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New England Road's Business Shows Great Increase. It is estimated the yearly loss of nearly \$750,000 to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad company, as a result of reducing its passenger rate to 2 cents a mile several months ago, already has been turned into actual gain in gross receipts as compared with other years, through an increased volume of business.

NO FIGHT FOR HIS GOLD.

Sage's Will Admitted to Probate Uncontested. By a settlement arrived at in New York Friday the legates under the will of Russell Sage are to receive the amounts of the legacies upon the condition that the will be not contested. The will was admitted to probate without contest.

BOND INTEREST IS TAXABLE.

Interest upon United States government bonds is taxable whether these bonds are owned by an individual or a corporation and whether the interest is held in the form of a draft, check or money. This decision has just been reached by the United States supreme court in the case of the Hibernia Savings and Loan society against the city and county of San Francisco for the recovery of taxes paid under protest on the interest on \$13,000,000 worth of bonds.

FIND USE FOR OLD BOILER.

The boiler which exploded on board the gunboat Bennington in San Diego harbor in June of last year, killing sixty-five of the ship's crew, is to be shipped to Annapolis, where it will be used at the naval academy for illustrative purposes in the instruction of the midshipmen for engineering work.

ODD FELLOWS TO ST. PAUL.

At the annual meeting at Toronto, Ont., the sovereign grand lodge of Odd Fellows, it was decided to hold the next meeting in St. Paul next September. St. Thomas was the first prize with Rochester, N. Y., second, in the drill competition for eighteen cheveliers and three officers.

W. H. NEWMAN ARRESTED.

W. H. Newman, president of the New York Central railroad, was formally arrested Friday by order of Health Officer Darlington, of New York. He was charged with permitting the use of soft coal by the locomotives and round houses of this company in the Bronx.

THE MONGOLIA FLOATED.

According to advices received at Honolulu Saturday from Midway Island the stranded Pacific Mail liner has been floated without assistance of any other vessel. The vessel used her own powerful engines and gear in pulling herself off the reef.

DEATH OF GEN. J. C. HILL.

Gen. James C. Hill, a distinguished confederate officer and the first railway commissioner of Virginia, died at his home in Scottsville, Va., Friday, aged 76.

REV. W. J. McNAB DEAD.

Rev. W. J. McNab, supreme chancellor of the Catholic Mutual Benefit association, died at Niagara Falls, Sunday.

TOWN IS SHATTERED.

Car of Dynamite Explodes at Jellico, Tenn.

Twelve deaths, the injuring of scores of other persons and \$500,000 damage to property were caused at Jellico, Tenn., Friday, when a carload of dynamite standing on a track near the Southern railroad depot exploded with a report that was heard for twenty miles. Buildings were shattered in the business section of the town and nearly every piece of glass within a radius of one mile of the scene was broken.

The dead: George Atkins, lineman for the East Tennessee Telephone company; John Cook, car inspector; Walter Rodgers, clerk for United Cold Storage warehouse; John Gordon, colored; James Sharp, colored; James Lovett, aged 12; Ida Raynor, aged 3 years; James Reynolds, John Hochman, John Cook, Joseph Sellers.

There is a possibility that other bodies may be recovered from the ruins. Eighteen persons were seriously injured, among them R. D. Baird, president of the National bank of Jellico and mayor of the city, who was cut in the neck.

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The long expected suit by the state of Texas against the Waters-Pierce Oil company was filed Thursday evening in the Twenty-sixth district court by Assistant Attorney General Lightfoot. The suit is for ouster from the state and cancellation of permit to do business in Texas for violation of the anti-trust laws and for penalties aggregating \$5,228,400. The penalties cover a period since 1900, the year in which the company was readmitted to the state.

The state alleges in its petition that the Waters-Pierce Oil company has been affiliated with and a part of the Standard Oil company since its organization. The state also prays for an injunction restraining the defendant company from doing business within the state of Texas. The petition alleges that the reorganization of the Waters-Pierce Oil company in 1900 is fraudulent and that the conduct of the business of the company was in no sense changed by or after the nominal reorganization. The state also includes copies of the trust agreement of the several oil corporations and the affidavit of H. C. Pierce denying and swearing that the Waters-Pierce Oil company was a member or party to a trust.

The state alleges that the Standard Oil company not only dominates the Waters-Pierce Oil company, but the Corsicana Refining company at Corsicana and the Security Oil company, of Beaumont, and also oil companies and refineries of Texas.

FARMER TAKES POISON.

Eats Cheese Which Was Poisoned for Rats. Robert Lytle, a highly respectable pioneer farmer, living northwest of York, died suddenly Thursday morning. Arising early Mr. Lytle built a fire in the kitchen range and then went to a place where they had placed strychnine on cheese for rats the night before, and ate the poisoned cheese.

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NEWS OF THE WEEK IN A CONDENSED FORM.

RAINS STOP TRAINS SERVICE—Storm Does Great Damage Throughout the State One Fatality Reported from Pender—Other State News.

With roadbeds under from one to ten feet of water, several bridges gone and tracks washed from the grade by the cloudburst of Saturday night and Sunday, train service between Sioux City and Nebraska was temporarily suspended.

In front of the station at Jackson the track was under two feet of water. It was out in several places between Jackson and Dixon. The track was not broken, but slewed from the right of way, and in some places was under six feet of water.

On the Great Northern road some difficulty was experienced in getting men to work in the worst places, where the water was up to their waists.

The Logan valley is entirely covered with water and at 6 o'clock Monday morning the water was 22 1/2 inches higher than has ever been known before in the Logan creek. All of the houses on the Logan bottom have water in them and a great many people have had to move out.

One family was moving out about 4 o'clock Monday morning when the wagon tipped over, drowning a boy about 8 years old by the name of Guy Warren.

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The arrest was made at the instigation of Circuit Attorney Sager, who charges Ritter attempted to extort money from R. H. Snyder, of Kansas City, by threatening to testify that Snyder gave him boodle money to distribute when the Central Traction bill franchise was voted upon.

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NIORBARA MAN DISAPPEARS.

Goes to Omaha to Enter Hospital and All Trace of Him is Lost. A telephone message to the Omaha police Monday night from Frank Nelson at Niorbara, Neb., asked the aid of the local authorities in finding Charles Karstrom, a Swede, 75 years old, who came to Omaha three weeks ago for the purpose of securing medical treatment and entering a hospital. Karstrom is a person of some prominence in Niorbara and no word having been received from him by his friends there since he came to Omaha, has caused considerable anxiety.

He has been seen two weeks ago so far as the police can learn. On coming to Omaha he had with him about \$200 in cash and his friends are greatly worried, lest he has met foul play, and are anxious to receive some information regarding him.

EXERCISES AT BELLEVUE.

Superintendent Davidson of Omaha Delivers Address. Following out the idea that a good start is half the race, Dr. Wadsworth secured the presence of Dr. Davidson, superintendent of the Omaha school, to give an address to the students at Bellevue Tuesday. That Dr. Davidson's address was an excellent force to start the work of the year no one who heard it can doubt. Dr. Davidson took as his subject for the morning, "The Great Problem of the American School and College." Under this title he made a magnificent appeal to the students for a "good citizen." He summed up the substance of his address in the motto he gave from the Hampton Institute, "God and country first, ourselves afterward."

FAMINE IN SCHOOL TEACHERS.

Prospect of Continuous Holiday for Some Youngsters in Nebraska. A shortage of school teachers is reported by Superintendent Stahl at West Point, who is unable to find a sufficient number to supply the schools of Conway county.

Several schools in Hall county are also without teachers. Miss Brown, the county superintendent, has been endeavoring to place teachers in them, but she has so far failed in getting anyone to take them. Salaries of \$30 and \$35 are offered.

CLOUDBURST NEAR JACKSON.

Damage in Valley of Elk Creek Estimated at \$100,000. At 7:30 o'clock Sunday morning water from a cloudburst in the northwestern part of Dakota county and the eastern part of Dixon county, rushed down the valley of Elk creek, sweeping away hundreds of tons of hay, drowning hogs caught in pens, flooding cellars, washing away railroad tracks and doing other damage, all of which is conservatively estimated at \$100,000. The wave of water in the creek when it struck Jackson was seven feet high. The Omaha and Great Northern roads both lost considerable track.

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The erection of a library and supreme court building on the capitol grounds will be asked of the legislature and a warm contest is likely to follow. The friends of the movement urge that the state capitol building is now too small, that it is greatly overcrowded during the sessions of the legislature, and that more room is necessary for the holding of court by the judges and commissioners. It is also urged that the state library should be housed in a fireproof building for safety. The plans have not matured, but it is believed that a rather small building, as near fire proof as possible, will be asked for in which to house the court and the library and the office of the attorney general. Although a comparatively small building will answer the purpose, the fire proofing will add to the cost. Not less than \$100,000 may be asked for and possibly more. Many opponents of the plan have already been heard from. They say the present quarters will serve for many years. The most serious objection is in regard to the erection of other buildings on the capitol grounds. The capitol occupies the center of a space two blocks square and the grounds are becoming more beautiful each year. It is said that what may be made an exceedingly beautiful picture will be spoiled if buildings are to be stuck about the corners of the lawn.

To plead with Gov. Miley for the release of her husband from the penitentiary, Mrs. W. F. Dunn, of Decatur, called at the state house, accompanied by Chaplain P. C. Johnson, of the penal institution, who reinforced her request with his personal recommendation. Dunn was sentenced from Burt county to one year in the penitentiary under the name of M. T. Hunter for securing \$200 from a Decatur bank by mortgaging property which he did not own. He has served six months and has four more ahead of him, after deducting good time. It is set forth in his behalf that he was never before convicted of wrongdoing and that his health is falling now. He is almost 70 years of age and is the only veteran of the civil war now incarcerated at the penitentiary.

Superintendent E. C. Bishop, of the educational department at the state fair, has announced that in the county collective exhibits, Nemaha and Fillmore counties were so nearly equal that the judges could not decide as to which won first place. Since the five counties ranking best were awarded five premiums, Fillmore and Nemaha were decided as a tie for first place. Fillmore county was first in the number of premiums awarded, being awarded 372 cash. The other prize-winning counties on collective exhibits were: Dodge, Lancaster, Johnson, Hall, Pawnee, Franklin, Chase and Gage. In the city collective exhibit Geneva was given first place and Auburn second. Columbus was given first place in manual training.

A scare was started at the statehouse by the report that the legislature would not convene until after the state officers have gone out of office, which would prevent the secretary of state from calling the house of representatives to order and the outgoing governor from delivering his message. The constitution provides against such a contingency. The legislature must convene at noon, the first Tuesday in January, which, this year will be New Year's day. The term of state officers expires the first Thursday after the first Tuesday.

Attorney General Norris Brown has given Secretary Royle, of the state banking board, an opinion in which he says national banks may conduct savings departments without supervision of the state banking board. As Mr. Brown has found no authority conferred by the national law upon national banks to conduct a savings bank, his opinion that they may do so without regard to the state law is not accepted without question by many attorneys.

A proposed building that will meet with opposition is a new dormitory at the soldiers' home at Grand Island. The need of more room is said to be urgent, but owing to the fact that the Grand Island institution lies in a low, flat valley, the further improvement of the home has always met with opposition. Often this opposition takes the form of a movement to consolidate the Grand Island home with the soldiers' home at Milford.

Secretary Royle has compiled a report of the sixty-one building and loan associations of Nebraska for the year ending June 30. He finds the results of such associations to be favorable.

The members of the board of public lands and buildings have returned from a tour of the state institutions. It is reported that from \$3,000 to \$4,000 is needed for a new roof for the girls' industrial school at Geneva, \$3,000 for new walks and repairs at the soldiers' home at Grand Island, and additional boilers at the Norfolk asylum. The reconstruction of the west wing of the old building at Norfolk has been accepted by the board. It cost \$24,143. The roof of the Geneva institution was destroyed by fire.