

General News

The main business houses in Hallville, Tex., were destroyed by fire. The losses aggregate \$50,000.

The senate passed the consular reorganization bill, which, in amended form, was reported from the committee on foreign relations.

The attorney general of Missouri began suit against the Western Union Telegraph company for the collection of back taxes amounting to \$38,831.33 recently.

The secretary of the interior has ordered the leasing of 811,000 acres of the Kiowa, Comanche and Apache lands in Oklahoma for agricultural purposes.

The Cuban house of representatives adopted unanimously and without discussion the senate bill appropriating \$25,000 for a wedding present to Miss Alice Roosevelt.

The entire plant of the Robes Manufacturing company, Chicago, makers of picture frames and curtain poles, was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$150,000.

Father John of Kronstadt, the world-famous religious leader, denies that he has made extravagant claims to divinity, but makes no attempt to reply to the slanders printed about him.

Representative Burke of South Dakota introduced a bill authorizing the secretary of the interior to lease 5,000 acres of the public domain to be used exclusively as pasture for native buffalo.

Plans for buildings and improvements at the naval training station, to cost \$2,000,000, are outlined in the report of the commandant, who urges an immediate appropriation of \$750,000.

When the employees of the First National bank of Tallahassee, Fla., entered the building the other morning they found that the safe, which contained \$3,000, had been dynamited and its contents stolen.

Anthony Matre of St. Louis, national secretary of the American Federation of Catholic societies, announced that the national convention of the federation will be held at Buffalo, N. Y., July 29 to 31 of this year.

President Arthur T. Hadley of Yale college was the guest of honor at the annual dinner of the Yale Alumni association of Cleveland, Ohio. He responded to the toast "For God, for Country and for Yale."

A wage increase of approximately 7 per cent, in which 1,600 employees participate, went into effect on the Boston & Maine railroad system. The change affects the freight conductors and freight brakemen.

Announcement was made of the sale of \$20,000,000 of 4 per cent bonds by the Pennsylvania company to bankers of New York. The funds from the sale of the bonds are to be used for construction and other purposes not stated.

The supreme court of the United States refused to grant leave to Leonard Imboden and J. A. Hill to file petitions for writs of habeas corpus. They are under sentence to imprisonment for ten years in the Colorado penitentiary.

I. L. Bruer, a pioneer merchant of Bancroft, Ia., is believed to have been lost in the wreck of the Vale Ja off Vancouver coast. Mr. Bruer had written his family that he intended to sail on the ill-fated steamer, and nothing has since been heard from him.

Steps were taken by James Osborne, counsel for Norman Haggood, editor of Collier's Weekly, in his recent trial on a charge of criminal libel, to follow up the disclosures made by witnesses in the hearing of that case and co-operate with District Attorney Jerome.

The Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic railroad filed a mortgage with the probate judge of Jefferson county, Alabama, for \$30,000,000 to the Old Colony Trust company of New York for the purpose of completing the proposed line between Birmingham, Ala., to Brunswick, Ga., with lines to Montezuma.

The coroner's jury which has been investigating the wreck of a Santa Fe passenger train near Chillicothe, Ill., which resulted in four deaths, found John S. Smith of the block signal station near Chillicothe guilty of gross carelessness and incompetency. Conductor G. F. Weatherwat of the passenger train is also censured.

Lieut. Gen. Chaffee will be placed on the retired list of the army at his own request, after about forty-five years' service. General and Mrs. Chaffee and Miss Chaffee will leave Washington for Mexico City, where they will remain until May 1 next. Later in the summer they will take up their permanent residence at Los Angeles, Cal.

President Roosevelt received about sixty members of Camp A. Wheeler's Confederate cavalry, of Atlanta, Ga. A convention, attended by 600 delegates from various parts of the state, met at Topeka to consider plans for holding a semi-centennial exposition in 1911.

Justice Gould, in criminal court at Washington, overruled the pleas in abatement of State Senator George E. Greene of New York and W. P. Doremus to the indictments charging them with conspiring to defraud the government in the furnishing of postoffice supplies.

WESTERN CANADA'S MARVELOUS CROP RETURNS

The increase in the crop returns of the Canadian West, in the past seven years has approached the marvelous, and there is no reason to believe that a corresponding increase will not result for many years to come. The increase has been particularly noticeable in what was formerly known as the Northwest Territories, but which, on September 1st, 1905, became the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. From the official returns we find the following results in the acreage sown to wheat, oats and barley, in the years mentioned, and a more favorable showing cannot be pointed to in any other country during a like period.

Table with 4 columns: Year, Wheat, Oats, Barley. Rows for 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904.

The yield has been uniformly good every year except 1900, when there appears to have been a slump all along the line. This, however, was more than compensated for in the following year, when the bumper crop in wheat, oats and barley put the returns of all previous years completely in the shade and gave an impetus to settlement in the west which has prevailed to the present, as the following table by bushels will show:

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It will be seen that the number of acres sown to wheat, oats and barley in 1898 was 429,749, and that this had increased in 1904 to 1,587,337. The total crop in the cereals mentioned was 9,033,297 bushels in 1898, and in 1904 it had grown to the magnificent total of 35,413,522. In the year just closed the "forward movement" in the agriculture of the west has been the wonder and envy of the world. New sections of the country have been placed under tribute to the plow and harrow, and the grain area has been largely increased. This is particularly the case where it has been demonstrated that "Alberta Red" winter wheat may be successfully grown, and along the lines of the new railways towards the centre of the country, where mixed farming prevails.

The future of the Canadian West is assured, and for years to come it is bound to be the land of promise to the agriculturist of every nation and of every clime, and the land of opportunity to every settler within its bounds.

Fuller information can be secured from any Canadian Government Agent.

Women get about as much out of life as is to be found for the least possible cost to themselves.

FROM PLANT TO CIGAR.

Frank P. Lewis has recently returned from a trip through the best tobacco sections, looking over the growing fields. He noted the best crops and secured them, and will go later to watch the curing and packing of same. He also, while there, examined some of his large holdings of old tobacco and found this to be growing richer in quality every day. The Lewis Single Binder factory probably controls more fancy graded tobacco than any other cigar factory in the United States. Smokers of Single Binders have evidently learned this fact which accounts for the ever increasing demand. In spite of the fact that the factory sends out no traveling salesman to boom its good quality to the trade, the Single Binder Sales reached seven million last year and will exceed eight million in 1905. The Single Binder sells itself. For twenty-three months this factory has been behind in its orders.—Herald-Transcript.

South America has about twice the area and about one-half the population of the United States.

Many Children are Sickly. Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York, cures Feverishness, Headaches, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders, Break-up Colds and Destroy Worms. At All Druggists' 25c. Sample mailed FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Only 75 per cent as many children are born in England now as were born thirty years ago.

Important to Mothers. Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it bears the Signature of J. C. Watson.

In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

The principality of Montenegro is the only country in Europe which possesses no railways whatsoever.

Acme Dyspepsia Cure. Positive cure for all diseases of stomach, liver, and bowels. Recommended by leading physicians. The cure that cures. 50c. per bottle. Send money with order to Acme Dyspepsia Cure Co., Ironton, New Jersey.

Jewels on Mahomet's Tomb. Mahomet's tomb is covered with jewels worth \$12,500,000.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. SAMUEL, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

The moon affects the tide and the untied.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take LAXATIVE BULOQUIN Tablets. They give relief money if it fails to cure. E. W. GIBSON'S signature is on each box. 50c.

A woman's adjectives are always larger than her ideas.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

GOVERNOR MICKEY TALKS OF THE RAILROAD PASSES

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OVER THE STATE.

David Edwards of Auburn got his arm in a buzz saw and was seriously injured.

The Cass County Teachers' association will hold a meeting in Louisville February 10.

At a meeting of the Beatrice Commercial club steps were taken to prospect for oil and gas.

Houses are so scarce in Wood River that in some cases two families are occupying the same structure.

Emil Mewis, a progressive farmer living north of West Point, sold in the market two hogs weighing 1,400 pounds.

William Brown, a ranchman living fifteen miles