

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The fruit crop outlook in Kansas is very encouraging.

Governor Odell of New York will spend six weeks in California.

J. D. McFarland, formerly of Lincoln, died last week at Los Angeles, Cal.

The bank of Milligan, Neb., was robbed of a considerable sum by safe blowers.

News has been received of the loss of the American ship Iroquois in the Java sea.

Lord Kimberley, the liberal statesman, who has been ill for some time, died on the 8th.

The regents of the Minnesota State university have refused to accept the resignation of Prof. Thomas Shaw, well known all over the country as an expert in sheep and cattle husbandry.

The senate committee on foreign relations considered, but did not finally pass upon, the bill granting an annuity of \$5,000 a year to Miss Clara Barton for her services as president of the Red Cross.

A total of 175 cases and 137 deaths from cholera were reported in Manila on the 7th. The natives are making great efforts to break the quarantine established and in so doing one native has been killed.

Ex-Secretary John W. Foster has accepted an invitation to deliver the oration at the dedication of the soldiers' and sailors' monument in Indianapolis, Ind., in May.

The Mexican Central passenger train was wrecked by an open switch at Gomez Palacio, near Torreon. The fireman was killed and the Pullman conductor fatally injured.

The trial of Berry Howard of Bell county, charged with being one of the five principals in the murder of William Goebel, was begun in the Franklin circuit court at Frankfort, Ky.

More than 155,000 shares of the Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf railroad stock have been deposited in favor of Speyer & Co. of New York. The total number of shares of the road is 296,000.

George Gray Wood, who is in San Francisco arranging for the Great Pacific ocean cable, says that next Thanksgiving day the United States will be doing business with Honolulu by wire.

The liabilities of Lord Francis Hope, who has become bankrupt, are announced to be \$75,000. Of this amount \$45,000 is claimed on a bill of exchange given to May Yoho, his divorced wife.

A son of John S. Sargent, the famous American portrait painter, has been appointed one of the pages who will attend the queen at the coronation. The pages will hold her majesty's train in the procession.

It is expected that the work on a railroad from Valdez to Eagle City, Alaska, will begin shortly and will be rushed to completion without delay. The company which it is said will construct the road is an English and American concern and capitalized at \$3,000,000.

The Patriotic League of the Revolution has petitioned congress to secure a pension for Theodore R. Timby, who, it is alleged, is the true inventor of the revolving turret used on the Monitor in its battle with the Merrimac. He is a native of Dutchess county, New York.

Justice Hagner in the district supreme court dismissed the petition of Louis F. Primeau and others, representing a tribe of Sioux Indians of the Standing Rock reservation, for an injunction to restrain the secretary of the interior and the commissioner of Indian affairs from leasing certain portions of the unoccupied land of the reservation for grazing purposes.

The president has decided not to make any change in the governorship of Hawaii.

George W. Saunders has been named by the president as Indian agent at the Santee agency. The agency is to be discontinued after July 1.

The remains of Rev. Talmage were buried in Greenwood Cemetery, New York.

Rev. J. A. Becker has resigned his pastorate of the Congregational church at Spearfish, S. D., to accept a position in Omaha.

The German emperor owns 359 carriages for the use of himself and his court.

Mavroyeni Bey, who was Turkish minister to Washington a few years ago, has been appointed by the sultan prince of the Island of Samos.

Kansas commissioners have commenced collecting exhibits for the St. Louis exhibition.

Robert B. Armstrong, recently appointed private secretary to Secretary Shaw, took the oath of office on the 15th and entered on his duties.

HE WANTS LIGHT

THE RESOLUTION OF MR. TELLER IN THE SENATE.

REGARDING THE SUGAR TRUST

The Colorado Senator Alleges that it Owns the Sugar Cane Crop—Resolution Instructs Committee to Make an Investigation.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Mr. Teller introduced in the senate the following:

Whereas, It has been currently reported that nearly the entire crop of Cuban sugar has been purchased and is now held by what is generally known as the sugar trust, which is the principal consumer of raw sugar in the United States, and that any concession given to the raisers of cane sugar in the island of Cuba or any measure intended for their relief by admitting their sugar at reduced rates of duty into the United States will only benefit the sugar trust, and that the Cubans will receive no real benefit from such concessions; and,

Resolved, That the committee on relations with Cuba be directed to make an investigation as to the truth of such charges and to report to the senate, and to report, in addition thereto, what is the normal cost of making sugar in the island of Cuba, and also if any concessions shall be made in the way of a reduction of the duty on sugar coming from Cuba into the United States, what concessions should be made by the government of Cuba, about to be established on articles produced in the United States and exported into the said island of Cuba, in order to make a reciprocal and equitable arrangement as to exports to Cuba and imports therefrom to the United States.

The resolution was referred to the committee on relations with Cuba, at the suggestion of Mr. Pratt, chairman of that committee.

SHIP MASS OF FIRE.

Steamer City of Pittsburgh Burns to Water's Edge Near Cairo.

CAIRO, Ill., April 21.—One of the worst disasters in the history of river navigation occurred shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday morning, near Ogdens landing near this city. While almost all aboard were asleep, the steamer City of Pittsburgh, was discovered to be on fire and in a few moments was burned to the water's edge. The loss of over \$80,000 on the steamer does not include the cargo, both being a total loss. The latest estimates are that there were 150 persons on board and that no more than half of them were saved, many of the latter being burned or injured. As the register of the steamer was burned, no list can be given either of the victims or of the survivors and in the confusion it has been impossible to get complete lists. Captain Phillips admits that the death list may reach sixty.

The appeals of the officers and crew could not appeal the terror stricken crowds that interfered with those throwing water on the flames, as well as those working with life boats. Few could adjust life preservers or do anything else for themselves.

The smoke was stifling. Great clouds floated through the blazing steamer, choking the passengers and adding to the terror. Children cried pitifully, begging that they be saved. They knew as well as their elders that death confronted them and clung to their mothers as though they alone could save them.

To Crowd Out Islands.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Representative Wadsworth of New York introduced a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution, providing that "hereafter no territory not embraced in the geographical limits of continental North America shall be admitted as a state."

Georgia Capitalist Dead.

NEW ORLEANS, La., April 21.—A private telegram from New York announces the death of Captain Samuel J. Whitesides, a well known capitalist of Savannah, Ga.

Chinese Bandits Kill Russian.

PEKIN, April 21.—A post on the outskirts of New Chwang, garrisoned by forty Russians, has been attacked by bandits. One Russian officer and four privates were killed.

Small Boy Gets Long Sentence.

TOLEDO, O., April 21.—Daniel Rosebecker, aged 13 years, pleaded guilty to murder and was sentenced to serve twenty years in the state penitentiary. He killed his playmate.

CHAFFEE COMPLIMENTS BELL.

Sends a Letter Along with the Congratulations of President.

MANILA, April 21.—General Chaffee has forwarded to General J. Franklin Bell the congratulations sent the latter by President Roosevelt upon the recent campaign in Batangas and Laguna provinces, conducted by General Bell. General Chaffee forwarded the president's communication through General Lloyd Wheaton and in an accompanying letter he expresses his great pleasure at the receipt by General Bell of the president's congratulations. No American troops, says General Chaffee, have ever before been charged with a task more difficult of accomplishment. So unique has been the situation in Batangas and Laguna, continues General Chaffee in his letter, that only a person thoroughly familiar with it by actual contact can appreciate the conditions which have been met and overcome, or fairly determine what were the best methods to accomplish the objects, namely the recognition of the sovereignty of the United States and the establishment of peace and order in the disturbed sections.

Seven Lives Lost in Fire.

LONDON, April 21.—A fire broke out in Hackney, a popular suburb of London, in a printer's warehouse, three stories high, the top floor of which was used for living rooms. A dozen fire engines and escapes arrived promptly at the scene, but the flames were of overmastering power and it was impossible to enter the building. When the flames were finally under control the charred bodies of a man, two women and four children were found.

Slain by Deputy Marshal.

GUTHRIE, O. T., April 21.—Charles E. Growles was shot and instantly killed by a deputy marshal at Lawton last night as the result of a fight in a gambling house, wherein Growles and a partner, Lewis, had fired a number of shots at each other without serious injuries. Lewis had accused Growles of cheating at cards and the shooting followed. The officer attempted to arrest Growles and the latter fired in resisting, forcing the officer to fire in self-defense.

Good Basis for Argument.

LONDON, April 21.—The Pretoria correspondent of the Standard cables that there is good reason to believe a tentative agreement has been arrived at which will prove mutually cordial and lead to an early cessation of hostilities. The Utrecht correspondent of the Daily Mail says it is recognized there that the Boer delegates at Pretoria have full powers to negotiate with reference to the Boer leaders in Europe.

Epidemic of Surrender.

MANILA, April 21.—Surrenders to the American authorities of small parties of insurgents are reported daily and they have increased since the recent surrender of the insurgent general Malavar. General Riffo, with twenty-six officers and 375 soldiers, has surrendered to the native constabulary in the province of Misamis, in Mindanao, where the constabulary is co-operating with the military.

Sleeping Girl Dies.

OSWEGO, N. Y., April 21.—Ida Hennessey, 17 years of age, who has been asleep since April 12, died today without regaining consciousness. She suffered an acute attack of epilepsy before falling asleep and relapsed into a comatose state from which the physicians found it impossible to arouse her. She was in that condition 180 hours.

Wilhelmina Holds Her Own.

THE HAGUE, April 21.—The condition of Queen Wilhelmina remains practically unchanged. She does not lose consciousness and has taken a little more nourishment.

Bill with Relations Committee.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The Cuban reciprocity bill has been referred to the committee on relations with Cuba, on motion of Senator Platt of Connecticut.

Much Shipping Burns.

MOSCOW, April 21.—A fire in the Bromley ship building yard here has destroyed several workshops and three large and three small steamers.

Ground Beneath Car Wheels.

HASTINGS, Ia., April 21.—Guy Edwards was run over and instantly killed one mile west of here by No. 70, the last meat train east.

Butter High in New York.

NEW YORK, April 21.—Butter has reached the highest price for the year in this city, the fresh table article having advanced to 33 cents a pound wholesale.

Madden and Waite Draw.

LAWTON, O. T., April 21.—Jack Madden of New York and Kid Waite of Fort Sill, I. T., fought twenty fast and furious rounds here to a draw before 2,000 spectators.

ATTACK THE PURE FOOD LAW.

Unlicensed Creamery Operator Makes Test Case.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 21.—The Nebraska pure food law is being vigorously attacked in the supreme court on the ground that it is unconstitutional. The chief contention is that the act is in violation of that section of the constitution which prohibits the creation of state offices by the legislature.

The case is one in which John C. Merrill of Sutton was convicted for operating a creamery without first having procured a license from the food commissioner. No question arises as to the facts, the only defense interposed being that the law under which conviction was had is void. The suit is being watched with unusual interest by manufacturers of both pure and imitation butter, dairy and vinegar products. The question involved is one of far-reaching importance, however, for it will affect not only the dairy interests, but those persons who come within the meaning of various other laws which have created or established new state offices.

SCHOOL LAND NEARLY GONE.

Commissioner Follmer Finds Little Left to Lease.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 21.—When Land Commissioner Follmer fills a number of land leasing appointments he has made in Cedar Dixon, Dakota, Cass, Polk and Boyd counties, there will be not to exceed 1,500 acres of school land unleased in Nebraska.

Deputy Land Commissioner Eaton said that there is but little work yet to do in connection with the leasing of lands and the 54,300 acres unleased when Mr. Follmer took charge of the office will all be disposed of with the exception of the few acres mentioned. This includes school land in the sand hill district as well as in the more fertile portions of Nebraska. The last auctions will be held on May 25. During recent land leasing the tendency has been to higher values for contracts of all lands forfeited and released.

CAUGHT IN STALK CUTTER.

Cass County Farmer is Fearfully Mangled.

ELMWOOD, Neb., April 21.—George H. Stoehr, a young farmer living two miles north and one-half mile east of Elmwood, was terribly mangled in a stalk cutter. He fell to the ground in front of the machine, which ran over him. He became unconscious and when he returned to a realization of things he was tangled up in the knives and the only way he could get out was to remove one of the wheels, and lift the knives off his body. This he did, putting the wheel back on, climbing on the machine and driving some distance to the house, when a neighbor went for a physician.

Pass Rigid Saloon Ordinance.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., April 21.—At the meeting of the council an ordinance regulating booths or wine rooms in saloons was passed. The ordinance makes it a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than \$25 or more than \$100 to have any door, curtain or screen over or in front of any booth, wine room or other rooms built within a saloon. The ordinance is the result of an individual dealer refusing to remove the door and is not a matter remedying any general complaint.

General Bates Visits Fort Crook.

FORT CROOK, Neb., April 21.—General Bates, commanding the Department of the Missouri with two of his aides, were at the fort to take part in and witness the examination of Lieutenant Bridges for promotion to a captaincy. The examination consisted of battalion drill, general formation and field exercises, which were very satisfactory.

Aged Woman Falls in Cistern.

ELK CREEK, Neb., April 21.—Mrs. Deborah Lawrence, who is past seventy years old, fell through a trap door to a cistern in four feet of water. She was not badly injured.

Orders Curfew Law Enforced.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., April 21.—Mayor Bartling has issued an order to the police to rigidly enforce the curfew ordinance.

Barn and Horses Burned.

FRANKLIN, Neb., April 21.—A small barn in the west part of town belonging to Alf Nucklow was burned. Three head of horses were lost.

Soldier's Remains at York.

YORK, Neb., April 21.—The remains of Joseph S. Oviatt, who died of tuberculosis at Salt Lake City last Sunday, arrived here. He had been in the service of the United States almost continuously since the first call for volunteers in the Spanish-American war. At the time of his death he was a member of Company D, Twelfth artillery. He formerly belonged to Company A of the First Nebraska.

NORTHWEST NEBRASKA.

Never Looked Better or Was More Prosperous.

OMAHA, Neb., April 19.—"Northwestern Nebraska never looked as prosperous and was never in as good condition as at the present time," remarked Major Buchanan, general passenger agent of the Elkhorn. "The entire Elkhorn valley looks like a garden and at this time the prospects are excellent for a big crop. There is plenty of moisture in the ground and the recent showers have started the grain to growing in fine shape. All along the line farmers are busy in the fields and making improvements in the way of erecting new cattle sheds, barns and houses."

"I stopped off a couple of days at Newport, a little town of 400 inhabitants, and drove into the country some twenty miles. There everything is flourishing. By the way, that is the greatest hay shipping point in the world. Last season from that point we sent cars of hay to every state in the union, the cut running into thousands of tons. The hay yielded from one and one-quarter to two tons per acre. This year the cut will be greater than last."

"In addition to the hay fields there are many fine ranches around Newport, on which herds of cattle from 500 to 1,500 head graze the year round. On every hand there is a flowing well, water being secured at from twenty to fifty feet. Land is selling at from \$10 to \$25 per acre and is in good demand."

LEAPS THROUGH A WINDOW.

Fremont Burglar Spoils Plan to Capture Him.

FREMONT, Neb., April 19.—At 11:30 the other night the hardware store of L. F. Holloway & Co., at Sixth and F streets, was burglarized by a lone individual and \$50 worth of razors, shears and revolvers stolen. The thief escaped capture by jumping through a plate glass window in the front of the store after he had sent a sewing machine crashing through so as to make a hole large enough for his exit. Several men who were planning to surprise and effect his arrest saw him flee a block toward the west and turn a corner, and two others who happened to be passing along another street caught a glimpse of him as he darted into an alley. Nothing has been seen of the fellow since that time.

Mullen Stays in Alaska.

Washington special dispatch: The nomination of Patrick M. Mullen of Omaha, which the president sent to the senate, for receiver of public moneys at Juneau, Alaska, was accomplished at the earnest request of both Senators Dietrich and Millard, who have labored indefatigably for Mr. Mullen's appointment ever since it was announced that the land offices in Alaska would be consolidated at Juneau. Mr. Mullen was receiver at Rampart City.

Looks Like Falls City Man.

MANHATTAN, Kan., April 19.—William Scott, arrested here on a charge of grand larceny, committed at Savannah, Mo., is said to fit the description of the murderer of the city marshal at Falls City, Neb., who was killed two years ago, and for whom a large reward was offered.

Interchangeable Mileage.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 19.—The Trans-Continental Passenger association in committee of the whole, it is stated, decided to recommend interchangeable mileage on all roads west of Denver, Cheyenne and El Paso.

Re-Elected Superintendent.

KEARNEY, Neb., April 19.—A. O. Thomas, superintendent of the Kearney public schools, was re-elected by the board of education at their recent meeting for the coming year at an increase in salary of \$100 per year.

Editors to Meet in Omaha.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., April 19.—Omaha was selected by the National Editorial association as the place for holding the next annual convention, defeating Milwaukee and Asheville, North Carolina.

New Bank for Henderson.

HENDERSON, Neb., April 19.—John Kroker & Son are excavating for a new brick building and will organize a bank here with \$25,000 capital. The name of the bank will be the First National.

School Boy Stabs Comrade.

LONG PINE, Neb., April 19.—While Charlie Castle and Guy Given were returning from school, young Castle stabbed Given in the spinal column. The victim is in a precarious condition.

Serious Injury from Stalk Cutter.

PLATTSBURGH, Neb., April 19.—While George H. Stoehr was cutting cornstalks in a field he fell in front of a stalk cutter and was run over, being seriously cut and bruised.

IMPURE BAKING POWDER SEIZED

The New York Board of Health Find It Contains Alum and Rock, Declare It Dangerous to Health and Dump It Into the River.

The New York papers report that the Health Department of that city has seized as dangerous to health nearly two tons of cheap mixtures sold for baking powder and dumped them into the offal scow to be destroyed. More of the powder was found in a Sixth ave. department store. The report of the analysis of the Health Department stated that it was "an alum baking powder" containing alum and pulverized rock.

The different Health Authorities seem to have different ways of repressing the sale of bad baking powders. In England they have prosecuted the grocers under the general law and broken up the traffic. In Missouri the sale of alum baking powder is actually prohibited by law. In New York they seize the unwholesome stuff and cast it into the river without any discussion. The latter way is certainly effective.

The alum baking powders are usually offered at a low price, ten to twenty cents a pound, or with some prize, as a temptation to the housewife.

Consumers can protect themselves by buying only high-grade baking powder of established name and reputation. Do not be tempted by the grocer to take something else as "just as good" or "our own brand," for the trials show that the grocer himself is often deceived by unscrupulous makers, and is selling an alum powder without knowing it.

There are several good powders on the market; let the housekeeper insist on having what she knows is right, and not be induced to risk the life of the family for an imaginary saving of a few cents.

Never Misses a Church Convention.

J. Pierpont Morgan is a very busy man and his time is, of course, enormously valuable, but he always manages to attend the Episcopal general convention and has not missed one for many years. This year the convention will be held next October in San Francisco. The splendid Crocker mansion there has been placed at this disposal of Mr. Morgan for use during the convention.

Crowning events are not unusual in the life of a dentist.

To the housewife who has not yet become acquainted with the new things of everyday use in the market and who is reasonably satisfied with the old, we would suggest that a trial of Defiance Cold Water Starch be made at once. Not alone because it is guaranteed by the manufacturers to be superior to any other brand, but because each 10c package contains 16 ozs., while all the other kinds contain but 12 ozs. It is safe to say that the lady who once uses Defiance Starch will use no other. Quality and quantity must win.

Solomon wouldn't be considered a wise man nowadays, with all those wives.

PUTNAM FADELESS DYES are fast to sunlight, washing and rubbing. Sold by druggists, 10c per package.

A theater is still stationary although it takes wings and flies.

EARLIEST RUSSIAN MILLET. Will you be short of hay? If so, plant a plenty of this prodigally prolific millet. 5 to 8 Tons of Rich Hay Per Acre. Price 50 lbs. \$1.50; 100 lbs. \$3. Low freight. John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis. W

Palm trees come in handy when there's a spanking breeze.

Do Your Feet Ache and Burn? Shake into your shoes, Allen's Foot-Powder, a powder for the feet. It makes tight or New Shoes feel Easy. Cures Corns, Bunions, Swollen, Hot and Sweating Feet. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25c. Sample sent FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

Thoroughbred dogs are less intelligent than mongrels.

IF YOU USE BALL BLUE. Get Red Cross Ball Blue, the best Ball Blue. Large 2 oz. package only 5 cents.

There are 4,500 muscles in the body of a moth.

Try me just once and I am sure to come again. Defiance Starch.

True patience can never cease to be a virtue.

\$20 A WEEK AND EXPENSES to men with right to introduce our best goods. Send stamp, Javelle Mfg Co., Dept. D, Parsons, Kan.

Some churches mistake racket for results in their machinery.

Mrs. Whislow's Soothing Syrup For children teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. See bottle.

The worst cares to take care of are those we borrow or steal.

THOSE WHO HAVE TRIED IT will use no other. Defiance Cold Water Starch has no equal in Quantity or Quality—16 oz. for 10 cents. Other brands contain only 12 oz.

It is easier to recover from a noble failure than from an ignoble success.

Piso's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. SAMUEL, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

When God would honor his servants he gives them greater work to do.

There is more Catarh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease, and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer Send for circulars and testimonials. Address F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Better to lose your argument than your friend.