### TOPICS OF THE TIMES. ESTING ITEMS.

the Happenings of the Day-Historical and News Notes.

people's enemies.

Perjury is a pre er that 's always ultimately answered.

has become discretion at fifty. A Harvard professor says some slang words are beautiful and poetic.

"The man who talks one thing on Sunday and lives another on week days does untold injury," says young Mr. Rockefeller.

Important if true. Special dispatches state that young Mr. Spreckles has secured a job in his pa's offic out in San Francisco.

No one seems to suggest that the man who shot at Nordau may have been one of the geniuses who were written up in "Degeneration."

Wos y Gil took \$200,000 in cash with him when he left San Domingo. It pays to be president down there if one doesn't delay his departure too long.

If that Texas negro who has been sent to the penitentiary for 1,000 years does not repent and reform he may expect a life sentence for his next offense.

They can elect a new president in Switzerland without even calling for big headlines in the newspapers. What contempt mingled with pity the South American republics must have for that country.

self-effacing. He hadn't seen the state- sanitation and no longer overturns and nounced for tonight. ment that there are now on file 304,000 | devastates the civilized world. Small | Many suspected Japanese have been applications for a pension on account pox is no longer a terrifying pestilence, arrested, but when examined they of our little Spanish war.

Let him who doubts the heroism of women read the statistics of the foreign missionary societies. Of the eighty-seven missionaries supported in China by one American society, sixtytwo are women: moreover, when war is threatened the women do not run eway, but stay at their posts.

Mrs. Ogden Goelet has made a contribution to the New York police pension fund in recognition of the services rendered by the police department at the recent wedding of her daughter to the Duke of Roxburghe. This is well. It will encourage the policemen to risk their lives at other ducal weddings, if there are any dukes left for the rest of our sweet heiresses.

Some purist in Boston is bent on renning our language until it shall have lost original meanings and become "ethereal.zed." The latest proposition ts to give up the phrase Indian summer, since "it isn't summer, nor is it torrid, nor has it aught to do with the poor Indian." The supersublimated individual then goes on to say: "Let us get in touch with the poets and call this time of grace simply 'the afterglow." Fortunately language has a wal of its own and cannot be made to order, even by a Bostonian.

Australian apples of a small and inferior kind sell in Manila at from ten cents to twenty-five cents each, and one can fancy the enthusiasm with which an experimental shipment of California fruit was greeted by our countrymen in the Philippines. The shipment ineluded apples, pears and plums, and although it was five weeks in transit and the refrigeration was not perfect, most of the fruit arrived in fine condition. With cold-storage consignments already going to New York, London, Hamburg and Manila, California fruit will soon girdle the globe.

The tendency in all advanced countries is more and more every year in the direction of a more popular form of government, if not for the actual republic. William of Germany is for a personal government. He has the old ideas about the majesty of the king or emperor. If he had the ability and force to carry out his own views and desires he might be a good deal of a time other statistics prove that neither pleaded with the mob to disperse, despot. On the whole, it doesn't seem make material difference whether William or somebody else is king and emperor. William will be obliged to keep within his present limitations and will possibly have to yield a good deal in the near future. His successor is likely to be more of a man for the peoole than he is.

The quartermaster's department of the British forces in Somaliland made a requisition, among other things, for 'three parsons." In due time the commanding general, whose men are mostly natives, was surprised when three chaplains, an Episcopalian, a Presbyterian and a Roman Catholic. rep rted to him for duty. They had come from England by way of the Suez Canal, in response to the requisition. Nevertheless, what was wanted was not preachers, but pumps of a kind named after a famous English maker. A c'erk in London is held responsible for the blunder, which is not without its usefulness as a comical incident. But there seems to be enough stupidity to allow a little to the quartermaster in Somaliland.

Chicago is to have a better law respecting wife desertion. The proposed ord nance provides that any man who back.

shall desert his wife or children shall be guilty of a misdemeanor; shall be A CHOICE SELECTION OF INTER. sentenced to the house of correction; shall be put to work and the city treasurer shall pay to the deserted wife Comments and Criticisms Based Upon \$1.50 for each day the husband is confined. It is further provided that no man who abandons his wife or chil-It is always easy to forgive other dren shall be exempt from these provisions unless he shall provide \$5 or more each week for his wife and \$2 or SHIPS FIGHT IN THE OPEN more each week for each of his children. He shall furnish bonds to guarantee payment. The magistrate shall What we call cowardice at twenty weekly. A good law. The base crime of family desertion is on the increase and the law must check it. The defect in the law heretofore is the failure to He doesn't give a list of them, though. provide for the support of the family, No Official Report Received at Tokio, The husband is punished but the punishment falls equally upon the family, So far as the faithless husband is concerned no punishment can be too se vere. It is not severe enough and in the nature of the case it cannot be what he deserves. The man who de or. If in time of war the deserter is shot. The husband who deserts his family is a traitor to his family and to family it has done something. The captured. Chicago law should be enacted every.

> the encouraging incidents of modera mander before long. civilization. The present generation has seen the yellow fever stamped out in its Cuban breeding places and a scourge that used to carry off many thousands annually in the southern scientific methods can it gain a hold, eans. What was once the commonest and most dread infection in this country has become one of the rarest and least fatal of diseases. Typhoid fever has and only in cities that, from ideas of in the navy. economy, neglect to safeguard their supplies of water and milk does it any two days. longer claim a heavy death rate. Diphtheria has been mastered by antitoxin and confined by sanitation. The death rate from all these old scourges has been enormously decreased in all the cities of the land. There can be no question of the fact and no doubt that the chief causes lie in the better standportant feature of this general im provement. The Health Department of Chicago reports that the death rate it that city has decreased by 39.2 per cent since 1891, while in the same period the death rate among infants in their first year has decreased by 69.1 per cent This is a wonderful achievement. Such obvious improvements as a purer mill supply and the more successful treat ment of infantile diseases are not ade quate to account for it. The officials on her. are disposed to attach much import domestic hygiene. But this is only an other form of the same thing. Mothers have learned and applied the discover ies of science. Where is it all to end' There is no reason to doubt that scien tific men will in the next decade make as great, if not even greater, advances than have been made in the last. Out discovery opens the way to many others. And if cures may be effected in a certain disease why not a million, it the remedies and conditions be prompt hope that since a death rate has been reduced 39.2 per cent in 12 years if may be reduced another 39.2 in an other 12 years. Then it looks as though it might not be long until it may be re duced to zero. Still the average spar of human life does not grow longer We have no Methuselahs. Even a cen tenarian is a rarity. With the death rate reduced what becomes of us? Sta tistics prove that we no longer die as

Going to Business in Chicago. "Are you wearing your steel shirt dear? And have you the padded hel met?"

do we live longer now than formerly.

"Yes, dearest; and I've got my shot gun and three revolvers. The spiked club is at my beit and I'll carry & knife in my mouth. I have a Maxin

mounted in the baby carriage." Don't forget to 'phone me that you're all right every five minutes, and a the slightest disturbance lock yoursel in the safe."-Portland Oregonian.

Too Interesting to Be Safe. Aunt Jane-Hannah, the girls have book that I don't believe is just the age will not exceed \$1,000 thing for them.

Hannah-Why not, Jane? Aunt Jane-You ought to see hov be a proper book.-Boston Transcript

A Thousand Years .rom Now. Small Boy-Mother, is it true that we are descended from people who walked?--Life.

A man may be able to trade his repu tation for money, but he can't trad

## BIG SEA BATTLE

SENSATIONAL REPORT IN CIRCU-LATION AT LONDON-

determine the amount he is to pay RUSSIA'S VLADIVOSTOK SOUAD RON ENGAGED.

> But Attack Admitted to Bave Been Planned - Japan Secks a Luna

LONDON.-The daily telegraph serts his post in the army or navy is this morning publishes a dispatch regarded by the government as a trait from Tokio, dated March 7, and say-

"It is reported that the Japanese society. Society cannot adequately fleet engaged the Russian Vladipunish him. But it can punish him vostok squadron at sea yesterday. to some extent and as an example The result of the engagement is not And if in addition to this it can pul announced, but it is believed that him to work for the benefit of his the Russian ships were destroyed or

TOKIO, Tuesday, -The report of the naval attack upon Via-Science is working restlessly toward divostok is not confirmed officially. the prevention and cure of diseases and although the naval department adthe prolongation of life. The gradual mits that an attack was planned. A reduction of the death rate is one of report is expected from the fleet com-

VLADIVOSTOK .- Despite the ap. pearance of the Japanese fleet off the harbor yesterday, and the bombardment of Sunday, the inhabitants cities of the United States is put at of Vladivostok are in good spirits. an end. The bubonic plague, that at Crowds promenade the streets as A French observer says the Ameri- times in the past claimed its victims usual, including many woman. A can men are inclined to be shy and by the millions, has been hemmed in by performance at the theater is pro-

Only where there is laxity of modern were proved to be Chinamen or Kor-

Commanders of merchant vessels and pilots who have a thorough knowledge of the coast and of navibeen traced to its most common source, gation have been enrolled as ensigns

Snow has been falling for the last

#### A San Domingo Battle.

SAN JUAN, Porto Rico. - A semi official letter received here from San Pedro de Marcoris. Santo Domingo, dated February 29, gives details of the hombardment of San Pedro de ard of living, in improved sanitation Marcoris February 27 by the Dominand in a more rational comprehension ican warships Pr sidente and Esof the conditions of health. The lessen trella. The captain of the presidente. ing of infant mortality is a very im a Spaniard, and sixty men on board her were killed, only six of the crew escaping without injuries. In all seventy-four men were killed and twenty-five were wounded on the two snips. The insurgents lost thirty-six men killed or wounded. The President was driven away at dayor ak February 25, the insurgents having b ought up a field piece during the night and unexpectedly opened fire

Several defeats of the troops of ance to the education of mothers it President Morales, with heavy losses have been reported lately.

> Ge eral Jose Amador, who captured at San Antonio de Guerra quantities of provisions and clothing and \$2,00 in cash, is now a prisoner at San Pedro de Macoris.

### Lynch Ohio Negro.

SPRINGHIELD. O., - Richard Dixon, a negro desperado, who shot and fatally wounded Policeman ly applied? It is not at all irrational to Charles Collis Su day monring, paid an awful penalty for his crime tonight. A mob battered in the d ors of the jail at a late hour, dragged the negro to the yard, where he was shot to death, then carried the body to one of the principal streets of the city, hai-ted it to the cross arm of a telephone pole and for half an hour fired revolver bullets into it. At 8:30 Sheriff Floyd Routzahan fast as we used to, yet at the same appeared on the jail s'eps and but he could be heard with difficulty. His appeal was meffectual and he was compeled to go within.

### Fire At State Normal.

PERU, Neb - Fire discovered in the third story of the normal school building here caused damage to the amount of \$1000, before it was got under control. The flimes were "I'll unbar the armored door, then discovered at 11 o'colck this morndear, and let you start for the office ing. The west hall of Pailo hall adultery and that he believed Reed and the attic were burning. The fire department from the city aided the normal fire figh ers and after an hour's hard work the fire was under control. The cause of the fire is unknown. It is thought the dam-

Proves Unhappy Reunion. JOPLIN, Mo -Frank Brwker, shot they are enjoying it. I'm sure it can and killed his brother. George Bowker at the home of their father near Scotts City, Mo., t d.y. Frank had just returned home after an absence of a year and while eating his first meal at home the br thers became drew a rev lver and fired across the table at George who ran outside the house where he fell to the ground. Frank followed and shot him through the head. The murderer escaned.

#### PUTS CITY IN PERIL

WHITE MOB APPLIES TORCH TO THE NEGRO QUARTER.

Leves Sections Partly Burned, and Blacks Threaten Vengance-Governor Responds to Appeal for Troops

citement prevails here at an early hour this morning which not even the presence of seven companies of the national guard can allay. The excitement is shared by all the business men and property owners of the city, who fear that some of the negroes will attempt to avenge the burning of the levee district, begun by whites tonight, by firing the down town husiness houses or their homes in the residence district. Not a fourth of the business district of the city is under patrol by either militia or police, and it looks as if close grard would have to be kept to prevent further incendiarism. It is thought, however, that the troops now on hand will be able to save the western levee district in West Washington street, which the leaders openly declared they would set fire to as soon as their work in the eastern half of the street was completed. There is little or no disorder, the mob of 2,000 men standing quietly watching the spread of the flames in the neighborhood of Spring

fines they originally set for it. When the leaders of the mot passed down East High street early last evening to begin the work of burning the levee resorts, Father John Cogan, assistant pastor of St. Raphael's church, got down on his knees on the sidewalk and implored them to desist in their work as they might start a fire that they would never be able to control. The incendiaries paused only a moment, a few of them cursed him and then went quickly on to begin their task.

and Gallagher streets, and appar-

ently ready to help if it should show

signs of spreading beyond the con-

Threats throughout the day and evening to burn the levee, the negro district of the city, confirmed Mayor Bowlus in his belief that more trouble might be expected tonight. In consequence he asked Governor Herrick for troops and five companies have been ordered here to reinforce the two local comparies.

Early in the evening small groups of whites were noticed gathered in the vicinity of the levee district and all day the police were called out to augment the night force.

Apparently the negroes all over the city are b coming intimidated, and th ir boas's made in the earlier part of the evening are no longer heard. The company of militia from Xenia, arrived at 1:30 this (Wednesday) morning and were immediately sent towards the levee by a circuitous route. The companies of local militia are guarding the armory where ammunition is stored. They are commended by Major Kirkpatrick. The feeling of unrest is a centuated by the uncertainty of what the mot is going to do or where the trouble may next begin Last night there was one mob and their purpose was to lynch the negro. Tonight there are reported to be two mobs, under cover, one of whites and one of blacks and there is a feeling that race war of serious propor-

### Many Wink At Law

tions is imminent.

WASHINGTON .- Several officers of the Mormon church today testified in the Senator Reed Smoot case before the senate committee on privileges and elections that they had plural wives and had continued to practice polygamous cohapitation since the manifesto of 1890. Just before the adjournment for the day the committee held an executive session to have read the unprintable testimony in the Teasdale divorce case. The presecution said it had no more witnesses ready to put on the stand on account of the failure of several summoned officers of the Morman church to appear.

Lorin Harmer farmerly a bishop of the Mormon church today gave the first tesitmony in favor of the defense that has been offered thus far in the eight days of the hearings. He said he was convicted of the crime of Smoot was responsible for his arrest. The charge against Harmer was unlawful cohabitation that was not his wife and not a prosecution on account of conbabitation with his plural wives.

### Prediction Of Victory

TOKIO .- There is a stong possibillity that the Japanese found the Russian ships in the vicinity of Pessiet hay and gave them pattle there. The names and number of the ships in the Japanese squadron have been kept secret, but it was probably sufficiently strong to divide involved in a controversy. Frank into two divisions the one to guard Vladivostok and the other to cruise in search of the Russian shins.

# CHURCH ABOVE ALL

MORMONS DISCIPLINED WHO DISOBEY ITS WILL

# RECALL THATCHER CASE

SPRINGFIELD, O .- Intense ex- FORMER FEDERAL ATTORNEY TESTIFIES FROM MEMORY.

> Used in Effort to Prove That Senator Reed Smoot Is Held In Same Bounds by Apostles,

WASHINGTON .- One of the most interesting and important feature of the investigation of the Smoot case before the senate committee on privileges and elections was brought out today in the testimony of E. B Critchlow, formerly an assistant United States attorney in Itah, who told the story of the Moses Thatcher episod. According to his version which was borne out by official records. Apostle Thatcher persisted some of pneumonia. He was 76 years in continuing as a candidate for the of age. United States senate against the wishes of a quorum of the apostles and on that account w s held to be "not in harmony with his quorum." The history of the campaign he made against the wishes of his fellow Mormons, of his defeat and his subsequent trial before the committee of church officials was given in detail and then Thatcher's submission to the will of the church was read and put in the record of the Smoot investigation.

This recantation showed that Thatcher, totally broken in spirit and old his large stock of hardware to bowing in absolute y to the mandates John Erpelding. Mr. Shenfeldt will of the church in that the consent of an officer's quorum must be obtained in order that he may continue in g od standing. The purpose of the testimony was to show that it was necessary, according to the rules of church, for Reed Smoot to have obtained the consent of the church before he could have become a candidate for the senate.

In addition to the Thatcher episode | we. He leaves a wife and six chil-Mr Critchlow gave the history of the Iren. presecutions in Utah on charges of polygamous cohabitation since the passage of the Edmuds law and the gislation in the territory and state which effects Mormonism or polygamy. His story was concise and interesting and he was interrupted but little.

torian of the church, gave tes imony \$5 500. More than 2,000 tons of ice showing the supremacy of the president of the church. He related the methods of the church, its control by the Plymouth Congregational church presidents of stakes and bishops. The president of the church, said the witness, appointed the presid nt of the stakes, some fifty-three in number and these latter appointed the bishops, several hundred in nunber. The bishops could not act until their app intment was approved by the president of the church.

#### Troops Quell Mob. SPRINGFIELD, O.-Riotous con-

ditions this evening were regarded ny the police as more threatening than any time since the negro Dix-n was lynched Monday night. Ter companies of the Omaha National Guard are on picket duty and seven more companies are exp cted. All saloons have been closed all after. David Sibert. The build went wild. moon and many other lines of business McClintock was sent to Omaha for have almost ceased. Fully 25,000 Irraignment. persons thronged the streets to-day. visiting the county jail, telegraph pole at Main street and Fountain Avenue, where Dixon was strung up and the burned out distric's of the levee. At noon Mayor Bowlus ordered posted and printed in the nawspapers a proclamation requesting everybody to remain off the streets tion at Fremont. The power is furafter midnight, except in cases of bisned by a gasoline engine. Operaurgent business, and to refrain from lors who can hindle the michine get, congregating in the streets in public \$5 a day and can shear a sheep in pares. Any one found loitering in three minutes. public places in violation of this request will be promptly prosecuted. tnan that on the levee.

### War Developments.

Lond in has advices, of land engage ments in northern Korea in which the Japanese were victorious.

Grand Duchess Olga, a sister of the czar, is going to Manchuria to act as superintendent of the Red Cross.

Japanese forces have unexpectedly appeared near Antung, in Manchuria. Of the thirteen warships in Port Arthur harbor all but five are reported disabled

### Start Case Today.

WASHINGTON .- The Dietrich in vestigation will begin tomorrow morning. Most of the witnesses are here. Judge R A Ba ty of Hastings, Senator Dietrich's attorney, arrived, but there is no certainty that the judge or any other counsel will appear in behalf of the senator. Adam Brecde, Jacob Fisher, Edwin R. F ancis, William H. Dutton and Leopold Halin are here. It is expected that daily sessions will be held.

### NEBRASKA NOTES

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++++++++++++++++++++++ Judge Paul Jessen opened the March term of court at Plattsmouth The Oxnard Hotel at Norfolk has been sold to B. F. Shoff by L. A. Bar tholomew.

The Dole Floral company has been Incoroporated at Beatrice with capital of \$25,000.

Mr. James Stander of Louisville in a delegate to World's Sunday School convention at Jerusalem.

For stealing a meerschaum pipe at Beatrice, Claude Carpenter has been sent to jail for thrrty days.

J. H. Sparks of St. Joseph has been awarded the contract for building the bridges in Gage county.

Walker Smith has been appointed postmaster at Elwood, Gosper county vice Alfred M. White resigned.

W. F Ellis, a lineman for the Nabraska Telephone company, was badly injured by a fall at Norfolk Wed-J hn Clark of Sioux City is being

held in fail at Norfolk on a statutory charge, brought by Flossie L Richirdson.

J. F. Swartz, for twelve years hesident of Beatrice, died at his

he Woodman of the World lectured at an open meeting last night at Pender. T C. Bullis, charged with bank

Sovereign Lecturer G. H. Schlek of

tobbery at Lyons, was yesterday taken to that place from Lincoln for a preaminary hearing. Bessle Webb, of Plattsmouth, loss

per suit against the Chicago, Burlingon & Quincy railroad for 85% damaes for the death of her husband. D. L Schenfeldt of Petersburg has

bcate in one of the southern states. Gray Yates of Omaha pleaded guilty n the district court at Platismouth

lo petit larceny and was sentenced to

en days in the county jail by Judge essen. David Quackenbush died at his iome near Beatrice. He came to Beitrice in 1866 and was 66 years of

A rural route will be established at Columbus April 1, with one carrier, imbracing an area of thirty-two

quare miles and containing a popuation of 4000. One of the large refrigerator ice touses of the Burlington at McCook Andrew Jensen, the assistant his- was destroyed by fire last night. Loss

> were in ale building. The Rev. C. R. Hamlin, pastor of of Lincoln, has resigned, to take eflect June 12. He has not determined

on his plans for the future. Richard Daniels war yesterday distharged from dist. I t court at Blair, lit r pleading guilty to assault and battery. While awating trial he was stricken with paralysis.

Real estate is active here this spring, and is bringing good prices. l he Hotel Riley block at Plattsmouth was transferred by Fike & Meyers of Newport to I. way Doig of Kansas

City for the sum of \$65 000. While engaged in a quarrel at Waterloo, William McClintock drew a tevolver and attempted to shoot

Miss Katherine M Shepherd of Lincoln has brought suit ag. 1. st the Lincoln Traction company for \$.0,000 bersonal damages, alleged to have teen received by being thrown from a street car over a year ago.

A sheep shearing plant is in opera-

At a leap year party, at Norkolk, sixteen maids escorted sixteen young the mob has at no time shown any men to the scene of festivities and disposition to burn property other took them home again. The prize was a cake with the names of the sixteen young women and a free marriage license.

> The famous Miles' case from Falls City has again reached the suprema court, on an appeal by samuel Miles, one of the heirs-at-law, who was def ated 'n the district court. The appeal is based on the refusal of the lower court to admit newly discovered vidence.

> Attorneys for Pearl T. Fullen at Tekaman have fled with the state auditor objectious to issuing license o the National Life Insurance Trust ompany and the Secu i y Life and avings Insurance company at Des Moines.

> 'The state board of education has appointed George A. Berlinghof of Beatrice as architect of the new tate Normal School at Fearney. He will receive for his compensation 34 per cent of the 460,000 appropriation