

An attempt to wreck Pennsylvania train No. 32 was discovered near Richmond, Ind., when the engineer stopped the train within a few feet of a pile of bricks and stone which had been placed on the track. Two boys have been arrested.

The census has prepared a bulletin on irrigation in Oklahoma, showing that in 1902 there were 3,382 acres under irrigation. The water is supplied from 113 systems, the cost of construction of which averaged about \$11 per acre.

Dr. Robert Bartholmew, the eminent physician and emeritus professor of materia medica, general therapeutics and hygiene of Jefferson Medical college, Philadelphia, died after a lingering illness. Dr. Bartholmew was the author of many medical works.

The national treasury department drew a warrant for \$50,874 in favor of the state of Texas, that being the amount appropriated at the last session of congress for the state for expenses incurred in maintaining a civil government in Greer county. That county is now a part of Oklahoma.

Dr. Clinton Cashing, one of the oldest and best known physicians of Washington, D. C., died.

After nearly forty years the Palmer house for a long time the best known hotel in Chicago, has passed from the hands of the Palmer family into the control of the Chicago Hotel company, recently incorporated. Mrs. Potter Palmer and the other heirs to the estate will not have any interest in the corporation.

Their love for each other and the fear that they might be separated by death is believed to have led Conrad Hauenstein, 59 years old, and his son, Conrad, Jr., aged 38 years, to take their own lives. The bodies of the two men were found in a room in East Twenty-fifth street, New York, where they had lived together for several years.

The Louisville, Ky., Post says: Preliminary steps toward the consolidation of all the independent telephone lines in the United States will probably be taken at a conference to be held in this city between President J. G. Splaine of the Pittsburg & Allegheny Telephone company and the officials of the Louisville Home Telephone company.

The correspondent of the London Daily Mail, it is announced in that paper, has been expelled from Belgrade for his severe comment on the conspirators who planned and executed the assassination of King Alexander and Queen Draga.

George F. Edmunds, formerly United States senator from Vermont, after passing most of the winter in the south, has returned to Philadelphia, where he now lives. The venerable gentleman is in fine physical condition and seems as alert in body and mind as he was twenty years ago.

Mayor Collins of Boston has written a letter declining to entertain fifty Philippine representatives who will visit the east. The chamber of commerce of that city, not deeming the visit of much commercial importance, also declines.

Chicago is a little piqued at the report that the first day's attendance at the Louisiana Purchase exposition was greater than that at the opening day of the Columbian exposition. The number in attendance at St. Louis is given as 187,793, that at Chicago was 137,557.

Extensive damage is being done throughout the upper peninsula of Michigan by forest fires. If rain does not come soon the losses will be enormous. Loggers are out day and night trying to save the product of their winter's labor.

OPENS IN AUGUST

PROCLAMATION REGARDING RESERVATION LAND SALES.

A CHANCE FOR CHEAP HOMES

Entries Can Be Made from August 8 to September 1, Registry After July 5 at Chamberlain, Yankton, Bonesteel and Fairfax, South Dakota.

WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt has signed the proclamation opening to settlement on August 8 the Rosebud reservation lying in Gregory county, South Dakota. After deducting lands withheld to state for school purposes the proclamation opens to settlement about 385,000 acres.

Under the provisions of the proclamation registration will begin July 5 at 9 a. m., at Chamberlain, Yankton, Bonesteel and Fairfax and continue until 6 o'clock Saturday evening, July 23. As has been stated heretofore in these dispatches, land will be disposed of by drawing. The drawing will take place at the Chamberlain land office commencing at 9 a. m. Thursday, July 28, and continuing for such period as may be necessary to draw from the box all envelopes contained therein. Three persons of highest integrity and of spotless reputation will be selected by the commissioner of the general land office, who will be present in person to supervise the drawing.

Entries will be made at Bonesteel, beginning August 8 and continuing until September 10 inclusive. The land office, for convenience of entrymen, will be temporarily removed from Chamberlain to Bonesteel in order to facilitate the rush which is expected. After September 10 subsequent entries will be recorded at Chamberlain as usual.

Those contemplating filing registration must do so in person at one of the four towns mentioned above, with the exception of soldiers or sailors, who may employ an agent.

The price of land as provided by law is as follows: Lands taken during the first three months, \$4 per acre; within six months, \$3; after six months, \$2.50 per acre. All lands remaining undisposed of after four years shall be disposed of by the secretary of the interior under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe.

The proclamation, among other things, says:

"All persons are especially admonished that under the said act of congress approved April 23, 1904, it is provided that no person shall be permitted to settle upon, occupy or enter any of said ceded lands except in the manner prescribed in this proclamation until after the expiration of sixty days from the time when the same are opened to settlement and entry.

"After the expiration of the said period of sixty days, but not before, and until the expiration of three months after the same shall have been opened for settlement and entry as hereinbefore prescribed, any of said lands remaining undisposed of may be settled upon, occupied and entered under the general provisions of the homestead and townsite laws of the United States in like manner as if the manner of effecting such settlement, occupancy and entry had not been prescribed herein in obedience to law, subject, however, to the payment of \$4 per acre for the land entered, in the manner and at the time required by the said act of congress above mentioned.

"After expiration of three months and not before, and until the expiration of six months after the same shall have been opened for settlement and entry as aforesaid, any of said lands remaining undisposed of may also be settled upon, occupied and entered under the general provisions of the same laws and in the same manner, subject, however, to the payment of \$3 per acre for the land entered in the manner and at the times required by the same act of congress."

TO BE EVACUATED.

Russians Have Decided to Depart from New Chwang.

NEW CHWANG—There is every indication that the Russians have decided to evacuate New Chwang. The troops have been leaving here all day long. Forts have been dismantled and all artillery has been placed on board trains. All the local transportation has been commandeered by the Russian authorities.

There is current here a native rumor that Japanese troops are in Foo Chau bay (on the west side of the Liao Tung peninsula, and about sixty miles north of Port Arthur), but this report lacks confirmation.

The fear is held here that if the Russians leave and the Japanese do not at once take possession of New Chwang the brigands, who are now across the river near Yin Kow, will pillage the place. The foreign residents are prepared to resist the brigands should they come over. The British consul has requested that a gunboat be sent to New Chwang. The Russians probably will destroy the gunboat Sivoutch before leaving. The vessel is at New Chwang.

It is reported here that Viceroy Alexieff was slightly wounded before his departure from Port Arthur. He barely escaped from there before the Japanese closed the lines of communication.

The Russian general staff has moved from Liao Yang to Mukden.

Russians here will not talk of the situation for fear that they may impart some information. They do not consider that their forces here are sufficient to hold this section of country. It is probable that the Russian troops will withdraw to Harbin.

The Russian civilians at New Chwang are leaving hurriedly and many natives are fleeing from the city in fear that they will be subjected to maltreatment at the hands of the brigands.

WARNS LAND SEEKERS.

Gangs of Swindlers Said to Be Victimized Prospective Settlers.

WASHINGTON—An organized band of swindlers is actively at work in several western states, notably Utah, North Dakota and South Dakota, and also operating to a lesser extent in the east. These sharpers have selected as easy victims prospective homeseekers who are greatly interested in the various declamation projects undertaken by the government.

By means of advertisements cleverly worded, in which they claim to have secured inside information regarding the plans of the engineers, and by the display of alleged copies of government maps and surveys, they have been successful in duping many unwary homeseekers. For a consideration of from \$50 to \$200 these swindlers guarantee to locate settlers upon the best irrigable lands under the government works.

Notwithstanding that the government some time ago issued a circular warning the people against being taken in by just such frauds, the swindling goes right along and the sharks are reaping a rich harvest. It should be clearly understood that these sharpers have no inside information. Their maps are mere township plats or rough drafts such as can be obtained from the land office. The swindlers have no data other than any intending settler can obtain upon request of the department.

Reports Not Confirmed.

LONDON.—Thus far no confirmation has reached London of the reported battle near Liao Yang. One of the explanations of the restoration of the Port Arthur railroad suggested here is that the landing of the Japanese at Pitsewo was interrupted by a gale, which compelled their temporary retirement to the coast or that the Japanese are allowing the line to remain open for the removal of non-combatants from Port Arthur prior to the bombardment which is about to begin.

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