

The queen of Holland is said to be an enthusiastic farmer. Luckily she can afford it.

The goat is a wonderful animal. Think of the things it eats and the rich milk it gives.

It would be something of a calamity if one of those floating mines should strike the sea serpent.

A New Jersey bridegroom fainted at the altar the other day, but it is not recorded that he "got away."

When a woman is mad clear through sometimes you can tell it by the extra sweetness in her smile.

When you see a portrait of Mrs. Elias, that octoroon adventuress of New York City, you wonder still more.

If space is scarce they can designate just as well by printing the names of the two opposing generals, Patkin and Ki.

Another trouble about educating the girls is that they get too wise to put up with man's rules for the regulation of wives.

Sea serpents come in striped effects this summer. Proprietors of resorts will have to repaint their old serpents or lose trade.

Georgia farmer cured of rheumatism by a stroke of lightning. Physicians are now trying to cure him of the stroke of lightning.

If King Edward does attend the Oxford-Cambridge-Harvard-Yale games, the Yankee college boys will win or snap a tendon trying.

Never mind if it is an old joke. When anybody asks you: "Do you think it is going to clear up?" reply languidly: "It always has."

A western man committed suicide because he could not guide his automobile. Most men guiding automobiles prefer to commit homicide.

Troubles never come singly. On the contrary, they come in packages, and the bigger the package a man tries to carry the more trouble he has.

Did it require an appalling catastrophe to teach inspectors that a few pounds of rotten cork tied up in rotten canvas do not make a "life preserver"?

The emperor of Korea still has his crown on reasonably straight, but his fears intensify that the rough-house proceedings all around him will jar it loose.

The Boston Globe reminds us that "Dammert" is Swedish for dust. It may relieve your feelings some of these windy, dusty days to speak Swedish.

The suggestion that families ought to keep goats should be enthusiastically received. With a goat in the house every man could be his own secret society.

The decision of the treasury department that pigeons are birds and not poultry seems to be in line with a decision promulgated some time ago by the late Noah Webster.

The next time a member of the Goel family gets married it might be well to avoid the mob by having the ceremony in a submarine boat or on a coral reef somewhere.

"Quite frequently this year's June bride is last year's sweet girl graduate," says the Boston Globe. But alas for poor mama! The same frock will never do for both events.

The Italian now in the Connecticut state's prison on a life sentence who prefers to remain there to being pardoned and sent back to Italy may have left his country for his country's good.

No-Vacation Russell Sage should write a letter of appreciation of Judge Miller of Mississippi, who says that high wages cause idleness, because men do not have to work all the time for a living.

A New York woman who was worth \$75,000 died the other day and left her husband only \$5 because he hadn't kissed her for nearly seven years. Permitting the heart to grow old doesn't always pay.

According to a new encyclopedia, poverty is caused by four things—drink, inefficiency and shiftlessness, crime and a fondness for roving. One other cause that might be mentioned is a lack of money.

A Los Angeles woman wants a divorce from her husband because he brought snakes into the house. If the divorce is granted on this ground, it will constitute a sweeping and unexpected victory for the W. C. T. U.

A Philadelphia chemist claims to have discovered a process whereby he can reduce the price of radium from \$16,000,000 to less than \$500,000 a pound. With meat and almost everything else soaring skyward this must be welcome news to the struggling poor.

ON TO BONESTEEL

TOWN ABLE TO TAKE CARE OF THOUSANDS EXPECTED.

RUNNING ON WIDE-OPEN PLAN

Large Number of Temporary Lodging Houses and Restaurants Keeping Prices Down to Nominal Figures—Crops in that Locality.

BONESTEEL, S. D.—Omaha Bee special: It looks now as though Bonesteel will be able to handle the rush expected here next week. They are figuring on at least 30,000 registrations here, and already have accommodations for about 5,000 people.

The town is wide open, every other building is a saloon or restaurant, while shack lodging houses and tents occupy all vacant lots. Gambling in every form is in evidence here and the bigmatt and sure-thing man is on the ground in force. So far there have been but two holdups, and the town is orderly and well policed.

It looks now as though the restaurant and lodging house business would be overdone, and the prospects are good for reasonable rates during the rush. Prices are no higher here now than in eastern Nebraska towns. The restaurants serve a substantial meal for 25 cents, a comfortable bed may be had at any of the numerous lodging houses for a like amount, and beer is 5 cents a glass.

Estimating the total number who will register for land at 60,000, it is a good gamble at big odds, and a large part of those already here are attracted by the chance to win some. After a careful inspection of the reservation lands it is safe to say that of the 382,000 acres there are at least 1,500 claims more than worth the outlay necessary to secure them. Real estate agents here are offering to pay \$800 for claims numbered as high as 850, while the preceding numbers are valued at from \$5,000 down. As it costs nothing to register, the chances of securing one of the lucky numbers is proving an attraction to the speculator as well as the homeseeker. A large part of those already here are speculators—men of small means who feel lucky.

The general character of the reservation is rolling. The northwestern portion is rough grazing land. On rough land of the same character, joining the reservation, stock is ranged all winter and in ordinary years comes out in good shape. About forty head will do well on a quarter section, it is said.

The crops near Bonesteel look well this season—corn and small grain—and the farms have a thrifty appearance. A quarter section of improved land here is valued at from \$2,000 to \$7,000.

It is thought Bonesteel will be able to handle the crowd without any difficulty. It is reasonably certain one will be able to secure a bed or a meal here for 50 cents during the rush. Already some thirty notaries are on the ground and as many more locating agencies. There are perhaps 1,000 strangers here now and this number is being swelled daily, although the rush is not expected before the first week in July. Visitors are not excluded from the reservation and the liveries are doing a thriving business.

TOGO IS GREAT ADMIRAL.

English Opinion of Late Achievements at Port Arthur.

LONDON.—While the special dispatches to the morning newspapers add nothing to the details contained in the Associated Press information concerning the Port Arthur engagement, and the situation on the Liao Tung peninsula, the editorials by war experts devote much space to the situation. The general view is that the Russians at Port Arthur lost their opportunity through their timidity, and that Togo has again asserted his right to be considered one of the world's greatest admirals.

It is conceded on every hand that while the details are not yet fully known, when both sides tell the whole story, the calamity to Russia will only be increased. It is pointed out, however, that Port Arthur is opened and that the Vladivostok fleet may make another diversion in which the remnants of the Port Arthur squadron may at any time make a forlorn hope dash for a juncture.

The editorials, special dispatches and articles by war experts join in expressing the belief that great events are impending, and that the next few days may have a great bearing on the final result of the war.

Shot in Saloon Brawl.

DAVENPORT.—In a row in the Eldorado saloon Tom Geasland, a stone mason, shot Ed Dugan, a gunsmith at the arsenal, in the groin. Geasland was arrested and the dangerous nature of Dugan's wound makes it probable that he will have to answer to the charge of murder.

Marescal Not a Candidate.

MEXICO CITY.—Owing to the announcement of several persons to the public through newspapers supporting the candidacy of Ignacio Marescal, minister of foreign relations, for the vice presidency, the venerable diplomatist and statesman has given out a letter in which he refuses to allow his name to be used. Minister Marescal declares his friendship for Minister of the Interior Corral, the candidate of the national convention, and regards the latter's success at the polls as certain.

GET MIXED OVER ROSEBUD.

Many Intended Settlers Misconstrue the President's Proclamation.

WASHINGTON.—An erroneous wording of the president's proclamation opening to settlement lands in Gregory county, South Dakota, ceded by the Sioux Indians to the United States, is causing the general land office officials no end of trouble. The sentence to which reference is made reads as follows:

"To obtain registration each applicant will be required to show himself duly qualified, by written application to be made on a blank form provided by the commissioner of the general land office, Macy, has issued the folly of these lands under existing laws and to give the registering officer such appropriate matters of description and identity as will protect the applicant and government against any attempted impersonation."

The language of this clause would seem to indicate that blank forms could only be obtained from the office of the commissioner of the general land office at Washington, Such, however, is not the fact. These blanks are really only obtainable at the registration points name in the proclamation, namely Chamberlain, Yankton, Bonesteel, and Fairfax, S. D. The chief clerk of the general land office, Macy, has issued the following endeavor to clear up the misapprehension which has been caused by the careless wording of the proclamation:

"Referring to the president's proclamation of May 13, 1904, providing for the opening of the Rosebud Indian reservation in which it is stated at the bottom of page 3 three that applicants to register must use a blank provided by the commissioner of the general land office, these blanks can be obtained only at the registration points in South Dakota named in the proclamation. The only blank given out from the general land office at Washington is the blank form of power of attorney for use of soldiers who desire to register by an agent."

MERCHANT ORDERED TO LEAVE.

Harry A. Floaten Not Permitted to Stay at Home in Cripple Creek.

TELLURIDE, Colo.—Harry Floaten, a merchant who was deported by the military two weeks ago and who returned home, departed again after being waited upon by a committee of five citizens who warned him that his life would be in peril if he remained here.

Upon arrival here Mr. Floaten was arrested and detained more than an hour, but no charge was made against him. He said he was advised by Acting Governor Huggott to remain, as the deportations of citizens by the Citizens' alliance would have to be stopped. The only accusation made against him by Captain Bulkeley Wells, who ordered him to leave before martial law was suspended, was that he received on deposit at his store funds of the local Miners' union and transacted business for that organization.

MORAL STANDARDS ARE LOW.

Fashionable Society of the Cities Arraigned.

AMHERST, Mass.—At the commencement exercises at Amherst college the baccalaureate sermon was delivered by President George Harris, D. D. He said, in part:

"The fashionable society of our cities is a society of the wealthy. The rich vie with one another in the expensiveness of food, drinks, clothes and decorations. Their moral standards are low. Divorce does not read a rich man or woman out of fashionable society. They are the degenerates of the cities. But not all the wealthy rush into this silly scramble of vulgarity and sensuousness. There are many who use wealth to secure higher ideals. How otherwise could there be culture, science, art, music, philanthropy, colleges, schools and churches?"

Hulk of the Slocum Towed In.

NEW YORK.—Crowds, with heads bowed and uncovered, lined both sides of East river Sunday as the hulk of the General Slocum was towed to a dock in Erie basin, where it is to be inspected by the federal authorities. The flags on the tugs having the wreck in tow were at half-mast, and when passing Barrett's Point, where the Slocum sank and so many lives were lost, the flags were dipped. All the craft in the harbor dipped their flags as the flotilla passed.

Week's Attendance at the Fair.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—The total attendance at the World's fair for the week ending Saturday night, June 25, as officially announced, was 540,485, an increase of over 65,000 over the previous week and 402,777 over the total attendance for the first week.

Preaches a Startling Sermon.

MONTREAL.—At the celebration of the feast of St. John the Baptist, the national holiday of French Canada, Abbe Brosseau preached rather a startling sermon to thousands in Notre Dame. He said that a crisis had arrived in church matters, thanks to a lack of harmony between the Catholic clergymen and laymen. The laymen, he declared, were neglecting religious duties more and more, the clergy were not up-to-date, and he expressed the desire of the archbishop that matters promptly be remedied.

CABINET CHANGES

NEBRASKA MAN BECOMES SECRETARY OF NAVY.

PAUL MORTON ACCEPTS PLACE

New Official to Enter Upon His Duty July 1st—Metcalf of California is to Be Secretary of Commerce and Labor.

WASHINGTON.—A sweeping change in the cabinet of President Roosevelt was announced officially at the White House Friday. The announcement came in the form of a brief typewritten statement issued by Secretary Loeb, as follows:

"The following cabinet appointments are announced: William H. Moody of Massachusetts, attorney general; Paul Morton of Illinois, secretary of the navy; Victor H. Metcalf of California, secretary of commerce and labor."

The resignation of Secretary Cortelyou and Attorney General Knox have been accepted, to take effect July 1.

For two weeks or more it has been known that these changes were impending. When Secretary Cortelyou was designated by President Roosevelt to be his campaign manager it was certain that he would retire from the cabinet upon his assumption of duties as chairman of the republican national committee. Just before he left for Chicago last Wednesday he placed in the hands of the president his letter of resignation from the department of commerce and labor. It was understood between the president and him that the resignation was to be accepted to take effect at the end of the present fiscal year, June 30, inclusive. The taking effect of his resignation at that time would afford him an opportunity to complete some work in the department which he had initiated and which it was important he should carry to a conclusion.

One week ago Attorney General Knox formally announced that he would retire from the department of justice probably at the end of the fiscal year. It was understood at the same time that Secretary Moody would succeed Mr. Knox as attorney general. The statement was made, however, that, while the transfer of Secretary Moody to the department of justice was very probable, it was dependent, in a measure, on the president's success in securing such a successor for him in the navy department as he desired.

In pursuit of his purpose to secure the services of a thoroughly able and congenial man, President Roosevelt tendered the appointment of secretary of the navy to Paul Morton, first vice president of the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad. Mr. Morton is a personal friend of the president of many years standing. He is a son of the late J. Sterling Morton of Nebraska, secretary of agriculture in President Cleveland's last administration. Mr. Morton has had experience in Washington, having been here with his father.

Since President Roosevelt has been in the White House has made more than one effort to induce Mr. Morton to accept a position in his administration. Feeling that his life work in the railroad business, in which he has achieved success, might be impeded by his acceptance of an official position in the government, he uniformly has declined all such proffers. In consequence with this feeling he declined the proffer of the portfolio of the navy. He was requested by the president to consider his disinclination. He took dinner at the White House and the whole subject was considered, after which Mr. Morton had consulted with his personal and business friends and associates. At the conclusion of the conference Mr. Morton told the president he would accept the position in the cabinet.

RUSSIANS APPLY THE TORCH.

Burn Numerous Dwelling Houses in Korean Towns.

SEOUL.—A telegram received here from Gensan, Korea, reports that Russian troops have burned numerous dwelling houses in the towns of Kilju and Ham Heung, and that at the latter place women were subjected to ill treatment.

One thousand Russian troops are commandeering live stock foods and carts from a wide area in northwest Korea. These men are on their way to Vladivostok and will cross the Tumen river by means of recently constructed bridges.

There are three cases of cholera here. The men affected are natives, and the disease has not appeared among the Japanese troops.

Tangier Settles Down to Quiet.

LONDON.—The Tangier correspondent of the Daily Telegraph says that the city of Tangier has resumed life as nothing had happened. The Perdicaris affair is over, he says, and no developments are expected.

BATTLESHIP IS SUNK.

Togo Engages Russian Fleet at Port Arthur and Damages Three Ships.

TOKIO.—Admiral Togo reports an engagement at Port Arthur last Thursday, in which a battleship of the Peresviet type and a battleship of the Sevastopol type and a first class cruiser of the Diana type were damaged.

It is reported that the Port Arthur fleet came out of the harbor Thursday and engaged the Japanese fleet

NEWS IN NEBRASKA

FIGURING UP ASSESSMENT.

State Board Has a Job Certifying Railroad Valuation.

LINCOLN.—The state board of assessment having completed its work of assessing railroad property, Secretary Bennet is now busy, assisted by all the state house clerks that could be drafted into service in certifying the assessment out to the varying county clerks. This work should be completed by the 27th, but from the amount of figuring necessary to comply with the new revenue law, unless much additional help is brought into service it will be an impossibility to do this.

As a final action of the board another change has been made in the grand total, making this \$46,084,087.75. This was occasioned by a reduction of the assessment of the Great Western from \$48,000 to \$26,835. To make up the grand aggregate of the railroad property the different systems of the state were valued as follows, one-fifth of which amount being the assessed valuation: Union Pacific, \$52,878,049; Burlington, \$101,184,996.75; Missouri Pacific, \$10,968,538; Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific, \$10,426,330; St. Joseph & Grand Island, \$3,649,750; Wilmar & St. Paul, \$2,564,200; Chicago & Northwestern, \$34,663,200; Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha, \$11,524,300.

The increase in the total assessment of railroad property, some \$19,000,000, is by far the greatest increase ever handed down by any Nebraska assessment board, but even that large amount of increase should occasion little protest from the railroad companies when taken into comparison with assessments levied against them years ago when the roads were in value worth little compared to what they are worth now. The main line of the Union Pacific was assessed this year at \$16,000 a mile, while away back in 1881 the average value per mile for this system was \$11,552. In 1894 it was assessed on the main line at \$11,500 a mile, while from 1888 for four years the assessment of the main line was \$11,440 a mile. From that time, with the exception of one year, the assessment was gradually decreased, though the property each year became more valuable, the last five years preceding 1903 the assessment being \$9,800 on the main line. In that year it was increased to \$9,900 a mile still being \$1,652 less than the assessment of 1881.

The Burlington has just as little room for protest as the Union Pacific, for this year it was assessed on the main line at only \$15,470, while back in 1885, the highest of any year except the present, it was assessed at \$12,612 a mile. Then began the gradual decrease in valuation until the climax was reached last year, when the assessment on the main line was \$10,500 a mile, lower than it had been for six years.

Adam Graham, a prominent farmer living near Richfield, Sarpy county, while hitching up his team at Papillion, was seized by a paralytic stroke and fell under the horses' feet. His family soon discovered him and at once carried him to a house and a physician was summoned, but his recovery is doubted.

While at his farm southwest of Beatrice Sunday Fred Claussen, a groceryman of that city, was attacked by a ferocious bull and narrowly escaped being killed. When the animal came for him he grabbed it by the horns and held on until a farm hand came to his assistance. Aside from a few bruises he escaped uninjured.

The first accident in the work of building the new Nebraska hospital for the insane at Norfolk occurred last week, when Frank Hawshaw, who was carrying brick up an incline, received a falling bar upon his head, which knocked him senseless. A fellow workman caught him and kept him from falling to the ground.

Joe Cannon, aged about 30 years, was brought to Sheriff Hansen of Dakota county for safe keeping. Cannon seems to be unbalanced, imagining that he controls the earth and all thereunto belonging. Some months ago Cannon created a commotion in Sioux City by charging that he was the man that blew up the Maine.

James Mahaffa, the young man who escaped from jail at Ogalalla, was captured and returned to jail, after being gone twenty-four hours. Sheriff Harrington received a message by telephone that Mahaffa was in an old deserted sod house six miles north of town. He started at once with a posse and overhauled him in the sand hills.

In the supreme court Louis Zobel of Hastings has filed a brief denying that he fractured the constitution of the United States when he declined to serve a meal to Lizzie Sherwood in his restaurant. He denied the colored woman service and was found guilty of a misdemeanor. He appealed and Attorney General Prout declares that Zobel infringed the constitution and attempted to establish race distinctions.

The cherry crop of Sarpy county is greater this year than it has been for several years past. Owing to the exceedingly low price of the fruit farmers cannot afford to hire men to pick it and as a result it is feared much of the fruit will go to waste.

Fire destroyed a large farm barn belonging to S. R. Rosenberry, three miles east of Leigh. The family was away from home at the time and the origin of the fire is unknown. The loss, besides the building, was one calf and three harnesses. The building was insured.

Saved Child's Life.

REMONT.—Lloyd Havens, a member of the Pohl & Snehpart ball team, saved the life of a two-year old child near Ames. He was driving in a carryall with the other players to North Bend, where a game was to be played, when he spied the little one sitting in the middle of the track playing. Half a mile away the Union Pacific through train was approaching at the rate of a mile a minute. Havens hurriedly jumped from the vehicle and rescued the child from its perilous position.

A Big Potato Patch.

SCOTT'S BLUFF.—T. C. Bottom & Co. have just finished planting 400 acres of potatoes. This will make a total acreage of about 10,000 in this valley.

Cars Mangle Three Children.

AINSWORTH.—While the eastbound freight No. 82, George Mills conductor, was switching in the yards here, the hind trucks of a flat car ran over the 3-year-old son of Mr. Ellis, killing him instantly, also the 16-month-old babe, who died an hour later, and badly mangled the foot of another 5-year-old girl.

Boy Drowned While Swimming.

NORFOLK.—Willie Stahl, 14 years old, stole away to swim with comrades Sunday afternoon and was drowned in the Elkhorn river. His comrades denied the accident, declaring Willie had gone home, and hid his clothing in a barn to conceal the fact.

Smallpox Has the Day.

SCOTT'S BLUFF.—At a meeting of citizens it was decided not to celebrate this year on account of the smallpox scare. At present there is but one mild case and it is thought that it can be controlled so that there will be no further danger.

Harvest Hands Wanted.

The association of free employment bureaus, composed of the labor commissioners of five states in the wheat belt, of which Don C. Despain of Nebraska is president, will soon have an opportunity to demonstrate whether it can do the business. Last week President Despain received word from Kansas that that state would require the importation of about 21,000 men to handle the harvest. The harvesting begins June 20, at which time special rates will be given by the railroads.