

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

George Francis Train is confined to the home of his sister with a case of smallpox.

Twelve thousand school children greeted President Roosevelt at Portland, Oregon.

Governor LaFollette, of Wisconsin, has signed the bill taxing railroads on the ad valorem system.

Two hundred and twenty acres are to be added to the military reservation at West Point at an expense of \$20,000.

The armory of the First regiment, N. C. P., at Philadelphia was damaged \$75,000 by fire. Nearly all the rifles and uniforms of the organization were destroyed.

The historic elm tree planted by Abraham Lincoln in front of the old Lincoln homestead in Springfield, Ill., fell a few days ago during a heavy wind and rain storm.

Burglars who knew the combination stole checks and money amounting to about \$5,000 from the safe of the Oklahoma Packing company in Oklahoma City and escaped.

Daniel Guggenheim, treasurer of the Israelite relief fund, New York, received a check for \$200 from Secretary of State John Hay for the relief of the sufferers at Kishineff.

The prospectus of the new Brazilian 5 per cent loan of \$25,000,000 for the improvement of the harbor of Rio Janeiro will be issued by the Rothchilds. The price will be 92.

A dispatch to a news agency from Vienna says it is reported from Mitrovitz that all the Albanian chiefs of that district have now been arrested and sent under strong escort to Constantinople.

At Toledo, O., Harvey Parker of Worcester, Mass., won the lightweight wrestling championship of the United States by securing two out of three falls in a contest with Bob Reakes of Muskegon, Mich.

St. Paul has been selected by the executive committee of the national association of state dairy and food departments as the place and July 21 to 24 as the time for the seventh annual convention of the association.

The secretary of war has ordered the honorable discharge from the service of Second Lieutenant George R. Crawford, Eleventh infantry. Crawford has been attending the military school at Fort Leavenworth, and has failed to pass his examination after two trials.

According to a special dispatch to the Vossische Zeitung from Bucharest anti-semitic agitators are to be found everywhere in Roumania and scenes similar to those enacted at Kishineff are feared. It is said that anti-semitic outbreaks will surely occur at the end of May.

Because Sir Michael Herbert and other representatives of the powers took exception to certain foot notes in the blue book on Venezuela, the state department has assured them the blue book was prepared by Mr. Bowen and is not to be considered an official publication of the department.

In answer to her suggestion that a claim for compensation to be lodged against Turkey in the amount of the ransom paid for the release by the brigands, Miss Ellen Stone has been required to supply the department of state with necessary information upon which to frame a formal application.

The Kansas encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic sent a dispatch to the president and secretary of war protesting against the proposed Memorial day program at Fort Riley this year. The old soldiers object to the day being "desecrated by base ball, races and similar sport."

Montana City, at one time one of the most famous placer camps in Montana, was totally destroyed by fire Sunday.

Governor Ferguson of Oklahoma issued a proclamation naming May 30 as the day for Oklahoma to pay tribute to the memory of civil war veterans. The proclamation contains 700 words and is of literary merit.

Statistics compiled by President T. C. Power of the Montana board of sheep commissioners, fixes the total number of sheep lost in the recent blizzard at 900,000. Up to the time of the storm 600,000 had frozen in the snow of previous blizzards, making the grand total of 1,500,000 lost in Montana last December. At an average of \$2.50 this means a monetary loss of \$3,750,000.

An expedition is being sent out under auspices of the Geographical society of Philadelphia and the Arctic club of New York, to explore Mount McKinley, the highest peak in the Alaska range, estimated to be 20,400 feet high.

In an article on irrigation, Edward A. Beals of the weather bureau says there are more than 7,000,000 acres of irrigated land in the United States.

As "flag day" this year falls on Sunday, the day will be observed on Monday, June 15.

CANCEL OF RISES

THREE THOUSAND PROMOTIONS WITHDRAWN BY PAYNE.

LEGAL MAXIMUM IS REACHED

The Postal Probe Continues, Mr. Heath Being Notified of the Tulloch Charges on Which Reports Were Expected and Came Forth.

WASHINGTON—The promotions of over 3,000 postoffice clerks throughout the country, recently authorized, were cancelled by Mr. Payne.

First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne reported to Mr. Payne that the tabulation of clerks in each grade in postoffices of the first class had been completed. This work was undertaken in accordance with the order to rearrange the salaries of clerks already classified, so that the number in the several grades should not exceed the number specifically prescribed by congress. The former classification was made by George W. Beavers, just prior to his sudden resignation as chief of the division of salaries and allowances.

The new schedule approved by the postmaster general, after transferring 5 per cent from grades where there are vacancies, as authorized by a recent decision of the comptroller of the currency, makes it necessary to cancel 3,046 promotions in the several grades in which there is an excess above the legal number and in which 7,042 promotions have been authorized. The report says:

It will not be necessary in any case to reduce any clerk, but simply to cancel 3,046 out of 7,402 promotions heretofore authorized to take effect on July 1, 1903. We will proceed at once to ascertain exactly the number of promotions in each grade that it will be necessary to cancel at each postoffice and will then inform the postmasters and allow them to secure the increases which must be cancelled.

Most of the excesses in the number in the respective grades of clerks scattered throughout the United States at first class presidential offices are in the \$900 and \$1,000 per annum classes. The excesses in grades are divided among those grades as follows: Two hundred and fifty-eight excess in the \$700 grade, 852 in the \$900 grade, 936 in the \$1,000 grade, 451 in the \$1,100 grade, 243 in the \$1,200 grade, 220 in the \$1,300 grade, 82 in the \$1,400 grade and 18 in the \$1,500 grade.

The postmaster general to-day sent to Mr. Heath a copy of the charges filed by Mr. Tulloch, together with a letter requesting any suggestion he may submit on the subject. It is the first official communication with Mr. Heath during the investigation. None of the supplemental answers to the postmaster general giving Mr. Tulloch's definite charges have been received.

AFTER A POSTAL CLERK'S SCALP.

May Be Removed for Promoting Suits Against Government.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Second Assistant Postmaster General Shalzenbarger has directed Svend Schibsbj, a railway postal clerk at Kansas City, to show cause why he should not be dismissed for promoting suits against the government for traveling expenses of postal employees. There are 9,000 railway postal clerks in the country and the purpose is to prevent a widespread movement having in view the prosecution of a claim which the department regards as preposterous.

The position of the postoffice department is that the designated headquarters of these clerks is the route on which their runs are made, and not the city or town where they may happen to live. A case is now pending in the court of claims in this city involving this question of their traveling expenses.

FENCES MUST COME DOWN.

Hitchcock Denies the Report That Time Has Been Extended.

WASHINGTON.—Secretary Hitchcock said Thursday that the report that there had been extension of time to July 1 for the removal of fences around public lands used for grazing purposes was incorrect.

An inquiry of this character came to the interior department from Nebraska. Shortly after the adjournment of congress the department issued orders to its agents directing the removal of the fences, and the law, the secretary said, would be carried out. "In some of the other states the removal of the fences has been in progress for a year or more.

Up in a Balloon.

PARIS.—Santos-Dumont made a successful ascent in his steerable balloon at Neuilly Thursday afternoon in the presence of 3,000 spectators, including the minister of finance, M. Bouvier. At the Bois de Boulogne a number of evolutions were gone through amid the applause of the spectators. After maneuvering for half an hour at a height of 600 feet above the polo grounds Santos-Dumont returned to Neuilly.

ST. GAUDENS' STATUE OF GEN. SHERMAN.



On Memorial day the Chamber of Commerce will present to the city of New York Augustus St. Gaudens' heroic statue of Gen. William Tecumseh Sherman, a work that has been called the finest piece of sculpture created in 400 years. When the statue was exhibited in the Salon of the Champs de Mars, in 1899, the place of honor was given to it, that being the first time such a mark of artistic appreciation was ever shown to an American sculpture.

The statue, which is of bronze, is to stand at the entrance to Central Park, at Fifth avenue and Fifty-ninth

street. Mr. St. Gaudens' work represents the hero of the "March to the Sea" seated on his charger, in full uniform of a general in the field, his head bared as if in response to the acclaiming voices of his soldiers, his campaign hat in his right hand held in the fine free motion of a salute. Immediately in front of the charger is a woman's figure symbolizing Victory, her robes fluttering backward in the breeze created by the forward movement, and in her upraised hand the palm branch of peace. Artistically the work is unquestionably the finest in America.—New York Press.

NEW RULES FOR INSPECTION.

Special Fitness of Men Will Be Considered.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—General Patton, inspector general of the army, with the authorization and approval of Secretary Root, has prepared an order designed to bring the inspector general's department into closer relations with the army. Hereafter all officers assigned to the different departments as inspectors general will be exclusively under the control of the department commander, who will control their assignments. Reports will be transmitted through the adjutant general's department to the inspector general.

All inspectors of armories, arsenals, depots, etc., and of important posts and commands, including West Point, Leavenworth, Fort Riley, Fort Monroe and Fort Totten, will be directed by the secretary of war and made by officers recommended by the inspector general with a view to their special fitness for the work enjoined.

G. A. R. SPURNS LEE'S STATUE.

Veterans Declare Capitol Should Admit No Monuments.

M'PHERSON, Kan.—The Grand Army of the Republic, Department of Kansas, the twenty-second encampment of which is in session here, passed a resolution protesting against Virginia's proposal to place a statue of Robert E. Lee in the rotunda of the capitol at Washington.

The resolution protests against the "placing in said rotunda the statue of Robert E. Lee or any other person who has been disloyal to the government of the United States and has voluntarily borne arms against it."

Letters Received at Washington.

WASHINGTON—Another large batch of letters came to the state department all relating to the Jewish massacre at Kishinev. The department is acknowledging the receipt of all these with promises of consideration. The Russian government appears to have done what it could to restore order in the disturbed section and seems to be punishing the perpetrators of the outrages.

Boiler Plate Mills Burn.

HARRISBURG, Pa.—The original boiler plate mills of the Central Street Plate Company were destroyed by fire early Friday, entailing a loss of \$200,000 and throwing a large number of men out of work. The loss is fully covered by insurance. The two mills had recently been rebuilt and were among the most up to date in boiler and other plate making of any in this part of the country.

Another Storm Killing Sheep.

CHEYENNE, Wyo.—Another storm has raged here. In the Bitter creek valley, where thousands of sheep are ranged, the storm was worst. Sheepmen are making every effort to protect their flocks, but thousands of head are exposed. The loss in this section this week will aggregate over 5,000 head. Along the Oregon Short Line railway sheep and lambs can be seen lying dead in the sage brush.

Uncle Sam's Cash.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund shows: Available cash balance, \$222,000,166; gold, \$105,748,115.

Race Lea's to Duel Challenge.

PARIS.—M. Charron, a prominent sportsman, has challenged M. Marghill to fight a duel, as the result of a controversy over a race at Chantilly.

A POSTAL DEFICIT.

The Postoffice Department is \$227,300 Behind.

WASHINGTON—Congress will be asked at the opening of its next session to make an appropriation to cover deficiencies in both the regular delivery service and the rural free delivery service of the postoffice department. Postmaster General Payne on Thursday announced that this deficiency now aggregates exactly \$227,300, of which \$105,700 is in the free delivery branch.

The postmaster general said that he much regretted the existence of the deficit and for the first time publicly criticized the administration of A. W. Machen, the general superintendent of the free delivery system, who is on indefinite leave of absence.

"This is not the first time that a deficiency has occurred in the free delivery service," said Mr. Payne, "but I regret its existence. At the opening of the last congress Mr. Machen pointed out that without additional appropriations no more routes could be established beyond those ready to be installed January 1. He said, however, if congress appropriated \$500,000 for the purpose the work could be continued during the rest of the fiscal year. This appropriation was promptly made, but it was exhausted.

"Despite this fact the office (the free delivery office) was going on increasing the deficiency, and if we had not taken steps to curtail the expenditures and suspend the establishment of routes until the beginning of the next fiscal year, the deficit would have been much larger. It was not good administration."

Continuing, the postmaster general said that part of the deficiency was discovered before Mr. Machen was given his leave.

"He reported a part of it himself," Mr. Payne added. "First Assistant Postmaster General Wynne recently reported to me that \$20,000 deficiency existed in the rural service, and Mr. Wynne and myself agreed that by economical measures the department might eliminate that. A bureau officer should not incur a deficit without consulting his superior officer, the postmaster general. I cannot stand for that kind of administration. An official must be held to a more strict accounting. I do not say that there was anything criminal or anything wrong in Mr. Machen's action, but it was certainly loose administration, and he should have had his business more in hand. I believe, however, that congress will quickly vote the money to cover the deficiency."

Government Accepts Bids.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Colonel Patton, acting quartermaster general of the army, decided to accept two bids for carrying freight from the Pacific coast to the Philippines. The bids were the same on miscellaneous freight and passengers. The contract will be made with the Pacific Mail Steamship company for San Francisco freight and with the Boston Steamship company for freight from Seattle.

Chinese Treaty a Standstill.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—No progress is reported from the United States treaty commissioners in China. The exact nature of the obstacle to the consummation of the trade treaty is not known. The Chinese commissioners make one statement in the matter; the Russian government makes another and conflicting statement, and the commissioners do not know which of them to believe.

General Nebraska News.

CASES WILL NOT BE TRIED.

One Defendant in Penitentiary and Other in Mexico.

DAVID CITY—District court convened in this city, Judge S. H. Sornberger of Wahoo presiding. There are fifty-two civil and four criminal cases on the docket. It is thought that none of the criminal cases will be tried. Three of them are against Amos H. Gould and Richard C. Gould, charged with the wrecking of the Platte Valley State bank at Bellwood. A. H. Gould is now serving time in the penitentiary, and Richard C. Gould is said to be in Mexico.

SUES FOR CONVICT LABOR.

Case of Ex-Warden Davis Submitted in Court.

LINCOLN—The supreme court took up the case of ex-Warden Davis against State Treasurer Mortenson and other members of the state prison board. Mr. Davis instituted mandamus proceedings to compel the board to complete a contract entered into with him for the services of twenty-five convicts for whose services he offered to pay 50 cents a day. The court permitted the relator to file a motion to strike out a portion of the answer of the Lee Broom and Duster company, which now employs all the available convicts in the penitentiary. The case was argued and submitted.

WELL KNOWN AT TECUMSEH.

Man Under Arrest for Bigamy Has a Wife in Nebraska.

TECUMSEH—Charles Thom, alias W. W. Montgomery, whom the press dispatches say was badly wounded by Jailer Jerry Emerson at Guthrie, Okl., when he attempted to escape from that prison, is well known in Johnson county. The press dispatches say he was doing time on the charge of bigamy. It is said that Thom had married three wives, one in Iowa, one in Nebraska and one in Oklahoma. His Nebraska wife was Miss Dora Reynolds, a young lady of this community, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reynolds. A child was born to this union, and the mother and child have long since left the husband and father.

Meets Death in the Wind.

FRANKLIN, Neb.—A cyclone passed here this evening between 5 and 6 o'clock doing great damage to property. It was about eight miles west and for a while looked as though this city was going to be in its path. Mrs. J. Gish was killed and her husband badly hurt he will die. Six others are badly injured. Mr. Gish and wife were visiting, having only been here two days.

Doctors have gone out to care for the wounded. It is feared that in the morning it will be found to be much worse than reported at this time.

Commander Estelle's Staff.

Judge Lee Estelle, the new department commander of the G. A. R. of Nebraska, has made these staff appointments: Assistant adjutant general, W. S. Askwith, post No. 262, Omaha; judge advocate general, E. K. Valentine, post No. 197, West Point; inspector general, I. G. Heckman, post No. 18, Fairmont; chief mustering officer, Louis Leiseur, post No. 55, Papillion; senior aide and chief of staff, George P. De Temple, post No. 52, Blair.

Nebraska Man Injured.

RED CLOUD—Word was received here that Everett Dyer of this city, who is conductor on the B. & M. out of Denver, fell under the wheels of his train while switching at Akron, Colo. He was setting the brakes when the air was cut off, the sudden jar of the train throwing him between the cars. The right leg was cut off below the knee and the left foot was terribly mangled.

Hail Causes Loss of an Eye.

DAVENPORT—One of the worst hail storms that has visited this section of the state for years passed south of here along the river. Hail as large as goose eggs fell, breaking all the glass on the south side of residences and damaging gardens. Henry Huntsmeyer, a well-to-do German farmer, lost an eye. A piece of glass struck him in the eye, destroying the sight.

Hail Cuts Down Crops.

HARVARD—This locality was visited by a severe wind, hail and rain storm. Reports from a distance of three and four miles in the country northeast and from two to three miles southwest are to the effect that growing crops are badly cut up.

Ships Pumps to South America.

BEATRICE—The Dempster Mill Manufacturing company of this city shipped a carload of pumps and windmills to South America.

THE STATE AT LARGE.

County Treasurer Coddington is just in receipt of \$1,685.48 as proceeds from the sale of hogs and cattle raised on the county poor farm of Dodge county. Dr. Gunsaulus has been engaged for two lectures during the coming Chautauqua assembly at Beatrice. The dates of his lectures are July 18 and 19. The Union stock yards of South field amended articles of incorporation with the secretary of state, increasing its capital stock from \$6,000,000 to \$7,500,000.

The barn owned by E. E. Morr, formerly of Howe, and occupied by W. L. Morrill, was completely destroyed by lightning. A horse and buggy were saved, but considerable feed and harness were destroyed.

George Clark, the stranger who has been held in Plattsmouth on suspicion of being the burglar who is wanted at Pacific Junction, was released. The prisoner refused to return to Iowa without extradition papers.

Fire, smoke and water wrecked the wholesale and retail china store of Carl Funke in Lincoln, doing damage estimated between \$28,000 and \$30,000. Mr. Funke valued the stock at \$20,000, basing this value on a recent invoice.

The school board of Pawnee City elected Prof. G. P. Griffith as superintendent of the schools for the coming year. Mr. Griffith is a graduate of the state university and has been for three years connected with the school.

Brown Brothers of Seward shipped 250 head of fat steers over the Northwestern, occupying fifteen cars. They go from New York direct to London. These cattle were all fed by the shippers and were fine ones, averaging 1,440 pounds.

The case of the State vs. William Way, who with Dan Beard, was charged with burglary in entering the barn of William Dierking and stealing a pair of mules, the jury returned a verdict of guilty and Way was sentenced to eighteen months in the penitentiary.

According to Attorney General Prout the law passed by the legislature to allow the Lincoln Security Mutual Reserve company to change to a stipulated premium reserve company is unconstitutional. The attorney general in his opinion states that he considers its unconstitutional to permit the two-thirds majority of the board of directors to amend the charter of the corporation in the manner provided by the bill.

Roy Vanfleet of Hastings had a narrow escape from death as he was about to cross the St. Joe & Grand Island railway crossing. He was driving a delivery wagon and had just reached the crossing when the train backed up at a lively speed. He turned his horses just in time to save himself but in doing so one horse was struck by the engine and fell across the track. The hind legs of the animal were so badly crushed that it had to be shot.

The recent storm did much damage in York, York county. Mrs. Kingsley's barn, a large one, was wrecked. D. N. Blood's residence was partly torn to pieces. Pat McGowan's residence was unroofed, the barn torn to pieces and horses carried away. Thomas Mathew's residence was turned over, with his wife and baby inside. The United Brethren church, Eighth street and East avenue, a fine brick edifice, costing \$8,000, is almost a total wreck.

Grand Island is talking of a big Fourth of July celebration.

John M. Artwood, a ranchman living not far from Benetead, S. D., says: "There are more land hunters coming into South Dakota and Northeastern Nebraska this spring than for several years. Many of them have money and are buying some for investment and some for home purposes."

State Superintendent Fowler has made his report to the state auditor for the apportionment of school money based on the report of the state treasurer. The report shows the total number of school children to be 347,297, the amount apportioned \$409,103.24 and the rate per scholar \$1,192.997.

D. M. Conrad committed suicide in his room at a private boarding house in Grand Island by shooting himself through the head with a 38-caliber revolver. He said he was an agent for the Denver Dress Skirt company, but in response to a telegram this company says it does not know of such a man.

Two newly reorganized advertising firms have filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state, the Omaha Gunning system and the Omaha Posting service. The first is capitalized at \$10,000 and the latter at \$20,000.

Wolfgang Werner, a citizen of West Point, was run down by an engine and one freight car in the railroad yards and probably fatally injured. His left leg was severed and other injuries inflicted which render his recovery extremely doubtful.