

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The customs receipts for Cuba for the month of June amounted to \$1,232,252.

By the explosion of a traction engine near Gainesville, Tex., John Window, aged 18, and James Carter, aged 19, were scalded to death.

Receivers have been appointed for the Bay State Gas company and the Atlantic Match company, both of New Jersey.

The steamer Cumberland was damaged \$100,000 in a collision in a fog off Boston with the steamer Admiral Farragut.

The British embassy will be transferred within the next few days to Bar Harbor, to return to Washington about October 1.

Daniel H. Solomon, a prominent lawyer of St. Louis, died at Owensboro, Ky., of sunstroke. His death was instantaneous.

Notice has been given of the appointment of Fred Evans of Grand Island, Neb., as assistant inspector in the bureau of animal industry.

It is now generally accepted that the king's coronation will take place in August. The religious ceremony, however, will be reduced one-half.

The National School of Agriculture opened at the State university of Ohio with the enrollment of fifty students from the principal colleges of the country.

The Mexican government begins its new fiscal year with financial conditions never surpassed in soundness during the whole history of Mexico as an independent nation.

Emil and Edgar Lindborg, 13 and 11 years old respectively, were drowned at Rock Island, Ill. The lads were on a raft, which capsized in a rapid, which had been filled by the recent rains.

Mr. Jacob Tanner and Mrs. Margaret Fischer, both of Jefferson City, Mo., were married. The groom is a prominent merchant of that city and is 77 years old, while his bride is 72 years of age.

The returns from the fourth class postoffices of Oklahoma and the Chickasaw nation to the Guthrie post-office, the depository, covering the past quarter, amounted to \$10,000, which beats all former records.

Gotebo, a small town in Kiowa county, O. T., on the Rock Island railway, was destroyed by fire. Two blocks, comprising the business portion of the town, were destroyed. The estimated loss is about \$25,000, with a very light insurance.

The corner stone of the Omaha auditorium was laid in the presence of 1,000 of the city's prominent citizens. United States Senator Millard delivered the address of the day, detailing the history of the structure.

The Japanese government has virtually decided to participate in the Louisiana Purchase exposition and has commenced to prepare estimates for that proposition. The appropriation will amount to about 2,500,000 yen and the Japanese delegates have already been decided upon.

Five persons were injured, some of them seriously, in a crossing accident at Monticello, Minn. The Great Northern passenger train struck a double-seated buggy. Harry Evers, aged 15 years; William Evers, aged 11; Roy Smith, aged 10; Andrew Hall, aged 55, and a boy named Nygard were injured.

The comptroller of the treasury decided that the salaries and expenses of the Louisiana Purchase exposition commission should not be paid until the provision of the act appropriating \$5,000,000 for the exposition, which requires as a condition precedent that the directors shall contract to close the gates to visitors on Sunday during the whole duration of the fair, is executed.

Fitzsimmons and Jeffries are preparing to move their training camps to the vicinity of San Francisco. Jeffries will take up quarters at the Reliance club, Oakland. Fitz has not yet selected his quarters. Jeffries has abandoned road work.

In a thirty-eight foot launch Captain W. Newman and son, aged 16, will leave from College Point for Southampton. The boat is 8 feet in beam with a draught of 2.8. Newman expects to complete the voyage in about twenty days.

Henry Nikisch, formerly conductor of the Boston Symphony orchestra, has been elected principal of the Leipsic Conservatory of Music, which is probably the German musical institution best known to Americans. He succeeds Reinecke, the composer.

In pursuance of Emperor William's desire to adopt good American things, the Prussian railroad minister has ordered the extension of the American baggage check system, which has been experimented with on the Hamburg-Berlin line.

LORD SALISBURY

AGED PREMIER LAYS DOWN THE CARES OF OFFICE.

HE IS SUCCEEDED BY BALFOUR

"Joey" Chamberlain, Who Has Long Been Regarded as the Most Promising Man for the Place, is Passed By, but May Retain His Place.

LONDON, July 14.—The fact of the resignation of the premiership of Great Britain by Lord Salisbury, as foreshadowed in the dispatches of the Associated Press, was officially given out last evening. The prime minister laid down the responsibility of his office July 11. Within twenty-four hours his majesty elected A. J. Balfour, the government's chief representative in the house of commons, to the position of premier.

While it was expected in official and political circles that Lord Salisbury's retirement would be coincident with the coronation of King Edward, it was scarcely looked for prior to that event. Consequently, about the only surprise expressed as to the news spread through London concerned the date rather than the fact of the resignation. The interest was not so much in the withdrawal of Lord Salisbury as it was in the appointment of his successor.

The liveliest speculation is rife as to the personnel of the new cabinet. The most discussed feature of the pending changes is the position of Mr. Chamberlain, the colonial secretary, who, in many quarters, has been regarded as the most promising candidate for the premiership.

A representative of the Associated Press learns that prior to the acceptance of his new office, Mr. Balfour first had an interview with Mr. Chamberlain, and then consulted with his other cabinet assistants. This is regarded as assurance that the future relative positions of Messrs. Balfour and Chamberlain will be satisfactory to both. Mr. Chamberlain's friends say he always recognized the reversion of the premiership to Mr. Balfour's right as leader of the house of commons.

The main reason for Premier Salisbury's withdrawal is considered by all the best informed persons to have been simply a desire for a quiet life on the part of men advanced in years, whose activities have been unusual and whose scientific tastes predispose him to study and seclusion.

That the retiring premier's health has failed to some extent is undeniable, but this is not more than perhaps is to be expected in a man of his years, and the close of the war in South Africa, and the return of the commanding general, is said to be an appropriate time for his withdrawal.

His retirement was practically arranged at an audience of Lord Salisbury with the king a month ago, to be coincident with his majesty's coronation, but the king's illness interfered with these plans and compelled Lord Salisbury to wait until his majesty was sufficiently recovered to attend to state business.

Though alert mentally, the retiring premier's physical condition, especially since the death of his wife, has not been satisfactory. That loss seemed to affect him greatly and since that time he has done little entertaining, beyond purely official annual dinners and receptions. In a social aspect, however, Mr. Balfour's accession is not expected to make much difference, neither Mr. Balfour nor his sister, who acts as his hostess, being very fond of society.

Although Lord Salisbury's resignation does not necessarily involve the reconstruction of the cabinet, it is believed there will be some changes.

Mont Pelee Still Active.

PORT DE FRANCE, Island of Martinique, July 14.—Last night and today Mont Pelee was in eruption, the activity being as great as that of Saturday and Wednesday last. Morne Rouge, Ajoupa, Bouillon and Maconia were covered with stones and cinders and were rendered uninhabitable for several hours.

The volcano emitted a dense column of flame and at the same time electrical phenomena were observed. The eruption was accompanied by a deep rumbling, resembling continuous thunder.

There were no fatalities reported, but the inhabitants of the northern part of the island were panic-stricken, all residents of Port de France remaining calm.

Discouraging Crop Reports.

SIDNEY, Ia., July 14.—The past month has been one full of disappointment for the farmers. There have been few clear days, and the rains have been very heavy, about twelve inches of water has fallen. The crop situation is very bad. The corn is flooded in many places and rotting in others. The spring wheat is down and much of it cannot be harvested, and many tons of hay have been lost.

AFTER GREENE AND GAYNOR.

State Department Presents Application for Their Extradition.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—Steps have been taken by the state department for the extradition to the United States of Colonel John F. Gaynor and Captain Benjamin D. Greene, now under arrest at Quebec, Canada. A formal application for their extradition has been made by Secretary Hay to Mr. Raikes, charge d'affaires of the British embassy, who is now at Newport, and who, it is expected, will cable the request promptly to his government. The grounds on which extradition is asked are comprehensive in character.

This action of the state department is independent of the proceedings now in progress to obtain the extradition of the men through ordinary judicial process. The secretary has not yet acted on the suggestion of the department of justice. There were obstructions placed in the way of the Canadian proceedings by reason of connections between counsel for Messrs. Greene and Gaynor and crown officers.

RATHBONE REFUSES TO TALK.

Released Prisoner from Cuba is Greeted by Ohio Neighbors.

CINCINNATI, O., July 14.—Estes G. Rathbone, late director general of posts in Cuba, arrived here today noon and was met at the St. Nicholas hotel during the afternoon and evening by many of his old neighbors. He goes to his former home at Hamilton Tuesday.

After spending a week or more here, attending to his personal affairs, he will join his family in western New York. This is the first visit of Mr. Rathbone to his home since the trials in Havana, and he was received by many friends, whose calls presented the appearance of a reception.

To all inquiries of newspaper men Mr. Rathbone replied that he had nothing further to say regarding Cuban affairs; that he had sent his petition to congress for a full investigation, and pending action on that petition he would not discuss any phase of the Cuban situation.

FARM LANDS OF WYOMING.

Bulletin Issued by Census Department Shows Valuation.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—A bulletin issued by the census bureau today places the number of farms in Wyoming at 6,095. They cover an area of 8,124,536 acres, or 13 per cent of the total area of the state, and are worth \$26,265,680. The live stock on the farms is worth \$39,145,877.

The farms are of an average size of 1,633 acres, but on the land included in them only 10 per cent is improved. A portion of the bulletin is devoted to the question of irrigation, of which it says:

"The progress of agriculture in the decade of 1900 is attributable to the successful raising of hay and forage, cereals and other crops. The total increase in irrigated land in ten years was 376,292 acres. Most of this land was public domain in 1890. At a low estimate its present value is \$16 per acre, or \$6,056,852. Irrigation has added this large amount to the farm wealth of the state."

Holds Hector for Murder.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., July 14.—Carl Hector, the young man who assaulted and killed Fred Johnson in Avoca, was held to the grand jury on a charge of murder by Justice Hazen. His bail was fixed at \$10,000, which he was unable to furnish, and he was committed to the county jail at Avoca.

Revolutionists Keep Still.

SAN JUAN, P. R., July 14.—The Norwegian steamer Jotun, from Port of Spain, island of Trinidad, July 7, has arrived here and reports that the Venezuelan revolutionists had not moved from Barrancas and Bohivar when the steamer left Trinidad.

To Close the Fair on Sunday.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—The contract made by the Louisiana Purchase exposition commission to keep the fair closed on Sunday, in compliance with the act creating the commission, was received at the Treasury department.

Honor Wood with Dinner.

WASHINGTON, July 14.—The "Whippoorwill" club, an organization composed of veterans of the civil war, gave a dinner to General Leonard Wood tonight as a tribute to his services in Cuba.

Believes Peace Short Lived.

COLORADO SPRINGS, July 14.—H. C. De Rooy, an adjutant in the Boer war under Delarey, is in the city on a visit. He says, in his opinion, peace will not last two years. The arms turned into the British, he says, are worthless and the good ones have been buried in secret places. He says England is trying to make Englishmen of the Boers, and when they put on the screws too hard the latter will rebel.

DECISION IN SEPTEMBER.

The Court May Take Time in Franchise Case.

LINCOLN, July 14.—No decision may be expected in the railroad franchise case, according to the intimation of Chief Justice Sullivan, until September. The argument has been finished and the case is now before the court. The chief justice asked if any interests would be jeopardized if a decision was not given until the September term of court. Mr. Simeral, attorney for the relator, mildly intimated that he would like a decision as soon as possible, but he said he was not prepared to say that any harm would result if the case was not decided until September.

Attorney General Prout also intimated that there might be need of an early decision because taxes become due October 1, and if the writ should issue time would be required for the state board to certify to county clerks so that the levy might be extended. Mr. Harrington said this had already been done and the county clerks all over the state were probably at work on the tax books. He suggested that if the writ be allowed the tax could be added to the taxes already certified. Attorney General Prout asked when this could be added if the writ were allowed in September. No one volunteered to say whether it could be done immediately or would have to be added to the tax of the following year. It is the opinion of those who have had experience in tax matters that if the writ is issued the tax can be added this fall without a great deal of trouble to the county officers. Some believe that delay means that a writ will not be issued. The state board is required by law to meet the third Monday in July to make the state levy.

Accused of Assaulting Girl.

COLUMBUS, Neb., July 14.—Sheriff Byrnes returned from Creston in charge of D. Corcoran, for whom a warrant had been issued charging him with assault on the person of Martha Handke, the 14-year-old daughter of Herman Handke, living near Creston. The prisoner is an agent for a Chicago portrait house, and in canvassing Creston Tuesday he came to the home of Doc Palmateer, where he found no one at home but Martha, who as a domestic was engaged in caring for a baby. Finding her alone, it is alleged that the young man locked the doors, pulled down the blinds and accomplished his designs.

Prohibition State Convention.

The prohibition state convention has been called to meet at the Auditorium, Lincoln, Neb., at 10 o'clock a. m., August 7, 1902, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the following offices: Governor, lieutenant governor, secretary of state, treasurer, auditor, attorney general, and commissioner, superintendent of public instruction, and the election of state central committee, and to transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Thieves Steal Valuable Supplies.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., July 14.—Thieves visited the home of George Ramold and broke open his smoke house and took therefrom all of the supplies that he had, among which was something over 300 pounds of cured hams and bacon. Other farmers in this section report the loss of grain and supplies that they had stored in their larders for their families and the harvest hands.

Neither Ticket Nor Money.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., July 14.—Jo Kearns, a 12-year-old boy, arrived at the Burlington station, and after wandering about for a while he attracted the attention of Officer Horstman, who questioned him and found that he was an emigrant from Ireland on his way to Fairfield, where he has an uncle. He was put on the wrong train at Kansas City and reached Nebraska City without a ticket or money.

Appropriates Mortgaged Building.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., July 14.—Sheriff McBride returned from Hooper with Richard J. Williams, who while working on a farm near Weeping Water got into trouble with a young woman and found it necessary to depart. In doing so he took a horse and buggy upon which a man named Pulls held an unsatisfied mortgage.

The Fire at Beatrice.

BEATRICE, Neb., July 14.—The recent fire was the most disastrous in the history of the city. The Kleins Mercantile company's building and the Green block are total losses. The loss will exceed \$175,000. The fire originated in the stairway of the Green block and was of incendiary origin. A couple of men were observed by a telephone girl running away from the building about the time the fire was discovered.

FARM LANDS IN BIG DEMAND.

Many Farmers from Eastern States Settling in Nebraska.

OMAHA, Neb., July 12.—Real estate men are jubilant over the great demand for lands throughout the state and every firm is busy quoting prices to eastern and some local investors. Not only has the demand materially increased, but the price of land out in the state has almost doubled during the last year. One firm that offered a small farm for \$500 last year refused \$900 for it Tuesday morning.

This increased activity in farm lands is in the central and southern parts of the state, there being about the same demand in the east portion as last year. Many settlers are coming in from the east, attracted by the glowing accounts sent them by relatives and former neighbors, who came here years ago. They are a thrifty and industrious lot of people and are coming here to remain.

An agent for a large real estate firm, who has just returned from a trip throughout the state, said the increased demand for farm lands is easily explained when one sees the splendid crops. "The rain has damaged the crops very little, generally, though some individuals have been damaged. I have never seen a better stand of corn than we have this year; wheat and oats are looking fine and farmers are busy in the harvest fields. Nebraska can stand more rain than most any country on earth, and the harvest has been very little retarded on account of wet weather."

"At this time we have more sales for farm lands pending than ever before in the history of the firm. We are being offered good prices for land that one year ago we thought we would never be able to sell. In Custer county and the southwest portion of the state a year ago there was no demand at all for land, but today we are flooded with applications by eastern people who desire to settle here. Nebraska is rapidly coming to the front as an agricultural state and its farm lands are fast being bought up by a good class of people."

A FARM HAND DROWNED.

Loses His Life While Trying to Cross a Slough.

COLUMBUS, Neb., July 12.—Henry Wilcke, employed as a farm hand by August Loseke, thirteen miles north of Columbus, was drowned while trying to cross a slough into which a flood had backed up from Loseke creek, forming an island, from which it was his purpose to drive some cattle. The horse he was riding went into the water unwillingly and lost his footing as he finally plunged into it, going down three times below the surface before getting out. Wilcke, in some way, lost his balance, perhaps getting caught in the brush. His employer at a distance saw only his hands above the water at the fatal moment. The body had not been recovered when the last messenger reached town. Wilcke came from Germany twelve years ago and has no relatives in this country. He served two years in the Philippines as a private in company E, Thirty-third regiment, provisional volunteers.

Regulars at Elk City.

OMAHA, Neb., July 12.—Elaborate preparations are being made for the annual encampment and reunion of the Douglas County Veterans' association, to be held at Elk City for four days, commencing August 19. Heretofore the reunions have been held only three days. The executive committee consisting of O. A. Walcott, chairman; Frank Gelston, secretary; D. R. Baylor, Eugene Whitney and Henry Grau, has perfected arrangements. D. R. Baylor of Elk City has control of concessions on the grounds.

Among the speakers at the reunion will be General J. C. Cowin, Judge C. R. Scott and Judge W. W. Slabaugh. General Bates has granted leave for the attendance of a company of regulars from Fort Crook, and they will give a daily drill.

The Plattsmouth Bridge.

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., July 12.—A large force of experienced bridge builders arrived from Galesburg, Ill., to begin work on the Burlington's new bridge as soon as the weather will permit.

It is believed that if Governor Taft is successful in his mission to Rome, Archbishop Ireland will be raised to the purple at the November consistory. His enemies are working to prevent this.

Harlan County's Bumper Crop.

ORLEANS, Neb., July 12.—The largest harvest ever gathered in the county is about completed. The acreage of wheat is very large and will average throughout the county not less than twenty-five bushels per acre. Many pieces, it is claimed, will make forty to forty-five bushels per acre. The only danger now is in caring for it properly. Never before has the western part of Nebraska been in as fine shape at this season of the year.

Looking for a Popular Song.

"This year," said a Philadelphia young man who haunts the theaters, "there doesn't seem to be any one popular song that has caught on, to the exclusion of the others. This condition of affairs is really remarkable, when you come to think of it. Of course, the summer is young yet, and it may still come, but the conditions are against it. In previous years, wherever you would go, you would be sure to hear the popular song of the day, played by bands in the various parks, whistled on the streets, sung by the colored boy quartets that make night hideous and ground out on street pianos. We had lots of good musical comedies during the last season, with lots of good songs, but no one seems to have just caught on to such an extent as to be 'it.'"

A Highbinder His Servant.

Governor Gage, of California, has roused a storm of disapproval by securing the parole from San Quentin prison of Mah Noon, one of the most desperate and blood-thirsty highbinders ever caught red handed. Mah is a fine cook, and the governor has installed him as chef in his own home. The Chinaman was sentenced not long ago to fourteen years for attempting to murder another Celestial. He also shot and dangerously wounded an officer who went to arrest him. The governor's fellow republicans are much incensed.

A Fortunate Postmaster.

Kirk, Ark., July 14th.—Mr. William S. Drennan, Postmaster at this office, counts himself a very fortunate man. Mr. Drennan in addition to being postmaster is a Justice of the Peace, a member of the Christian church and a highly respected and useful citizen.

He has suffered for some time with what some people would call "rickets" or "rigors" of the kidneys—kidney disease in a very painful form. He could not sleep, he had a dull pain over his left kidney, was continually restless, could not lie still, and had to get up through the night several times and was also troubled in this way during the day.

He used a few boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills, a remedy recently introduced in this state and advertised as a cure for Kidney Disease, Rheumatism, Malaria, etc., and in a short time was completely restored to vigorous, good health. He is very grateful to Dodd's Kidney Pills.

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Merely a Graft.

A Paris newspaper relates that a party of men, sitting in front of a boulevard cafe, were recently approached by a man who had a clarinet in his hand and who said: "Gentlemen, excuse me, I have to make my living, but I suppose you would rather give me 2 sou not to hear me." They took the hint. He repeated this performance, till, one day, one of the men said he felt like hearing a tune, and asked him to play. "I am sorry," said the man with the clarinet, "but I cannot play a note."

Same Kind of a Critter.

This is from a Connecticut woman's diary, dated 1790: "We had roast pork for dinner, and Dr. S., who carved, held up a rib on his fork and said: 'Here, ladies, is what Mother Eve was made of.' 'Yes,' said Sister Patty, 'and it's from very much the same kind of critter.'"

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