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ELECTRIC FLASHES

NEWS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD.

DONALD McLEAN DEAD

MEETS A VIOLENT DEATH IN A CHICAGO HOTEL.

Was One of the Original Promoters of the Pacific Short Line, which Extends from Sioux City to O'Neill—Other Items of Interest.

Passing of Promoter McLean.

Donald McLean, the railway promoter, fell over the balustrade on the fourth floor of the Palmer House, Chicago, Sunday afternoon, landing on the stone flagging two floors below. His thigh was badly injured and his skull fractured and late Sunday night he died of his injuries.

Donald McLean has been engaged nearly all his business life in the promotion of railroad schemes. He was one of the original promoters of the Pacific Short Line, which extends from Sioux City to O'Neill, Neb., and the dream of his later years has been to complete the line to San Francisco and Los Angeles, through the Beek with Pass of the Rocky Mountains.

The first Sioux City kine of Donald McLean was when he landed in town with a retinue of clerks and stenographers at the height of the boom and started the construction of the Pacific Short Line. In those days McLean was a sort of nine-days wonder. He traveled in a private car and surrounded himself with every possible luxury. Many stories are told of his remarkable prodigality. When the crash came and panic seized the money powers, the construction of the road, which May 26 will be sold at foreclosure sale, was stopped and Mr. McLean went away. He returned two years ago with the announcement that he had secured the necessary millions to build the road on to the coast. He told the same story a few weeks ago in Minneapolis. He is the possessor of survey to San Francisco and certain rights along the right of way, but many of the franchises he once held have expired and in the event of the road being financed would have to be renewed.

DOWN WITH ALL ON BOARD.

Schooner Nelson Founders in Lake Superior, Off Grand Marais.

A Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., dispatch says that the schooner Nelson, deeply laden with a cargo of coal, foundered in Lake Superior, off Grand Marais Saturday evening and carried down all hands. So far as known only one man, Capt. Haghey, escaped from the first disaster of the season.

The crew consisted of the following: Capt. Andrew Haghey of Toledo, Capt. Haghey's wife, a 2-year-old child of Capt. Haghey, Fred Hans, sailor, residence unknown; six sailors, names unknown.

The Nelson, which is owned by the Mitchell Transportation Company of Bay City, Mich., was in tow of the steamer A. Folsom, which also had the schooner Mary Mitchell as consort. The Folsom and Mitchell turned back and arrived here Sunday afternoon without serious injury. Capt. A. E. White, master of the steamer, at once reported the disaster to the owners.

At the time of the disaster the wind was blowing a gale of fifty miles an hour and freezing hard. Soon it became apparent that the Nelson was sinking. There was no chance of rendering any assistance, however. The crew of the Folsom had their hands full in taking care of their own craft and the Mitchell. In a few minutes the Nelson threw her stern into the air and dove straight for the bottom. Where she sank there is 300 feet of water. The sinking ship disappeared so suddenly that her crew had no time to even lower their yawl boat, which hung on the davits at the stern.

YOUNG CROSBY CONVICTED.

14-Year-Old Chicago Lad Found Guilty of Murder.

Fourteen-year-old Tommy Crosby has been convicted of murder in Chicago. His foster mother, Margaret Crosby, as accessory before the fact, has been found guilty of manslaughter, and sentenced to one year in the penitentiary. The boy, at the prompting of his mother, shot Deputy Sheriff Frank Rye while the latter was trying to serve a writ of ejection on Mrs. Crosby whose property was in litigation.

Officer Kills a Robber.

Three tramps at Bryan, Ohio, entered the living apartments in the rear of W. H. Riley's harness shop while two others emptied the safe in the office of about \$50. The authorities overtook them a short distance out of town and a fight ensued. Marshal Heidley shot one of the robbers, killing him instantly. The other robbers were captured.

Three Persons Killed.

A Wisconsin Central train ran down a wagon containing four persons at a crossing at Burlington, Wis., Sunday night, killing Mrs. Charles Tintel of Milwaukee and August Kleinfeld, her brother of Norway. Wis. Joseph Huenig of Waterford was fatally injured. Mrs. Henry Lenz of Burlington, the other occupant, escaped injury.

Escaped Convict Caught.

Sheriff Woods arrested in Springfield, Ill., Monday, Henry T. Johnson, alias Henry T. Jackson, a negro who escaped on April 9, 1896, from the Indiana State Prison at Jeffersonville, where he was serving out a sentence for robbing a post-office.

BECOMES CITY IN A DAY.

Mountain View, Oklahoma, Springs Up Like a Mushroom.

The greatest town building record in Oklahoma has been won by Mountain View, Washita County. Monday, May 8, the townsite was a prairie. The same day it was surveyed and platted and a large part of it sold and settled upon. The Washita River was bridged and a vast amount of accumulated freight was moved and located. The town was organized and officered, and all lines of business and professions started in lines of organized society. A town in one day became a city of nearly 800, with W. T. V. Yates as mayor, Senator G. W. Bellamy as treasurer and Col. John Kerfoot as police judge, with the full complement of councilmen and minor officers of an organized town. Some of the lots sold as high as \$900 within thirty minutes from the time the surveyor drove his stakes.

BRYAN'S REGIMENT FREE.

Third Nebraska Is Mustered Out and Starts Homeward.

Col. W. J. Bryan's Third Nebraska Regiment was mustered out at Augusta, Ga., Thursday and started homeward. The health of the men is good, and just as they are about to return to the vocations of peace they are as soldierly and handsome lot of men as one would care to see. From Pablo beach to Havana they never complained, but quietly and faithfully performed their duty, which ceased with honorable discharge from service Thursday.

SAILORS ARE LIONIZED.

Thousands Visit the Cruiser Nashville at St. Louis.

Thousands visited the cruiser Nashville at St. Louis Thursday and other thousands were unable to get on board. At 10, the officers and crew, with a military escort, paraded through the business section of the city to the Merchants' Exchange, where a reception was held. Thousands lined the streets and enthusiastically applauded the sailors.

BIG KANSAS CITY FIRE.

Property Loss Over \$100,000, and a Fireman Was Killed.

The big five-story warehouse of the Nowby Transfer and Storage Company at Kansas City was destroyed by fire Wednesday night. The loss is estimated at over \$100,000. The warehouse contained goods from all parts of the country. James G. McNeill, a fireman, came in contact with a live electric light wire and was instantly killed.

BROOKINGS JAIL BREAK.

Wm. Carlton's Second Attempt to Escape Is Successful.

A man giving the name of William Carlton broke jail at Brookings, S. D., Wednesday night and is still at large. Several months ago he made an attempt to escape, but was captured and given six months' additional. The man was confined for complicity in grand larceny.

Carnegie Offers \$250,000.

Andrew Carnegie has written Joseph Chamberlain offering to contribute the last quarter of a million dollars which the latter is trying to raise for the University of Birmingham, Eng., provided a scientific school is made the principal department. He says he considers such a course a necessity if England is to remain one of the principal manufacturing nations of the world.

Make Fort of Court House.

Hearing a force of 500 citizens of Elkins was on its way to Beverly, W. Va., to remove the county records, pending a settlement of the question of the location of the county seat, citizens fortified county buildings and prepared to resist the Elkins people. The latter turned back on hearing of these preparations. The county records are still under guard.

Found Dead in Their Rooms.

The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Tinclani were found in their rooms at Albany, N. Y., Thursday. The man was dead without a mark on him. The woman was unconscious, with the side of her head battered in and the brain protruding. It is supposed her husband tried to kill her with a hammer and then committed suicide by poison.

Woman Dashed to Pieces.

An unknown woman fell or jumped from a sixth-story window at the Sanitarium at Battle Creek, Mich., and was dashed to pieces on the pavement. Her fall was witnessed by a number of persons. The doctors would not tell her name, but it is rumored that she is a prominent woman from Chicago.

Train Drops Seventy Feet.

A construction train on the Pittsburg and Western Railroad went through a trestle near Newcastle, Pa., Thursday morning, killing four men and injuring a number of others. The train went over a seventy-foot trestle into Spangler's run. Five of the injured may die.

Last Payment to Spain.

The payment of the last installment of \$5,000,000 of \$20,000,000 to Spain was made to the National City Bank Monday. The bank announced that all the exchange necessary for the transfer of this money had already been provided.

Big Price for Stock Exchange Seat.

A seat on the New York Stock Exchange was sold Thursday for \$40,000, the highest sum ever paid. That sum is now bid for a seat.

Pope Announces a Jubilee.

The Pope has promulgated a bull declaring a universal jubilee in the year 1900.

A DISASTROUS WRECK

SAD END OF A DAY OF PLEASURE IN PENNSYLVANIA.

Most of the Victims Were Excursionists Returning from the Ceremonies in Connection With Unveiling of a Monument.

Pennsylvania Wreck.

A collision of passenger trains occurred on the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad at Exeter, about six miles south of Reading, Pa., on the evening of May 12, and a great number of people were killed and injured. The number killed is variously stated to be from fifteen to twenty-five. Fully fifty others are injured. The regular express train from Pottsville for Philadelphia connected at the station in Reading with a train from Harrisburg which was crowded with excursionists who had been to the State Capital to witness the ceremonies in connection with the unveiling of the Hartranft monument.

Many of the Harrisburg passengers at Reading went aboard the Philadelphia express, but it being found that all could not be accommodated, it was decided to send an extra train to Philadelphia to run as the second section of the express. The extra train left twenty minutes later than the express. At Exeter the express stopped for orders, and while standing still the extra train crashed into it while moving at great speed. Three of the rear cars of the express were telescoped and the first car of the extra train was also wrecked.

MECCA FOR GAMBLERS.

Denver City Administration Decides to Permit Play.

For the first time in ten years Denver is under the rule of a government which has officially declared that gambling will be allowed under certain restrictions. These compel the firms to incorporate as clubs and permit no workmen to enter their doors under penalty of being closed. The announcement is received with a good deal of surprise by the church people, who are opposed to the Democratic administration. The understanding that the law was to be enforced. The gambling privileges have been virtually granted exclusively to Doll & Dale of Chicago.

ROSEWELL P. FLOWER DEAD.

Ex-Governor of New York Passes Away After Brief Illness.

Former Gov. Roswell P. Flower of New York died May 12 at the Eastport Country Club at Eastport, L. I. Mr. Flower was taken ill early in the day with a severe attack of acute indigestion. In the afternoon symptoms of heart failure supervened, and he grew steadily worse until the time of his death. The attack of heart failure was accompanied by a fainting spell, and Mr. Flower's family in New York City were quickly notified.

REBEL CONGRESS DIVIDED.

Twenty of the Fifty-Six Members Are in Favor of Peace.

A Manila special says: The Filipino Congress is sitting at San Isidro. It is composed of fifty-six members. Twenty favor peace. The others, holding the balance of power, are ready to admit absolute independence is hopeless of attainment, but demand better terms from the United States.

Prizes in Good Condition.

Admiral Hiehorn has received a report from Naval Constructor Capps at Hong Kong, regarding the three captured Spanish cruisers, Isla de Cuba, Isla de Luzon and Don Juan De Austria, in which Constructor Capps states that a careful examination has shown that the vessels are in considerably better condition than was expected. The forecastle deck of the Cuba and Luzon are found to be in very fair condition. They are of teakwood and will not have to be renewed, recalking being sufficient to put them in first-class condition.

Big School Warrant Forgery.

The arrest of three men in St. Louis who admit they handled some alleged fraudulent paper, develops what appears to be a gigantic swindle in school warrants, in which the names of the president and clerk of school district No. 2, St. Clair County, Illinois, were repeatedly forged.

Cost of Keeping Indigents.

State Examiner H. B. Henderson of Wyoming has prepared a very interesting statement which shows the cost of maintaining the poor and pauper population of the State. According to these figures the cost of keeping the indigents has decreased more than \$8,000 during the last five years. During 1898 \$20,951.22 was expended for the poor and pauper.

Four Instantly Killed.

Four men were instantly killed by the side of a coal bank at Centralia, Pa. A few others are missing. The bodies recovered were disfigured beyond identification. The dead and missing were members of a gang of Hungarians employed in screening coal at the foot of a big refuse pile, which collapsed on them.

Successor to Dingley.

C. E. Littlefield of Rockland, Me., was nominated by acclamation by the Republicans of the Second Maine congressional district to succeed the late Nelson Dingley.

Negro Murderer Hanged.

Edward Smith, colored, was hanged in Washington May 12 for the murder of Edmonia Jackson, also colored, because she refused to forsake her husband for him.

MICHIGAN TRAGEDY.

Howard City Man Shoots Five Persons and Himself.

Joseph Harvey of Howard City, Mich., Wednesday night killed his wife, his uncle, Robert Pierson, and his grandmother; wounded his 3-month-old child and his father-in-law, John Logenslyer, and finally shot himself, inflicting a wound in his neck.

Harvey's uncle and grandmother lived a mile north of town. The murderer went there Wednesday evening. He asserts Pierson, his uncle, was quarreling with his grandmother; that he interfered; thereupon Pierson stabbed and killed the old lady, aged 70; that he, Harvey, retaliated by shooting his uncle. After shooting Pierson, Harvey stabbed him three times.

Harvey then returned home. Arriving there he shot his wife twice, killing her. He then fired at his baby, the ball going into his arm. Next Harvey entered his father-in-law's room, shot him twice, inflicting however, no fatal injury. He then turned the revolver on himself, shooting himself in the neck. Harvey's wife, when attacked, was sitting up with the remains of her mother, who died Wednesday.

The Pierson home presented a horrible appearance. Pierson's body was found in a chair and that of the old lady on the floor clad in a night dress. There were signs of a desperate struggle between Harvey and his grandmother, but no indications of a fight between the two men.

Harvey himself informed the sheriff of the murders at Pierson's house. He was then arrested for murdering his wife. He has nothing to say about the tragedies at his own house. There are strong threats of lynching.

HERO OF MANILA IS FREE.

Admiral Dewey Can Return Home as Soon as He Desires.

"Send the Olympia's mail to B. H. Stevens, No. 4 Trafalgar Square, London, England," was the notice given out at the Navy Department May 12. This is the first formal indication that the famous flagship is coming home immediately. Upon inquiry it was ascertained that Long cable Dewey permission to return at once to the United States. He has been relieved of the obligation of remaining at Manila until the Philippine Commission completes its work. He will not even be required to await the cessation of hostilities, but may start homeward at once.

The notice posted at the Navy Department indicates the Olympia will not remain long enough to receive the next outward mail. The Stevens referred to is the Navy Department's agent at London to distribute all mail for United States warships in European waters, so he will see to it the Olympia receives hers as soon as she passes the Suez Canal.

It is estimated at the Navy Department that Dewey will reach the United States in time for the national demonstration of the Fourth of July next.

The Olympia will not come under full steam, but nevertheless should make the run to New York in about fifty-five days from Manila. That she is to come to New York is nearly certain, as it is understood Dewey expressed preference for that route and the Navy Department will not attempt to influence his decision in the matter.

Corset Steel Saved Her.

George Hinkleman, a barber employed in the Plankinton House shop, Milwaukee, shot Miss Bertha Krueger and then committed suicide. The tragedy is the result of a love affair. A corset steel deflected the first bullet, and the girl escaped with nothing more serious than a flesh wound.

Raleigh Not Injured.

A dispatch to the Navy Department from Captain Coghlan says that an examination of the Raleigh after it was floated shows that it sustained practically no damage in grounding off Charleston.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$3.00 to \$5.75; hogs, shipping grades, \$3.00 to \$4.25; sheep, fair to choice, \$3.00 to \$5.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 70c to 71c; corn, No. 2, 32c to 33c; oats, No. 2, 26c to 27c; rye, No. 2, 60c to 62c; butter, choice creamery, 16c to 17c; eggs, fresh, 11c to 12c; potatoes, choice, 40c to 50c per bushel.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$5.50; hogs, choice light, \$2.75 to \$4.75; sheep, common to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2 red, 70c to 72c; corn, No. 2 white, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 30c to 32c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$3.50 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.50; wheat, No. 2, 71c to 72c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 33c to 35c; oats, No. 2, 28c to 29c; rye, No. 2, 57c to 59c.

Cincinnati—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.50; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$5.00; wheat, No. 2, 71c to 73c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 36c to 37c; oats, No. 2 mixed, 29c to 30c; rye, No. 2, 62c to 64c.

Detroit—Cattle, \$2.50 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.00; sheep, \$2.50 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, 74c to 76c; corn, No. 2 yellow, 35c to 36c; oats, No. 2 white, 32c to 34c; rye, 61c to 63c.

Toledo—Wheat, No. 2 mixed, 74c to 75c; corn, No. 2 mixed, 33c to 35c; oats, No. 2 white, 27c to 29c; rye, No. 2, 57c to 59c; clover seed, new, \$3.65 to \$3.75.

Milwaukee—Wheat, No. 2 spring, 71c to 73c; corn, No. 3, 33c to 34c; oats, No. 2 white, 29c to 31c; rye, No. 1, 60c to 61c; barley, No. 2, 40c to 42c; pork, mess, \$8.25 to \$8.75.

Buffalo—Cattle, good shipping steers, \$3.00 to \$6.00; hogs, common to choice, \$3.25 to \$4.25; sheep, fair to choice wethers, \$3.50 to \$5.50; lambs, common to extra, \$4.50 to \$6.00.

New York—Cattle, \$3.25 to \$5.75; hogs, \$3.00 to \$4.50; sheep, \$3.00 to \$5.25; wheat, No. 2 red, 83c to 85c; corn, No. 2, 40c to 41c; oats, No. 2 white, 35c to 36c; butter, creamery, 15c to 18c; eggs, West-

STATE OF NEBRASKA

NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

Constitution of the A. O. U. W. Is Amended So as to Allow \$1,000 Policies to Be Written—Officers Elected for the Ensuing Year.

United Workmen Convention.

The expected fight over the location of the headquarters of the grand lodge of the A. O. U. W. did not materialize at the recent Lincoln convention. Delegations from Omaha and Lincoln to the grand lodge meeting at first attempted to secure the headquarters, but when a vote was taken on the question Grand Island was the only city spoken of for the head offices of the order. The next meeting of the grand lodge will be held in Nebraska City. A committee was appointed to consider the advisability of constructing an A. O. U. W. building and to recommend a place for permanent headquarters of the order. A most important step was in the adoption of a constitutional amendment to allow life insurance certificates of \$1,000 to be written. Two thousand dollars has heretofore been the minimum. This amendment must be submitted to the subordinate lodges for ratification.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: M. E. Shultz, Beatrice, grand master workman; R. P. R. Miller, Lincoln, grand foreman; H. M. Stockwell, Clearwater, grand overseer; G. H. Barber, Edgar, grand recorder; Frank J. Morgan, Plattsmouth, grand receiver; J. C. McElhenney, Lyons, grand watchman; J. D. Bratton, Bassett, grand guide; Jacob Johnson, Superior, member of board of trustees; U. W. Cole of McCook, M. E. Shultz of Beatrice and J. H. Erford of Lincoln, representatives to the supreme lodge.

VETERANS AT YORK.

Annual Encampment of Grand Army of the Republic.

The annual encampment of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. at York May 10 and 11 was a grand success. While the attendance far exceeded the expectations of the committees in charge, all the visitors were comfortably housed and cared for. The following officers were elected by the veterans: J. E. Evans of North Platte department commander, John Reese of Broken Bow senior vice commander and J. Wilcox of Omaha junior vice commander. Senator Hayward was chosen delegate-at-large to the national encampment, and Thomas Hibberd of Adams, J. O. Moore of Palmyre, William Phillips of Superior, J. B. Ferguson of Lincoln, Lew W. Raber of Omaha, William Widaman of Norfolk, delegates, J. Davis of Wilbur, Smith Caldwell of Edgar, Will Giffert of Pawnee, Jack Horton of Stanton, Joseph Lafferty of Wisner, form the new state council of administration. Beatrice secured the next encampment.

At the last business session of the G. A. R. patriotic resolutions were adopted endorsing and commending the national administration in the conduct of the war. Colonel Stotsenburg's death was deplored and the regiment at Manila praised for its gallant service.

The Women's Relief Corps elected the following officers: Mrs. Fedelia M. Ruppert, Harvard, president; Mrs. Mattie J. Pemberton, York, senior vice; Mrs. Martha J. Bagley, Bloomfield, junior vice; Mrs. Mary R. Morgan, Alma, treasurer; Anna Boyd, Hastings, chaplain. Delegates to the national meeting are Mrs. Sarah Sweet; at large, Mesdames Brooks, Stover, Lamb, Akers and Miss Gillespie. Executive board, Louise Deacon of Omaha, Mary Saxton of Edgar, Mary Huffman of Newman Grove, Mary Smith of Lyons, N. Morey of Kearney.

Three Hurt in a Runaway.

A runaway team at Beatrice attached to a lumber wagon ran over F. E. Morrison, his wife and child, who were riding in a carriage. The runaway team struck the carriage squarely at the side. Mr. Morrison received a bad cut on his head and severe injuries to one arm and shoulder. Mrs. Morrison's left arm was broken and she was otherwise badly bruised. The child escaped practically unhurt. The carriage was literally demolished.

Boy Gets His Leg in a Wheel.

Claud Clinger, a 10-year-old boy of Wilcox, while attempting to climb on the back of a buggy, in some way got one leg in a wheel. The horse became frightened and the woman who was driving could not stop it. The boy's leg was badly lacerated and the bone broken in two places. A bystander caught the horse and removed the boy's leg from the wheel or it would have been torn from his body.

Passenger's Strange Act.

A Rowle, wife and two children, were traveling east over the Union Pacific from California. While the train was at Chappell, this State, for some unaccountable reason, Mr. Rowle jumped through the window of his coach and the last seen of him he was running across the prairie. His family left the train there and will remain until he concludes to return, or until he is brought back.

School Bonds Carry at Blair.

At a special election held at Blair to vote \$22,000 bonds for the purpose of erecting a new school building, the bonds were carried, the vote standing 223 for and 135 against. With a \$40,000 public building and a \$22,000 school house in course of erection business will be lively in Blair for next year.

Funds for the Episcopal Church.

A paper is being circulated for subscriptions for the purpose of erecting a new Episcopal Church at Falls City. Already several hundred dollars have been subscribed and within a few months a new church is expected to be erected.

Boy Loses a Foot.

Frank, the 9-year-old son of John Fuller, was run over by a freight car in the Missouri Pacific yards at Nebraska City and his left foot badly crushed. The company surgeon amputated the injured member.

BELTZER TO SUCCEED WILSON

Osceola Man Named Commandant of Soldiers' Home.

Gov. Poynter has announced the appointment of L. A. Beltzer of Osceola as commandant of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Home at Grand Island, to succeed Col. Wilson, who tendered his resignation about a month ago. Mr. Beltzer has been identified with the fusionists in Nebraska for several years and has served the State in several different capacities. He acted as sergeant-at-arms in the House of Representatives during one session of the Legislature.

The change in the office of commandant of the institution will bring about several other changes. Mr. Beltzer's term of office will commence June 1. At that time Dr. Swigart of Hastings will, it is said, become physician for the Home. "Uncle" John Powers will be retained as steward. Mr. Beltzer's compensation will be \$1,500 per year. The appointment of Dr. Swigart and John Powers was mutually agreed upon by Gov. Poynter and Mr. Beltzer.

MURDER AT DECATUR.

Oscar Yeager Strikes John Eggleton with a Singletree.

A quarrel which resulted in a murder took place near Decatur the other day, when Oscar Yeager struck John Eggleton on the head with a singletree. The murder took place on the Ashley farm, half a mile west of town, upon which Eggleton lived and which has been recently bought by Yeager. Eggleton was plowing upon some church lots which adjoined the farm when Yeager ordered him to stop, saying that he, Yeager, had bought the land and Eggleton could not farm it. A dispute arose, but no blows were exchanged.

Eggleton returned to his plowing and Yeager went to a fence near by, where his team was tied, and took a singletree from the wagon and smashed Eggleton over the head. One blow was enough and Eggleton fell to the ground, unconscious, in which condition he remained for several hours, when he died. Yeager was taken to Tekamah and held without bail.

DeFrance's Sentence Commuted.

Friends of Ellsworth P. DeFrance, now an inmate of the United States penitentiary at Sioux Falls, S. D., sent there in 1893 to serve a life term, will be interested in knowing that President McKinley has commuted his sentence to fifteen years from date of imprisonment. DeFrance was sent to the penitentiary from this State in 1883. In company with a companion, William Huntington, he waylaid Charles Burwell, a mail carrier from one of the small towns on the Union Pacific in the western part of the State to Chadron on the Elkhorn road, threatened his life, rifled the mail sacks, and secured one penny. He was arrested a few days later, but his partner made his escape and has never been apprehended. At the time of the commission of the crime DeFrance was a young man, scarcely out of his teens.

Nebraska Cattlemen Meet.

The Western Nebraska Stock Growers' Association met at Alliance May 10. The large cattle owners from the sand hills region were present in force. Officers are as follows: R. M. Hampton, Alliance, president; Reuben Lisco, Lodge Pole, vice president; J. R. Van Bushkirk, Alliance, secretary and treasurer; executive committee, W. H. Corbin, A. S. Reed, Ed. Combe, L. J. Schill, W. H. Swan, A. M. Modisett, W. G. Comstock. The association now represents 40,000 cattle, and will in the future have inspectors of its own at all principal markets. A. P. Delator of Lowell was recommended to Gov. Poynter for appointment on the brand committee. Range losses were reported very light and cattle are rapidly gaining in condition.

Wymore is Wide Open.

The thriving little city of Wymore is once more wide open so far as gambling houses, sporting houses and like enterprises are concerned. For a short time last winter all these vices were relegated to the rear, but with the advent of the new city administration there was a change. Everything is supposed to pay a license, but so far all has been allowed to run unmoled except the slot machine operators who are required to pay a license of \$10 per month on each machine.

Lunatic Commits Suicide.

Anton Krehnay, a prisoner in the county jail at David City on charge of insanity, committed suicide by saturating the bed clothes with kerosene, wrapping himself up and setting fire to it. When the fire was discovered he was dead.

Lutherans' Church Anniversary.