

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Alonzo H. Stewart, doorkeeper of the United States senate, was married at Atchison, Kan., to Miss Grace Bliss.

Colonel George Quick, 88 years old, of Freeburg, Ill., has brought suit for divorce against his wife, also an octogenarian.

The United States army transport Summer, with convalescent soldiers on board, has sailed from Manila for San Francisco.

J. Pierpont Morgan has just bought the Chilean section of the trans-Andean railway for ninety thousand pounds sterling.

Christopher Anderson, the aged man who shot himself on the grave of his wife in the cemetery near Nebraska City, Neb., died.

It now seems that there is small probability of an agreement being reached between France and Great Britain over the Newfoundland question.

The Massachusetts Republican state convention has been called to meet in Boston October 4. Governor Allen of Porto Rico will be invited to preside.

August Newman was blown to pieces and Henry Ernest badly hurt by the premature explosion of a blast of dynamite at the city quarry at Quincy, Ill.

The Retail Clerks' International Protective association of Buffalo presented to the International Association of Machinists the sum of \$1,200 to aid in its strike.

The Wabash Cooperage company's plant was destroyed by fire at Terre Haute, Ind., causing a loss of \$20,000, with \$3,000 insurance; \$6,000 on buildings and \$3,000 on stock.

The budget committee after a prolonged and critical discussion at Madrid, has decided to shelve for the present the proposals of the minister of finance suspending the coinage of silver.

John H. Bacon, a Milwaukee newspaper man, has accepted an appointment as vice consul and clerk to Consul General Rublee at Hong Kong, and will leave for China in about three weeks.

Richard S. Berlin, a well known real estate dealer and manager of the Berlin Investment company at Omaha, Neb., has filed a petition in voluntary bankruptcy. Liabilities, \$51,900.62; assets, \$570.

Safe Expert Charles Walze has discovered that the cashier's time lock of the vault in the mint, at San Francisco, from which \$30,000 was stolen, does not operate and has been out of order for some time.

At a meeting of the Leadville, Col., City Library association a letter was read from the private secretary of Andrew Carnegie, dated from Skibo castle, Scotland, stating that he would give \$100,000 for a public library for that city, provided the city would furnish \$2,000 a year to maintain it.

The sales of coffee on the New York coffee exchange for the year ending June 30, aggregating 7,383,000 bags, against 5,879,500 bags in 1900. The sales for 1899 were 4,060,500 bags. The transactions the past year exceeded those of 1900 by 1,503,500 bags, the gain being partly due, it is said, to the large crops abroad.

The dead bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Prange, of Omaha, were found beside a public highway, half a mile south of Lake station, St. Joseph, Mo., each with a bullet hole in the head. Clashed in Prange's right hand was a revolver. It is supposed the man killed the woman and then took his own life.

The will of Hugh Tevis, the young San Francisco millionaire, who died in Yokohama recently, of appendicitis, while on his wedding journey, has been filed at Monterey. It divides his estate, estimated at \$1,000,000, almost equally between his widow, Cornelia Baxter Tevis, and his 9-year-old daughter, Alice Boalt Tevis.

Capt. Putnam B. Strong, quartermaster department, United States army, San Francisco, announces that he has resigned from the army for personal and financial reasons.

The managers of the Newport, Ky., racing track decided to declare off all further races until October 1.

George C. Tilden, a well known mineralogist, while in Salvador went insane and was committed to the California state hospital for the insane.

John Costain was killed near New Albany, Ind., by John Turner while trying to kidnap Mrs. Turner.

Minister Rockhille has been instructed to support Japanese application for an enlargement of their indemnity from 36,000,000 to 40,000,000 yen.

Edward H. Martin, formerly a lieutenant in the United States army, who pleaded guilty a few days ago to a charge of passing worthless checks, was sentenced by Recorder Goff, of New York, to one year in the penitentiary.

TROUBLES OF SETTLERS

Disorder and Distress Are Feared After Oklahoma Opening.

THE DROUGHT CAUSING SUFFERING

Thousands of Campers Have but Scanty Rations—More Than One Hundred Thousand People Are Sure to Be Disappointed.

FORT SILL, July 22.—Disorder and distress will, it is feared, follow the actual opening of the Kiowa-Comanche reservation August 6. It is estimated that fully 150,000 persons will have registered for a chance to secure one of the 13,000 claims to be awarded by lottery when the registration booths close July 26.

Thousand of persons now on the reservation, who are neither mechanics nor artisans and who have little or no money, announce their intention of settling around Lawton if they fail to win a claim. Campers who came in prairie schooners by the thousands generally brought with them provisions sufficient only to last from five to ten days. Continued drought has caused the water to be restricted and for days a hot wind has blown over the prairies and the temperature has averaged over the 100 mark.

With these conditions before them many are already beginning to grumble and when this is followed by disappointment over failure to draw a lucky number the hope that bore many up will doubtless give way to more serious conditions.

KANSAS CITY SEES NO HOPE.

Normal Precipitation Would Not Save Parched Fields.

KANSAS CITY, July 22.—The heat yesterday broke all records, the temperature at 4 p. m. being 104. Thermometers on the street at 11 o'clock at night recorded 93. This is the thirty-second day of the hot spell and there is no indication of a change. In Kansas City, Kan., four deaths due to heat were reported today.

Prayers for rain were offered in nearly all churches in Kansas City and generally throughout Kansas.

So far as heard from no rain of any consequence has fallen in any portion of the drought belt in the past twenty-four hours, and conditions everywhere have been discouraging.

In normal years the rainfall between July 21 and August 15 is light and a return to normal precipitation would not save the parched fields.

MINISTERIALISTS SHOW GAINS

Conservatives and Radicals Lose in French Elections Councils.

PARIS, July 22.—The election for the French councils general took place yesterday throughout the provinces, there being 1,455 of these departmental legislators to be chosen in as many cantons.

The importance of the elections lies in the fact that they serve as a weathercock to show the drift of public opinion regarding the policy of the central government. Although the issues involved are purely local, the voting is invariably conducted on strict party lines. Moreover, many councillors are also members of the senate or of the chamber of deputies; and their re-election or defeat is indicative of the view their constituents take of their parliamentary acts.

POWERS MUST BE FIRM.

Only Way to Prevent New Outburst of Trouble in China.

TIENTSIN, July 22.—Europeans here consider that the prevention of a speedy recrudescence of the trouble depends entirely upon the firmness displayed by the powers. It is thought that this fact should be recognized in Europe and the United States. The general feeling in Tientsin is that China is in no wise overawed or repentant.

Li Hung Chang is reported to have adopted an offhand tone toward a member of the provisional government and to have talked confidently of ousting the provisional government soon.

The Chinese have recommended cutting telegraph wires.

Uneasiness at Tien Tsin.

TIENTSIN, July 22.—Considerable uneasiness is felt here following the resumption by the Chinese of the partial control of the city. The natives are cutting the telegraph lines outside of Tientsin and fears of further violence are entertained.

Forest Fires Work Havoc.

DENVER, Colo., July 22.—Destruction by forest and prairie fires is reported from different points in the state, directly attributable to the condition of grass and timber from the long dry spell. Timber fires have been burning several days near Mount Evans, Long's Peak and on the Kenasha range. From Boca and Prowers counties, the center of the stock raising district, come reports of destructive prairie fires.

DEATH OF KRUGER'S WIFE.

Former President of South Africa Loses a Worthy Helpmeet.

PRETORIA, July 22.—Mrs. Kruger, wife of former President Kruger of the South African republic, died yesterday afternoon of pneumonia, after an illness of three days. She was 67 years old.

Mrs. Kruger's long separation from her husband and combined with the death of her favorite daughter, Mrs. Smith, last week, had completely broken her spirit.

Mrs. Eloff and many other members of the Kruger family were at her bedside when she passed away.

LONDON, July 22.—"Owing to the Sunday telegraph hours in Holland," says a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Hilversum, "Mr. Kruger was not informed of his wife's death until the evening. The news was broken to him by Dr. Heymans and Secretary Boeschoten. Mr. Kruger, who had just returned from Hilversum church, burst into tears and asked to be left alone. He exclaimed: 'She was a good wife. We quarreled only once, and that was six months after we were married.' He prayed for a long time and is now calmly sleeping, his bible beside his bed.

"The Transvaal and Orange Free State flags flying above the white villa were draped and half-masted. Shortly before the news came a crowd of country girls had been singing a folksong outside the villa."

TELLS THE SAME HARD STORY.

Weather Bureau Reports Heat Over Entire Country.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 22.—The weather bureau last night issued the following bulletin:

Practically the entire country was covered by the hot wave today, except the immediate Pacific coast and in the states of Iowa, Missouri and Illinois; nearly all high previous records were exceeded. The maximum high temperature line of 100 degrees encircles the entire great corn belt. At Davenport and Dubuque, Ia., and at Springfield, Ill., the maximum of 106 degrees has been equalled but once before, on August 12, 1881. At Chicago the maximum of 102 degrees equals the previous high record of July 10 of the present year. In the states of Iowa, Missouri and Kansas the duration of the present heated term is without precedent, there having been practically no interruption to temperatures of 90 degrees or over since June 18, a period of thirty-four days. On eighteen days of this period the maximum temperature at Kansas City was 100 degrees or more.

There are as yet no indications of any relief from the abnormal heat. No rain has fallen in the corn belt for the past three days and none is in sight. It is of course probable that scattered local thunder storms, which are always accompanied by protracted periods of heat, may fall at times, but no hope can be entertained at this time of any general rains or permanent relief. H. C. FRANKENFIELD, Forecast Official.

PRAYERS RISE, PEOPLE FAST.

All Missouri Appeals to the Almighty for Rain.

ST. LOUIS, July 22.—Yesterday, the day that Governor Dockery designated for fasting and prayer to God that the present drought might be broken in Missouri, all records for hot weather in St. Louis were equalled, the weather bureau thermometer on the custom house registering 106 degrees in the shade. On the streets and in exposed places, the mercury went many degrees higher. The record broken was that of 106, made in the early '80s. As early as 7 a. m., the day gave promise of being unusually warm. At that time the thermometer registered ninety degrees and from then on until 3:30 p. m., the mercury steadily climbed upward under the impulse of a sun shining from a cloudless sky.

General Cushing Dead.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—Brigadier General Samuel T. Cushing, U. S. A., retired, formerly commissary general of subsistence, died here.

Senator Clark in Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG, July 22.—United States Senator W. A. Clark, according to Novoe Vremya has joined with Kieff capitalists in establishing a copper company having a capital of 15,000,000 roubles. Mr. Clark supplying 12,000,000 roubles. With M. Gargelin, one of the directors, Mr. Clark is going to the government of Sempalatinsk to examine the mines there.

DEAD IN A POOL OF BLOOD.

Nebraska Man Meets With Foul Play at Los Angeles.

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., July 22.—R. G. Sines, of Winside, Neb., was found dead on a street in Los Angeles, Cal. The body was lying face down and in a pool of blood. The neck was broken. The fact, together with the presence of a deep discoloration back of the left ear, leads to the belief that the man was the victim of footpads.

TAX LEVY FOR THE STATE.

It is Now Completed and is Shown to Be as Below.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 22.—The state board of equalization completed the tax levy by counties. The rate for the general fund is 6 mills; for the university fund, 1 mill. Owing to the increase in the assessed valuation of the state, which amounts to nearly \$2,700,000, the university fund will be increased this year by about \$2,685 over last year. The levy by counties is as follows:

Table with 3 columns: County Name, General Fund, University Fund. Lists counties from Adams to Valley with corresponding tax amounts.

STATE FAIR GROUNDS PURCHASE.

Builders Ordered to Begin Work on the New Sheds.

LINCOLN, July 20.—The state board of public lands and buildings completed the purchase of the state fair grounds and the board of agriculture immediately ordered the builders to begin work on the new live stock sheds and barns. The grounds will be enclosed by an improved wire fence and all of the main buildings now standing will be repaired and repainted. All of the expense incident to putting the grounds and buildings in shape for the next state exhibit will be paid out of the balance of the appropriation of \$35,000 made by the legislature.

Secretary Furnas said that everything would be in readiness by the opening day of the fair. The various contractors have been impressed with the importance of their duties and they have agreed to exert every power to have their work completed by August 25.

The warrant which was delivered to the Nebraska Exposition association for the state fair grounds was afterwards sold to the state treasurer for investment of the permanent school fund.

DEAD IN SALT CREEK.

Body of Unknown Man Found Under Bridge at Lincoln.

LINCOLN, July 20.—An unknown man was found dead in Salt creek under a Rock Island bridge two miles south of this city. It was at first thought he had been murdered, but an investigation soon exploded that theory. A wound on his head was thought to have been made by a bullet, but Coroner Graham insists that it might have been caused by some sharp piece of metal in the undergearing of a freight train.

Coroner Graham and a jury examined the body and after listening to the testimony of the section workmen returned a verdict, finding that death came from unknown causes. It is believed that Graham was riding under a freight car and while asleep or from exhaustion lost his hold and fell.

SLAUGHTER GOES TO MANILA.

Nebraska Paymaster to Serve Two Years in the Orient.

OMAHA, July 20.—Major Bradner D. Slaughter, army paymaster here, has news that he has been ordered to the Philippines for service. Major Charles E. Stanton, now in Manila, is expected to come here to relieve him. August 15, Captain William R. Graham will be relieved from duty in the Philippines to also come to Omaha.

Major Slaughter is not surprised, and, in fact, is quite willing to try a couple of years on the other side of the world.

It is expected that Major Stanton will not be able to arrive here and take charge before September 1.

Major Slaughter will be accompanied to Manila by John A. Lottridge, his chief clerk, who came here from Lincoln at the beginning of 1899.

Plainview Farmer's Suicide.

PLAINVIEW, Neb., July 20.—The body of William Dibbert, a prosperous German farmer who lived six miles northwest of here, was found hanging to a rafter in his granary. Mr. Dibbert had been afflicted with kidney trouble for the past year and during the day had worked in the harvest field, but when he left the field at night he failed to show up at the house. He was found by his mother, having hung himself the previous evening.

Child Struck by Lightning.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., July 20.—The little daughter of Henry Stack, aged seven years, was struck by lightning while playing in the back yard in this city. Her hair was badly burned and she was seriously shocked, but has good chances of recovery.

Deputy Game Warden.

LINCOLN, July 20.—Governor Savage has named Captain J. T. Richmond of Johnstown as deputy game warden, to serve without compensation. It is the intention of the governor to appoint at least one deputy for every county in the state.

Young Man Dies on Train.

ALMA, Neb., July 20.—Jesse McGuire, of Garden City, Iowa, who was accompanied by his mother, bound for Colorado for his health, was taken from the Burlington train dying. He died shortly after being placed in the depot.

Dangling from a Halter.

CAMBRIDGE, Neb., July 20.—The body of John Denmead was found dangling from the rafters of the barn on his place north of town. A doctor was summoned and gave as his opinion that the man committed suicide by hanging and that the deed was done at least three days before the body was found. Denmead was a farmer in fair circumstances and had lived alone for some time. His wife had died several years ago.

Artistic Timekeeper. Phil May, the London artist, tells how at the age of 12 he became a timekeeper in a large iron foundry. Says he: "I was delighted with the office, but the foundry masters were not quite so satisfied. At first they were surprised at the great punctuality of the entire staff of workmen; later they simply marveled at its continuance, and finally they discovered that I kept the timebook on a system of my own."

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Accused of Too Much Zeal.

It is charged by the opposition in Altoona, Ia., that the anti-saloon league has employed minors to solicit drinks at bars, misrepresenting their ages, and that the theological students have been imported to work up evidence against gamblers. One of the students is said to have been so well up in the game of poker that he took all the money in a big game played at one of the political clubs. The crusaders, of course, deny all these stories.

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