TOPICS OF THE TIMES.

A CHOICE SELECTION OF INTER-ESTING ITEMS.

Comments and Criticisms Based Upon the Happenings of the Day-Historical and News Notes.

Fine feathers do not make fine birds. They make fine bats.

A wink is as good as a wireless message to a soda clerk in a dry town.

Politics makes strange bedfellowswhich accounts for considerable political insomnia.

The man who paddles his own canoe now finds that he loses stroke every time an electric launch passes him.

travel the same pathway but a brief time; so, then, let us laugh and love while we may.

About the time a man decides that be is a child of destiny, destiny concludes that she will only be a stepmother to him.

coming when men who hold public offices will have to earn their salaries just like other people? As Reed Smoot has but one wife, his

enemies might switch around and charge him with aiding and abetting the crime of race suicide. John D. Rockefeller has visited the

Grand Canyon of the Colorado, and there is a strong suspicion that he intends to buy it and fence it in. A magazine writer proves by photographs that the woman of fifty is now

as young-looking as the young woman of thirty. But are there any women of either age? Rev. Dr. Condit said in a lecture the other night that King Edward is

direct descendant of Abraham. A nice

way to slander poor Abraham, who can't talk back. The theory has been advanced that women are more weather wise than men. Certainly they are constantly ob-

stay in curl. Schwab has sworn that he lives in Pennsylvania, thus escaping the payment of personal taxes in New York. He continues, however, to draw his salary and take most of his meals in the

to determine whether their hair will

latter place. Chicago women threaten to establish a newspaper and "print anything and everything exactly as it is." The violence and bloodshed growing out of a paper conducted on these lines would throw into the shade a Boxer uprising. And some prom. cits. would be

among the lynchers, too.

A contemporary makes a strong defense of father because he "buys chickens for the Sunday dinner, carves them himself and draws the neck from the ruins afer every one else is served." This may sometimes happen, but it is noticed that pa usually has a nice little tid bit which he has been casually concealing on one side of the platter.

There are April fools and other kinds. It was of the other kinds that Pudd'nhead Wilson wrote in his diary on July 4th: "Statistics show that we lose more fools on this day than on all the other days of the year put together. This proves, by the number left in stock, that one Fourth of July is inadequate, the country has grown

Any one who is incredulous as to the practicability of irrigation on a large scale or as to its value ought to see what has been acomplished by means of it in Salt Lake City and other places where it has been applied. He would then wonder and regret why Congress should have been so slow to act. Within a few years the habitable territory of the United States will have been enlarged by millions of acres.

William R. Day, of Ohio, became a member of the Supreme Court of the United States on the first Monday in March. Mr. Justice Holmes, who took his seat in December, thus had a remarkably short period of service as the newest member. More than two wears elapsed between the appointments of Justices Peckham and Mc-Kenna, and still longer periods are common. As the Supreme Court is ed. To them the one object is every girls and the company. He seems to blown through a machinery house innow constituted, two of its members thing, as with the busy bee the whole think the girls do not intend to work were appointed by President Roosevelt, one by McKinley, three by Cleveland, two by Harrison and one by Hayes. The President who desires those whom he appoints to remain long on the Supreme Bench will select men in the prime of life.

It makes no difference what proof to the contrary is offered, the American people will always believe and maintain that Raleigh once lived in Virginia, that Putnam crawled into a den of wild wolves, that Paul Revere saved his country by a ride, and that Barbara Freitchie dared the rebels just as poets have written; that Funston did actually swim the Bag-Bag, and Western of American cities is not that Roosevelt charged up the hill in the battle at San Juan in the very way that Verestchagin puts it. These things can no longer be considered as matters in dispute or points of controversy in our history. The belief in them is as deeply imbedded in the hearts of all Americans as is the beflef that Washington never lied or were and that Mrs. O'Leary's cow kick- sleeves.

ed over the lamp which caused the big fire in Chicago.

Farming is a better business than it used to be. Not that it was not always an occupation of which to be proud. The trouble was we were not worthy of the vocation wherewith we were called. The point I wish to convey is that we have now come to see what it means to be good farmers There will always be men who are above (or perhaps I ought to say below) their business; but the man who is farming because he feels that he loves the work, and must do it or die, is to-day the man the world looks up find a man in any line of business who does not dream of the time when he can own a little place in the coun-At most, the best of friends may his ear close to the heart of nature, rest at night, make a little money, and bring his children up in the way they ought to go. To-day the farmer is men in the cities would go about hungry, cold and in rags. And they know lt, too. They no longer talk about their hats to him when they meet him Can it be possible that the day is on the street; they like to stop and talk with him, for they know he is sound on most topics uppermost at the present time. The farmer is making some money, too. He is probably not making it as fast as some others do. but there are ten men now with a little nest-egg laid up in the bank where there was one a short time ago. That makes him more contented and happy.

place with the best callings of the The scientist usually lives in a little world of his own. His walls of books or shelves or bottles separate him from the noisy, selfish, scheming life about night in order to allow him to cool him. His mind is concentrated upon a off. He is still under arrest and it printed page, or the mystic contents of has not as yet been definitely decided a crucible or a distant star. His heart what complaint will be entered is as pure as his life is simple. He knows nothing of greed and lust and malice and envy. They are not in his world. And it is a good thing for the world at large that it is so. The scientist, who looks so innocently at us out of his mild eyes, could play hob with the rest of us if he wanted to. Take, coverer of liquid air. Had he desired. he could have enslaved his generation. no other man could not comprehend He could have made bombs to kil kings and shatter whole cities, without a fuse or even a detonation. He had a poison more deadly than prussic acid destroying tissue, muscle and bone and yet leaving not the slightest trace of itself, and this he could have used with impunity. He could have mysti brought it quivering to its knees before-it knew not what nor whom. Marconi, had he kept the secret of his wireless telegraphy to himself, to fur ther dishonorable ends of his own might have made millions on the stock exchanges and bourses of America and Europe by the secret transmission of information. His discovery, kept se cret and combined with a selfish,

the X-rays, had chosen to become professional thief. His secret would have been to him a sixth sense, possessed by no other man in the uni verse. The man who found out how bank, and the man who discovered supress the disturbance. how to imitate exactly the water mark ing on letters of credit and similar documents, and at once warned the bankers' association-here might have been a precious pair of counterfeiter and forger who could have fixed their aim upon any amount of money and got it. Most truly typical of all is the case of Fremy and Verneuil, who dis covered how to produce valuable rubies artificially. To these two savants the discovery represented merely a scien enrichment were not to the point. I'

world is honey and flowers.

is, indeed, well for the world that

scientists are absorbed in their pur

suits. If they turned from their books

and crucibles to look out of their win

dows upon the world with covetou

eyes, they would need only to extend

their hands to snatch from us all our

proud pomp and display. And it is

The West a Condition. The West, somehow, has come to b condition rather than a place. After days in a luxurious train, the casua traveler finds himself in the cities of the Pacific with the feeling that here are not the differences, the strange ness, the Westernness that he had ex. is said they are now at work. pected. The real West which he has pictured so fondly, the free, the hearty, the fascinating, seems in some degree to have escaped him. And presently he discovers that the condition which we call Western is singularly mis placed in the West; that the mos Portland or Seattle, but Butte City, six hundred miles to the east of the coast.

We have always had an idea that the birth of twins is as big a surprise as any one ever knew anything about.

The average woman can spot an old style dress by the shape and size of the

PREVENTED MURDERING

Grand Island, Neb., May 20-J. P. Arp was upon murder bent last even ing, but fortunately was disarmed before any damage was done. Ary has been employed at the Union Pacific shops. Among several others he was discharged yesterday for being drunk. The discharge angered him and he went to his home in an to and envies. You can now scarcely ugly mood. On the way home it is presumed he drank some more and was under the influence of whisky try. There he fancies he can live with when he arrived. He complained about the discharge and took down Winchester, 32 calibre, and began to make threats. His wife pleaded with the king of the world. Without him him but could not induce her husband to desist. The foreman, tem porarily, who had dismissed the man, Any man is more so with a dollar in him at one arm and his child at the list of the causualties is as follows: his pocket. So farming is taking its other. When McLaughlin opened the door he at once saw that something was up and quickly disarmed the belligerent and called the police authorities, who promptly arrested Arp, keeping him in jail over the against him.

One Against Fifty

Manila, May 20-Lieutenant Walker of the constabulary, who yesterday was reported missing after the recent fighting in the island of Cebu was. serving atmospheric conditions in order for instance, Professor Dewar, the dis- it became known today, killed by a superior band of fanatics which sur- er. rounded Lieutenant Walker's party He had a terrific force at hand, which Two of the constabulary were also killed and three captured. Two of these prisoners were murdered. One of them escaped.

William Ballon, formerly a private in the Fifteenth cavalry, is the name of the cavalryman who, alone, checked the second rush of the insurgents at Suclatan, island of Mindanao May, 15 fied and terrorized the world and and defended the American dead and wounded until relieved.

It was at Suclatan that Capt. Clough Overton and Private Harry Noyes were killed and Private Harlow was wounded by fifty insurgent prisoners whom they were guarding. The fourth member of the party was Will-

Ballon, who was not wounded. The situation in some of the disscheming disposition, would have been tricts of Cebu is regarded as serious. forces are dispersing. He says the constabulary is capable of supprestwo sheets, and immediately gave the lieved here that the adoption of eninformation to the directors of the ergetic measures will be necessary to

Telephone Girls Go Out.

Tecumseh, Neb., May 20.-The four central girls in the employ of the Nebraska Telephone company at this point are striking. They want more pay or less hours, The girls say they have been working nine hours per day each for sixteen dollars per month. They demand of the company that the hours either be cut tific fact. The possibilities of private down to seven, or that they be increased to twenty dollars per month. They claim they gave the company notice of their demands some ten days ago. and threatened to quit last Foo, a Chinese laundryman being Friday night, The local manager prevailed upon them to remain at street. The name of the little child work, which they did until 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. At that time that it is impossible to get full particwell for the world in another way that those at the switchboard left the scientists are not worldly. It is only room and the others refused to go by their close concentration upon their to work. Manager L. A. Denny of single purposes that their mastery of the local station says there has been 5:15 yesterday afternoon. The buildnature's most elusive secret is attain- a misunderstanding between the ing was completely turned around and in any event. Auditor Mussleman came down from Lincoln yesterday and intended to settle the matter. but without succes . The company says it will fill the places made vacant by the striking girls at once. in fact two operators from out of town arrived this afternoon and it

Struck By a Wild Engine.

Wellington, Kas., May 20 .- Northbound Rock Island passenger train No. 36, due in Caldwell at noon, was struck by an engine from the Caldwell yards a mile south of that station today. Wilber Burkett, of Caldwell was killed and several others were badly injured, among them Postal Clerk Myers. The engineer and fireman escaped serious injury by jumping. None of the coaches left the track.

MANY DIE IN WIND

CENTRAL NEBRASKA HARDEST HIT IN HER HISTORY.

THREE COUNTIES VISITED AND FIFTEEN DEAD.

HOUSES TORN TO PIECES AND OCCU PANTS MVNGLED.

Towns Singulary Escape, and Force the Storm speat in Farming Districts -Property Damage Vecy Large.

Hastings, Neb ,-A series of heavy storms, two of which developed into the worst tornadoes that have visitfarmers as "hayseeds;" they take off lives not far away. His name is Mr. southern Nebraska for years, passed Love. Mr. Love and family resides over portions of Clay, Franklin and in the residence of W. F. McLaugh- Kearney counties Monday. Fifteen lin, a councilman and formerly em- persons are known to have lost their ployed as a blacksmith with the lives, twenty odd were more or less Union Pacific. McLaughlin boarded seriously injured and a number of The case was against Sam Black with the Leve family, in his own others received minor injuries. Every home, and suddenly was called by a dwelling and outbuilding in the path vigorous knock to the door. He of the tornado was blown to pieces heard considerable commotion. Arp and the financial loss thus far acstood outside, his wife clinging to counted will reach about \$60,000. A

Near Norman, Dead. DANIEL M'CURDY. ROBERT M'CURDY. MRS. JOHN WELLEVER. MRS. EARL BACON. C. W. TIPPLE.

Injured: Mrs, George Jmeer, badly hurt. George Jmeer, arm broken. Icey McCurdy, leg broken. Robert Chambers, badly hurt.

R. R. Bacon, John WEELVER, Mr. and Mrs. Kinear, not serious. Near Upland. Dead. LUTHERAN MINISTER.

MRS. JOHN PETERS, farmer's MRS. CHRIS LAMERS, her moth-

The injured: Chris Lahmers and two children. William and Minnie Schultz. Fred Poh and mother,

Mrs. Isaac Casper. t Near Pauine-Dead, JAMES MUMAW. MRS. JAMES MUMAW. THEIR CHILD. FRANK QUIGG. FLORA PALMER. JOHN PALMER.

At Fairfield--Injured. Mrs. W. A. Broderick and child,

John McReynolds, internally injured.

Mrs. Nobe Lindsey. chimneys, serious.

Near Norman, at the home of Dan of infinitely more value to him than It is reported that the total of the iel McCurdy, a number of relatives it is since given to the world. Suppose bands of insurgents in the field ex- and friends were spending the day and Professor Roentgen, the discoverer of ceeds 1,500. Colonel Taylor of the not an inmate escaped death or serious constabulary reports that the enemy's injury. Two miles east of Upland German Lutheran services were being held in a school house when the storm sing the disorders and predicts an im- struck and demolished it, killing four to split Bank of England notes into provement in the situation. It is be- of the occupants, inc uding the minister, and injuring a number of others.

> The storm was equally destructive at Fairfield, but the people were warned of its coming and sought celto pieces at that place, but their occupants escaped injury with a few exeptions.

Tornado Strikes Iowa Town.

Des Moines, May 26.—One life lost, a child perhaps fatally injured and property damaged to the value of several thousand dollars are the results of the worst storm that has ever vis Ited this locality.

The fatality is reported from Rolfe, seventy miles northwest of here. Fong killed at his place of business on Main was not learned. Wires are down so ulars from the storm-stricken town. According to an eye witness of the destruction the tornado struck the town at the Rock Island depot about

to a livery barn. The latter was wrecked. The following losses are reported: State bank, Garloch & McCune, badly demolished; general store, Mike Crayon, almost ruined; Jones' livery, heavy loss; Hotel de Main, com pletely ruined,

dation. These are general items of damage. Dwelling houses in every part of the city were injured, as were also nearly all the business blocks. Fong Foo was struck on the head with timber near his shop and instantly killed.

Rock Island depot, blown from foun-

FATAL FIGHT OF ITALIANS. Freedom, Pa., May 26.-In a shooting affray on the street last evening

three men were shot, one fatally. They were Leo Orenzo, shot above the heart, through the right shoulder and left arm, cannot recover; Tony Orenzo, shot in the right shoulder, Angelo Tureinzo, shot in the back. The men were all Italians and were intoxicated and quarreled over some trivial matter. There were many narrow escapes for pedestrians.

INDIAN COURT OF JUSTICE

FULL BLOODS WHOSE DECISIONS ARE SELDOM QUESTIONED.

John H. Burns, who recently visited of chautauques. Pine Ridge Indian agency, says Major John R. Brennan, the agent, has organized a court among the Indians whose practice is decidely unique. The court is composed of four full blood Indians, none of whom can speak the Erglish language, but they deport themselves with exceeding dignity. They all wear black broadcloth and clerical Prince Albert coats on all occasions. Their authority seems almost unlimited, and in the distribution of the property of a decendent they act without regard for the white man's right of dissent, depending altogether on their native sense of right and justice which is rarely brought into question.

The chief justice is Thunder Bear, and the associate justices are Fast Horse, Standing Bear and Iron Crow. While Judge Burns was at the agency a very important case, and he says East school. the judges seemed greatly impressed with the solemnity of their duties. Wolf, seventy-three years old, charged with the desecration of the grave of Louisa Pretty Cloud a young woman for whose hand he had formerely striven. The young woman had refused to marry the old man and shortly afterwards had married another man. Her death occurred a little while after her marriage, and she was buried, according to Indian Sevier, of Bristol, Tenn., occurred at custom, in a solitary grave, on a hill Greenville, Texas, last week. Mise top. A few days after her burial it was found that the body had been keeper at the Lincoln botel and Mr. exhumed and stripped of all its clothing. Part of her burial robe nad been a cape decorated with elks teeth worth several hundred dollars. This, while somewhat damaged had not Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Murdock of Wybeen taken away from the grave, so more, was drowned this afternoon in it was concluded that robbery had Fink's lake, where the ninth grade not been the motive. Black Wolf had been seen at a cabin near the grave about the time the body was Maude Burright, another member of taken up, and had borrowed an axe, without a helve, putting in the handle nimself. This was found at the grave, and these with other circumstances indicated that he was the culprit.

After hearing all the evidence the judges sentenced the old man to six months in the guard house at the agency, a severe enough penalty under the circumstances, owing the condition of the guard house. Judge Burns says when the justices

of the court become bothered over a law question they refer it to the "Little Father," meaning the agent.

Drowned at Sterling.

Sterling, Neb, May 23.—A futile at tempt to cross the Nemaha river on Charles Taylor, caught by falling a weakened bridge in the edge of town resulted yesterday morning in the death of three persons by drowning. The victims were Mrs. Ed. Publike, her six-year-old son and the pastor at Falls City but now paster at woman's brother, Frank Harns, who lives on the Puhlke farm a few miles interest of the Epworth League Mon

south of town. morning to drive to town. They found | lecture a reception was tendered Rev.

the approaches to the bridge sub- Slavens. merged by a flood resulting from a heavy rain storm last night. The first approach was crossed in safety but the earth had been washed away on the Congressman Burkett. In a large lers for safety Six dwellingswere blown other side and Harns drove unsuspect- frame profusely decorated with the ingly into a deep hole, the horses national colors are the pictures of plunging in over their heads and drag- President Roosevelt, D. E. Thompging the wagon and its luckless pas- son, minister to Brazil, and Consengers after them. Their plight was gressman Burkett. The decoration witnessed by several persons, but they hangs above the mailing table in the were too far distant to render assist- postoffice building. ance. Harns is reported to have made a valiant effort to save his companions, but without avail, the trio finally going down to death.

Searching parties two hours later the clothes of the victims and brought are now resting in an undertaking es- Clay county. tablishment in town, awaiting the abatement of the fl od so that the bereaved 'amily can get across to claim their dead.

for the flood was unusually severe for many miles up and down the Nemaha water today.

Thieving Tramp Arrested.

terday morning while Anton Spemn, a tailor, was out of his shop for a moment, a tramp with a longing the Omaha High school delivered an for cleaner clothing entered his es- address on the subject, "The Church hose from the show window. The were read and discussed during the less was soon discovered and the marshal located the man in the railroad yards. After a short confine- ing heard from the different churchel ment in the village jail he was of the district. About sixty deleturned loose and hurried out of town. gates are in attendance.

Shot Himself.

Ulysses, Neb., May 23.—Jesse Moore of this place shot and killed himself | Congregational churches held a three Friday afternoon at the home of Larry gram for the association is quite Ramsey, about five miles southwest of long and comprises a number of exfarm hand. He was found sitting in meeting is represented by delegates chair in his room with a rifle between from this district, which comprises his knees and part of his head shot the territory between Crete and away. At present it is impossible to Hastings and York and the state to tell whether the shooting was ac line of Nebraska on the south. The cidental or a suicide. Moore was Doane college glee club will sing toabout twenty one years old and single. night.

Nebraska Notes

Frank Farmer and G. W. Ireland first and second tenor of the Wesleyan quartet are at home till June 1 Deadwood, S. D., May 23.-Judge when they start on a summer tous

> A few days ago while Ike Beaulist, of Falls City was descending a ladder he stepped on a rusty nail, which went through the sole of his shoe and into the bottom of his foot. He is laid up and in a very bad condition.

T. A. Butcher, who has served as principal of the Ashland public schools for the past year, has been appointed instructor in the junior normal school at North Platte this summer. Mr. Butcher is a graduate of Weselyan in the class of 1900.

Miss Anna Day, a young lady in the Beatrice public schools, is a sandidate for the nomimation of county superintendent of school as the hands of the republican party. he attended a sitting of the court on She is at presant principal of the

> The Exeter State bank is a new concern which will start business at Exeter, Neb., within the near future. The bank has filed articles with the secretary of the state banking board. The incorporaters are H. C. Eckery, W. W. Taylor and J. N. Cox.

> * * * The marriage of Miss Etta Foote, tormerly of Lincoln, and Mr. Harry Foote was formerly engaged as book-Sevier is a prominent young business nan of the Lone Star state.

* * * Ertle Murdock, only daughter of of the high school was enjoying am outing. The body was recovered. tne class narrowly escaped drowning.

The Rev. Edwin H. Jenks preached the baccalaureate sermon in the normal chapel at Peru. His subject was "World Winners," and he presented it in an able manner. Many of the members of the alumni are coming in for commencement. Dr. Clark attended a meeting of normal school principals held in DeKalb, Ill.

Governor Mickey went to Osceola Tuesday evening on private business and returned to Lincoln Wednesday morning. Wednesday evening he delivered his lecture "Christian Citizenship," at the college settlement in Lincoln. Thursday he departed for

* * * The Rev. Duke Slavens, former Adams, Neb., delivered a lecture is day evening, it being the anniver-The three left home early in the sary of the erganization. After the

> Postmaster Hyers, of Havelock. decorated his office for the visit of

T. E. Stewart, of Sutton, and Miss Emma L. Anthes, of Clay Center. were married yesterday at 11 a. m. recovered the bodies about two hun- at the parsonage of Trinity M. E. feet below the bridge, using hooks to church, Lincoln, the pastor, Dr. N. drag the bottom. These caught up A. Martin, officiating. Mr. Stewart their bodies to the surface. The bodies is a well known school teacher of

The Omaha Association of Congregational Church met in Fremont in The rainstorm which was responsible thirty-first annual convention. At the first bussness session Ira E. bottoms, and all low lands adjacent to Williams is Wisner was elected modthe river were under several feet of erator and the Rev. A. W. Ayers of Beemer, scribe. Dean Edward I. Bostwick of Oberlin conducted t morning devotional exercises and de-Long Pine, Neb.. May 23..-Yes- livered a lecture in the afternoon. In the evening Principal Waterhouse of tablishment and stole three pairs of and the Public Schools." Papers

The Blue Valley association of the of here, where he was employed as a cellent papers and addresses. The