shot fine specimen of the American eagle. It has been mounted by a local taxidermist and placed on exhibition in one of the stores of Ashland.

The tenth annual meeting of the Elkhorn Valley Medical society was held in Norfolk. This is now said to be the strongest society of its kind in the state outside of the state association. It always meets in Norfolk.

John Borden of Arborville, York county, at a great expense purchased hounds and makes a nice income catching wolves and coyotes. Recently he brought to County Clerk C. C. Boslow thirteen gray wolf scalps and eight coyotes.

Nearly 100 men and boys engaged in a hunt for coyotes south of Wood River and as a result of the hunt a large number of the animals were killed. They are very numerous and even getting so tame as to come into the farm yards.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barrick of Wood River, who are employed in the custom house at Manila and who have been visiting in the Nebraska town for some time, left for Washington, D. C., to try if possible to secure a similar position in the United States.

A prairie fire which began in the northern part of Deuel county swept south over forty miles of prairie before it was extinguished. Two ranches and twenty head of stock were destroyed and twelve other ranches damaged. Loss, \$75,000.

Samuel Parker of Thurston county, under sentence to serve five years in the penitentiary for manslaughter, will be released from custody pending a decision in his appeal to the supreme court. His attorney, T. L. Sloan, presented a \$10,000 bail bond which has been approved.

A company of Omaha and Lincoln stockholders has been formed for erecting a crushed stone plant along the bluffs bordering the Platte river between Ashland and South Bend on the Burlington's old main line to Plattsmouth. The timber has been cleared, the formation uncovered and the material for the crushers has been ordered. Two crushers will be installed and about eighty men employed.

W. W. Camp, a farmer, who resides ten miles west of Hastings, has purchased an automobile and claims the distinction of being the oldest chauffeur in the state. Although nearly eighty years of age he handles his car with the ease of an expert.

William Thomas, Gus Brandhorst and E. Leach were out hunting in Seward county. Leach was coming up a draw and the other boys were off some distance, but were unable to see him, when they scared up a rabbit and shot at it. A large portion of the charge struck Leach just above the left ear. He is not seriously injured.

FALL WHEAT RAISING IN ALBERTA.

The Spring Wheat Areas Are Rapidly Increasing.

It is only a few short years since the impression prevailed that a large portion of the Canadian West was unfitted for agriculture. To such an extent did this impression prevail that districts larger than European principalities were devoted solely to ranching purposes, and flocks and herds roamed the ranges. But the agriculturist was doing some hard thinking, and gradually experiments were made, slowly at first, but surely later on. As a result, to-day in Southern Alberta, which was looked upon as the "arid belt," large quantities of the finest winter wheat in the world are now grown, and so satisfied are the farmers and buyers that the industry has passed the experimental stage that elevators by the score have been erected in the past two years and others in course of erection, to satisfy the demands that will be made upon them in the near future.

Manitoba, "No. 1, Hard" spring wheat has achieved a world-wide reputation, and there can be no question that ere long "No. 1 Hard" winter wheat from Alberta will attain similar repute. The great market for this production will undoubtedly be the Orient, and, with increased railway facilities and the erection of additional elevators and flouring mills, a largely increased acreage will be broken to winter wheat. The increase of population in Southern Alberta in the past year has been largely due to settlers from the United States who have brought in capital and enterprise, and who have been uniformly successful in their undertakings. A few more such years of growth and "Turkey Red" winter wheat will wave from Moose Jaw to the foothills. Information regarding lands in the Fall and Spring wheat belts may be obtained of any Canadian Government Agent.

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