

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

Senor Concha, the newly appointed Colombian minister, presented his credentials and was introduced to President Roosevelt.

A number of South Dakota land cases have been settled by the secretary of the interior upon appeal from the decision of the general land office.

Roberta Maria Wright daughter of the mayor of Denver, Colo., is to act as sponsor for the cruiser Denver when she is launched about the middle of April.

Senator Fairbanks has introduced a bill authorizing the construction of an agricultural building on the site of the present building at a cost of \$2,500,000.

John Green of Petersburg, Va., a person who has posed before the world for thirty-five years as a married man and who died aged seventy-five years, was a woman.

John Morley, who is writing a life of Mr. Gladstone, has just discovered among the late premier's effects a diary covering most of the interesting period of his career.

General Greeley has invited bids for supplying a system of wireless telegraphy between Nome City and St. Michael, Alaska, 104 miles distant, across Norton sound.

The senate committee on judiciary has reported a bill to allow persons along the Mississippi to sue the government for damages resulting from the building of levees.

At a conference of cotton experts held at the colonial office at Berlin, it was resolved to dispatch a commission to the United States to study the cultivation of cotton.

Rear Admiral Endicott, chief of the bureau of docks and yards, will ask congress for an appropriation of \$1,000,000 for the construction of a new dry dock in the Philippines.

While the prince and princess of Wales were launching the battleship Prince of Wales at Chatham a gunner who was firing a salute was mortally injured, both his arms being blown off.

A bill has been introduced by Senator Morgan, giving the court of claims jurisdiction in cases arising out of the seizure of vessels engaged in the sealing industry prior to April 1, 1904.

The department of encouragement of Mexico has issued directions to exhibitors in the St. Louis Worlds' fair and to various state governors asking them to exercise great care in preparing state exhibits.

May 22 and 23 has been decided upon by the Nebraska department of the Grand Army of the Republic for holding its annual encampment and Omaha is to be the city which will entertain the veterans.

Mr. Martin of South Dakota has introduced in the house a joint resolution providing for the publication of 1,000 copies of preliminary description of the geology and water reservation of the peology and water reservoirs of the southern half of the Black Hills.

Major General E. S. Otis has closed his active career in the army by reason of age, and will go into retirement. He will be succeeded in command of the Department of the Lakes at Chicago by Major General Arthur MacArthur, recently in command of the Department of the Colorado at Denver.

The senate has passed the Gamble bill directing the secretary of the interior to investigate the claims of certain members of the Lower Brule band of Sioux Indians for damages sustained by their forcible removal from South of White river, S. D., in 1893, and authorizing the treasury to pay these claims.

David Blaine of the Kansas and Oklahoma Implement Dealers' association announced recently that the railroads would be asked for special rates for 20,000 harvesters and 15,000 teams for the wheat belt, to take care of the harvest. The recent rains, he says, indicate a heavier wheat crop than that of last year's.

Governor Jordan of New Hampshire has appointed Thursday, April 17, as Fast day in the Granite state.

The German Cable company has arranged to buy the Emden-Virga line of the German Sea Telegraph company.

The tailors of Lincoln, Neb., are on a strike for higher wages.

At Helena, Mont., the entire police force of the city resigned as a result of orders which they say were issued by Mayor Frank J. Edwards, who is a candidate for re-election.

At Parsons, Kan., Lee Watson, a 14-year-old boy, was killed by taking hold of a live wire.

Edward E. Fairweather, auditor of freight claims of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway, died at Daytona, Fla.

RANGE MEN FIGHT

BATTLE REPORTED IN UPPER GREEN RIVER COUNTRY.

STOCK - CROWERS LOCK HORNS

Two Men Seriously Wounded and Hundreds of Sheep Clubbed and Shot to Death—The Culmination of a Long Existing Trouble.

ROCK SPRINGS, Wyo., March 31.—A telephone message was received from Big Piney in the upper Green river country in Uinta and Sweetwater counties stating that a bloody battle had been fought near that place between cattlemen and sheepmen, the trouble having grown out of a division of the range. The report said that two sheepmen, brothers named Hill, had been badly hurt and that it was feared other participants in the fight had been wounded.

Before further details could be learned the telephone line broke down and as Big Piney is twenty-five miles from the nearest point of communication there is no way of confirming the report or learning more about the trouble until tomorrow.

Trouble has been brooding in the upper Green river country for some time. Several years ago the cattlemen of the region drew a dead-line around a certain tract of range, which is said to be the finest feeding ground in the Rocky mountains, and issued warnings to sheepmen to stay away. Local flockmasters obeyed the mandate, for they knew that if they crossed the line their sheep would be turned back or slaughtered. But nomadic herds were frequently pushed into the forbidden territory, with the result that flocks were driven out, some sheep were slaughtered, herders were shot at and wounded, and sheep wagons and outfits were destroyed.

Last spring John Butterfield and a companion herder were attacked by masked men. Both were wounded and one was crippled for life. November 9 Tom Ryan and Chris Peterson, herders in the employ of a Salt Lake City outfit, were shot at and run out of the country, their sheep were slaughtered and the camp outfit was destroyed.

As feed is getting scarce and ranges are overcrowded, it is feared that the sheepmen, driven to desperation, will fight it out to the bitter end with the cattlemen, who, it is claimed, have no more right to the range than the flockmasters, for it is government domain chiefly. Further trouble of a serious nature is expected.

Further particulars of the battle on the range in the upper Green river country between cattlemen and sheepmen have been received.

Roan and Abe Hill, sheepmen, were seriously wounded, but were not dead when the courier came out. Eleven hundred of their sheep were clubbed and shot to death. The Hill brothers shot two cattlemen, whose names have not been learned, but they were not fatally wounded.

Another report says that several sheep herders were severely beaten and a large number of sheep killed, but that no person was fatally hurt.

JAMES R. GARFIELD ACCEPTS.

Son of Late President Will Be a Civil Service Commissioner.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—James R. Garfield a son of the late President Garfield, has accepted the position of civil service commissioner, tendered him about ten days ago by President Roosevelt. Mr. Garfield is a comparatively young man and is engaged in the practice of law with his brother, Harry A. Garfield, in Cleveland.

He is a notable figure in Ohio political circles and has served as state senator from his district. He was author of the law known as the Garfield election law of Ohio, which required all nominees for elective offices to file with the secretary of state a sworn statement of expenses incurred by them during the campaign. The law, however, was recently repealed. Mr. Garfield is a resident of Mentor, a suburb of Cleveland.

Aguinaldo is to Testify.

MANILA, March 31.—Senor Valez, editor of a local paper, who has been sued for libel by two of the Filipino members of the United States Philippines commission, will subpoena Aguinaldo to appear in court to testify in the case. General Chaffee's permission to this step has been obtained.

Unable to Locate Steyn.

PRETORIA, March 31.—The efforts of Acting President Schaburger to open communication with Mr. Steyn, former president of the Orange Free State, have thus far been unsuccessful. Dewet and Steyn have crossed the main line of the railroad, going west. They are escorted by Vannier and Vandermere, and have been traced to Paris (about thirty miles northwest of Heilbron road, Orange River colony).

EXPECT A VOTE BY TUESDAY.

Friends of Oleo Bill Look to Its Immediate Passage.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—The friends of the oleomargarine bill hope to secure a vote on that measure on Tuesday of the present week, and as soon as it shall be disposed of the Chinese exclusion bill will be called up. According to the present proposition, Senator Mitchell, who was largely instrumental in framing the exclusion bill, will make the first presentation of its merits to the senate. He will be followed by other supporters of the bill and it is the hope of Senator Penrose, who has charge of the measure, that the senate will be able to conclude its consideration within ten days after it is taken up.

There is no pronounced opposition to the bill as a whole, but an effort will be made to amend it in some particulars. There are several speeches to be made on the oleomargarine bill, but it is the general understanding that the discussion will be concluded during the first half of the week, if not by Tuesday in time to allow a vote on that date.

It is expected that the Indian appropriation and the river and harbor bill will be reported during the week. Both are subjected to immediate consideration even to the extent of displacing other bills, but it is not believed that either of them will be used to deprive the Chinese bill of its chance for consideration.

The Philippine government bill will also be reported, probably today, but its consideration by the senate necessarily will be postponed for some weeks.

TEN THOUSAND HOMESTEADS.

Will Be Taken Up When the Utah Reservation is Opened.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—The senate committee on Indian affairs adopted the amendment to the Indian appropriation bill, in accordance with an understanding with the president and the interior department to open the Uintah reservation in Utah on October 1, 1903.

The reservation includes about 2,000,000 acres. There will be about 10,000 homesteads, exclusive of timber and important mineral entries. The latter have long been matters of dispute and have caused much irritation and trouble. One reason assigned for the decision to open the reservation to settlement is the fact that the government has never been able to prevent a monopoly of an output of the rich asphalt lands in the reservation.

The lands will probably be opened through the medium of a drawing such as was employed in opening the Kiowa and Comanche reservations in Oklahoma.

IOWA WOMAN KILLS A MAN.

Mrs. G. B. Walker of Miles Shoots J. S. Judd of Chicago.

KANSAS CITY, March 31.—A special to the Journal from Las Vegas, N. M., says:

Mrs. G. B. Walker yesterday shot and killed J. S. Judd of Chicago in her rooms in this city. Judd had gone to her rooms and tried, she alleges, to assault her, she being alone at the time. The bullet entered his head just below the ear, killing him instantly. Judd was 55 years old and was reputed to be wealthy. He has three sons who are physicians. One is city physician of Topeka, Kan., another medical director of the Montezuma hotel Las Vegas. Mrs. Walker is a health seeker. She is the wife of an Iowa farmer and came here from Miles, that state. She freely admits killing Judd, but says she was justified in doing the deed. It is expected her husband will start for this city tomorrow.

Banker Jumped Into River.

ST. LOUIS, March 31.—Everett C. Baker of Terre Haute, Ind., former cashier of a bank at Harrisburg, Ill., attempted suicide by jumping into the Mississippi river here, but interference of the police defeated his efforts. Papers on his person and statements made to the police led them to believe he was formerly connected with McKee's bank of Terre Haute. Police are holding him until Terre Haute authorities can be heard from.

Boers Still Hold the Guns.

PRETORIA, March 31.—The four guns taken by the Boers when General Methuen was captured are still in General Delarey's hands. Those recaptured by Colonel Kekewich are the guns lost at the time of the Vondonop convoy disaster.

Death of Major Clagget.

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 31.—Major J. R. Clagget of the Second United States infantry died here today. He came to New Orleans two months ago from Fort Thomas, Ky., in search of health.

Cholera Spreads in Mania.

MANILA, March 31.—During the last three days there have been ten new cases of cholera here and four deaths from the disease.

STOLE MOTHER'S MONEY.

Skrabal Boys Confess and Dig Up the Wealth.

BEATRICE, Neb., March 31.—After being in the sweatbox for several hours, William Skrabal finally confessed his guilt in the stealing of his mother's money and then planting it in his blacksmith shop floor. He informed the authorities that he had put about \$1,000 of money under the sill of his barn. Sheriff Waddington at once went out to the farm and found the money as indicated. The amount recovered by the sheriff is \$1,050, which with the \$530 unearthed by the detective, making \$1,580 in all, still leaves \$1,120 unaccounted for. The boys stoutly maintain that they only got a trifle over \$1,800, while their mother insists that \$2,700 was stolen from her. The boys claim that they had no intention of robbing their mother, as they only wanted her to come to time about certain matters, when the cash would have been resorted. They say that when their father died last year he left quite a sum of money and that they were entitled to a portion of it, but as the old lady seemed to think otherwise they resorted to strategy in getting even.

AFTER OLEO DEALERS.

State Food Commissioner Lodges Numerous Complaints.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 31.—State Food Commissioner Bassett has lodged complaints with County Attorney Shields of Douglas county against thirty-one butchers and grocers and several wholesale dealers of Omaha for failure to take out permits to sell oleomargarine. After permits are secured under the state law a dealer is not allowed to sell oleomargarine colored yellow. The penalty for failure to take out a license in a fine of from \$10 to \$100 and costs. The food commissioner merely makes complaint to the county attorney and it is the province of the latter to file suit.

Mr. Bassett and County Attorney Caldwell of Lancaster county won a suit in the district court against Beha Bros. for selling colored oleo. This suit is considered by them a test case and the state food commissioner will now proceed to enforce the law throughout the state.

CONVICTED UNDER NEW LAW.

Writing of Threatening Letter Proves Costly.

RUSHVILLE, Neb., March 31.—In the district court here was an important case where a young man by the name of Fred Reno was charged with sending a threatening letter through the mail to Charles W. Claffin, threatening to wipe him off the face of the earth if he should remain in the community. The letter was mailed at Pine Ridge and the postmistress identified it as the one dropped in the box by the defendant. The defendant denied having written the letter and evidence was also introduced to show that no malice existed between the man threatened and himself. This was the first case prosecuted under the new law which was passed by the last legislature as a result of the Cuday kidnaping case. The jury, after being out eight hours, returned a verdict of guilty.

Nebraska Beats New York.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., March 31.—The finance committee of the A. O. U. W. adjourned a regular session here. The committee has secured the figures of the New York-Nebraska contest and feels elated over the result. Last fall the contest was arranged between the orders of the two states to ascertain which would, at the end of three months, have secured the largest number of new members. Nebraska has been found to be the winner and by figures which will undoubtedly lead Father Knickerbocker to the conclusion that the A. O. U. W. jurisdiction of Nebraska has some hustlers in it. In December New York secured 415, Nebraska 468; in January, New York 219, Nebraska 568; in February, New York 476, Nebraska 1,216, making totals of New York 1,110, Nebraska 2,252.

Three Years for His Frolic.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., March 31.—John Patterson, one of the men who confessed to holding up Dick Nietfeld and of extorting \$10 from Henry Sander, was given three years in the penitentiary.

Danel Wells, the wealthiest man in Wisconsin, who died last week erected an office building in Milwaukee of pure white glazed terra cotta, the only one in the United States.

Jury Unable to Agree.

TEKAMAH, Neb., March 31.—Much interest has been manifested here in the trial of John Wedgewood, charged with shooting Alphens Marsh. The trial took place before Judge Dickinson of the district court. County Attorney Alex Corbin conducted the prosecution and Speaker Sears was the counsel for the defense. The plea was that Wedgewood did the shooting in self-defense. The jury disagreed.

LOSE FREE SCHOOL RIGHTS.

Twenty Counties in Nebraska Lack High School Districts.

LINCOLN, Neb., March 29.—State Superintendent Fowler is advocating the organization of high school districts and the consolidation of rural schools. He says there are twenty counties in Nebraska without a high school district.

"While in two or three of these twenty counties" said Mr. Fowler, "Chase, for example, a high school district could now be organized at the county seat in accordance with the provisions of the school laws, the other counties are without a district containing the required number of pupils, or more than 150 children between the ages of 5 and 21 years, to organize a high school district. A county without a high school district cannot establish the adjunct district and thus free high school privileges are denied all children residents in said county.

"I would urge, therefore, that in every county with a district at the county seat which contains, according to the last school census, more than 150 children between the ages of 5 and 21 years, the people organize under the school laws with a board of six members. In counties where the county seat district contains less than 150 children between the prescribed ages the districts around the seat should consolidate until the consolidated district contains more than 150 children of the school age, when it may organize as a high school district. Under consolidation with this end in view it is not necessary to transport the pupils in vans or wagons at public expense, provided, of course, a school is maintained for pupils in the grades below the high school in the school houses on the sites they occupied before consolidation.

"These schools may be continued, as are the ward schools in city districts," continued Mr. Fowler, "but all high school work should be done in the central school in the village. This would insure free high school privileges to all pupils in the consolidating district and, upon the establishment of the adjunct district, to all pupils in the county. Consolidation is not the organization of a new district and may be effected at any time during the year."

LAND BOOM MAKES CHANGES.

Causes Removals of Nebraska Families to Minnesota.

OMAHA, Neb., March 29.—There has been loss of population along the line of the St. Paul-Omaha road in Nebraska this spring, and therefrom is deduced the fact that the Nebraska soil and climate are wonderfully productive. Because of the heavily increased values in land and raises in rent, a large number of German families left the state for the cheaper lands of Alberta and northern Minnesota, the total number of people being from 175 to 200. For every family that left, another family arrived from Iowa or Illinois, but still the loss continues.

All of the outgoing families had lived several years in this state, and had children in abundance, so that the families going out ranged from six to twelve persons in size, while the families coming from the east, and having lived in a less productive country, numbered but from three to six. Therefore, the net loss in population is nearly a hundred.

In the way of household goods, however, Nebraska is the gainer, for the outgoing settlers sold all of their possessions and limited themselves to their trunks and their pockets, while every incoming family brought in from one to three cartloads of stuff.

Killian Ordered to Philippines.

BLAIR, Neb., March 29.—Word has been received by the parents of J. N. Killian that he has been ordered to the Philippines. Captain Killian is now in the commissary department of the United States army. He was formerly adjutant general of Nebraska.

Ex-Judge Lowley Dies.

SEWARD, Neb., March 29.—George W. Lowley, ex-county judge of Seward county and a prominent attorney of this place, died of pneumonia after a short illness. Judge Lowley was one of the pioneer citizens of Seward county.

Slashes Throat with Razor.

ELK CREEK, Neb., March 29.—S. C. Bicknell tried to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. A doctor was summoned in time to stop the flow of blood. Poor health is assigned as the cause.

For Fraud in Mortgage Transfer.

FREMONT, Neb., March 29.—Jacob D. Storms, who was brought back from Baltimore by Sheriff Kreader to answer to the charge of having obtained \$300 from the Bank of North Bend in June by means of a fraudulent chattel mortgage, was arraigned in justice court and waived preliminary examination. He gave bail with his brother as surety for his appearance before the next term of the district court.

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