

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Minister Lelshman cables that Turkey is ready to take up the claims of the United States.

A killing frost destroyed the cantaloupe crop in the vicinity of Rocky Ford, Colo. The loss will reach \$250,000.

Fire destroyed the steel works of Francis Smith & Co., located on Townsend avenue, San Francisco, entailing a loss exceeding \$60,000.

King Edward and Queen Alexandra have requested to be kept well informed of the latest news from Chicago regarding the condition of Sir Thomas Lipton.

Eighteen men are under arrest at Tonopah, Nev., charged with inciting riot, robbery and murder following the attempt of Tuesday night to run the Chinese out of town.

The Fourth Pennsylvania congressional district republican convention has nominated Reuben O. Moon, a prominent lawyer, to succeed the late Congressman Foerderer.

Announcement is made of the election of E. P. Prentice as a vice president of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company. Mr. Prentice is a son-in-law of John D. Rockefeller.

An automobile speeding at the rate of fifty miles an hour at the Vermont state fair grounds dashed over a fifteen-foot embankment, causing the death of Herbert Lamphere.

The republican state convention met at Baltimore and nominated for governor Stevenson A. Williams; attorney general, George Whitelock, and state comptroller, L. E. P. Dennis.

A recent census of China shows that that country, crowded with "teeming millions," has 103 to the square mile. Belgium has 220 to the square mile, Great Britain 130, and Germany 105.

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Judge Frank B. Gary of Abbeville has been appointed to preside over the court in Lexington, S. C., at which J. H. Tillman will be tried next Monday for the assassination of N. G. Gonzales.

The Canadian railways have agreed to advance the freight rate on pulp wood to United States points one-half cent per 100 pounds, beginning October 1. No reason is given for the increase.

Moses Hart, Louis Brooks and Charles Ronk, employees of the Swift Packing company in East St. Louis, were fatally scalded by falling into a vat of boiling water. They were literally parboiled.

Mayor Pedro Sanchez has been acquitted at Santa Fe, N. M., after a trial lasting nine days, of the charge of embezzlement and malfeasance in the office of supervisor of the census of New Mexico.

The damage wrought by the storm of Wednesday at Atlantic City, N. J., has in no particular affected the arrangements perfected for the comfort of delegates to the national conference of the Unitarian church, which will be held there, beginning October 21.

At Salt Lake City, Utah, while temporarily deranged from brooding over the death of her father and mother, Mrs. Mary Williams, aged 17, formerly of Chattanooga, fired two shots at her husband without effect and then committed suicide by sending a bullet through her heart.

The annual report of General F. D. Grant, commanding the department of Texas, which was prematurely published some weeks ago, has been made public at the war department. General Grant favors the canteen and discusses the question of maintaining strong military stations along the Mexican border.

The report of the board of officers appointed to investigate the recent accident on board the cruiser Olympia at Norfolk, finds that Corporal Yerkes of the marine corps, who was killed in the explosion of alcohol, was mainly responsible for the accident. The court-martial of two of the enlisted men has been ordered.

Chief Wilkie of the secret service announces the discovery of two national bank counterfeiters. One is a \$10 note on the People's national bank of Roxbury, Mass., and the other is a \$5 note on the Waltham National bank of Waltham, Mass.

Forty-two men, women and children were made very ill by eating ice cream at a church social at Belenna, N. Y. Physicians state they were suffering from poisoning, probably from germs in the milk from which the ice cream was made.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S NARROW ESCAPE.

No one better than President Roosevelt realizes how near he was to death at the hands of a crazed would-be assassin when, attracted by the noise of a disturbance in the grounds surrounding Sagamore Hill, Mr. Roosevelt

At the same time two men, who have not yet been captured or identified, were prowling about the grounds, while the president was left entirely unguarded in his house, all the secret service men having hurried

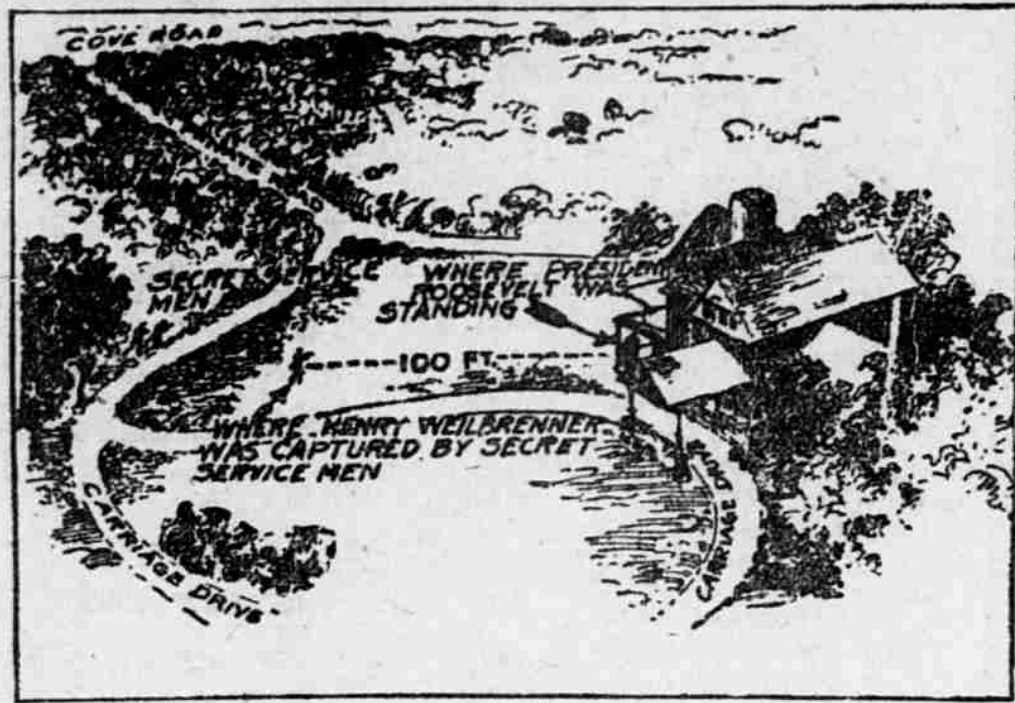


Diagram Showing How Close the Would-Be Assassin Got to President Roosevelt.

veiled stepped out to the porch. Less than one hundred feet away in a buggy stood Henry Weillbrenner, a young farmer of Snyosset, L. I., with a revolver aimed directly at the president as he stood silhouetted by the light from his library. Within a fraction of a second a bullet would have been sped on its way had not the maniac's revolver been knocked from his hands by a secret service agent.

to the spot where Weillbrenner was overpowered. Apparently these strangers were scared away. The diagram shows the road by which Weillbrenner drove to the president's house, the spot where Mr. Roosevelt was standing, and the position of Weillbrenner when seized by the secret service agent.

THEIR WORK DONE

IRRIGATION CONGRESS IS NOW OF THE PAST.

CHANGE OF CERTAIN LAND LAWS

The Great Fight of the Session Comes Upon Report of the Committee on Resolutions—Delegates Finally Get Together.

OGDEN, Utah.—The eleventh National Irrigation congress came to an end Friday afternoon. It re-elected Senator W. A. Clark of Montana president and decided to hold the congress of 1904 in El Paso. It adopted a platform which requested congress to make needed modifications of the existing land laws in order that speculation and monopoly of public domain be prevented. The great fight of the congress came up when the report of the committee on resolutions was made. Over the adoption or rejection of the clauses the majority report requesting that congress repeal the desert land act, and timber and stone act and the commutation clause of the homestead act occurred a debate of four hours' duration, exceedingly bitter at times and participated in by some of the most prominent men in the work of irrigation.

The opposition to the National Irrigation congress committing itself in any such manner was led by former Senator Carey of Wyoming, Congressman Mondell of Wyoming and former Congressman Shafroth of Colorado, and when a substitute for these provisions of the majority report was offered by Congressman Needham of California, simply requesting congress to modify the land laws, the whole strength of the opposition was thrown in its favor.

The result is regarded by them as a decided victory, in that the national body of irrigationists did not come out in direct opposition to the laws they so strongly defended.

The debate was prolonged until evening, and although a number of interesting papers were to have been presented by bureau chiefs of the department of agriculture, the congress, tired out by the long, and at times acrimonious, discussion, adjourned without listening to them.

El Paso won its picturesque fight for next year's congress on the first ballot. A desperate effort was made by the northern states to bring the honor to Boise, but it was unsuccessful. It was apparent that the desire to go to Portland, Ore., in 1905 had much to do with the action in giving the honor for 1904 to the southwest.

Many delegates left for their homes Friday. Several hundred will go on an excursion through Cache Valley, viewing the state agricultural school at Logan and the great irrigation works of the Bear river valley.

Fully half our earthly trouble is the result of calling things by another name.

Snow Breaks Trees.
STURGIS, S. D.—A large number of fruit and shade trees were ruined by the recent rain and snow storm—the trees being yet in full leaf, they could not hold up the heavy snow which stuck to them, bearing them to the ground and in many instances breaking off large limbs. The storm lasted for several days, and is said to be the worst that ever visited the Black Hills country at this time of the year.

OUR ARID ACRES.

Irrigation Congress Considers Colonization Scheme.

OGDEN, Utah.—It developed Wednesday that the fight over the proposition to commit the national irrigation congress in favor of a repeal of several of the extinguished land laws, including the desert land act, the timber and the commutation clause of the homestead act, will be a very close one. Champions both for and against such action were heard at the session of the congress. George H. Maxwell of the executive committee and Senator Paris Gibson of Montana favoring such action, while Congressman Mondall, in a lengthy speech, took strong grounds against such repeal.

It was evident from the feeling displayed that if the congress does recommend the repeal of these laws, and it is the belief that the committee on resolutions will report favorably, that it will only be after a hard fight. Interest in the possible action of the congress on this point, in fact, overshadowed everything else that has come before it.

Wednesday was a day of hard work for the delegates. Besides listening to half a dozen interesting speeches, numerous resolutions were introduced and referred to the resolutions committee, of which Senator Smoot of Utah has been elected chairman. Action on the long considered consolidation with the Trans-Mississippi congress was also taken.

The committee, through its chairman, Senator Carey of Wyoming, reported against such action on the ground that the time had now come for such action and the irrigation congress would best preserve its individuality in the work it set out to do. The report was adopted.

The morning session of the congress was devoted to colonization and the opinions of railroad men and socialists on the best methods of settling the arid region with a desirable class of farmers and small stockmen were listened to with much interest. The feature of the morning session was the speech of Commander Booth-Tucker of the Salvation army, who gave a very complete description of the methods pursued by the Salvation army colonies of California and Colorado in settling them with people from the tenement districts of the east.

The commander made a plea for government aid for the great colonization projects of the Salvation army to be under the control of the secretary of agriculture. All of the speakers urged more complete co-operation between states, land owners and railroads in the general scheme of colonization, without which, they claimed, the scheme of irrigation would be of no value.

Aerography on Battleship.
WASHINGTON, D. C.—Rear Admiral Barker, commander-in-chief of the North Atlantic fleet, has recommended the equipment of all the battleships and large cruisers of the navy with wireless telegraph apparatus.

An Iowa Bank Burglarized.
DES MOINES.—Robbers entered the Farmers' bank at Rhodes on Tuesday night by cutting a hole through the roof. They entered the vault through the top and secured \$1,000 in silver that they found outside the safe proper. The latter was dynamited and the contents exposed but nothing appears to have been taken. This is taken to indicate that the robbers were frightened away. They left no clew.

General Nebraska News.

SHORT ON SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Those Above Third Grade Could Find Jobs in Nebraska.

Eastern teachers could find good employment in Nebraska just about this time if they happened to be of that class that rates above the third grade. Reports received by the state superintendent show that the state is short about 150 teachers. This is not due to a scarcity of material from which instructors are made, but from the fact that the ready made variety are all engaged, and that is the only kind the school boards of the state want. Reports show the number of teachers now lacking in these counties: Cherry, twenty; Custer, twenty; Dawes, ten; Red Willow, eight; Frontier, fifteen; Cheyenne, ten; Brown, ten; Boyd, ten, and Logan, four. This latter county employs only about twenty teachers in all.

In these counties no teacher holding a third grade certificate will be employed, none but the best being wanted. The school term on the average is six months, and the salary is from \$35 to \$50 a month. From the superintendent's office it is learned that the state has just as many third grade teachers as formerly and that it is the higher quality demanded that has caused the shortage.

BONDS DECLARED ILLEGAL.

Saunders County People Must Vote a Second Time.

WAHOO—Great disappointment was felt by Saunders county people when the news was received from Lincoln of the refusal of the state auditor to accept the \$85,000 bonds recently voted by Saunders county for a new court house, owing to the illegality of the call for the special election, which lacks one day of the required twenty-eight that must intervene between the day of first publication and the day of election. The county commissioners acted upon what they considered good legal advice in drawing up the call and fixing the dates. During the past week the board has been listening to plans of architects and while it was not intended to commence work on the new structure this fall, efforts were being put forth to get everything in readiness for early spring. Another bond election will necessarily have to be held, but whether it will occur at the general election in November or another special be called, the county board has not yet determined.

Requisitions by the Governor.

LINCOLN.—Governor Mickey has issued a requisition upon the governor of New York for the return to Nebraska of "Count" Jules Diagrneff, who is wanted in Omaha for forgery, having passed bogus checks upon Rome Miller, proprietor of the Her Grand and Millard hotels.

Fined for Selling Diseased Hogs.

WEST POINT—Charles G. Doescher, a prominent farmer living west of the city, was arraigned in justice court, charged with selling diseased hogs to a local dealer for shipment. Doescher was found guilty and sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 and costs of prosecution.

Stolen Cattle Recovered.

WOOD RIVER.—The twenty-one cattle stolen from W. H. Farber's pasture near the Platte river were found on the Jacob Sherer farm, three miles north of town. The thieves had headed for the bluffs and abandoned the cattle.

Farmer Commits Suicide.

MINDEN—Nels Swanson, a substantial and prominent Swedish farmer living about eight miles southwest of Minden, killed himself by cutting the veins and arteries of both wrists while under the influence of liquor.

Blind Institute Opens.

NEBRASKA CITY.—The Nebraska institute for the blind opened for the term with a full corps of teachers and an attendance that compares favorably with other years.

Mrs. Samuel Chambers of Plattsmouth, 60 years of age, has been examined and pronounced insane by the board of insanity.

Wants Out of Jail.

LINCOLN—William M. Campion, who is in jail at Seward, wants to go out under habeas corpus proceedings, and to that end a brief has been filed in the supreme court. Campion was convicted of being the father of the child of Nellie M. Latimer, unmarried, and was assessed \$1,000 for the support and maintenance of the child. He failed to pay up and since the trial some months ago has been in jail at Seward.

THE STATE AT LARGE.

Beatrice schools opened with an increased attendance. Senator Millard, has returned from his European trip.

A party of Gage county farmers have gone to Oklahoma to buy land. James L. Kennedy, alias Williams, on trial for complicity in the robbery of the bank of Rogers in Colfax county on the night of June 17, has been convicted.

A war is being waged in Nebraska City over telephone rates. The Nebraska Telephone company has announced a raise to \$3 for long-distance phones, and as a result the local grocers' association is trying to have business houses discontinue the service.

Every school in the rural districts of Cass county has been supplied with teachers. The county school authorities are well pleased over this condition of affairs, as it looked several months ago as though there would be a shortage of teachers this year.

As the northbound Union Pacific passenger train, No. 95, due to arrive in Beatrice from Manhattan, Kan., was pulling out of Stockdale, Kan., the rails spread, causing two coaches to roll into the ditch. The train was not running fast and consequently no one was injured.

H. W. Field, who claims Sioux City as his residence, was robbed of his watch and chain on a Northwestern train between Blair and Fremont. Field says a very pious, devout-looking stranger occupied the seat with him and he thinks the stranger relieved him of his watch while he was about half asleep.

Henry Macken and Guy Peyton, two young men, were hunting ducks at Sturgeon's lake, York county. Ducks flew up about fifty yards away from Macken, who became excited and did not think about Peyton being between him and the ducks, and in shooting at the ducks a number of shot struck Peyton in the head. He was painfully but not dangerously injured.

Ira Ketchum, the young man of Sarpy county implicated in the criminal assault case with Edward Snodgrass, and who has been confined in the Omaha jail for the last two months waiting for trial has been released. Judge Day, in district court, dismissed the case against both men, as young Snodgrass had married the complaining witness, Miss Glassman.

The time for the completion of one-half of the cells at the penitentiary, for which the board of public lands and buildings agreed to pay the Van Doren iron works of Cleveland \$69,000, elapsed a few days ago and no cells are done. In fact, not a turn has been made and no member of the board seems to know anything about when the work will be done.

Unless the corn crop turns out well in Nebraska, the crop yield of grain for the state will be decidedly poor, according to railway men. The latest estimates on wheat indicate that the average yield per acre is about twelve and one-half bushels, which is far below what was expected early in the summer. Moreover, the quality of the grain is poor. A bushel of this year's wheat rarely weighs more than fifty-three pounds and is generally as light as fifty or fifty-one pounds.

The fine new elevator of the Harvard Farmers' Co-operative Grain and Live Stock company is now completed and ready for business. The building will be formally dedicated soon, each of the stockholders bringing in a load of wheat and with their families and friends partaking of a picnic dinner at the school house grove, followed by a short program and a social time.

The injunction filed by Boyd county settlers against Commissioner Follmer to restrain him from releasing lands until the matter could be settled in the supreme court came up before Judge Westover. Judge Ryan and Captain Murfin appeared for Follmer and Attorney General Prout for the state, who objected to any other attorney appearing in the case except himself for the defense, stating that in reality it was a state case and that he was the proper representative of the state's interest. The objection of the attorney general was sustained. Immediate action on the part of the settlers will be instituted before the supreme court at Lincoln.

The supreme court has decided that a state normal school does not come under the head of internal improvements, as enumerated in the statute authorizing and precinct township, city of the second class or village to issue bonds in support of these improvements.

Theodore Bittenbender, aged 30, was arrested and brought before Justice Nelson on the charge of statutory assault on Lena Johnson, aged 13, whose mother is a resident of Sutton. He was held to the district court.

Axiomatic.
"De doctors say now date people injure dere health by bathin' too much."
"Well, de doctors don't know much, but once in a while dey stumble ontic an intelligent idee. Wildpeople bathin' every day and people dyin' every day, anybody wid any sense oughter see dat water is a good ting to keep out of."

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Head Pressed.
Ruth—And so you have accepted Percy? I thought you decided to refuse him.
Kate—So I did; but he kept pressing me and pressing me for a favorable answer until I—
"Surrendered at discretion?"
"Oh, dear, I don't know! I fear it was an indiscretion!"

I do not believe Pilo's Cure for Consumption
as an equal for coughs and colds.—JOHN F. BORN, Trinity Springs, Ind., Feb. 16, 1904.

Tea is Russian Beverage.
There are always tea peddlers about a Russian station. Tea is brought to the windows at the stopping of the train; it is also served in the depots, and is drunk at all hours of the day. The Russians have better tea and more of it than any other people of Europe.

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