

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The larger pupils attending the Bunsen public school at Belleville, Ill., went on strike for a reduction in the hours of study.

At a special meeting of the directors of the Missouri Pacific at New York a semi-annual dividend of 2 per cent was declared.

With several stolen letters in his pocket, Samuel S. Goodman, a clerk in the Chicago postoffice, was arrested for robbing the mails.

Frederick G. Roelker, one of the best known members of the Cincinnati bar, was found dead in his bed room with a bullet in his brain.

A tornado passed over the extreme southwest corner of Beadle county, S. D., Saturday afternoon, injuring ten persons and destroying much property.

James Shepherdson, editor of a weekly society paper, committed suicide at his home in Chicago by shooting. His mind had been injured by brain fever.

It is estimated that the repairs to the Oregon, which has just arrived at San Francisco from the orient, rendered necessary by the damage sustained when she was wrecked in the Gulf of Pe Chi Li, will require about six months on the dry dock and cost \$250,000.

The Minnesota supreme court affirmed the decision of the Ramsey county court holding former State Treasurer Bobleter and his bondsmen responsible for the money of the state lost in defunct banks. The amount involved is about \$50,000. The bondsmen are liable in the sum of \$400,000.

Western roads have agreed to make reduced rates for July 4 from all the territory east of the Missouri river. Tickets will be sold at a fare and one-third for the round trip in all territory where the local rate is 3 cents a mile and at a rate of a fare and one-fifth for the round trip where it is over 3 cents a mile.

William Carson, manager of the Spot Cash mine, was fatally stabbed at Leadville, Colo., by P. F. Lynch. The men were playing a friendly game of cards for the drinks. Lynch accused Carson of cheating and a quarrel ensued, when Lynch drew his knife and stabbed Carson five times, the fatal wound being made in the abdomen.

The shirt waist problem has reached a crisis before the school board of the District of Columbia and promises to become such a serious problem in local municipal affairs as to engage the attention of the district commissioners. Twenty-five youths were sent home from the school because they wore shirt waists and the principal pronounced these garments improper attire.

Crop reports from the entire Northern Pacific system indicate very favorable conditions. The seventh bulletin issued from Vice President Hannaford's office states that throughout Minnesota there is plentiful moisture, with the ground in such condition that, without more rain, crops will not suffer until well into July. A few North Dakota points report slight damage from frost, but not enough to leave permanent traces. West of the Dakotas favorable conditions prevail.

Tracey Griffin, colored, was hanged at Brunswick, Ga., for murder.

It is semi-officially announced that President Loree, of the Baltimore & Ohio railway, is also to be made president of the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern.

The National packing house at Mexico City, Mexico, burned. Loss \$300,000.

Jane Harriet Hamlin, sister of Winfield Scott Stratton, the Colorado multi-millionaire, is dead at her home in Jeffersonville, Ind.

The entire plant of the Wylie Cooperage company, at Interlochen, Mich., was wiped out by fire.

The population of Great Britain almost doubled in the Victorian era, but that of Ireland declined from 6,801,000 in 1821, to 4,456,000 in 1891.

Senator Hanna has announced the appointment of Hon. John Blodgett, of Grand Rapids, Mich., as a member of the republican national committee, to fill the vacancy in the national committee caused by the recent death of Wm. Elliott, of Michigan.

Julien Phelps, United States consul at Crefeld, Germany, has resigned. He was appointed from Iowa in 1897.

The Peoria, Ill., internal revenue district will this year contribute \$30,000,000 to the United States government.

The president has reappointed Miguel A. Otero governor of New Mexico. His term expired June 7th.

At the thirtieth annual commencement of the University of Nebraska degrees were conferred on 212 members of the senior class.

WEST VIRGINIA STORM

Hundreds Dead and a Tremendous Loss of Property.

KEYSTONE THE WORST SUFFERER

A Cloudburst Deluges the Coal Regions—Town of 2,000 Inhabitants is Swept from Its Foundations—Property Loss Rivals Johnstown.

ROANOKE, Va., June 24.—Passengers on a train from the west report that about 300 people were drowned yesterday evening along the Elkhorn division of the Norfolk & Western railroad and that miles of track and bridges were washed out.

The passengers on the train were transferred by ropes from the train to the mountainside near Vivian, W. Va.

All wires are down over the devastated section and no other particulars are obtainable. Those drowned are said to include the most prominent folks of the section.

The general manager of the Norfolk & Western left for the scene. It will probably be several days before the road is open.

TAZEWELL, Va., June 24.—The trainmaster of the Norfolk & Western railroad walked the track between Vivian and North Fork, a distance of twelve miles. He discovered thirty bodies floating in the river.

WASHINGTON, June 24.—The following dispatches have been received by the Washington Post regarding the reported loss of life by the flood in West Virginia:

BLUFIELD, W. Va., June 24.—Flood in Pocahontas coal field equaling that of Johnstown. Two hundred drowned. Impossible to estimate the loss of property.

ROANOKE, W. Va., June 24.—Cloudburst over Pocahontas division of the Norfolk & Western this morning. Keystone, Elkhorn, Vivian and other towns wiped out. Railroad dispatches say 500 lives are lost. One house left in Keystone. Twenty-five to thirty miles of railroad track are destroyed.

BLUFIELD, W. Va., June 24.—This entire section has just been visited by a flood, the extent of which in all probability will exceed that of Johnstown in 1889, so far as the loss of property is concerned. Yesterday morning, shortly after midnight, a heavy downpour of rain began, accompanied by a severe electric storm, which violently increased in volume and continued throughout the entire day and night. At 10 a. m., while the storm has abated, the lowering clouds would indicate another terrific downpour at any moment.

Many miles of the Norfolk & Western railroad tracks, bridges and telegraph lines are entirely destroyed and communication is entirely cut off west of Elkhorn, so that it is impossible to learn the full extent of the loss of life and property, but officials of the coal operations located in the stricken districts have sent out messengers to Elkhorn, the terminus of both telegraphic and railroad communication, and have received a report that a conservative estimate of the loss of life will easily reach 200. A number of the drowned are among the most prominent people in the coal fields.

FIRE IN THE STATE PRISON.

Attempt to Destroy the Remaining Wing Is Thwarted by Prompt Discovery.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 24.—The remaining wing of the Nebraska penitentiary building, one of which was burned last March, narrowly escaped destruction last evening from a fire started maliciously. Governor Savage and Warden Davis say by convicts employed in the broom factory. Prompt discovery allowed the flames to be quenched in their incipient and the damage is nominal. An investigation in the broom building showed that a candle had been lighted and so placed that after burning itself about half way would communicate to a mass of broom corn. The nozzle of the hose had been plugged, but the pressure was so strong that the water removed the obstruction and the fire was quenched.

Boer's Inflict Losses.

CRADOCK, Cape Colony, June 24.—In an engagement at Waterkloof June 20 the British lost eight men and had four men seriously wounded. In addition sixty-six men of the cape (colonial) mounted rifles were captured. Captain Shawdon is reported to have been wounded and one Boer killed.

Refuse Perishable Freight.

COLUMBUS, O., June 24.—The Norfolk & Western railroad officials here have no information regarding the disaster in West Virginia beyond the fact that great damage has been done to the road in the Pocahontas district, a number of bridges having been washed away. Orders were issued to accept no perishable freight for shipment to points on the eastern end of the line. No attempt is being made to run trains east of Kenova.

EX-CONSUL HAY KILLED.

The Son of Secretary Hay Meets With a Violent Death.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 24.—Adelbert Stone Hay, former consul of the United States at Pretoria, South Africa, and eldest son of Secretary of State John Hay, fell from a window in the third story of the New Haven house in this city shortly before 2:30 o'clock this morning and was instantly killed.

The dead man was a graduate of Yale of the class of '98 and his death occurred on the eve of the university commencement, which brought him here yesterday, and in which, by virtue of his class office, the young man would have been one of the leaders.

The terrible tragedy has cast a gloom over the whole city and will undoubtedly be felt throughout the whole day, which heretofore has been so brilliant and full of happiness for Yale and her sons.

The full details of the terrible accident will never be known. Mr. Hay had rooms at the New Haven house for commencement week. It is generally supposed, however, that after going to his room he went to the window for air and sitting on the sill he dozed off and overbalancing fell to the pavement below, a fall of fifty to sixty feet. The fall resulted in instant death and within fifteen minutes the body had been identified as that of young Hay. How it all happened became a matter of speculation on the part of the throng of curious spectators who gathered and a subject of mournful inquiry for the classmates and friends of the young man.

JESSIE MORRISON SANGUINE.

Has No Fear of Unfavorable Verdict When Case Comes to Jury.

ELDORADO, Kan., June 24.—Arguments in the second trial of Jessie Morrison for the murder of Mrs. Olin Castle will begin tomorrow morning. It is believed the case will go to the jury Tuesday evening. Miss Morrison is absolutely confident that she will be acquitted this time.

Today to a reporter she said: "I am just as sure of acquittal as I am that I am living this minute."

"The trial this time has not been so wearing on me," she continued. "It was a terrible strain the first time. This time, however, both sides rushed things and it did not become so tiresome."

The defense has failed to locate J. W. Morgan, the peddler who was at the Castle house the morning of the murder. With him on the stand Miss Morrison's attorneys had promised to furnish a surprise.

GERMANY TO SOUND TRUSTS.

Intends to Learn of Their Effect Upon the Trade of the Country.

BERLIN, June 24.—The World correspondent hears that Count von Buelow proposes to send a commission of experts to the United States to collect all the available information on the working of trusts and their effect on the general trade of the country. The German government and emperor are deeply concerned at the trust developments and the report of this commission will determine whether special legislation shall be introduced in the Reichstag dealing with them.

Chaffee Military Governor.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 24.—Following the order issued yesterday making Judge Taft civil governor of the Philippines, an order has been issued naming General Chaffee as military governor of the archipelago. The military has been ordered to vacate the Ayuntamiento, the large public building which was erected out of the municipal funds of Manila for government purposes. This will be occupied by the civil officers in the Philippines.

The palace of Malacayan, heretofore occupied as headquarters for Generals Otis and MacArthur, also has been ordered vacated by the military authorities, and will be occupied by Governor Taft.

Will Make Wheat Rise.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 24.—It is now recognized as inevitable that the cereal harvests of 1901 in Prussia will show the largest and most disastrous deficit that has been recorded in recent years, and the requirements of the German empire in respect to foreign grown foodstuffs will far exceed those in any recent year.

These statements are included in a long report upon the deficit in German breadstuffs received at the state department from Consul General Frazer Mason at Berlin.

Modern Wonders in Paris.

PARIS, June 24.—Ladies going this year to Trouville, Deauville and other resorts are much interested in a new Italian invention, a life-saving corset, invented by Signor Montagnoli. It is made of waterproof linen and can be inflated in a few seconds. In one trial of it a sailor was thrown into the sea with his hands and feet tied and a 125-pound weight attached to his legs. He remained floating and four men could not push him down.

REMINISCENCES OF A CYCLONE.

An Old-Fashioned Twister that Strongly Impressed a Nebraskan.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 24.—Dr. W. H. McHenry of Nelson was in the city several days ago and the recent tornado at Dorchester suggested to his mind several cyclone reminiscences. One cyclone in particular had made a deep impression. "Eight or nine years ago we had an old-fashioned twister in Nelson and the freaks it performed were wonderful to behold," said he. "That cyclone was almost human in its intelligence, judging from some of the things it did. Several incidents happened which knocked out completely the Dorchester tornado story. In the north part of town there lived an invalid who had not walked a step for five years. She was asleep when the storm came on her house and directly in the path of the cyclone. Well, sir, that storm picked her up so gently that her somnolent senses were deluded into the belief that she was making a quick voyage in an airship. Her bed sailed gracefully through the air for almost a mile, the invalid smiling in her dreams. Then she was gently deposited between two straw stacks upon eight or ten feet of chaff. But that wasn't the wonderful part about it. Down in town Warren Knapp runs a soda water fountain. That cyclone whisked around his store pretty lively and in the general confusion mixed an ice cream soda, flavored it with pineapple syrup and carried it to the bedside of the invalid. By her pillow it descended with a gentle thud and she awoke to find two long straws, carefully selected from the farmer's straw pile, protruding from the glass. An hour later the invalid was rescued and taken to the home of a neighbor. The soda water glass was donated to the museum of the local High school."

MUST PAY BY JULY 1ST.

Of Interest to Land Purchasers in Oteo and Missouri Reservations.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 24.—The settlers on the Oteo and Missouri Indian reservation lands in Gage county and also across the line in Kansas will be interested in the following dispatch from Washington:

The purchasers of lands in the Oteo and Missouri Indian reservation in Kansas and Nebraska will be expected to make final settlement of their accounts with the government by July 1. The time, under the law, expired a year ago, but a year's grace was allowed so as to bring the matter to a final close without hardship. Some of the settlers have recently been informed that they could secure a further reduction in the price to be paid for the lands by giving their cases into the hands of certain attorneys. It is understood that a number of settlers were almost coerced into consenting to join with others in an attempt to secure further concessions. The copy of a letter purporting to have been sent by an attorney named Van Arsdale, of Cheyenne, Wyo., to settlers on the reservation was transmitted to Washington, and the department immediately wired him to know if he had written such letters. He replied that he had not and could not understand how his name was used; that he had acted as attorney for the settlers and advised them that the time for final settlement would expire on July 1, and that there would be no further grace. It is evident that settlers are being misled, and it is possible that those who fall into the snare will forfeit their lands.

Life Sentence for a Lad.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 24.—According to decision of the supreme court, Ernest Bush, the 16-year-old boy who was convicted of murdering Silas Bailey near Benkelman on February 7, 1899, will have to serve his life sentence unless executive clemency comes to him. The chief objection raised by the defendant to the decision of the lower court was that the evidence did not justify conviction. The supreme court holds that the boy's confession was fully corroborated by other evidence.

Church Destroyed by Lightning.

NEWMAN GROVE, Neb., June 24.—Salem church, ten miles south of this city, was struck by lightning and entirely consumed. The edifice was owned by the Swedish Evangelical Lutheran denomination and was built ten years ago at a cost of \$4,500. All the furniture, including the pews, two organs and a \$300 oil painting, were saved. Insurance, \$2,500.

Court Denies the Motion.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 24.—One of the 102 opinions filed by the supreme court was a denial of the motion of Attorney General Prout to dismiss the case of the state against the Rock Island railroad because of the judgment of the United States court, which held that the attorney general was enjoined from proceeding against the railroads to collect penalties for alleged violations of the maximum rate law.

EXPLOSION OF THAT LOCOMOTIVE

Opinion of an Old Railroad Engineer as to the Cause.

BEATRICE, Neb., June 22.—A correspondent was talking with an old-time railroad engineer here when the Columbus disaster was referred to. "What, in your opinion, was the cause of the accident?" was asked.

Without any reserve, he said: "The cause, primarily, was that the engine was poorly constructed. It was a cheap John affair and if they do not reduce the pressure on these big tubs more of them will go just as that engine did. The point is right here: The company is in need of say fifty engines. They take their specifications and go to every factory in the country to get prices. Of course they all cut the price and the quality of material and workmanship is also cut. When it comes to constructing the boiler no hand work is employed. A bushel of rivets are put in the fire and heated to a temperature no one knows what. Then they are put in and given a lick and a promise by a trip hammer. Scarcely any hand work about it; all machine. As I said, they are carrying too much pressure. There is too much contraction and expansion; the boilers won't stand it. I see they talk about the water being low. That is nonsense of the most absurd sort. They were on the siding only a few moments before waiting for another train and had only got outside the mile limits when the accident occurred. Poor construction, in my opinion, is responsible for the wreck."

Hear Bellstedt This Week.

The engagement with the Bellstedt band for a series of concerts extending over the month of June expires on the 29th. There has been a large attendance from the first and all have been delighted with the efforts of this celebrated band. Special features are to be provided from now until the close, and increased attendance is looked for. Two concerts each day in a large pavilion spread for the purpose, with reduced price of admission to the afternoon entertainments. Hear this great musical organization while there is yet opportunity.

Two New State Banks.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 22.—The State Banking board issued charters to two new state banks. One is the Bank of Merna, Merna, Custer county. It has a paid capital stock of \$10,000 and its principal incorporators are Charles E. Ford, S. K. Warrick and J. M. Kimberling. The other charter was given to the Newcastle State bank of Newcastle, Dixon county. Its paid capital stock is \$10,000 and its incorporators are Charles E. Crew, A. B. Francis, Thomas Hoy, T. J. Hoy and A. H. Marshall.

High Schools May Hire Relatives.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 22.—The law passed by the last session of the legislature forbidding school directors from hiring relatives for teachers without the unanimous consent of the board has aroused considerable discussion and many inquiries have been received by State Superintendent Fowler asking for his opinion of the law. He has decided that the law applies only to rural districts and not to high schools.

Drowned in the Blue.

SEWARD, Neb., June 22.—R. Luckner, a blacksmith of Germantown, was drowned in the Blue river, three miles south of Ruby. He was swimming across the river to set some fish lines, when he was taken with cramps. Five men were on the bank, but without a boat and they made no attempt at rescue. The body was recovered.

David City Chautauqua.

DAVID CITY, Neb., June 22.—The program for the first annual session of the David City Chautauqua assembly is out. An exceptionally good list of lecturers, preachers, vocalists, elocutionists and musicians has been secured, and the grounds have been put in first class condition. The session opens June 27.

Meiklejohn Goes to Wyoming.

FULLERTON, Neb., June 22.—Former Assistant Secretary of War Meiklejohn has gone to Wyoming to inspect copper mines in which he lately secured an interest. Mr. Meiklejohn was accompanied by Thomas C. Koch and H. E. Knapp, who had joined with him in the investment.

Secretary Hay has returned to Washington from Buffalo and resumed his duties at the state department.

Discuss State Fair Details.

LINCOLN, Neb., June 22.—The State Board of Agriculture met and discussed details connected with the state fair. Arrangements were made to supply fodder and forage to owners of stock.

Lightning Strikes Church.

ST. EDWARDS, Neb., June 22.—During a storm lightning struck the German Lutheran church eight miles northeast of here and it was burned to the ground.

Presents to Teachers Forbidden.

The New York board of education has put an end to favoritism in public schools. Well-to-do pupils were in the habit of making presents to teachers, while poor children could not afford to do so. Under the new system no one is permitted to give teacher anything, except at teacher's home, and even then the gifts must be anonymous.

The Proper Distinction.

When asked the other day as to the question he raised concerning the syntactical number of the United States, ex-Secretary John W. Foster said: "I think, after all, the best answer is that of the cartoonist: 'Between ourselves the United States are plural, but between ourselves and any other nation the United States is singular.'"

A Mother of Giants.

Mrs. K. O. Rauf, who died in North Dakota recently, was the mother of four sons, who ranged in stature from six feet to six feet six inches and in weight from 200 to nearly 600 pounds. The aggregate weight of the four boys was about 1,400 pounds. Carl K. Rauf, who died a few years ago, attained a weight of nearly 600 pounds, while his brother Ole is well content to hold himself down to 250 pounds. Lars is able to tip the beam in the neighborhood of

Ambrose McKay's Case.

Rockbridge, Mo., June 24th.—The neighborhood and particularly the members of Rockbridge Lodge, No. 435, A. F. & A. M., are feeling very much pleased over the recovery of Mr. Ambrose McKay, a prominent citizen and an honored member of the Masonic Fraternity.

Mr. McKay had been suffering for years with Diabetes and Rheumatism, which recently threatened to end his days. His limbs were so filled with pain that he could not sleep. He was very bad.

Just then, someone suggested a new remedy—Dodd's Kidney Pills—which has been much advertised recently, as a cure for Bright's Disease, Diabetes, Dropsy, Rheumatism and Kidney Trouble.

After Mr. McKay had used a few doses he commenced to improve. His pain all left him, and he is almost as well as ever. He says Dodd's Kidney Pills are worth much more than they cost. They are certainly getting a great reputation in Missouri, and many very startling cures are being reported.

Pickwith in the Flesh.

Alfred Davies, an English member of parliament, now on a visit to this country, constantly reminds people of Dickens' immortal Pickwick. He is short and stout, 55 years old, with a round face and a most benignant smile. Put him in tights and gaiters and he would be Pickwick to the life.

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