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CAUGHT IN TRANSIT

NEWS JOTTED DOWN AS IT TRANSPIRED.

VETERANS WITH NERVE

OLD SOLDIERS STAND BY THE STARS AND STRIPES.

A Catholic Church at Council Bluffs Is Closed Against the American Flag—Father O'Rourke Afterwards Sends an Apology the Local Grand Army Post.

Stands by the Stars and Stripes.

A Council Bluffs special says: Patrick McCann, an old soldier, died here and should have been buried according to Catholic rites, but a row occurred at the church between members of the local Grand Army post and Father O'Rourke over the stars and stripes. The Grand Army escort wrapped the casket in an American flag. As the cortege neared St. Francis Xavier's church and halted in front of the door, it was met by Rev. Father O'Rourke, who informed the Post Commander that the flag could not be taken into the church.

Then followed a most disgraceful controversy. Finally the soldiers appealed to the family of the dead man, which upheld the veterans in their stand, and told them to move on with the remains. This was done, to the priest's chagrin, and the dead brave was given a soldier's burial. Father O'Rourk sent an apology to the G. A. R. post later in the day.

CHINESE FORFEIT THEIR BONDS.

They Refuse to Be Sent Back or to Appear in Court.

A San Francisco special says: District Judge Morrill fixed Feb. 12 for the appearance in court of 140 Chinese who were given liberty on bond and were to have been remanded to the custody of the United States Marshal for return to China. Each principal had two Chinese sureties on his bond. The gross sum for which the sureties are liable in case of the non-appearance of the principals was $210,000. Neither the principals nor the sureties appeared and all bonds were declared forfeited. It is understood, however, that but few of the bonds are collectable.

Untold Suffering in Russia.

A dispatch from Penza, the capital of the government of that name, says: the thermometer registered 58 degrees below zero, and that there is terrible suffering among the peasants. A number of men have been frozen to death on the highroads. A quantity of grain for the famine sufferers has arrived at Penza, but it is impossible to distribute it because nearly all the horses have been killed for food or sold to procure money with which to buy the necessaries of life. It is estimated that nearly a million draught animals have been killed throughout the empire since autumn. Typhus fever, smallpox and diphtheria are decimating the inhabitants. Around Penza 200 inhabitants have died of these diseases. The dispatch adds that in the governments of Samara, Saratov and Nijni Novgorod the condition is far worse than in Penza. In these three governments thousands of peasants have fallen victims to hunger and disease. In the governments of Barkhov and Kazan typhus fever is especially terrible in its ravages, the inhabitants dying by the hundreds.

Inspecting the Stock Yards.

The French commissioners sent here to make an official investigation of the healthfulness of American meats spent a day or two at the stock yards at Chicago inspecting the great packing establishment and the federal system of examining pork for possible cases of trichina. M. Duclos, spokesman for the party, expressed himself as highly satisfied with the methods of inspection. The gentlemen will remain several days, carefully examining all the details of killing and preparing for the market hogs and cattle.

Only a Dynamite Bomb.

A Lisbon special says: A sensation was caused in that city by the explosion of a dynamite bomb in front of the Spanish consulate. The noise of the explosion was terrific, but no damage was done beyond smashing the windows in the consulate and in the houses near by. Nobody was injured. The police are searching for the author of the outrage, who is supposed to be an anarchist.

New York Jewelers Swindled.

A New York special says: A score of wholesale jewelers of that city lost jewelery and precious stones worth over $100,000 by the suspension of Gundling & Co. David Gundling, the senior member of the firm, is in jail on the charge, it is said, of swinling these firms.

Frightened to Death.

A Pittsburg, Pa., special says: Caroline Gardner, aged 15, was frightened to death by two men who chased her. She ran into a house, fell on the floor in convulsions, dying soon after. Her pursuers, who were recognized, have been held for man slaughter.

Earthquake in New Jersey.

A Trenton, N. J., special says: A shock of earthquake was felt in East Burlington. Houses shook and trembled as if about to fall, clocks were stopped and the people ran wildly and excitedly into the streets. The duration of the shock was about ten seconds.

An Express Train in Europe Burned.

A special from Bucharest reports that a first-class carriage attached to an express train bound for Braila burned, and eighteen passengers, who were asleep when the fire broke out, perished in the flames, the doors of the carriage being locked.

No Fight with Cowboys.

A Coalidge, N. M., special says: There is no truth in the reports sent from this vicinity that cowboys had a fight with Navajo Indians and killed three of them. Everything is quiet now, and it is probable that no serious trouble will occur.

Oklahoma Democrats.

The Oklahoma Democratic Territorial Central Committee has decided to call the Territorial Convention May 17 for selecting delegates to the National Convention. The committee stood 23 for Cleveland, 2 for Hill and 1 for Boies.

Typhus Fever in New York.

Fifty-seven cases of typhus fever have been found in the lodging houses of the United Hebrew Charities at New York. The victims are part of the 500 Russians who arrived January 30 on the steamer Massalia.

Explosion of a Locomotive Boiler.

By the explosion of an engine on the Reading Road at Philadelphia George Rousch and two unknown boys who were stealing a ride were instantly killed and five men injured, one fatally.

Cold by the Wagonload.

Another big strike of ore is reported from Copper Rock, Colo., the vein being four feet wide and pieces of rock from the top being almost full of free gold. A rush is being made for the new diggings.

A Dead Turfman.

Gen James F. Robinson is dead at Lexington, Ky. Gen. Robinson was a well known turfman, having been President of the Kentucky Association for twenty years.

The Spurgeon Funeral.

A London special says: The final funeral services over the remains of the late Rev. Charles H. Spurgeon took place in the Metropolitan Tabernacle, which was packed almost to suffocation. The hymn "Servant of God, Well Done," was sung by the immense assemblage, nearly everybody joining in the singing. Secretary Harrold then delivered a touching prayer. "The Sands of Time Are Sinking," a favorite hymn of the dead pastor, was then sung and Dr. Peirson eloquently eulogized the pastor. The hearse was followed by forty mourning coaches to which succeeded private carriages of all kinds. Everywhere the greatest respect was shown for the great dead.

A GREAT COAL SYNDICATE.

Rumors of the Gigantic Corporation Which Has Been Formed.

Rumors of a gigantic deal between the coal producing companies continue current and regular traders on the stock exchange in New York City are all believers in the report that an agreement has been made by the companies with an immense syndicate, which agrees to handle the entire output and pay the owners of all the coal lands 25 cents per ton royalty on all coal taken by them. Provisions are being made that the syndicate shall have exclusive rights and that the royalties shall amount in the aggregate to $10,000,000 a year. It is understood that the syndicate will establish a joint agency for the sale of coal at all the large distributing points and that the present sales agency system will be abolished. Trading in coal stock in the stock exchange continued enormous and the price was higher.

FOUR ANARCHISTS GARROTTED.

The Spanish Authorities Choke Objectionable Persons Till They Die.

A Madrid special says: Four anarchist leaders were garrotted in the public square at Xeres. Everything passed off quietly, the sympathizers of the dead anarchists making no demonstration. One of the executed anarchists left a letter in which he said that the anarchist press takes advantage of the ignorance of the working classes to inculcate stories against justice and reason. He desired his comrades to know that the anarchist journals have been deceiving them, and that he is convinced that many of those preaching doctrines to them are perfectly indifferent as to their fate. He advises his comrades to repudiate their teachings and be honest workers with faith in God and religion.

RAN INTO A STREET CAR.

Three Persons Will Die and Others Are Badly Injured.

A Chicago special says: A passenger train on the Pittsburg, Fort Wayne & Chicago Road ran into a street car at the Thirty-first Street crossing at noon, and all the inmates of the car were more or less injured. John Moylan, E. W. Dutzen, and Julia Maudley will probably die. Mrs. Ellen Hannan and daughter and Drew Bordey are badly hurt, and others received painful cuts and bruises. The car was two-thirds across the track when the train struck it, demolishing the rear end and hurling the passengers in a heap into the other end.

AFTER THE LUMBER TRUSTS.

The Federal Court Will Make the Managers Explain.

Bench warrants were ordered by Judge Nelson of the United States Court of St. Paul for the arrest of all the principals in the Mississippi River Valley Lumbermen's Association. The corporation was indicted by the grand jury for maintaining a Lumber trust.

The bench warrants under the indictment of the Mississippi Valley Lumbermen's Association were brought in by United States officers and bail given for the persons named. The entire board of directors of the association is included.

Sanborn Appointed Judge.

A Washington special says: The President disposed of the remaining unfilled position on the new Appillate Court by appointing as Judge of the Eighth District Walter H. Sanborn of Minnesota. This is the place for which Judge Shiras of Dubuque; Judge Mitchell of St. Paul, and ex-Senator Moodey of Deadwood, were candidates. Mr. Sanborn is an attorney of St. Paul and was strongly recommended by the Minnesota delegation for the position. His district is the one presided over by Circuit Judge Caldwell and includes the valley States west of the Mississippi.

An Attempt at Highway Robbery.

A St. Louis special says: A remarkably daring attempt at highway robbery was made by George McKinsley. Paymaster Jennings, of the Broadway street car line, was riding from the bank to his office with a valise containing $4,500. McKinsley snatched it and jumped from the car. Jennings and others pursued him. Archibald Bruner caught up with McKinsley and received a painful stab in the side from a dirk. He managed, however, to draw a revolver and wing the fleeing man, who was soon caught. Neither McKinsley nor Bruner are seriously hurt.

Another Revolt on Hand.

A dispatch from Rio Janiero announces that a revolution is imminent in Brazil. Pelotas, near Rio Grande, in the Province of Rio Grande do Sul, is said to be in a state of open revolution, and a battle between the troops and the populace is anticipated. In fact it is rumored that a conflict has already taken place. The truth of the story cannot be ascertained at present, as all the telegraph wires between Pelotas and Port Alegre have been cut.

Fatal Election Riots.

Mail advices from the City of Guatemala contain an account of election fights occurring January 12. They were started by the attempt on the part of a crowd to seize some ballot boxes. Troops, as well as the police, interfered. Over sixty persons were killed and 100 wounded. At the time of writing more fighting was expected.

Assassinated by Moonshiners.

A Birmingham, Ala., special says: Another bloody assassination by moonshiners is reported from Cleburne County. A few days ago J. W. Seatham testified against the moonshiners. A party of men surrounded his house and opened fire, killing his 9-year-old son and fatally wounding his wife.

Burned With His House.

An early morning fire destroyed the Central tobacco warehouse at Louisville. Capt W. E. Edwards, who was sleeping in the building, was burned to death. Loss, $25,000. Capt. Edwards was the senior member of Edwards, Barnard & Co., who owned the warehouse.

Death of John Jay Knox.

A New York special says John Jay Knox, for many years Comptroller of the Currency, died at his home in that city, of pneumonia.

THE MARKETS.

CHICAGO		
CATTLE—Common to prime	$3.00 @	4.55
HOGS—Shipping grades	4.70 @	4.85
SHEEP	4.75 @	5.90
WHEAT—Cash		.8 15
CORN—Cash		.4 3¾
OATS		.9
RYE		.79
BARLEY		.78
FLAX		.9
BUTTER—Western dairy	.19 @	25
EGGS—Western	.24 @	25
SIOUX CITY.		
CATTLE—Fat steers	$3.50 @	4.00
CATTLE—Feeders	2.75 @	3.25
HOGS	4.40 @	4.60
SHEEP	3.75 @	5.00
WHEAT		.76
OATS (new)		.33
CORN	.35 @	.38
FLAX		.83
OMAHA LIVE STOCK.		
CATTLE—Common to prime	$3.00 @	4.25
HOGS—Shippers	4.30 @	4.75
NEW YORK PRODUCE.		
WHEAT	$1.02 @	1.04¼
CORN	.48 @	.50
OATS	.35 @	.37

BOYD IS SEATED.

Thayer Turns the Affairs Over to Governor Boyd.

A Lincoln, Neb., special says: There was no demonstration over the change of Governors. Gov. Boyd and party came down from Omaha, arriving here at noon, and went directly to the Lincoln Hotel, where rooms had been engaged since the first report of the decision. After a hearty dinner the Governor received a number of his friends in his rooms, and then shortly before 2 o'clock the party went to the State House, where they found the halls and corridors thronged with people anxious to see the new Governor in his place. At 2:15 Gen. Vifquain opened the doors to the executive office and announced the Hon. James E. Boyd, Governor of the State of Nebraska. The party entered, the Governor marched into the center of the room and was followed by the ladies and gentlemen who accompanied him from Omaha. All in the room at once arose to their feet, and ex-Gov. Thayer, advancing from the office, approached Boyd with his hand outstretched and said:

"Governor, how do you do? I am now ready to turn over the office to you, and I have an inventory of the office which we can consider together."

Boyd replied by saying that there was no need of that, as he had been Governor all the time. Gov Thayer then asked if he could be of any assistance further, and receiving the answer, "No," he turned away. Boyd at once entered the private office, took off his overcoat, the crowd passing in after him, and a forced reception was held for an hour afterward.

A FIELD FAILURE STATEMENT.

Liabilities and Assets in the Millions but No Final Statement.

The assignee of Field, Lindley, Weichers & Co., of New York, filed schedules showing liabilities; secured, $1,074,000; unsecured, $1,918,000; nominal assets, $1,918,000 and actual assets, $29,000. These assets do not include securities pledged as collateral with secured creditors. The assignee said that it was impossible to determine positively the status of the firm's accounts with persons and corporations mentioned in their schedules. A final statement can only be made after some investigation and in some instances litigation.

SULLIVAN SIGNS TO FIGHT.

He Will Meet Maher When the Latter Whips Fitzsimmons.

A private communication bearing the signature of John L. Sullivan, received by a personal friend at Chicago, states that Sullivan on Feb. 9 attached his name to articles of agreement to fight to a finish with five-ounce gloves, Queensbury rules, with Peter Maher for a purse of $35,000 before the Metropolitan Club of New Orleans, and a side bet of $10,000, some time during August, provided Maher whips Fitzsimmons.

The Transport to Russia.

A Philadelphia, Pa., special says: Mayor Stuart received a message from the Russian relief commissioners representing the millers of Iowa and the people of Minnesota and Iowa, in response to a query, stating that 3,000,000 pounds of flour and 1,000,000 pounds of corn were on the way to New York, and requesting that the ship offered by the citizens of this city for carrying provisions to Russia be prepared to receive the cargo by Feb. 27. The reply sent the commissioners states that the steamer leaves Philadelphia Feb. 20 for Libau and cannot delay to receive part of her cargo in New York. If the flour and corn are received here on or before Feb. 16 the Philadelphians ask if they shall consider it a part of the cargo. They are desirous of transporting the donation and ask for an immediate reply.

United Mine Workers' Convention.

A Columbus, Ohio, special says: The United Mine Workers of America convened in annual session with 100 delegates present and President Rae in the chair. Gov. McKinley delivered the address of welcome, in which he spoke of the importance of the mining industry, congratulated the miners and wished them prosperity. He spoke on the eight-hour day, and said that when they were in position to enforce it they would have no trouble in getting it. The report of Secretary and Treasurer McBride showed receipts of $70,025; expenditures, $63,470; balance on hand January 31, $6,555. The Secretary in speaking of the several ill advised strikes said that they cost the organization $200,000 and lost it 7,000 members.

She Reflected on Pensioners.

A Mascoutah, Ill., special says: Quite a stir has been caused at Carlisle by the charges made against Miss Luella Nicholls, the assistant principal of the high school there, by the G. A. R. and Sons of Veterans. They charge that in a class lecture on patriotism she made very serious reflections upon pensioners. An attorney has been employed by the local encampment to prefer charges before the Board of Education.

To Ship Grain Direct to Europe.

A St. Louis special says: A scheme is on foot which may result in the shipment of grain from that city direct to Europe without transhipment by means of "whalebacks." A representative of an Eastern syndicate has been in consultation with the grain exporters, the government engineers in charge of the Mississippi River improvement, and men familiar with the river with a view of putting the plan into operation.

Colored Men's Association.

A Little Rock, Ark., special says: An association for mutual protection has been formed by the leading colored men of that section and articles for the incorporation of a stock company with a capital of $2,500,000 have been filed. The association will be national. Its object is the establishment and operation of business houses for colored people, to be conducted by members of their race.

An Oatmeal Firm Fail.

A St. Joseph, Mo., special says: The St. Joseph oatmeal mill and a wholesale and retail flour and feed store owned by S. J. Burns & Co. have closed, the former under deed of trust amounting to $60,000. The liabilities are $60,000; assets, $30,000. The heaviest creditors are the Ayre Lawn Company of St. Louis and the Des Moines Manufacturing Company of Des Moines.

Executed for Being Civilized.

It is reported from China that Gen. Tchen Kitong was executed at Tien Tsin for treason, in having pledged himself to court French influence, in having become a Christian, and in having sought an audience with the Pope to facilitate the work of Catholic missions in China. The Emperor was reluctant to sign the death warrant, but the influence of the old Chinese anti-Christian party prevailed.

A Strike in London.

A London special says: The strike of the coal porters, of whom 10,000 struck, in one district only, continues and threatens to bring about a coal famine in that city. The directors of the chief coal company met and are setting an example to their subordinate officers by driving coal delivery vans and in other ways helping to keep business going.

Foundered During a Mutiny.

A London special says: Sensational rumors are current to the effect that the Greek steamer Embricos, recently wrecked on Scilly Island, foundered during the mutiny of the crew, in which the Captain and some of the officers were murdered, and also that the remaining officers were murdered in a fight with knives to secure one of the boats after the accident.

Closed Two Banks.

The Comptroller of Currency has closed the First National Bank of Deming, N. M., and the First National Bank of Silver City, same State.

HIGH LIFE DIVORCE.

THE DE STEURS DIVORCE CASE ON TRIAL AT SIOUX FALLS.

The Baroness Tells the Story of the Wrongs She Suffered—The Case Attracting Quite a Little Interest—The Judge Takes the Case Under Consideration.

The De Stuers Divorce Case.

THE De Stuers divorce trial opened before Judge Aikens at Sioux Falls, and the interest manifested in the case is unusual. The Baroness, who has resided in Sioux Falls since June 1, 1891, was the only witness examined so far. The grounds of her complaint are extreme cruelty and an attempt to incarcerate her in an insane asylum. The Baroness was accompanied to the court by her ward, and has a good deal of what Americans term "spunk." Throughout her testimony she showed in many different ways that she was an American and didn't care who knew it. The chief point of her testimony, besides narrating a dozen or more incidents where the Baron's insults and cruelty drove her nearly wild, was the attempt to incarcerate her in an insane asylum in France. The Baron being Minister Plenipotentiary for the Netherlands has a great deal of influence there. The defense having nothing but depositions, Judge Aikens declared that he wished four weeks in which to make a decision, and that he would give, according to agreement, twenty-one days for the arrival of additional depositions from Europe, and would consider them the same as if they were in the case.

SMOOTH SWINDLER'S WORK.

South Dakota Victims Numbered by the Hundreds—He Is Now in Nebraska.

SOME time ago a slick individual representing himself to be an agent for the International Enlarging and Copying Company of St. Paul, who purport to make a specialty of enlarging and copying photographs, made a trip through many portions of South Dakota, and from information received he covered the State pretty thoroughly. East of the Missouri River, as far as can be learned, he charged 50 cents each for enlarged portraits of the photographs given to him by unsuspecting persons, and this amount for each picture was required to be paid down with the order. He stated that his company would complete the pictures within a few weeks, when they would be forwarded to the owners.

A short time afterward the St. Paul end of the swindling concern would send catalogues of high-priced frames to the person ordering the portraits with the request that they select a frame, varying in price from $5 to $8, which they could pay for on receipt of portrait. No one, of course, would order a frame at the high price charged, and after that nothing further would be heard from the swindlers. The agent is now said to be operating in Nebraska. In the Black Hills he got away with a great amount of money, his victims being numbered among the best people of every Black Hills town.

LABORERS PROTEST.

A Sioux Falls Contractor Discounts His Men's Wages.

THERE is likely to be trouble for ex-Mayor Schaetzel, of Sioux Falls, in fulfilling his contract to excavate for the public building there. He contracts with laborers at $1 a day and then charges them a discount of 10 per cent. on payment previous to government pay day. A meeting of the workers of the city has been held and a committee appointed to protest to Schaetzel. If it is not effective the matter will be brought to the attention of the government through Senator Pettigrew.

Populating the Farms.

JOHN ARMSTRONG of DeSmet reports that within the past four months fifteen new families have purchased and settled on farms near the Beadle and Kingsbury County lines. Most of them brought with them stock and farm implements, and are preparing to put every acre possible to crop the coming season. Mr. Armstrong says more land has been sold and more new families settled in that locality within the past few months than in all the three years previous. Mr. Armstrong, who is one of the most extensive breeders in the Northwest, says there never was a greater demand for good farm horses than now; his business exceeds his greatest expectations, and nearly every sale is for cash.

South Dakota's School Exhibit.

MRS. L. I. JEFFRIES, Secretary of the Board of Woman's Commission of the World's Fair, stated that the failure or success of the State appropriation will in no way interfere with the work of an educational exhibit, which is being raised by the public schools. The County Superintendent and teachers are taking an active interest in the matter. A list of the contributions of the various schools in the State is to be published, and it is believed that there will be an additional incentive to the schools to see that their proportion of the fund is properly raised.

Suicided Because He Was Arrested.

JOHN DAHMAN, a farmer living two miles west of Hurley, committed suicide by shooting himself with a shotgun. He was arrested upon an indictment for rape and taken to Parker, where court is in session. He returned home with Deputy Sheriff Colman and his attorney, W. G. Quigley, and stepping from the sitting room to his bed room he placed the muzzle of a shotgun to his right temple, and pulled the trigger with his foot, dying almost instantly.

Two Wells on Farms.

Two fine flowing wells were obtained by farmers near Vilas during the past week; one on the farm of Alex. Gray is a strong flow in a three-inch pipe and was reached at a depth of about seven feet. The other is on a farm belonging to L. P. Christianson, three miles southwest, and is a two-inch stream. These wells are being put down on every farm and add greatly to the value of the land.

Black Hills Product.

A HANDSOME bar of Nigger Hill tin was produced by Titus Molitor from a few pounds of ore out of one of the claims owned by the American Tin Mining Company, of Bear Gulch or Nigger Hill mining district. Miners are confident that with proper mining facilities for the treatment of the ore this section of the Black Hills would soon rival the output of Cornwall or Malacca.

Indicted the Chinamen.

THE United States grand jury at Deadwood brought in indictments against eight Chinamen recently arrested for using the mails for the transmission of lottery matter. These cases will be tried at once, and if they are convicted of the offense, which is looked upon as a test case, numerous other arrests will follow.

A Pocahontas in Marble.

JAMES FLOODON, the sculptor, has just completed a handsome statuette of an Indian girl for Mrs. John A. Gaston, one of South Dakota's lady managers of the World's Fair. Mrs. Gaston says that the statuette will occupy a prominent place in the South Dakota exhibit at the exhibition of "93." The figure is carved out of native white marble, which experts say is nearly equal to the far-famed Italian article.

GOVERNOR TO GOVERNOR.

Thayer's Invitation to Gov. Boyd to Take Back the Chair.

GOV. THAYER addressed Gov. Boyd at Omaha, prior to the reinstatement of the latter gentleman. The text of his letter was this: "When I commenced proceedings a year ago to test your title to the office of Governor, I did so in the belief that there was great doubt in the public mind as to your citizenship and eligibility. I then took occasion to publicly say that as soon as your citizenship was established by the courts I would gladly surrender the office to you. The contest was not one of personal strife, nor to satisfy any ambition of my own, but to comply with and uphold the Constitution of the State. Now that the public press has announced that the highest tribunal has declared under the Constitution and laws of our country and State your right to the office of Governor, without awaiting the mandate of the court—as I am about to leave the State to be absent some weeks—it would be most convenient to me to turn over the office to you, if it is your pleasure to accept the same."

LEAKAGE OF SCHOOL FUNDS.

Further Loss of $6,000 Found in the Treasury at Hastings.

COUNTY TREASURER FLEMING discovered a shortage of some $6,000 in the school funds of the county. The committee which had charge of the investigation of the County Treasurer's records during the term held by the ex-Treasurer had not before been shown the books in which the records of the school funds are kept, consequently the school fund shortage just discovered was not included in the original shortage of $52,000 discovered in January. The expert and his assistants are at work, and it will require sixty days or more to complete the investigation, as they are obliged to refer back twenty years in many instances.

Burt County Farmers' Institute.

THE Burt County Farmers' Institute, which closed a three-days' session at Tekamah, was one of the most interesting and instructive gatherings ever held in the county. The institute discussed short horn, Hereford and Polled Angus cattle, and swine breeding and cattle-feeding. Prof. Ingersoll read an excellent paper on "Heredity." Horse breeding for profit, dairying, orchards, small fruits, and vegetable gardening were also topics of discussion. The subjects of Nebraska soil, rotation of crops, forage plants, weeds a blessing in disguise, corn worm, and education occupied the last day. "A State System of Education" was the subject of Chancellor Canfield's address, and was listened to with attention by a large audience. The institute elected officers and will hold annual meetings in different parts of the county. These gatherings will be of great benefit to farmers if they attend and take part in the discussions.

Hanged Herself While Insane.

THE body of Mrs. Christian Bachuus, wife of Claus Bachuus, a farmer residing four miles south of Elkhorn, was found hanging in an outhouse. Mrs. Bachuus was 67 years old. That morning she got up at the usual time and prepared breakfast for her husband and son. She appeared to be in unusually good spirits, although she was suffering a slight attack of the grip at the time. She had suffered considerable sickness during her life, and at times was morose and despondent and had frequently expressed the wish that she were dead.

Wilber's Opera House Burned.

THE Wilber Opera House was totally destroyed by fire. It was a substantially built frame structure and was considered one of the largest and best equipped places of amusement in that section of the State. The building belonged to the Brabec estate and together with the lots was sold at referee's sale a couple of weeks ago to a Mr. Anderson, of Chicago, for $3,900, subject to a mortgage of $1,200, but the sale had not yet been confirmed.

Hanged Himself in His Own House.

C. W. LOCKWOOD, a farmer residing one-half mile from Ericson, committed suicide by hanging. He used a bridle, fastened to a beam upstairs in his own house, to hang himself. His wife and 7-year-old daughter were the only ones at home at the time and before they could get help he was dead. Mr. Lockwood made two attempts to shoot himself in the morning, but was prevented by his son. Despondency seems to have been the cause.

Shot His Sister.

A TERRIBLE accident happened a Farmer's Valley, resulting in the instant death of the 13-year-old daughter of F. R. Haymeier at the hands of her 15-year-old brother. The boy was making an effort to shoot two owls at the time of the tragedy. He did not observe his sister in the vicinity until she fell dead from the effects of the shot. The bullets struck the little victim in the back of the head, producing a horrible wound.

For the Relief of Veterans.

THE soldiers' relief commission held its annual session at Nebraska City in the Court House and organized by electing J. O. Moore Chairman, D. W. Hershey Secretary, and Fred Neu Treasurer. The commission estimated the amount needed for the ensuing year at $1,000, and asked that the County Commissioners make a levy of two-tenths of a mill on the assessed valuation of the property in the county to raise that amount.

Will Have Sugar Beet Plant.

YORK is determined to have a sugar beet factory. An association has been organized with J. F. Harrison, President; R. Armstrong, Vice-President, and N. P. Lundon, Secretary. A Vice-President has been appointed for each township, whose duty it is to see how many farmers will experiment with beets this year and what amount they will devote to the industry if it is a success.

Pender Barkeeper Arrested.

UNITED STATES DEPUTY MARSHAL GEORGE HARRIS made his second trip to Pender, and this time took John A. Cronk, the barkeeper in the saloon back to Omaha with him to answer to the charge of selling whisky to the Indians. Cronk has always borne a good reputation as a citizen, and it is believed he will be able to prove himself not guilty.

Preparing for Plenty of Rain.

ON account of the inclemency of the weather the meeting held at Denkelman to consider the artificial moisture question was not largely attended, but enough was done to insure the securing of tests for the coming season. Another meeting will be held to perfect arrangements and hear reports from committees previously appointed.

THE WORK OF CONGRESS

PROCEEDINGS IN THE NATIONAL LEGISLATURE.

Bills Introduced and the Important Doings of a Week in the House and Senate—A Variety of Topics of Interest from Washington.

The Solons at Work.

In the House on the 6th resolutions were offered expressive of sorrow for the death of the late Congressman Lee, of Virginia. Several eulogistic addresses were delivered and the resolutions were then adopted. The House, out of respect to the memory of the deceased, adjourned.

On the 8th Senator Proctor introduced a bill authorizing the enlistment in the regular army of 3,000 Indians under the same conditions that govern the enlistment of other persons; the strength of the army to be increased to that extent.

In the House on the 9th the Mutchler resolution directing inquiry as to the failure of Keystone and Spring Garden Banks of Philadelphia and the Maverick National Bank of Boston, was adopted. A resolution was introduced directing the Committee on Judiciary to inquire into the right of the Secretary of the Treasury to employ $100,000,000 of the gold reserve for current expenditures. The Hatch Bill, placing the Secretary of Agriculture in line of presidential succession after the Secretary of the Interior was passed. The House then went into a committee of the whole on the military academy appropriation bill. The bill appropriates $465,757, which is larger than last year's appropriation, but $114,427 less than the average amount of the appropriations for the past three years.

In the Senate on the 9th adverse reports were made by the Finance Committee on the following bills: For the free coinage of gold and silver bullion, by Stewart; increasing the circulating medium by issuing treasury notes based on gold and silver coin and bullion, by Peffer; for the retirement of national bank notes, free coinage of silver and promotion of international free coinage, by Plumb; making certain issues of money full legal tender in payment of all debts, by Kyle. The first three bills, with adverse reports, were placed on the calendar, and the last indefinitely postponed. The Senate bill appropriating $500,000 for a monument and statue to Gen. Grant was reported from the committee. Senator Sherman introduced a bill to prohibit the coming of Chinese persons into the United States. Senator Pettigrew, Chairman of the Select Committee on the quadro-centennial, introduced four joint resolutions extending invitations to the Presidents of the American Republics and Governors of the American Colonies to participate in the World's Exposition; to extend like invitations to the King and Queen of Spain and the descendants of Columbus; requesting a loan of certain articles, relics of Columbus, from the Spanish government, and authorizing the Librarian of Congress to exhibit certain documents referring to Columbus. Senator Gibson, of Louisiana, introduced a joint resolution for the appointment of a commission of five Senators, seven Representatives and three experts, to be selected by and associated with the Senators and Representatives, to take evidence and inquire into the depressed condition of the agricultural interests and the low prices of agricultural products, especially cotton; the causes thereof; whether those causes are of a permanent character or whether they have been created, or can be remedied by legislation. A joint resolution for the payment to the State of West Virginia of her proportion of the direct tax was taken up on motion of Senator Faulkner.

The most significant event in the proceedings of the House on the 10th was the report of the Bland free coinage bill. The action was not one that involved debate, as the bill merely went on the calendar to be taken up in order of consideration, but it indicated that it was the intention of the free coinage men to force the bill with all possible haste. The House also, on a report of the Committee on Rules, ordered an investigation of the Pension Bureau as managed by Commissioner Raum. On motion of Mr. Seerley a bill was passed extending the time for the construction of a bridge at Burlington. After some further business the House went into Committee of the Whole on the Military Academy bill.

In the Senate on the 10th a joint resolution as to West Virginia's proportion of the direct tax went over after some debate. The bill providing for the printing, binding, and distribution of public documents was then taken up as unfinished business. A clause authorizing the franking of official matter gave rise to some difficulty, but was finally fixed in these words: "The Vice President, members and members-elect of, delegates and delegates-elect to Congress shall have the privilege of sending free through the mails and under their signature any mail matter to any government official." The bill then went over without action. The oath of office was administered to Mr. Gibson of Maryland, and after an executive session the Senate adjourned.

In the Senate on the 11th an adverse report was made from the Committee on Military Affairs on a bill to provide for the biennial issue of a book to be known as a military register of the United States. Call offered a resolution asking for an investigation into the alleged efforts of railway and other corporations to control the election of Senators in the Florida Legislature. A bill providing for postoffice buildings in towns and cities where postoffice receipts exceed $3,000 annually was made a special order for Monday next. After a short executive session the printing bill was taken up, the question being on Senator Coke's amendment to increase the number of extra copies of the agricultural report. The number of extra copies of the report of the Bureau of Animal Industry, also on motion of Coke, was increased. Senator Gibson introduced a bill to improve navigation and afford ease and safety to trade and commerce on the Mississippi River and prevent destruction by floods, appropriating $16,000,000, of which not more than $3,333,000 is to be expended in any one year.

THE NEWS AFTERMATH.

IT was on the "Jackpot" claim where the recent big silver discoveries were made in Creed, Col. One must "speak by the card" in chronicling it.

AT a meeting of the Pittsburg presbytery resolutions were adopted declaring that unless the World's Fair were closed on Sundays and the sale of liquors prohibited on the grounds, they would not visit the fair and would use their influence to prevent others from attending.

A COMMISSION composed of the members of the American Legation in Paris and a representative of the French government has drafted an extradition treaty between France and the United States for submission to Foreign Minister Ribot and United States Minister Reid.

DAVID PORTER, deputy collector of customs at Savannah, Ga., was shot and killed by his 16-year-old son. Porter went home under the influence of liquor, and, being chided by his wife, struck her. His daughter interfered, and then young Porter ran to a bureau and, taking out a loaded revolver, killed his father.

IN the Creek Nation, Indian Territory, Esna Gordon and Caser Brunner were killed by deputy United States marshals, and Deputy Marshal McCall was seriously wounded. The officers had surrounded a number of outlaws at Brunner's house, when the fight began, with results as stated above.

ALL of the great central bodies of labor organizations in New York have now endorsed a bill to enable all self-supporting women to vote at all elections. Even the socialists, who polled a vote of 14,000 for their candidate for Governor, Daniel De Leon, last fall, are committed to the measure.

HENRY LABOUCHERE says in *Truth*: "Personally I do not feel the slightest loyalty to the royal family; indeed I do not know the meaning of the term royal family. My loyalty to the Queen is a feeling of respect for the visible emblem of the laws that we ourselves have made, and I honor her because of her sterling qualities and for the good sense that she has shown during her long reign."

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