

Speaking of straw votes, did anybody ever hear of one that didn't go the taker's way?

Ballooning is a very pretty way of traveling if you aren't anxious to get anywhere in particular.

The racing automobile is all right in its proper place, but it doesn't seem to have found the place yet.

It is the opinion of every mother that a boy never loses an opportunity for attempting to break his neck.

How disappointed George Gould would be if that dog for which he has just paid \$5,000 should ever bite him.

As she knows where she is apt to get it, China is wearing a high celluloid collar with gun metal fastenings.

The sultan of Turkey has 171 titles, but Man-Who-Keeps-His-Promises-and-Pays-His-Debts-Promptly is not one of them.

The death of Hole-in-the-Day, chief of the Chippewas, leaves a hole in the western landscape that never can be filled.

There is another new language which is called by its builders "Spokil." Obviously it never can be sp—ke w—ll.

The sultan of Turkey has seventy-six titles, but the best plan is to call him with a gun when you want him to respond promptly.

Perhaps Vesuvius started that eruption now, knowing that it couldn't attract any attention after the spellbinders get to talking.

May Irwin has a plan to keep the men from going out between acts. Perhaps she is going to offer them a few drops of the curtain.

Sir Thomas Lipton is making arrangements for another contribution to one of the largest and most expensive scrap piles ever reared.

Mr. John Munroe, late of the pugilistic ring, was born in Chester, Pa. And he is without pugilistic honor now in his own or any other country.

An Alabama negro went to the gallops smoking a cigar. If it was a campaign cigar it must have gone a long way toward reconciling him to his fate.

Korea's emperor has decided to accept Japanese sovereignty. This information comes to him from Japanese headquarters, so he is bound to believe it.

Louise, the eloping princess, announces that she is going to expose some scandals in high life. If anybody can do it Louise would seem to be the lady.

Lipton is bound to prove that Great Britain can beat the United States at the yachting game, even if he has to get an American designer to build the boat to do it.

Munroe's share of the gate receipts of the fight with Jeffries was \$6,104 and Jeffries' was \$9,156. Mr. Munroe earned his money, whether Mr. Jeffries earned his share or not.

Persons who wish to "enthuse" or do a "stunt" may do so, according to the latest dictionary, with the express understanding that they become thereby colloquial and slangy.

The Englishman who has rejected an offer of \$10,000 compensation for seven years' unjust imprisonment is certainly taking the right course—unless \$10,000 is all that he can get.

We read about a victim of a car accident who is "suffering from contusions on the left side." A contusion is a bruise, of course, but how much worse contusion sounds!

It is just possible also that before the diggers of that twelve mile hole could get half way down to the desired depth the center of the earth might rise up in hot and indignant protest.

Sir William Harcourt is, according to the London Chronicle, "the most weighty member of parliament, in body as well as in character." But he has a grown-up son whose first name is Lulu.

The cable tells us that the world's record grouse bag was made Aug. 24 at Broomhead, near Sheffield, Eng., by Rymington Wilson and eight other guns. The hunters bagged 2,748 birds—and they ought to be ashamed of it.

Newport chauffeurs are being sent to jail for scorching. The rich ones for and by whom they are hired to scorch are supposed to be sufficiently punished in having to live without scorching while the sentences are being served.

The robber who looted the Adirondack camps of thousands of dollars' worth of jewelry and silverware is a reformer, and ought to have a monument. What do these vulgarians want to take all those gewgaws into a woods camp for?

### SLAVS AT MUKDEN

DO NOT ANTICIPATE ATTACK ON THE PLACE.

### JAP FORCES BEING INCREASED

Many Convalescents Returning to Duty—Russian Forces at Mukden Considered to Be Very Large and More Troops Being Added.

ST. PETERSBURG—The reports that General Kuroki is pushing on northeast of Mukden are not borne out by official telegrams that have been received here. According to the latest advices the Japanese forces continue to increase at Blanpuza and Yental. A decisive advance in the direction of Mukden is therefore not expected to occur for some days. Meanwhile, indications increase of the probability of the Japanese meeting with resistance. The Russian forces at Mukden are undoubtedly very large and every day's delay enables the commander-in-chief to perfect his defenses. A private dispatch from Mukden reports the arrival of an immense train filled with convalescents returning to duty. This may be regarded as good evidence of a large concentration of troops at Mukden. The same correspondent, describing the scenes at Tie Pass, notes extraordinary animation there. The great concourse of visitors there and the fact that theatrical performances and open air concerts are of daily occurrence, hardly indicate that the town is expecting an immediate attack.

Dispatches from Vladivostok and Sakhalin make no mention of developments there. The citizens of Vladivostok scout the idea of a siege and many are returning from their country villas. The long promised Japanese operations against Sakhalin and Vladivostok, which were expected to act as a diversion for General Kuroki's advance, are not yet in sight.

Neither the admiralty nor the foreign office is inclined to attach importance to charges of a breach of neutrality over the supply of Welsh coal by German steamers to Vice Admiral Rojestvensky's squadron and to Russian cruisers in the Baltic. It is declared that there can be no breach of neutrality in coaling Russian war ships outside of Russian territorial waters. This whole question was thoroughly discussed by eminent jurists at an earlier stage of the war and resulted in the admiralty's decision not to seek coaling facilities in neutral ports which might lead to complications, but to adopt the independent course of coaling war ships at sea. This course does not by either Great Britain or Germany open to suspicion of favoring Russia, for, though German colliers were used on the occasion in question, the responsibility of the German government was not involved, as is shown by the semi-official note in the Allgemeine Zeitung and obviously Great Britain is unable to follow up every departing collier. If Japan feels aggrieved, officials here say, she has the remedy in her own hands and can send out war ships to intercept the colliers.

The repair ship Kamchatka has left Constantinople to join the fleet of Vice Admiral Rojestvensky at Libau.

Expect Early Developments. MUKDEN—The armies having recovered from the effects of the recent fighting before Lao Yang, an early development of the situation may be expected. A mysterious movement eastward is on foot on the part of bands of Chinese suitable for military service.

Marconi in New York. NEW YORK—William Marconi arrived in New York from Europe. In an interview as to the reason for his visit he said: "My present trip is made to inspect the service of the Cunard steamers and the Cape Breton station."

Thief Gets \$1,545. ATLANTIC, Ia.—During the momentary absence of Cashier C. H. Miller, an unknown thief entered the Rock Island freight office here and made off with \$1,545 from the cash drawer. No arrests have as yet been made.

Olney Refuses to Run. BOSTON, Mass.—At a meeting of the democratic state committee it was announced that Richard Olney, whose nomination for governor has been urged, had absolutely declined to become the nominee under any circumstances.

Attendance at World's Fair. ST. LOUIS—Attendance at the world's fair for the week ended September 17 was 1,027,818. Total since the opening of the fair, 11,022,340.

Break Up Concert with Dynamite. CLEVELAND, O.—During a band concert at the corner of Fairmount and Frank streets, a lead pipe loaded with powder or dynamite was exploded with malicious intent, the police believe, and Pasquale Farrisito of 53 Hudson street, and Walter Cox, 15 years of age, of Cedar avenue, were probably fatally injured. Pasquale's back was torn away and Cox had a leg blown off. Rivalry between two bands of the district is said to be the cause for much ill feeling of the bandmen toward each other.

Lucien Cut-Off Now in Use. SALT LAKE CITY—The Ogden Lucien cut off of the Harriman system, running across the northern arm of Great Salt Lake, was opened for passenger traffic on Sunday, Sept. 18. It has been in use for some time for part of the Overland freight traffic, but now it is made a part of the Overland system, and henceforth freight and passenger trains will be run over the tracks of the cutoff, which stretches for miles in a straight line over piling and filling through the waters of Great Salt Lake.

### A JUMP IN WHEAT.

Bull Operators See a Chance For Higher Prices.

CHICAGO—"Wheat at \$2 a bushel before next May," was roared by the bulls on Monday on the board of trade. At the opening of the market there was an excited demand for wheat with few traders venturing to sell. The price for May delivery was from \$1.11 1/2 to \$1.12 and for delivery for the present month from \$1.05 1/2 to \$1.08. Those who wished to buy shouted bids of 2 cents a bushel above the prices prevailing at the close Saturday and the quantity that one would sell even at such a tempting advance was extremely limited.

The agricultural bureau at Washington issued a report Saturday afternoon that, according to the bulls, confirmed the worst fears regarding the lamentable losses to the spring wheat crop by the black rust. Of winter and spring wheat produced this year in the United States it was contended there was barely enough for bread and seed if every bushel of it was available, which is not possible; and the country is therefore face to face with the necessity of bringing in foreign wheat to help keep the wolf from the door until another harvest shall have been raised.

At the high point of the day all deliveries showed a gain of 4 cents or more, as compared with Saturday's final quotations. The sensational strength was maintained to the end, the market closing almost at the highest point. Final figures on May were at \$1.48 1/2. September closed at \$1.09 3/4 and December at \$1.12 1/2.

NEW YORK—Before a combination of sensational bullish crop report figures from the government and a big frost scare in the northwest, wheat prices shot up 4 cents a bushel Monday and closed within five-eighths of 1 cent of the season's highest record.

### HERBERT BISMARCK DYING.



PRINCE HERBERT BISMARCK

Prince Herbert Bismarck's condition is grave. His sister, Countess Von Rantau, has been summoned to join the rest of the family, who are at Friedrichsruhe. The prince's malady is pronounced to be cancer of the liver, and although he is slightly better Prof. Schwelinger and Van Norden pronounce his case hopeless. Prince Herbert is the eldest son of the late Prince Bismarck. He was born in Berlin Dec. 28, 1849, and married Margaret, Countess of Hoyos, in 1892.

### PRINCE BISMARCK IS DEAD.

Son of Famous Iron Chancellor Passed Away Sunday Morning.

FRIEDRICHSRUHE—Prince Herbert Bismarck died Sunday morning at 10:15 o'clock. The end was painful. Since he ceased to be foreign minister on retirement of his father in 1890 Prince Herbert Bismarck had taken part in public affairs only as a member of the Reichstag. His attitude had been that of a man not appreciated by his sovereign and who was waiting in the background for an opportunity to resume his career.

From 1884 to 1887 the deceased was a member of the German Reichstag and also from 1893 to the time of his death. He was married in 1892 to Countess Margaret Hoyos of the Hungarian nobility and after the death of his father he inherited the title of prince. The deceased had only one sister, who is the wife of Count von Rentzau. His brother William died in 1901.

Delegate to the Philippines. ROME—Father Agius, the newly appointed apostolic delegate to the Philippine Islands, was consecrated archbishop of Palmyra. The ceremony took place in the Benedictine church of St. Ambrose at Massima, Cardinal Merry Del Val officiating, assisted by Archbishop Chapelle of New Orleans. Members of Father Agius' family, who had come from England and Malta to witness the consecration of their relative, were present. Father Agius omitted the usual luncheon after the ceremonies of consecration.

Pullman Works Now Idle. CHICAGO, Ill.—The Pullman car works at Pullman shut down on Thursday. Practically every one of the company's 7,000 employees is idle. The repair department, where 1,500 men were employed, was the last to close. The shutdown has been gradual during the last three weeks, two or three departments being closed at a time. The workmen were told to take their tools with them when they left, and from this they infer that a considerable period of idleness confronts them.

### YIELD ONE POINT

RUSSIA FAVORABLE TO THE RIGHTS OF NEUTRALS.

### WHAT IS CONTRABAND OF WAR

The Consignment of Goods to Private Parties Does Not Always Prove that They Are Not Intended for the Belligerents.

ST. PETERSBURG—Russia's reply to the representatives of the United States and Great Britain regarding contraband of war was communicated to their respective embassies this afternoon. It is understood that Russia recognizes the principle that provisions are not contraband when consigned to private parties, but only contraband when intended as military or naval stores.

Russia in Count Lamsdorff's response to Ambassador Harding, in principle meets the views of the American and the British governments regarding foodstuffs and coal and other fuel as being conditional contraband of war, distinctly placing them in the category of articles susceptible of uses both in war and in peace, and as such only confiscable when consigned to blockaded ports or destined for military or for naval forces of the enemy.

Shipments in the ordinary course of trade by private persons or firms, even to an enemy's port, may be regarded prima facie not contraband, but on this point distinct reservation is made.

The simple fact of consignment to private persons does not preclude the possibility that the articles are not ultimately destined for belligerent forces, and Russia insists that it be not necessarily regarded as conclusive evidence of the innocent character of the goods. In other words, irregular ship's papers or other suspicious circumstances might vitiate the assumption of innocent character, but where such suspicion is raised the burden of proof to warrant legal seizure is to rest upon the captor. Count Lamsdorff pointed out, however, that captains of merchantmen also owed a duty in such cases.

Count Lamsdorff's reply was not presented in written form, but was communicated verbally to Ambassador Harding. It will not involve public amendment of Russian contraband and prize regulations, but in effect it becomes an official interpretation of the original regulations made by the commission composed of representatives of the ministries of foreign affairs, marine, war and justice, which considered the subject in connection with the objection raised by the United States and Great Britain, and as such will hereafter govern naval commanders and prize courts, which thus far in the war have classed all articles enumerated in article six of the Russian regulations as absolute contraband.

In this way Russia preserves its dignity by not making an open surrender at the same time consenting to the interpretation asked for by the United States and Great Britain in the rights of neutral commerce.

### EXTRADITING AN EMBEZZLER.

Official to Be Brought Back From Mexico.

EL PASO, Tex.—The Mexican state department notified the United States district attorney here that the court order extraditing Vance Fulkerson had been approved. Fulkerson, while inspector and appraiser in the United States customs service here, embezzled funds, it is alleged, and a grand jury returned indictments in forty counts against him. He left at once for Mexico, where he was later arrested. He will now be returned to El Paso for trial.

This is the first instance on record of the return of a government official from Mexico for embezzlement by the Mexican authorities.

### RUSSIAN LOSSES WERE 22,000.

Besides Fortifications Costing \$30,000,000. PARIS—Exact figures of the Russian losses in killed, wounded and missing in the operations before Liao Yang from August 13 to August 26, have been received by the general staff, according to the Journal's St. Petersburg correspondent. These amount to two generals, 256 officers and 21,811 soldiers. In addition 133 guns were lost. The material losses include fortifications costing \$30,000,000.

### Cause Big Rise in War Risks.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal.—War risks on cargoes to Japan jumped from a quarter of 1 per cent to from 3 to 5 per cent as a result of the arrival of the Russian cruiser Lena in this port.

Japs Near Mukden. MUKDEN—The Japanese army is within twenty-one miles of Mukden. There is no indication of their advance.

Two Held for Horrestaling. SIDNEY—The preliminary examination of Chance Willard and Jay Capron of Bridgeport, charged with stealing twenty head of horses from William Dugger of Redding, was held here. The defendants undertook to prove an alibi, but the court bound them over to the district court under \$2,000 bail. The horses were found in Deuel county, nearly fifty miles from Dugger's ranch, and several witnesses testified they saw Willard and Capron with the stock and that they afterwards turned the horses loose.

## NEWS IN NEBRASKA

### CONFESS TO KILLING WATCHMAN

Each of Accused Tried to Shift Blame on the Others.

SIDNEY—The preliminary hearing of Tom McIntyre, James J. Miles and Harry Neville, alias Tom Flynn, charged with the murder of Watchman Frank Wiser, was held before Judge Tucker. After the reading of the information by County Attorney Spanogle all the defendants plead not guilty. They each in turn, however, took the witness stand and accused one another of the crime, alleging that they did not intend to kill Wiser. Their statements were conflicting. McIntyre claims that the watch and chain and revolver were hidden under the coal chutes at Pine Bluffs.

Their description of the death of Wiser was harrowing in its details. They sat alongside of his body, smoking cigarettes, watching him die.

Flynn is about 30, Miles about 32 and McIntyre 29 years old. They were bound over to the district court without bail and the two witnesses for the state, Jenkins and Redding, were held under \$2,000 bail for their appearance. It is currently reported that this trio will ask a speedy trial, plead guilty and accept a life sentence.

Later—the three men plead guilty to manslaughter and were sentenced to the penitentiary for life.

### SUSPECTS UNDER ARREST.

Charged With Blowing the Safe of the Palmyra Bank.

LINCOLN—George Dowd and Frank Todd, arrested by the police on suspicion of having blown open the bank at Palmyra, were taken to Otoe county by Sheriff Strader. The police have strong evidence against the suspected men, and believe they will have no trouble in securing a conviction. Both are ex-convicts and each was paroled before the expiration of his sentence. Todd was sent to the penitentiary from Boone county on one occasion for cattle stealing and once for safe blowing. Dowd was sent up for forgery, and his sentence expired about two weeks ago. Todd has been employed by S. M. Melick until recently when he went to work at the Scherer livery barn, while Dowd has been the engineer at the Windsor hotel since his release from prison.

### Protests Against Fast Running.

GRAND ISLAND—It is reported in railroad circles that Engineer Wood White of North Platte has just been quite severely censured and given an "out-of-town" order for making too good time on the Union Pacific. The story goes that the dispatcher's train sheet, which ought to be the best evidence, showed the train pulled by White recently from Gothenburg to Cozad to have reached the latter point in six minutes, and as the distance is ten and two-tenths miles, showing a speed of about 100 miles per hour, it called forth vigorous protests. It is learned that the trip from North Platte to this city, on this occasion, 138 miles, was made in 126 minutes, including the stops. White had the fast mail train at the time, which was several hours late.

### Auburn Cannery Closing Season.

AUBURN—The Auburn canning factory is just about to close a most successful season. Four carloads of its corn product has already been shipped out, and more is being rapidly put in readiness for shipping. The capacity of the plant was doubled for the season's work and an average of 65,000 cans of corn daily, were put up since the opening. An average of 200 persons have been on the payroll of the company. The opening of the city schools were postponed two weeks to allow some of the pupils to continue work.

### Stolen Watch Returned.

PLATTSBOROUGH—Several days ago while the family of J. A. Walker were absent from their home near Murray, some unknown party entered the place and carried off a solid gold watch, valued at \$150. The owner did not report the theft to the officers, as he thought such a thing would be useless. The watch, however, came back to him much to his surprise. The missing time piece had been found where it is thought the thief had thrown it away.

### Nebraska Rhodes Scholar.

PERU, Neb.—Remond Coon, son of Dr. Coon of the Baptist church at this place, has gone to Oxford, England, where he will study for the next three years on a Rhodes scholarship for which he was a successful contestant from this state.

LINCOLN—James Marks of Douglas county, a life prisoner at the penitentiary, and Charles Larkins, from Thayer county, have been declared insane by the county board of insanity and have been ordered transferred to the asylum by Governor Mickey.

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### THE STATE AT LARGE.

Matt & Huntington put in a sewerage system at Wahoo. It cost a Lincoln young man \$50 for cutting a tire on a bicycle bridge to a policeman.

Elmer Barry, a Northwestern bridge workman, fell from a bridge at Wahoo and had his right arm broken.

The Masonic fraternity will have charge of the laying of the corner stone of the new court house for Sheridan county.

Burglars blew open the safe of the bank at Palmyra, wrecking the interior of the building, but failed to get into the strong box of the safe that contained \$5,800.

The Independent Telephone company is issuing a new directory for York county, which shows 1,400 subscribers. This is one of the largest independent companies in the state and has one of the best equipped telephone exchanges.

The socialists of the Fifth congressional district met in Grand Island with fifteen delegates present, all from Adams and Hall counties, and placed a congressional ticket in the field for the first time in the history of the district.

The Jones Grain company's elevator at Myriad was totally destroyed by fire at an early hour in the morning. The blaze is supposed to have been started by sparks from a passing engine. Besides the building, office and elevator fixtures about 1,400 bushels of grain was destroyed.

A marriage license has been issued to Mr. Joseph M. Cudahy of Omaha, son of Michael Cudahy of Chicago, and Miss Jean Morton, daughter of Joy Morton of Chicago. The wedding will take place on the afternoon of October 1 at Arbor Lodge, the country home of Miss Morton's parents, near Nebraska City.

The official board of St. Paul's Methodist church has selected a Massachusetts man to succeed Dr. Wharton. A call has been extended to the Rev. J. W. Jones of Everett, Mass., and he has accepted with the proviso that the consent of the bishops be obtained for his transference from the New England conference to Nebraska.

Messrs. M. Robbins, W. H. Read and N. B. Atkin, who hurriedly collected material for the York county collective exhibit at the state fair, are receiving their reward. While many exhibits were larger than that of York county, the fact remains that York county received thirty-four first and second prizes, and the first were predominant.

The harvest of sugar beets at Grand Island has begun, and as soon as a sufficient supply of beets are on hand the factory will begin the process of manufacturing sugar. The crop is fine and it is expected will be especially heavy, a condition much in favor of the farmer owing to the flat rate contracts in vogue during the past few years.

Colonel J. F. Dickey and wife of Nebraska City celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary at their home. The celebration was a quiet affair, there being only a few friends present outside of their family. All of the children with their families were present. Colonel Dickey served the confederacy during the civil war under General Lee.

St. Francis hospital in Grand Island has just discharged from its list of patients one who held the record for unconsciousness. Samuel Covington was brought to the hospital from the ranges of Wyoming. He had been thrown from a horse and had his hip dislocated and received a fracture of the skull. He lay absolutely unconscious for six weeks. He is now able to be out on crutches.

The question of \$20,000 school bonds was carried at Geneva, 469 for and 157 against. No question has ever created quite so much interest heretofore. The majority of the women voters were out and voted for the bonds.

John Wass, a ten-year-old boy is lying at the home of his mother in Columbus critically ill from lockjaw caused by stepping on a live catfish some weeks ago. One of the fins of the fish penetrated the hollow of the lad's foot to a depth of about half an inch. Nothing was thought of the matter at the time and the wound gave the boy no trouble until several days afterward, when blood poisoning set in.

Charles Kelley was knocked senseless at his threshing machine in Greeley county and had a close call for his life. A portion of the machine was torn loose by sundowners running through the cylinder and struck him across the breast and arms, throwing him a dozen feet back from the table. But for his having a sheaf of oats in his hand that deadened the force of the blow, he would have been killed outright.

John Wiser, residing twelve miles southwest of Grand Island, lost several stacks of wheat, rye and oats by fire, the same communicating to the stacks shortly after the threshers had started the work of threshing. Frank Wiser, the Union Pacific night watchman at Sidney, was murdered by some unidentified tramps. Wiser's duty was to keep traps off the trains and to keep guard over the large amount of storage coal which is constantly kept by the railroad company, also to see that there were no fires near the stock yards.