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**ST. LOUIS CELEBRATES**

**CENTENNIAL WEEK USHERED IN AT MISSOURI CITY.**

**Fifteen Thousand Children Sing Patriotic Songs in Coliseum, While Catholics Observe Day at Statue of St. Louis in Forest Park.**

St. Louis, Mo.: Centennial week was inaugurated here Sunday at 6 o'clock a. m. by the blowing of whistles and ringing of church bells. Services in the churches were devoted to centennial themes. Sunday afternoon 15,000 children were assembled in the coliseum and sang patriotic and religious songs. Twenty thousand Catholic children gathered at the statue of St. Louis, in Forest park. Bishop John J. Hennessy, of Wichita, Kan., celebrated mass, and Archbishop John J. Glennon made an address.

Those who did not attend the religious services flocked to the levee to inspect the torpedo boat flotilla in such numbers that the police were powerless to control the throng for a time. The aero grounds drew many thousands who viewed the airships and balloons, which were made ready for Monday's races. Ormon, with a Farman aeroplane, arrived. Ten balloons will ascend. Prizes have been offered for time and distance and the entrants hope to win the Lahm cup by exceeding 475 miles.

**FAR NORTH TRAGEDY.**

**Eskimo, Mad from Starvation, Kill and Devours Own Child.**

St. Johns, N. F.: Tragedy in the far north formed the burden of the news brought to port by the Hudson Bay company steamer Adventure, which arrived with the crew of lost Dundee whaler Paradox, and the story of an Eskimo, who, driven to cannibalism and then at the little vicious shooting several neighbors who attempted summary punishment, fled in the trackless wilderness of ice.

The Paradox, one of the fleet of whalers, met the fate of her companion ship, Snowdrow, when she was crushed in the ice floes off Baffinland early in August a year ago. The crew with scanty provisions made their way over the broken ice toward the mainland and were picked up by the steamer this fall. The Hudson Bay mounted police report through dispatches brought by the Adventure the cannibalism of the starving Eskimo. The man's fishing and hunting season had been a failure and, driven mad by hunger, he cut the throat of one of his here. Capt. Bernier refused to talk tin.

**URGES WHITE SLAVE SCHOOLS**

**Rescued Girls Should Be Taught Way to Earn Living.**

Chicago: With the object of getting capital for establishing an educational institution for girls who have been rescued from white slavery, Clifford G. Roe has arranged a meeting with Charles N. Crittenton, of New York, who has established the Florence Crittenton missions throughout the United States.

"When the girls are rescued," said Mr. Roe, "we don't know what to do with them. They don't want to go home, because they are ashamed to, and most of them have no way of making a living. My idea is to establish a school where they will be taught needlework, music, cooking, and the many other things by which women can earn a living. Incidentally they would be taught to be self-respecting."

**Get Voluntary Raise.**

Detroit, Mich.: A voluntary increase in wages for all of the 200 motor men and conductors employed by the Detroit United Railway company in this and on interurban lines who have been in the service of the company for two years or more was announced.

**Excursion Boat Rammied.**

Newburgh, N. Y.: A United States torpedo boat rammied the sightseeing excursion steamer Romana, of Hudson, in Newburgh bay. Little damage was done. The passengers on the steamer were panic stricken. Life preservers were hurled out and boats were lowered.

**1,500 Dock Laborers Quit.**

Havre: Fifteen hundred dock laborers here have again declared a general strike for higher wages. The loading of the steamers La Savoie and La Gasconne was completed under police protection.

**Sioux City Live Stock Market.**

Sioux City: Saturday's quotations on the Sioux City live stock market follow: Butcher steers, \$4.50 @ 5.50. Top hogs, \$7.95.

**Stork Beats an Auto.**

Berlin: Crown Prince Frederick, whose wife gave birth to a son the night of September 30, was prevented by an automobile accident from reaching home in time for the event.

**Prof. Harris Found Guilty.**

Warrenton, Va.: Prof. J. D. Harris, on trial here, has been found guilty of the murder of William Thompson, associate editor of the Warrenton Virginian, on April 24 last.

**OFFICERS GET A HARD JOLT.**

**Many Find They Are in Debt to Government.**

San Antonio, Tex.: Officers at Fort Sam Houston who served in the Spanish-American war have received letters from the auditor general of the war department telling them that they are indebted to the United States government as result of mistakes made in computing their rate of pay during the war. The sums vary from \$200 to \$400. The officers are given from 30 to 60 days in which to pay the money to the government.

It appears from the letters of the auditor general that many minor officers filled the positions of their superiors, who were enrolling recruits in the United States, or away from their posts on other duty. During such time the officers of the lower rank were paid the salaries of men whose places they were filling, which, it develops, was a mistake.

This order applied to officers in all posts in the United States.

**POTASH TRUST ENDS.**

**Disruption Due to Clash Among the Members.**

New York: Official notification of the disruption of the famous potash syndicate, which for the past twenty years has enjoyed a monopoly of the potash producing industry of the world, was received in this city by the German Kall works, the agents of the syndicate for the United States. The break in the syndicate is caused by the elimination of the Sollstedt and Ascherlesbein mines controlled by the German interests, and the Einigkeit mine controlled by the Virginia-Carolina Chemical company, an American concern.

It is charged against the managers of these three properties that a few minutes after midnight June 20 last, at which time the syndicate agreement for 1909 expired, they made a number of sales of their product to American consumers.

**CITY DRY AND WET.**

**Tennessee Section Takes Action to Protect Itself from Drunks.**

Bristol, Tenn.: To protect the Tennessee half of Bristol, which is "dry," against what he describes as a "threatened deluge of drunks" from the "wet," or Virginia half of the city, Recorder T. J. Burrows, will impose a minimum fine of \$25 for drunkenness, and declares "there is no guarantee the fine will not be larger."

This action of the recorder is taken because the saloons of the Virginia half of the city were thrown open in accordance with the court decision declaring the local option election of July 8, which was won by the "wets," to have been legal.

Ten carloads of whisky, beer and other ardent spirits reached the city during the week.

**BRYANS WED 25 YEARS. AGO.**

**Celebrate Their Anniversary in Their Lincoln Home.**

Lincoln, Neb.: Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bryan celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary October 1 at Fairview, the house being decorated with flags and flowers, and filled with messages and presents from all parts of the world.

Their three children and two grand children were at home and the former aided in receiving the long line of neighbors who called to greet them. Although there was much correspondence to be taken care of Mr. Bryan dropped all business for the day and devoted himself to his family and the visitors.

**Forcible Feeding Illegal?**

London: Writs have been issued against Home Secretary Gladstone and the prison officials of Birmingham in connection with an action for assault for the forcible feeding with a stomach pump last week of a number of suffragettes who persisted in going on a "hunger strike" while in jail. The suffragette leaders contend that forcible feeding is illegal.

**"Soft Drink" Dealers Quit.**

Aurora, Ill.: Kane county local option leaders declare they have won a great victory as the result of sixteen "soft drink dealers," under indictment on the charge of selling liquor in local option territory, closing their doors at St. Charles, Geneva and Batavia. Other dealers are said to be planning to quit business.

**Injury Stops Football.**

Iowa City, Ia.: The board of education at Marengo has abolished football for the year, owing to the initial injury of the season. Edward Cronin, in practice, sustained a compound fracture of his left arm and a dislocation at the elbow.

**Novelist Is Dead.**

New York: Frederick R. Burton, a newspaper man and novelist, died suddenly at Lake Hopatcong, N. J. The cause is supposed to have been heart failure. Mr. Burton was the author of several novels, among them "Strongheart."

**Will Not Stand for Spooning.**

Yonkers, N. Y.: The Rev. Henry F. Xavier, known here as the "strenuous clergyman," expressed from the pulpit in St. Joseph's Roman Catholic church his intention to publicly chastise every couple in his parish whom he finds spooning in secluded streets.

Washington, D. C.: The picture of Martha Washington may be placed upon the 12-cent postage stamps of the present series.

**INSURANCE FOR IDLE MEN.**

**Iowa Congressman Trying to Work Out a Plan.**

Washington, D. C.: An Iowa congressman is trying to work out a plan of insurance against unemployment which he believes may be of great benefit to the workingmen of this country and would go far toward solving the labor problem. He is somewhat uncertain as yet, however, whether such a scheme should be made the subject of national or state legislation and for that reason is disinclined to attach his name to the plan at present.

A somewhat similar question is causing much discussion in England now, and Consul General John L. Griffiths, of London, has sent an interesting report on the subject to the state department. Mr. Griffiths says that the British plan of insurance against unemployment, which is to be proposed for parliamentary enactment, contains three features. It will be compulsory, contributory and specialized as to different groups of trades. This insurance is not intended to apply to nor encourage habitual idlers, but rather to help honest workmen temporarily out of employment through no fault of their own. Small contributions are to be made to the insurance fund by the government, employers and employees alike, probably 5 cents a week each.

**ADDS TO HIS CRIMES.**

**"Willie Boy" Slaes His Indian Lover While Eluding Captors.**

San Bernardino, Cal.: Developments in the chase across the desert wastes of San Bernardino county after "Willie Boy," a "bad" Piute Indian, formed a thrilling chapter in this story of real life.

"Willie Boy" murdered his 14-year-old sweet heart, whom he carried away from the home of her father at Banning, after he had killed her father, old Bonaface, when the latter refused to let his daughter go away with the young Piute. A posse of deputies, led by Sheriff Wilson, with Indian trappers, found the body of the girl at the Pipes, a water hole, 55 miles away. There was a bullet hole through her heart and her body was cruelly torn and her feet blistered and cut.

**Woman's Oil Company Fails.**

Fort Scott, Kan.: The Sunflower Refining company, operating a big oil plant at Niotaze, Kan., was forced into bankruptcy here by creditors who allege the company has admitted its insolvency in having the state court appoint a receiver. Mrs. Hermanna Kaessmann, of Rochester, N. Y., is president and manager of the concern which is known among oil men as "The Woman's company."

**"Skidoo" Ward Voted Out.**

Memphis, Tenn.: There will be no "skidoo" ward in Memphis if the upper board of the city council is sustained by the lower. By a vote half of the city government decided against the addition of ward No. 23 and combined two wards for No. 22 instead. The residents objected to "23" and one councilman said the public's wishes must be granted.

**Milwaukee to Extend.**

Missoula, Mont.: A party of Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul and Puget Sound directors, headed by President A. J. Earling, have started on a trip of inspection over the line surveyed along the Blackfoot river, north of Swan Lake, with a view, it is understood, of making recommendations for the immediate construction of a railroad from Bonner, Mont., to the international boundary.

**Enters Ann Arbor.**

Ann Arbor, Mich.: Capt. Inman Scoble, commander of the White Star line steamer Republic, when she was sunk last February after a collision with the Italian steamer Florida, has entered the University of Michigan as a freshman law student at 50 years of age.

**Attack Brewing Companies.**

Indianapolis, Ind.: A brewing company of Milwaukee and other foreign and Indiana brewing companies will be required to show cause in the superior court of this county why their charters should not be forfeited for alleged violation of franchise rights in operating retail saloons in this city.

**Brewery Agent Ends Life.**

Washington, Ind.: George Killion, agent for a Terre Haute brewing company at Loogootee, which went "dry" in the Martin county option election, killed himself. His business had dropped away and a mortgage was foreclosed on his horses and wagons.

**Wealthy Man Dead.**

Appleton, Wis.: John Van Nortwick, the largest individual owner of water power rights in the middle west and millionaire paper and pulp manufacturer, with interests in Wisconsin and Illinois, died at his home of heart disease.

**Three Perish in Fire.**

Winnipeg, Man.: Mrs. Frank Grover and her two young children, living ten miles southeast of Lee Alberta, lost their lives in a prairie fire.

**Ousted by the Scientists.**

Boston, Mass.: Alfred Farlow, chairman of the First Church of Christ, Scientist, Sunday confirmed a report that Mrs. Augusta Stetson, of New York, had been dismissed from the body of Christian Scientists.

**Columbus, O., Banks Merged.**

Columbus, O.: The Citizens' Savings bank, capital \$100,000, and the Ohio Trust company, capital \$700,000 were combined.

**NEBRASKA STATE NEWS**

News of the Week in Concise Form

**BAD BOYS.**

**Reward Offered for Two Youths from Industrial School.**

The sheriff of Buffalo county is looking for two boys who stole a horse after escaping from the industrial school at Kearney. The engineer of Union Pacific passenger train found a piece of a buggy on the front of his engine when he pulled into Gibbon, but could not remember striking it. A search was made and the horse was found dead east of Shelton. A reward of \$50 is offered by the county for their arrest and the state offers \$10 apiece for the boys returned to the industrial school. Their names are Frank Davis, aged 19, and Forest McDonald, aged 16. Both of them were sent up from Falls City.

**YOUNG FARMERS ENDS LIFE.**

**Believed Wife Had Carried Out a Threat to Suicide.**

Believing his wife had carried out a threat to drown herself because of his drinking habits, Samuel Spies, a young farmer, killed himself by shooting at his home near Fremont. Spies had been on a spree, and Mrs. Spies told him she intended to end her life. She left the home, but the hired man followed and induced her to abandon her proposed act of self destruction. On their return to the house they found the lifeless body of Spies.

**DIVISION FIGHT IN CUSTER.**

**Opponents of Plan Insist It is Effort to Boost Property.**

Custer county is now in the midst of one of the hottest division campaigns that the people have ever experienced. It has settled down into a county seat fight, the prospective county seat towns of Ansley, Callaway and Sargent being the strong supporters of division, while Broken Bow, Verna, Anselmo, Oconto, Mason City and Comstock are bitterly opposed to dividing the county.

**Vote to Bridge the Platte.**

The county board at Grand Island decided the matter of the location and building of an additional bridge across the Platte in Hall county, by granting the petition for the bridge on the Denman line and deciding by a vote of 4 to 2, to build the bridge directly by levy, instead of submitting the question to the people by way of a bond proposition.

**Will Ask Street Car Franchise.**

Dayton, O., investors who came to Hastings to look over the field with a view to establishing a street car system, have announced that they are satisfied with the prospects and will build and operate a plant provided they can get a satisfactory franchise.

**Cashier Accused of Shortage.**

William Dillon, cashier of the Kilgore State bank, was arrested charged with using the bank's money. How much is not known, yet but it is said it will amount to several thousand dollars. He had been married only three days when arrested.

**Sneak Thief's Busy Day.**

A sneak thief made a good haul at Grand Island by securing the cash box from the Falk clothing store and getting about \$100 from it. A railroad man lost a roll of \$40 in a billiard parlor and an effort was also made to rob one of the rooms of the Palmer hotel.

**Hop Fiend Fined.**

Leo Lung, whose rooms were raided at Grand Island some weeks ago, and who was found to be smoking opium and alleged to have been inducing others to smoke, was found guilty upon trial and fined \$50 and the costs.

**Accused Thief Ends Life.**

Because she was accused of stealing money from the store in which she worked at Collegeview, a suburb of Lincoln, Bertha Kalpenberger, 17 years old, went to her home and committed suicide by swallowing carbolic acid.

**More Liberal Beet Contract.**

It is said the American Beet Sugar company will offer farmers a much better contract next year than has been the case in the past. It will pay \$5 per ton for beets, regardless of the percentage of sugar in the beet.

**Korah Luth Accidentally Shot.**

Korah Luth, a Lincoln county farmer living about fourteen miles north of Curtis, fatally shot himself while out hunting. His gun slipped through a hole in the bottom of the buggy and was discharged.

**Omaha Balloon at Syracuse.**

One of the balloons sent up by the United States government from Fort Omaha was seen to fall and was secured by C. D. Strong, a farmer living three miles south of Syracuse.

**High Living for Cattle.**

Clarence Curtis, living on a farm near Ponca, lost three head of cattle from eating too much alfalfa, and another cow is in a serious condition from eating too many apples.

**STRIKE UNSETTLED.**

**Situation at Omaha to Be Investigated by State Officials.**

There was every evidence at Omaha Tuesday that a settlement of the street car strike in that city is farther away than ever. President Wattles' ultimatum giving old employes until noon to return to work resulted in 59 men reporting.

Mr. Wattles declared that no further overtures would be made and that the strike, so far as he was concerned, had passed into history.

Vice President Pratt, of the street car men's union, on the other hand, says it has just begun. With both sides in this resting mood, the possibility of settlement is apparently very remote. State Labor Commissioner Maupin has begun an investigation of the strike at the governor's request. Simultaneously the strikers have begun a movement looking to the securing of a 3-cent fare.

**MURDER AND SUICIDE.**

**"Al" Baker, Prompted by Jealousy, Murders Wife and Kills Himself.**

"Al" Baker, owner of the Baker Theatrical company, shot his wife and then killed himself at the home of his son in Lyons. Jealousy was the cause.

The woman died instantly, but Baker lived till nearly noon. She was his second wife and left two or three children. They organized a small traveling show last spring and have been touring the country and only returned to Lyons a few days ago.

Dan Baker, the suicide's son, is a well known band master, who for nearly a year past has been tutoring the band at Lyons.

**ATTEMPT TO KILL WATCHMAN.**

**Nebraska City Officer Receives Wound While Chasing Thieves.**

Night Watchman John Martine had a narrow escape from being killed at Nebraska City. He noticed a man stealing some grain doors at the Burlington depot and gave chase. The man made his escape in the dark. The watchman picked up the stolen doors, returned them to their place and began looking for some trace of the thief, and as he passed a dark spot a shot was fired at him at close range.

striking him in the wrist, shattering the same, while the would-be assassin made his escape in the dark.

**Papers Named.**

The Omaha World-Herald and the Lincoln Star are two dailies named to publish the legal notice containing the list of corporations that failed to pay the new state occupation tax by September 1. It is estimated that the legal rate for this publication one time is at least \$335. The papers designated agreed to publish the notice for \$450 each.

**Sugar Cane in Nebraska.**

Frank Reynolds, Jr., living east of Arlington, has a fine crop of sugar cane. This crop was planted about June 1 and is now out of frost's way. Mr. Reynolds also has some fine tobacco and has successfully grown cotton and stands ready to prove that Nebraska can grow any crop.

**Miss Caton Succeeds Mrs. Marks.**

Miss Etta Caton, of Lincoln, has been appointed by the managing board as agent for the Home for the Friendless, and succeeds Mrs. Marks, who was appointed by the governor and served to September 15. The salary of the new agent will be \$1,500 per year.

**Omaha Man Trics Suicide.**

A man giving the name of Hans Jargensen and claiming to come from Omaha, who has been working for a farmer north of Nebraska City for about thirty days, tried to hang himself. He was placed in jail and will be given a hearing as to his sanity.

**Young Man Commits Suicide.**

Robert Dunn, a young man about 22 years old, a farm laborer working for Harry Desmore, residing near Elmwood, committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. No motive can be found for the act.

**Engine Sparks Cause Loss.**

A carload of horses, the property of M. W. McClennan, of Echo, Nev., took fire at Sidney and four of the horses burned to death, seven were shot to death on account of burns and eight more are in a dangerous condition and may have to be killed.

**No Distribution of Estate.**

Sheriff Trude was restrained from distributing the proceeds from the estate of the late Samuel Wymora, which was sold at sheriff's sale at Des Moines for \$500. The land has been in litigation for some time.

The body of an unidentified man without any means of identification was found in a Union Pacific box car at Sidney. He had been seen in the streets and was drinking freely.

**COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL**

CHICAGO.

R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of Chicago trade says:

"A firmer money market and increasing payments through the banks indicate sustained progress in the business conditions. Trading defaults include none of special importance, but more small storekeepers have failed as a result of unprofitable returns due to high prices.

"Movements of commodities exhibit gains in factory outputs, general merchandise, provisions, live stock and hides, and there is heavier outgo of grain, although marketings declined from the rush of fall seed and wet weather.

"Lower temperatures stimulated the demand for necessities here and at the interior, and there is rising activity in the leading retail lines, heavyweight apparel, millinery and footwear being under large absorption. The demand also is strong for food products, furniture, men's furnishings and general dry goods.

"Wholesale houses have a fair attendance of buyers, and there are more mail and road orders for the principal textiles, current orders being influenced by scarcity of needed supplies and advancing costs. The markets for raw materials disclose well-sustained values, and the demands have widened for lumber, wool, leather and minor metals.

"Manufacturing generally makes steady headway, new contracts being notably large in pig iron, steel, wire, electric lines, heavy machinery and hardware. Furniture factories report capacity more largely engaged for the future. The furnaces, mills, car shops and forges enter considerable work for 1910 and the prices obtained are a more profitable basis of production.

"Other indications of the sustained recovery in the industries are attested by increasing capacity and hands employed. Plans for costly construction in this district disclose no abatement. Earnings of the Chicago steam roads exhibit satisfactory gains, and the coal mining interests derive encouragement from multiplying orders and a better outlook for prices.

"Failures reported in the Chicago district number 28, against 25 last week, 28 in 1908 and 16 in 1907. Those with liabilities over \$5,000 number 11, against 7 last week, 7 in 1908 and 4 in 1907."

**NEW YORK.**

Trade continues of favorable proportions, demands for all staple lines being noteworthy features, though there is a tone of conservatism in many reports. Shipments are heavy, and in many instances buyers are requesting prompt deliveries. Business on spring account is also of good volume. Retail trade is getting into better shape at many centers, but warm weather has retarded its fullest development.

Commodity prices, both for raw materials and edibles, are generally firm. Collections show improvement. Iron and steel continue active, the characteristic features being heavy buying of pig iron at higher prices, urgent requests for finished goods and increasing outputs of everything.

Business failures in the United States for the week ending with Sept. 23 were 171, against 198 last week, 267 in the like week of 1908, 166 in 1907, 165 in 1906 and 185 in 1905.

Business failures in Canada for the week number 37, as against 30 last week and 22 for the like week in 1908.—Bradstreet's.

**MARKET OF THE WEEK**

Chicago—Cattle, common to prime, \$4.00 to \$8.40; hogs, prime heavy, \$4.50 to \$8.60; sheep, fair to choice, \$4.21 to \$5.25; wheat, No. 2, \$1.09 to \$1.11; corn, No. 2, 65c to 66c; oats, standard, 37c to 39c; rye, No. 2, 70c to 72c; hay, timothy, \$8.00 to \$14.50; prairie, \$8.00 to \$11.00; butter, choice creamery, 25c to 29c; eggs, fresh, 18c to 24c; potatoes, per bushel, 42c to 53c.

Indianapolis—Cattle, shipping, \$3.00 to \$7.50; hogs, good to choice heavy, \$3.50 to \$8.35; sheep, good to choice, \$2.50 to \$4.25; wheat, No. 2, \$1.10 to \$1.12; corn, No. 2 white, 67c to 68c; oats, No. 2 white, 38c to 39c.

St. Louis—Cattle, \$4.00 to \$7.75; hogs, \$4.00 to \$8.45; sheep, \$3.00 to \$4.75; wheat, No. 2, \$1.17 to \$1.19; corn, No. 2, 66c to 67c; oats, No. 2, 38c to 40c; rye, No. 2, 75c to 76c.