

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Secretary Smiley of the Kansas Grain Dealers' association, after making personal investigation, said the oats crop in Kansas will be the worst failure in ten years.

Samuel Moffat, the oldest brother of David Moffat, of Denver, Colo., died in Hudson, N. Y. in 1857 he established the Bank of Nebraska, said to be the second west of the Missouri river.

J. R. G. Pitkin, ex-postmaster of New Orleans and ex-minister to the Argentine Republic, and president of the Transmississippi Commercial congress, died suddenly at New Orleans.

A commission of thirty-two persons has returned to Lima, Peru, from an exploration of the River Santa Chiquicara. The members report that they found plenty of gold in the river. The grasshopper situation in some sections of Minnesota is alarming. The Red River valley is suffering. In many places the insects have cleared up acres of young wheat, flax and potatoes.

Hon. Mortimer Nye, ex-lieutenant governor of Indiana, and one of the best known men in public life in La Porte, was stricken with paralysis at Union Mills just as he closed a Fourth of July address.

George W. Partridge, for eight years private secretary to Zach Chandler, former United States senator from Michigan and ex-secretary of the interior, was found dead in bed at his home at Detroit.

The state department has received information of the death from sunstroke on the 5th instant of Robert O'Neil Wickersham, vice and deputy commercial agent of the United States at Castellamar Di Stabia, Italy. He had been in the consular service since 1879.

The Washington correspondent of the New York Herald is authority for the statement that Frank W. Hackett will tender his resignation as assistant secretary of the navy in the fall. Charles H. Allen the governor of Porto Rico, has been suggested as his successor.

General Daniel E. Sickles is seriously ill in Pleasantville, N. Y., at the home of Village President Daniel P. Hayes. He went there on the Fourth of July to make an address to the residents and has been so ill ever since that he has had to remain with his host.

The endowment rank of the Knight of Pythias has a deficit of \$225,267. This announcement was made by Supreme Commander Ogden H. Fetters to the supreme lodge of the order, which has been assembled in Chicago for the purpose of looking into the affairs of the rank.

The navy department received a cablegram announcing the departure of Rear Admiral Cromwell aboard his flagship, the Chicago, from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, for St. Vincent, Canary Islands, enroute to the Mediterranean to assume his new duties as commander-in-chief of the European station.

An appeal for the relief of fire sufferers at Versailles, O., has been sent out by Mayor Goldenwood and Rev. W. M. Baker, pastor of the Christian church of that town. They state that 100 people are homeless, many destitute and several injured as the result of the fire which devastated Versailles Saturday.

Ernest Reid, colored, was hanged at Carthage, Mo., for the murder of his wife, January 19, 1900.

Mrs. L. P. Kennedy of North Topeka, Kan., has been appointed a seamstress at the Winnebago Indian school, Nebraska.

Secretary Hitchcock has decided that there is no authority of law permitting a delay until October 1 in the opening of the Wichita Indian reservation in Oklahoma, as desired by certain cattle interests.

Secretary Hitchcock said he anticipated no serious trouble with "sooners" at the opening of the Oklahoma lands in August. He said there might be several thousand people now on the lands, but there was no reason to believe that they would not be gotten off easily.

Governor Allen, who will hand to President McKinley the request of the Porto Rican assembly that free trade be established between that country and the United States, will leave San Juan July 13 on the Mayflower. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Allen.

James Reburn of Bloomington, Ill., was killed by tramps and his body was found in a box car at East Alton. The steamship City of Seattle has arrived at Seattle, Wash., from Lynn Canal, with a Klondike treasure cargo of \$600,000.

The vacation season is thought to be responsible for the apparent disappearance of something like \$15,000,000 cash known to have been received by the New York City banks from interior points since the first week of May.

ROAST IN MANY STATES

Government Reports Eleven Sweltering in the Boiling Sun.

KANSAS CORN CROP CUT SHORT

Must Ship Cattle to Market Because Water is Getting Scarce—Pastures Dried Up and Fruit and Vegetable Crops Almost Ruined.

WASHINGTON, July 15.—Reports to the weather bureau show that the hot weather continued yesterday in nineteen states and territories of the great corn belt, the Ohio valley and various portions of the south. There seems to be no immediate evidence of abatement, except in the south and southwest, where local thunderstorms may cause some moderation.

The states affected include Indiana, Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, North Dakota, Colorado and Michigan. It has become considerably warmer also in the upper lake region and in New England, Marquette, Mich., reporting today a record-breaking temperature of 102 degrees. Hope of rain today in the region affected by the heat was not fulfilled, only traces of it appearing in one or two sections, except at Galveston, Tex., where about two-thirds of an inch fell, and in eastern Texas, where there were local thunderstorms. The temperatures reported today show only slight variations from the extremes of the last few days, and these are due to local conditions entirely. In Des Moines, Ia., today the temperature was 100, in Kansas City 102 and in Omaha 102, while at Davenport, Ia., Denver, Colo., Little Rock, Ark., New Orleans, North Platte, Neb., St. Paul and Vicksburg, Miss., it was 96 or higher.

KANSAS CITY, July 15.—No relief came yesterday from the heat. It was a repetition of the past two weeks, with reports from many places in western Missouri, Kansas and the territories of temperatures over the 100 mark. At most places the sun shone mercilessly with not even a fitful breeze. In Kansas City last night proved more bearable, a breeze from the north alleviating the condition, but a day of intense heat followed. Tonight there is a prospect of rain in Oklahoma, but there are no indications of a change in any other part of the southwest.

With no relief in sight the fears for the crops that have been expressed are fast becoming realities and the scarcity of water and generally dry most serious one. What the real damage to corn, the crop most affected, will be is problematical, but it is probably safe to say that half the crop will be lost. The supply of water is short in almost every direction and the shipments of cattle and hogs to this market to save them must continue. In Kansas City today the government thermometer reached 102 and at Marysville, Kan., 104 was recorded against 100 yesterday. There were three prostrations at Marysville.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 15.—Nebraska again suffered from the heat yesterday. The highest temperature reported by the weather bureau was 102 degrees at 4:30, but the thermometers in the business district recorded 103. The mean temperature of the day was 90 degrees, the highest of the year. The reports show that no rain has fallen in the state during the last twenty-four hours.

Reports that reach Lincoln tonight indicate that rain falling within two days will yet save the corn crop. The wind shifted to the southeast this evening and the atmosphere is somewhat cooler.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., July 15.—The long continued drouth has resulted in the entire ruin of the corn and oats crop in this section of the country. Corn has commenced to tassel only a few feet high and no amount of rain would now be of any benefit to that cereal. The fruit and vegetable crops are also complete failures, and the pastures have dried up so that the farmers are paying enormous prices for hay and feed. Today was clear and hot, with no relief apparently in sight.

MINISTER CONGER TO LEAVE. SAN FRANCISCO, July 15.—E. H. Conger, United States minister to China, has arrived, en route to Pekin. Minister Conger will sail next Wednesday on the steamer Nippon Maru.

STABLE BOY MADE DESPERATE. KANSAS CITY, July 15.—A special to the Times from Newton, Kan., says: Last night Miss Oma Beers, the 18-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Beers, was shot and killed by Herbert Shacklett, a stable boy formerly in the family's employ, who afterward shot himself through the heart. Shacklett became fascinated with the young woman, who did not return his infatuation. The bodies were found in the roadside.

OHIO BRYAN MEN BOLT.

Ten of His Democratic Followers in Cleveland Decide to Act.

CLEVELAND, July 15.—On July 31 Ohio Democrats who believe in Bryan and the issues which he represents, which the recent democratic convention ignored, will assemble in Columbus and make up a state ticket. Ten men met this morning in a downtown office building in this city and decided that a bolt should be made and that a new party should enter the field of Ohio politics.

The attendance at the conference was larger and represented a greater area in the state than was expected by those who called the meeting.

A formal statement of principles was submitted to the conference and was adopted. This will be printed and sent throughout the state to those who are known to be faithful to the Nebraska. A convention was decided upon to be held at the Great Southern hotel on the last day of July. To this convention may come all those who sign their name to the declaration of principles.

START OUT TO FIND PEARY.

Expedition on the Steamer Erik Sails North to Aid Explorers.

HALIFAX, N. S., July 15.—The steamer Erik left North Sydney this morning on its voyage to the frozen north. It is to call at Labrador and then at the various Esquimaux stations in Greenland West, reaching Etah under favorable conditions in about three weeks. At the various stations it will make inquiries as to news of Lieutenant Peary and the Windward.

The Erik took 350 tons of coal and is provisioned for at least a year. The members of the Peary Arctic club, who went on the steamer, are Dr. F. A. Cook, surgeon of the expedition; Herbert Stone and Herbert Berri, both of Brooklyn; C. F. Wikoff and L. C. Benedict of Ithaca, and L. C. Whitney Church of Elgin, Ill.

AMALGAMATED STRIKE IS ON.

President Shaffer's Orders to Continue Struggle Will Be Obedied.

PITTSBURG, July 15.—From present indications it looks probable that President Shaffer's strike order, issued last night to the Amalgamated association members in the employ of the American Steep Hoop company, the American Sheet Steel company and the American Tinplate company, will be obeyed and the great struggle between the Amalgamated association and the steel companies will be on in earnest today.

In the union mills of the three companies against which a strike has been declared it is predicted that not a wheel will turn. An effort will be made also to close down some of the non-union mills of the companies and to cripple the rest. The Amalgamated people are very sanguine of success.

HAVE TO PROTECT THE WHEAT.

Farmers Around York Are Plowing Fire Guards Since Recent Blazes.

YORK, Neb., July 15.—For miles and miles along both sides of the Burlington, the Elkhorn and the Kansas City & Omaha railroads in this county are fields of winter wheat shocked and stacked and the long wheat stubble is dry, easily catching fire. Yesterday morning the Elkhorn train coming from Henderson, this county, set fire to wheat stubble in seven different places. The train stopped each time and the train crew with shovels put out the fires before doing any damage. Yesterday nineteen shocks of winter wheat were burned up on Hon. Andrew J. Sandall's farm east of York, supposed to have caught from engines on the Burlington. Nearly all of the farmers are plowing fire guards between fields and railroads.

CELEBRATE PERRY'S VISIT.

American and Japanese Speakers Dwell on Friendly Relations.

YOKOHAMA, July 15.—The ceremony of unveiling at Kurihama the monument to commemorate the landing there of Commodore Perry, July 14, 1853, was performed yesterday by Rear Admiral Rodgers, commanding the United States visiting squadron. Viscount Katsura, the Japanese premier, delivered the memorial address and a number of other Japanese officials of high rank were present. Three American and five Japanese warships saluted. Various speeches were made by Americans and Japanese, all dwelling on the close relations between the two powers.

Younger Brothers Are Out.

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 15.—Coleman and James Young, who were granted a conditional parole by the board of pardons on Wednesday last were released from the Stillwater penitentiary at 10 o'clock this morning. For the present they will make their home in Stillwater, and it has not yet been decided where they will be employed. The men spent their first day of freedom upon a steamboat excursion that went up the St. Croix river.

MILEAGE OF THE COUNTIES.

Nebraska Industrial Department Figures Railroad Facts.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 15.—The department of labor and industrial statistics has completed a compilation showing the number of square miles of territory, date of permanent organization and number of miles of railroad for every county in the state. This information was obtained from various sources. The railroad statistics were compiled from the official records of the auditor's office, the figures relating to square mileage from the state survey and the dates of organization from histories, county and judicial officials and early settlers.

The dates of county organization comprise an entirely new feature of Nebraska statistical information. It was necessary for the compilers to consult every source of information to get the correct dates, and very often these sources gave conflicting accounts. In Knox county, for example, the first organization was destroyed by Indians and the next establishment became confused with the military force stationed in the county. In such instances the date of permanent organization was accepted. The figures given in the report have been verified and they will soon be officially published by the state.

MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANIES.

Court Decides that They Cannot Limit Liability of Members.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 15.—The supreme court has decided that mutual insurance companies cannot limit the liability of its members. This opinion is delivered in the case of Morgan against the Hog Raisers' Mutual Insurance company. Morgan had a contract with the company which limited his liability. An epidemic caused the claims against the company to exceed the assets by \$13,000 and the officers sought to collect this sum, notwithstanding it exceeded the total limit of liability.

The court says that members of a mutual insurance company are obligated to pay all assessments necessary to liquidate losses and expenses of management and that it is the duty of the directors to make an assessment whenever necessary, and, further, that if this assessment is not paid within thirty days suit may be commenced, under the law. The court holds that there is no merit in the contention of the objecting members that because the contracts are limited as to liability they cannot be held liable for the full amount of the losses.

ON THE GRAVE OF HIS WIFE.

Christopher Anderson Shoots Himself and Cannot Recover.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., July 15.—Christopher Anderson, an old resident of this city, who moved to Lincoln about two years ago, shot himself upon the grave of his wife in Wyuka cemetery in this city. The weapon used was a 32-caliber revolver, the muzzle of which was evidently placed in his mouth. The ball passed upward and lodged in the brain. Dr. Neal probed for the ball, but could not locate it. The physician states that the man cannot live. Anderson came to Nebraska City thirty-five years ago and lived here up to the time of the death of his wife two years ago, when he moved to Lincoln and took up his residence with his son. He was a merchant tailor. He came here to visit a son and seemed in the best of spirits, although his health had not been good lately. His family consists of two sons and a daughter.

Must Serve Life Sentence.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 15.—After six years of legal controversy, the supreme court has settled that John W. Argabright of Nemaha county must abide by the sentence to serve a life term in the penitentiary. Argabright was convicted of the murder of William Smesler on the night of February 9, 1894. Smesler was his father-in-law, and the tragedy was the result of a family quarrel.

Blue Springs Girl Appointed.

WYMORE, Neb., July 15.—Miss Edith D. Mattoon of Blue Springs has been appointed by Commissioner Vance to assist with the Nebraska exhibit at the Pan-American exposition at Buffalo. She started Monday to enter upon her duties.

What Turning Out Well.

CERESCO, Neb., July 15.—The threshing of fall wheat is progressing rapidly and is yielding from twenty-five to forty bushels to the acre and some testing as high as sixty-one pounds to the bushel.

Death to Grasshopper.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 15.—The native grasshoppers, which have been more or less troublesome in different parts of Nebraska, will now be compelled to battle with the South African locust disease. Prof. Lawrence Bruner of the university is prepared to supply a limited lot of this disease and he hopes by the experiment to do something toward reducing the number of these pests. According to reports, grasshoppers are in spots.

FARM LAND IN NEBRASKA.

Valuation of the Same as Shown by Figures of Assessors.

Deputy Labor Commissioner Watson has just completed a compilation of the value of farm lands in Nebraska, based on the figures returned by the county assessors. This is the first time any such compilation has been undertaken. The figures are as follows:

Table with columns: Counties, Best Tillable Land, Fair Tillable Land, Heavy Land. Lists counties from Adams to York with corresponding values.

One Snip Anchored on Another.

It is not usual for a ship on the high seas to elect to cast anchor on the deck of a passing steamer; but that is what a four masted schooner did recently in the Atlantic. The two vessels grazed in the fog, and the "catted" port anchor of the schooner caught in the steamer's deck "by a fluke." It fastened to an engineer's state room in such a manner as to bar his exit, but fortunately the chain parted just as the room was being ripped into fragments. The schooner followed the steamer to its destination to recover her anchor.

Her Laudable Ambition.

Colonel G. B. M. Harvey, the publisher, tells of meeting the young bride of a well known Kentucky family, who said: "I'm glad to meet you, because I'm thinking of writing a book." "Of what sort?" asked the colonel. "Oh," was the answer, "something like 'Les Misérables,' only more lively."

How He Headed Off Sharpshooters.

William K. Vanderbilt, Jr., does not intend that Idie Hour, his new home at Oakland, L. I., shall be photographed without his permission. He has accordingly had pictures taken from every possible point and copyrighted the results.

Couldn't Work Him for a "Temple."

A civil engineer employed in Salt Lake City received recently from the cashier at the works at which he had been engaged his first week's wages, less 10 per cent. He asked why, having worked a full week at agreed rate, there should be any deduction. "It's the tithing for the Temple," was the answer, and on further inquiry it appeared that it was usual in Salt Lake City for every citizen or workman to pay over to the elders a sum representing a tithe, or 10 per cent of his earnings or gains. The engineer said that he knew nothing about the Temple or the elders, and that he cared less. He added that he would have his full pay or know the reason why. "Oh, it's entirely optional," said the cashier, pushing over the balance.

Wonderful Case in Indiana.

Buck Creek, Ind., July 15th.—Mrs. Elizabeth Rorick of this place had Rheumatism. She says: "All the doctors told me they could do nothing for me." She was very, very bad, and the pain was so great she could not sleep at night.

She used Dodd's Kidney Pills, and she is well and entirely free from pain or any symptom of the Rheumatism. "Are you still using Dodd's Kidney Pills?" she was asked.

"No, I stopped the use of the Pills some time ago, and have not had the slightest return of my old trouble. I am sure I am completely and permanently cured."

Many in Tippecanoe County who have heard of Mrs. Rorick's case and her cure by Dodd's Kidney Pills, are using the Pills, and all report wonderful results.

Royal Pistol Shot.

King George of Greece has lately taken up pistol practice as an amusement and is developing a considerable talent in that direction, so that he was able in a recent tournament to defeat some of the best shots in the kingdom.

NEW EQUIPMENT FOR THE WABASH.

Effective July 10th. The Wabash is placing the first of the large order of equipment, consisting of two baggage, 8 combination passenger and baggage, 20 coaches, 10 chair cars, 3 cafe cars and 2 dining cars into service. The trains running from Chicago leaving at 11:00 a. m., 7:02 p. m., 9:15 p. m. and 11:00 p. m., respectively, will carry this new equipment. Much comment has been made upon the elegant broad vestibule chair cars in this service. In addition to this extra equipment, the Pan-American Special, running between St. Louis and Buffalo leaves St. Louis at 1:00 p. m., arriving at Buffalo 8:20 a. m. Returning, leaves Buffalo 1:30 p. m., arrives St. Louis 7:56 a. m. This train has been equipped with the large broad vestibule chair cars and cafe library and observation cars, something entirely new, an innovation in the passenger service.

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