

NEBRASKA

Contrary to explanations, wheat in Polk county is turning out well.

The thirteenth annual reunion of the Northwest Nebraska Soldiers' and Sailors' association at Bordeaux was the most successful in its history.

William Brady of Davey, the seventeen year-old son of Mike Brady, had his eye burned the Fourth of July and did nothing for it. Now the doctor says he may lose the sight of the eye.

On the charge of attempted rape on the person of the ten-year-old child of Mitt Allen, Tom Bortoff of Washington county, was bound over to the district court. His bail was fixed at \$2,000.

The little daughter of Engineer George Gray of Wymore was bitten by a rabid dog and when the madstone was applied it stuck. The dog died during the night. The mayor issued an edict that all dogs found without muzzles would be shot on the spot.

entists it is said they did not doctor her nor allow her to be doctored, but simply offered up prayers during the day and thus tried to save her life by faith cure. It is further claimed that the chief promoter of Christian Science in Hastings was called to attend the sick girl and did so, but that was the only effort made to save the patient's life.

The railroad officials about Beatrice are hot on the trail of the fellows who have been stealing brass from freight cars, and have enlisted the services of every police officer in that part of the state. It is thought the thieves were in Beatrice only recently and that they left with a wagon loaded with plunder. Warrants were issued for their arrest, but as yet they have not been apprehended.

The postoffice at Farnam was broken into, the safe blown open, and robbed of its contents. The burglars drilled a hole in the top of the safe, put in a charge of dynamite and blew the door of the safe off. The tools were stolen from M. Morgensen's blacksmith shop. The work was evidently done by experts, as they did a clean job and left no clew. Postmaster Bradshaw reports a loss of \$431.

Fred Yeager of Holdrege was shot and his life is despaired of. Mr. Yeager, a young man of about twenty-five years, was at Mr. Strohm's house visiting and was about to depart when Anna Strohm, pointing a revolver at him, telling him to throw up his hands. He made some joking answer and she snapped the trigger. The revolver was loaded and the ball entered below the tenth rib on the right side. The wounded man is likely to die.

Mrs. F. C. Colar of Cedar Rapids is suffering the most intense pain while her face is so badly swollen that she can scarcely see from either eye, the right one being closed entirely. It is supposed to have been caused by the sting of a kissing bug. While milking her cow she was stung under the right eye. Her face began swelling rapidly, and by 10 o'clock the right eye was closed. Home remedies did no good and she consulted a physician, who was completely puzzled.

A communication was received by Deputy Commissioner Bryant protesting against the Tontine Savings association of Lincoln, which it is claimed is doing business illegally. As the protest was not drawn up in a formal manner Mr. Bryant replied stating that no action could be taken until certain charges were preferred. This company sells a contract for \$5, the conditions being that there shall be sixty subsequent weekly payments of \$1.25 each, making a total of \$80.

The Nebraska Telephone company has reduced the monthly rental on business telephones in Kearney from \$3.50 to \$2.00, and residence telephones from \$2.50 to 75 cents. This reduction was brought about by the organization of the Home Telephone company by citizens of Kearney, assisted by Con Lloyd of Gothenburg, who are putting in a complete telephone exchange and making five-year contracts with the people for business telephones at \$2.50 per month and residence at \$1.50.

Following is the mortgage record of Johnson county for the six months ending June 30: Number of farm mortgages filed, 147, amounting to \$188,660. Number of farm mortgages released, 176, amounting to \$213,438. Excess of releases, \$24,778. Number of city mortgages filed, 38, amounting to \$14,202. Number of city mortgages released, 35, amounting to \$15,965. Excess of releases, \$1,763. Number of chattel mortgages filed, 375, amounting to \$126,511. Number of chattel mortgages released, 125, amounting to \$56,092. Excess of filings, \$70,419.

Arrangements have been completed at Nelson as far as possible for the entertainment of Company H when it returns home. The day is to be ushered in with a cannon salute. A grand review will be had at 10:30. This will consist of delegations from the several precincts throughout the county, all civic and secret societies, Sunday schools, etc., of Nuckolls and adjoining counties and a variety of floats. Immediately following this a banquet will be served by the citizens of the county to the ex-soldiers with the boys of Company H as the guests of honor.

Considerable excitement prevails among the farmers living on the Platte north of Hastings and there is talk of holding an indignation meeting. The 7-year-old daughter of a prominent farmer died. The little girl had been sick with the croup for some time and as her parents are Christian Scientists.

Hastings is to have a street fair in September.

The Chicago hide house has commenced work on a new \$5,000 rendering establishment in Grand Island, to employ from twenty to fifty hands, and be completed as rapidly as possible.

LATE INSURANCE LAWS

The Claim that It Imposes Hardship on Provident Citizens.

POLICYHOLDER PAYS THE TAX.

Measure Causing the People to Think Quite a Little About Taxation—What the Law Provides—Legislation in Which There is Said to Be a Good Deal of Injustice.

The Weaver Insurance Law.

The Weaver Insurance law, says a Lincoln correspondent, which went into effect July 1, is causing people to think quite a little about the taxation of the premiums or gross receipts of old line insurance companies. This law provides for a tax of 2 per cent on the gross premiums paid to this class of insurance companies in Nebraska. Some policy holders are inclined to think that it is a system of double taxation. Nearly all of the old line companies, it is asserted, are on a mutual basis and return to the policy holders every cent above the actual expenses of management and the payment of mortality losses. These savings in expense are called profits or dividends.

"A policy holder in a mutual old line insurance company is at the same time a stockholder or a member of the company and receives each year or at the end of a period of years his share of the profits, thereby reducing the net amount he pays the company to the actual cost of carrying insurance," said a policy holder in one of the old line companies who has made a study of insurance. "Hence legislation that increases the expense of a company merely lessens the amount of a premium to be returned to the insured, thereby increasing the cost of insurance. Suppose all the states should exact a charge of 2 per cent, it would mean that the cost of insurance would be increased by 2 per cent of the total premiums. The annual premium on a twenty-payment life policy for \$10,000 is \$360. A tax of 2 per cent would be \$7.20, which represents the additional cost to the policy holder, as this amount would be returned to him as an unused portion of the premium.

"To show the injustice of this kind of legislation, suppose in the case of two men of equal income one should make no provision for his family and leave them to be dependent upon the community; this man escapes the tax and his provident neighbor, whose income is no larger, but who, feeling the responsibility to his family and society, appropriates each year a portion of his income in providing for their future in case they should be deprived of his earning capacity, would be punished for so doing and his punishment would be graded according to the degree of his philanthropy.

"Many policy holders are beginning to inquire if this sort of taxation is fair and equitable. They are coming to the conclusion that the taxing of premiums does affect the management expense of an insurance company and merely makes an additional burden for the policy holders to carry. It seems to me that the policy holders ought to protest against a system of taxation which discriminates against the industrious and provident citizen in favor of the spendthrift and compels the former not only to pay for the privilege of being honest to his family, but in addition to pay his share to maintain an institution for keeping in later years the family of his irresponsible neighbor."

Ex-Senator Allen Makes Denial.

Lincoln dispatch: Judge Allen, who is temporarily in the city, was asked by a Bee reporter concerning the report printed in the New York Tribune that he had entered government land under the reservoir act. Judge Allen emphatically denied the charges made by the Tribune and the commissioner of the general land office. He said that he never entered a foot of government land in his life. That what land he did own, and that was very little, had been purchased, not entered. The judge said that a man named William F. Allen, a citizen of Omaha, it is alleged, entered land in the O'Neill land district under the reservoir act, which was probably the foundation for the story connecting his name with the deal.

Judge Allen showed the reporter two dispatches which he had just written for transmission from Madison, his home. The dispatches are as follows: MADISON, Neb.—Hon. Binger Herman, Commissioner General Land Office, Washington, D. C.: Your statement that I have entered government land under the reservoir or any other act is a falsehood and I demand that you retract it. I never entered a foot of government land in my life. WILLIAM V. ALLEN. MADISON, Neb.—The New York Tribune, New York: Your statement that I have entered public lands under the reservoir act is a flat falsehood. I never entered a foot of government land in my life. I ask you to retract the statement. WILLIAM V. ALLEN.

Fatal Mistake in Bottles.

By mistaking a bottle containing carbolic acid for a bottle of peppermint, John E. Prendergast, of Omaha, aged 22 years, drank a poisonous portion which resulted in almost immediate death last evening.

The young man left his home in the evening and remained out all night, returning shortly after 6 o'clock next evening. He had been imbibing somewhat freely during his absence, and his first thought, doubtless, upon reaching his home was to allay the effects of the dissipation. He went directly to the pantry and there grasped the bottle which he supposed contained the peppermint. He had made a mistake, however, and drank half the contents of an ounce bottle containing carbolic acid. He was thrown into convulsions immediately and did not regain consciousness. Death came as a relief within an hour.

Nebraska in Brief.

Judge J. L. Edwards died at his home in Pawnee City last week, aged 64 years, 1 month and 6 days. Judge Edwards was born June 10, 1835, in Sullivan county, Tennessee. He was familiarly known to all the old residents of Pawnee county, where he located in 1860 and had since made that city his home. He was prominent in all affairs of a public nature which looked to the welfare of the community. He served with ability in numerous public positions. He was sheriff of the county in an early day and later served as county judge.

Fine Crop Prospects.

A Beatrice correspondent of the Lincoln Journal writes: Farmers are busy harvesting their oats, a crop which this year will be the largest ever raised in the county. The acreage is unusually large and the yield will be enormous, thousands of acres producing an average of fifty to sixty bushels per acre. At this time of the year interest centers in the corn crop, which never gave better promise than at present. The winter wheat crop proving a failure a great deal of wheat land was plowed up and put in corn, so that the acreage in corn in this county will reach nearly if not quite, 250 acres. To say that it looks magnificent is no exaggeration. The most of the corn is in tassel and a great deal of it is beginning to shoot the ears out. The stand is unusually perfect and a bumper crop is almost as good as assured. At present there are scarcely any fat cattle in the county, but several herds of fine heifers and stock cattle were seen. As a rule the farms passed were not only in a high state of cultivation, but were kept neat and clean.

One farm, that of Harvey Mason, which was passed, was a model. The large lawn about the house and barn was mowed close and in comparison with many yards to be seen in town, would put the owners of the latter to shame. The writer has made an estimate based partly on reports of assessors of the crop in acres, and finds that there will be approximately 250,000 acres of corn, 10,000 acres of wheat and 50,000 acres of oats. Potatoes have this year also done exceptionally well and there is a large acreage. Gage county is now smiling her sweetest thanks to dame nature.

Condition of the Crops.

The past week has been cool, with showers in nearly all parts of the state. The average daily temperature deficiency was about 1 degree. The maximum temperatures the first days of the week slightly exceeded 90 degrees, but the last part of the week were about or below 85 degrees. The rainfall has been above normal in most counties touching the Platte river and, with a few exceptions, below normal in other counties. The heaviest rainfalls occurred in Gosper, Buffalo and Platte counties, where between two and two and one-half inches fell.

The past week has been another excellent growing week. In most parts of the state it has been a good week for harvesting. Most of the rye and winter wheat in central and southern counties has been cut. Threshing has commenced in southern counties. A few yields of winter wheat are reported, but they vary from five to thirty bushels per acre. The oat harvest has commenced in the central and is nearing completion in the southern counties.

Corn has continued to grow rapidly in all parts of the state. Tassels begin to show in most fields in the central counties, and the silk is appearing and ears are forming in southern counties.

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New Use for Nebraska Soil.

Chadron dispatch: A new and interesting discovery has been made for the use of Nebraska dirt. A woman in this county, has discovered a method for rectifying Indian maize or corn oil, making it a valuable substitute for olive oil. It is not generally known that under the new milling process the kernel is degenerated before manufacture into flour or other food products. This little germ containing the life properties of the corn kernel also contains an unwholesome flavor to corn food products when not removed. The crude oil is thus thrown onto the corn millers in large quantities, and until this discovery they have had no method for successfully treating, hence it was valueless because of its rancid nature. Mrs. Emma C. Siddles, now attending the Domestic Science Laboratory in Washington City, discovered the way to treat it with the soil of her farm in this county. After several months' time she applied for a patent, which was granted a few days ago, since which she has closed contracts with several eastern corn milling concerns for the use of the soil in car lots, to be used in the treatment of the crude oil. The patentee says the oil can be used quite as successfully in the best sugar and other food products. She will be here in a few days to personally oversee the shipping of the oil. Hers is the only method discovered in America for treatment of corn oil, and all former corn oils used on American tables were rectified in Austria. She has found that no other part of America furnishes soil that will successfully treat the oil.

Regents in Session.

The board of regents were in session for two days and the resignation of Chancellor MacLean was accepted and a committee appointed to look after employing his successor. This committee consists of Regents Weston, Gould, Kenower and Rawlins. A member of the committee said that no special man was being considered by the committee and he knew of none who had been mentioned. The board also accepted the resignation of Prof. Ansley, who intends to engage in the practice of law in Illinois. The regents had their time occupied with the task of selecting an acting chancellor to fill the place until the successor of Dr. MacLean is named. The board named Dean Charles F. Bessey as acting chancellor.

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The News Briefly Told.

Saturday. Yesterday was the hottest day of the season at Dubuque, Ia., the mercury reaching 94.

The appointment of Father Frederick as bishop of Marquette and Sault Ste. Marie is confirmed.

Gustave Wollager, president of the Concordia Mutual Fire Insurance company, Milwaukee, is dead.

H. D. Kinksbury has been elected treasurer of the Continental Tobacco company, vice Pierre Lorillard, resigned.

Threatening to kill his family, drunken Frank Susie of Birmingham, Ala., was fatally shot by his 10-year-old son.

The great volcano at Mauna, in the Hawaiian islands, is in eruption and is supposed to have almost totally demolished the island.

Peter Mitchell, one of the fathers of the Canadian confederation, was stricken with paralysis at Ottawa and is not expected to recover.

The United States government has chartered the steamer Athenian, at Vancouver, as a transport to the Philippines.

Dr. C. M. Palmer of Warrensburg, Mo., aged 68, one of the original stockholders of the Atlantic Monthly, is dead. He was a lieutenant colonel in the confederate army.

Winfield N. Sattley, an insurance agent at Chicago, has filed a petition in bankruptcy, in which he schedules \$210,000 as liabilities. His assets, which are estimated at \$70,700, consist chiefly of life insurance policies.

The state executive committee of the United Mine Workers of America held a meeting at Springfield, Ill., to consider asking Secretary-Treasurer W. D. Ryan to resign his office. It is charged Ryan went into a secret agreement with the Pana operators.

Signor S. Costantini, Italian under-secretary of public instruction, is dead. The national museum at Washington has received from California the entire collection of Indian basket work.

The War department is offering extra inducements to expedite the recruitment of the ten volunteer regiments.

The Chicago breweries and their striking workmen have come to a wage agreement and all the breweries reopened.

The interstate commerce commission will hold a meeting in Chicago August 7, to confer on the export problem in freight traffic.

J. T. Roche has secured the honor of being the partner of C. D. Daly of Harvard at the broad jump in the game to be played at London.

At a meeting of the striking ore handlers at Cleveland the strike begun at the Erie docks was declared off. The men now say that the strike resulted from a misunderstanding.

The Black Hills range horses are coming into demand this season and a number of large horse owners are preparing to start for the eastern part of the state with droves of 100 and 500 head.

The South African volksraad has adopted further articles of the franchise law, enabling some of the Uitlanders to become naturalized at the age of 16 and to obtain the franchise five years thereafter.

The War department received an official statement from Manila to the effect that the internal revenue receipts for the month of May at that port were \$33,191. The total amount of internal revenue receipts since American occupation is \$279,195.

There has been some correspondence between the War department and General Brooke with reference to withdrawing some of the few battalions of troops from Cuba, and, although they can be spared, it is now thought too late to make any such change on account of the danger of bringing yellow fever to this country.

In response to an inquiry from the management of the Spokane, Wash., industrial exposition, which opens about October 3 next, Assistant Secretary Spaulding has decided that in the absence of legislation on the subject, he cannot authorize collectors of customs on the Canadian frontier to admit to free entry exhibits to be exported from Canada.

Thursday. At Pratt, Kan., grasshoppers are reported to be numerous enough to ruin cornfields and all vegetation.

Absolute confirmation has been obtained that ex-King Milan of Serbia himself planned the sham attempt on his life recently, made for political purposes.

Acting Secretary of War Miles has directed the remaining battalion of the Nineteenth infantry at Camp Meade to go to San Francisco to embark for Manila, the 25th, on the Ohio and Newport.

The land officials at St. Cloud received telegraphic instructions from the commissioner of the general land office at Washington not to receive or allow any filing on any Chippewa reservation lands not ceded.

On a rush order from the War department 200 horses and mules and fifty escort wagons were shipped from the Chickamauga quartermaster's department to San Francisco by special train, to be forwarded at once to Manila.

Angus M. Cannon, president of the Salt Lake state of Zion, charged with polygamy, entered a formal plea of guilty before Judge Norwell in the Third district court.

A combine of the bicycle manufacturers became effective at a meeting in New York. Forty-five manufacturers representing 536 plants, were present. The capital is \$40,000,000.

George M. Valentine, cashier of the suspended Middlesex county bank, at Perth Amboy, N. J., was sentenced in Middlesex county court to six years in the New Jersey state penitentiary at Trenton for the misappropriation of about \$120,000 from the bank.

Wednesday. A family feud occurred at Milesville, Monongahela, Pa., a result of which is that two women and one man are dead.

Nine thousand tin workers have returned to work at Anderson, Ind., for another year at advanced wages, the skilled workers getting 15 per cent increase.

The large plant of Sommers Brothers, manufacturers of horse collars and leggings, in St. Louis, was totally destroyed by fire. The damage is estimated at \$75,000 and covered by insurance.

The steamer City of Seattle, from Alaska, brought about 200 passengers and \$600,000 or \$700,000 in drafts and dust. Most of the 130 miners aboard were in comfortable circumstances.

General D. S. Stanley, acting president of the society of the American Army of the Cumberland, announces the next annual reunion of the society at Detroit, September 26 and 27.

Ralph Shelly, eight years old, lies dead at his home at Montpelier, Indiana, as the result of a vicious attack on him by four of his playmates. The boys were all playing together when some difficulty arose resulting as stated.

Ray Sutton, the man who murdered Leona Elmore near the cemetery at Mason City, Ill., and then shot himself, died today. Sutton steadfastly refused to make any statement concerning the murder of his sweetheart, except to say that he had agreed with the girl that they should die together.

Mayor Jones of Toledo, Ohio, is preparing to turn his Acme sucker-rod plant into a co-operative concern, in which each man will be a sharer in the profits. The details will not be known for some time, as the mayor has been unable to settle on a plan to give each man the proper representation in the concern.

Tuesday. Senator White of California is being boomed for the presidency on the democratic ticket.

Railroads this year show an increase in earnings greater than any previous year by \$125,235,848.

Kansas City has thus far raised \$40,000 toward securing the Democratic national convention.

Governor Gage of California has issued a commission to Mrs. Paoebe Hearst as regent of the state university.

President McKinley bought a team of driving horses of George Warren & Sons at Fox Lake, Wis. The were shipped yesterday.

Colonel Charles H. Brown, assistant chief of the division of loans and currency of the treasury department, is dead at Pittsfield, Mass.

Mrs. John C. Allen, the wife of a prominent dry goods merchant of Monmouth, Ill., committed suicide by inhaling illuminating gas.

A resolution in support of the striking glass-blowers at Bridgeton, N. J., which were adopted by the bottle blowers' association of America, declares that the strike is justified.

William Simpson of Wichita, Kas., who was arrested last March for counterfeiting, has brought suit against Sheriff Simmons, of that place for \$3,000 damages for false imprisonment.

All the churches and Sunday schools of Frankfort, Ky., are closed and no sort of religious services or other public gatherings will be held in the state capital for ten days on account of smallpox.

Commissioner of Patents Duell has submitted his annual report for the fiscal year just closed. It shows that during the year there were received 35,352 applications for patents and that there were 25,404 granted.

Walbridge Abner Field, chief justice of the supreme judicial court of Massachusetts, died at his home, aged 66 years. He had served a term in congress from the Third Massachusetts district. Field was the father of Mrs. A. F. Pillsbury of Minneapolis.

Admiral George Dewey has filed in the court of claims, through his attorneys, his claim for naval bounty growing out of the battle of Manila bay, May 1, 1898. This is the first of this class of claims filed in this court, and it is anticipated that there will be between 4,000 or 5,000 of them altogether.

Monday. General Joe Wheeler has arrived in San Francisco en route to the Philippines.

Governor Renfrow of Missouri has made another big deal in zinc mining properties for the American zinc, lead and smelting companies.

The big Texas cattle syndicate being formed for the purpose of controlling the cattle market in Texas is not sailing in smooth water at present.

William Jennings Bryon will speak on the results of industrial and financial combinations at the conference on trusts to be held in Chicago September 13 to 16 inclusive under the auspices of the civic federation.

W. W. Bass, the well known guide, and another man have started from Ash Fork, Arizona, to search for W. F. Russell of Syracuse, Neb., who was lost in the Grand canyon near the foot of Bright Angel trail while attempting to cross the swollen river in a mere cockshell boat of canvas.

The separatists uprising in the southern province of Peru is spreading and the government has sent 500 infantrymen into the rebellious district.

The Baldwin locomotive works has received an order for thirteen consolidation engines from the state railways of Finland. These locomotives are to be ready for delivery by January 1, 1900.

Five hundred Chicago members of the brotherhood of boiler makers and iron ship builders of America will present a demand to their employers for an eight hour working day and a minimum wage scale of 30 cents an hour.

"I said the wrong thing to the wrong man at the wrong time," was the confession of a New Hampshire postmaster when he came to a realizing sense of his error in insulting the editor of the local newspaper, who had called at the postoffice and asked for an explanation concerning delayed mail.

Joseph Jefferson tells a story of a friend of his who was playing Richard III. on the Texan frontier. When it came to the wooing scene of Lady Anne an indignant cowboy jumped up and shouted: "Don't you believe him, marm. He've two Mexican wives down in San Anticalo."

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Before Frederick S. Church began to study art he was a soldier in the civil war and an express messenger. He recently declared that he would be perfectly happy could he paint but one picture a year and destroy that if, when finished, he did not approve of it.

Read, Laugh and Learn. "Faultless Starch" ask your grocer for the book that goes with it free. It will afford you lots of amusement and add to your stock of knowledge. All grocers sell it, 10c.

It is not generally known that S. Coleridge Taylor, who composed the cantata played at the last festival in Norwich, England, is a fullblooded negro. Mr. Bishop declares the composer of "Hilawatha's Wedding Feast" the coming musical genius.

REGISTER OF TREASURY. Hon Judson W. Lyons, Register of the United States Treasury, in a letter from Washington, D. C., says: April 23, 1899. Pe-ru-na Drug Mfg. Co., Columbus, O.: Gentlemen—I find Pe-ru-na to be an excellent remedy for the catarrhal af-

Hon. Judson W. Lyons, Register of the Treasury.

fections of spring and summer, and those who suffer from depression from the heat of the summer will find no remedy the equal of Pe-ru-na.

Judson W. Lyons. No man is better known in the financial world than Judson W. Lyons. His name on every piece of money of recent date, makes his signature one of the most familiar ones in the United States. Hon. Lyons' address is Augusta, Ga. He is a member of the National Republican committee, and is a prominent and influential politician. He is a particular friend of President McKinley.

Remember that cholera morbus, cholera infantum, summer complaint, bilious colic, diarrhoea and dysentery are each and all catarrh of the bowels. Catarrh is the only correct name for these affections. Pe-ru-na is an absolute specific for these ailments, which are so common in summer. Dr. Hartman, in a practice of over forty years, never lost a single case of cholera infantum, dysentery, diarrhoea, or cholera morbus, and his only remedy was Pe-ru-na. Those desiring further particulars should send for a free copy of "Summer Catarrh." Address Dr. Hartman, Columbus, O.

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