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Homes in Idaho and Utah.

For full description and printed matter write to C. E. Brainard, Ogden, Utah.

At Longfellow's Old Home.

Craige house, the home of the poet Longfellow, at Cambridge, Mass., was visited the other day by members of the Ojibway tribe of Indians of Canada. The Indians were the nephew and grandson of an old chief, who died recently at the age of 86 years. Longfellow was with the old chief for many months while in quest for material for his "Song of Hiawatha," and a mutual affection sprang up between the two men. Wabanosa, the nephew, and Kabcosa, the grandson, were entertained by Miss Longfellow, Mrs. Danna, and Mrs. Thorne, daughters of the poet, and before they left extended an invitation to visit the royal wigwam, on an island in Hiawatha's playground in the land of the Ojibways.

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MANY ARE AFTER JOBS

New Governor of Porto Rico is Dodging Numerous Officeseekers.

LAW IN EFFECT THE FIRST OF MAY

Gage Makes Ruling—War Department to Remain Complete Control of the Island All of This Month—Secretary Gage Arranging for Duty Collections.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—It is understood that no selection of a successor to Allen as assistant secretary of the navy will be made until after Secretary long returns to Washington from Colorado and has had an opportunity to express his preference in the matter. The secretary is expected to arrive here almost any moment. Meanwhile the tide of placeseekers has turned upon Allen's office and the White House, some of the applicants not even waiting for the president's signature to the organic act before presenting their claims for some place connected with the government of Porto Rico. The indications are that none of these appointments will be made until Allen has had an opportunity to reach San Juan and personally look into the conditions there.

Secretary of the Treasury Gage has decided that the customs feature of the Porto Rico tariff and governmental bill goes into operation on the first day of May, 1900. This decision was made necessary in view of a discrepancy in the bill as to the time the act should become operative.

This action was taken as the result of a conference at the treasury today between Assistant Secretary Meiklejohn and Assistant Secretary Spalding. The war department has been in receipt of many inquiries from persons in different sections of the country calling attention to the apparent discrepancy in the Porto Rico act and asking for an official statement as to the date when the duties will go into effect. The conclusion arrived at applies to all of the affairs of the island and the war department will retain complete control and direction there until May 1.

It is expected that Governor Allen will be in San Juan before the end of the present month, but he will not undertake to assume his office until the date named.

The cabinet meeting today was occupied largely in a discussion of Porto Rican affairs and particularly the Porto Rican bill, which was signed by the president yesterday. The provisions of the bill were carefully gone over and suggestions made as to the personnel of the new administration of the island.

Secretary Gage has already taken steps to assume charge of the collection of the customs duties and soon an expert will be designated to go over the island and inspect the present system, with a view to making any changes either in methods or personnel that may seem necessary.

TACTICS CHECK BOERS

Generalship of British War Chief Blocks Oom Paul's Army.

LONDON, April 14.—"The forward movement of the Boers is checked," says Lord Roberts. This is taken to mean not by fighting, but by dispositions to head off their advance and bar their way to vulnerable points in the line of British communications. Relief is on the way to Wepener.

The Boers in Natal appear incapable of developing an aggressive movement at Elandslaagte.

Lord Methuen is at Zwartkopfontein, twelve miles east of Boshof, and is sending small swift columns through the adjacent country. Lord Chesham, commanding one of these, encountered a small commando about ten miles southeast of Zwartkopfontein. He found most of the farms occupied by women and children only.

An editorial note in the Daily Mail avers that Mafeking is in a very bad way and that the hope of relief is far off, as no force is advancing from the south.

The war office announces that 4,000 horses will arrive at the Cape this week. It is well understood that the animals are not fit for work until about ten days after the voyage. Two thousand more are due at the Cape next week. The war office has called out the reserve companies of several infantry battalions, which will be sent to South Africa forthwith.

The Boer peace envoys have documents—the Rome correspondent of the Daily News says—showing that urgent advances to the Transvaal to wage war were originally made by Germany. This correspondent also asserts that Count von Buelow, the German foreign on a visit to a sick brother, really went minister, who was said to have gone to Milan for the express purpose of conferring with the delegates.

TEXAS FEVER NOT THERE

Cattlemen Relieved by the Report of the State Veterinarian.

OGALALLA, Neb., April 14.—State Veterinary Surgeon Anderson was in Ogalalla yesterday and in company with C. E. Menter of this place drove over to the ranch of Theis Bros., on North river, where the Texas fever was reported to be. Mr. Anderson made a thorough examination and reports that Texas fever was not the cause of the death of twenty head of cattle. The ticks on the cattle were the ordinary dog ticks. Cattlemen are much easier since Mr. Anderson reported.

DEWEY AND BRYAN TO MEET

Nebraskan and the Naval Hero Will Be Guests of Chicago.

CHICAGO, April 14.—Admiral Dewey and W. J. Bryan will meet Tuesday evening, May 1, for the first time since the hero of Manila announced he was a presidential candidate.

All doubts as to Bryan's presence was dispelled today when Max J. Riese of the Lakeside club received a telegram from him saying that he would cancel previous engagements in order that he could be present at that organization's celebration, which is a part of a general program.

Indicted as White Caps.

DANVILLE, Ind., April 14.—The grand jury has returned indictments against Elwood Walker, Silas Walker, George Alexander, Samuel Sauteney, William Terry, Lee Bolton, Benson Eggers, Harry Swank, Fred Staley and John Reeder as participants in the whitecapping affair on the night of arch 5, when Ed and Otis Hughes were flogged with blacksnake whips. All except Elwood Walker, Alexander and Staley are under $300 bonds. The cases are set for the May term of court. It is understood that one of the party has turned state's evidence.

BOOM FOR MERCER

Nebraskan Talked of as Running Mate for McKinley.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—Congressman Mercer is the latest suggestion for vice president, his name being frequently heard in and about the capital. The Star says this evening:

"The latest addition which political gossips have made to the list of available for vice president is Mr. Mercer of Nebraska. The suggestion of his name has been received with favor in many quarters. The main argument in his behalf is the possibility of carrying Nebraska against Bryan.

There is a well defined movement on foot among republicans to go west for a running mate for McKinley. The same spirit which was shown in the election of Henderson as speaker in compliance with a demand from the west for recognition is being manifested again. The claim is frequently put forward that the center of population in the republican party has moved west of the Alleghenies and that western republicans must be considered. So, while easterners are gravely discussing an available man in the east, western politicians are turning their faces toward the setting sun in search of a candidate to take second place on the national ticket. Western republicans are as strenuous in this affair as they were in the speakership contest, when in their breezy, western fashion they so rudely upset the plans of a number of calculating politicians of the east.

COMMISSIONS FOR SURGEONS

Congress Urged to Give Contract Medical Officers the Prize.

WASHINGTON, April 14.—The secretary of war has forwarded to congress with his approval the draft of a bill prepared by Surgeon General Sternberg providing for the appointment of contract surgeons who have rendered one year's faithful and satisfactory service in the army of the United States as assistant surgeons of volunteers with the rank of first lieutenant. The bill provides for such appointments after the usual examination as to physical and professional qualifications and the officers so commissioned are to be subject to honorable discharge whenever their services are no longer required. The bill also provides for the promotion of such assistant surgeons to the rank of captain after two years' faithful and satisfactory service. General Sternberg has written a letter to the secretary of war urging the enactment of the proposed legislation during the present session of congress, both in the interests of the service and as a matter of justice to a number of contract surgeons who are now in the service, and upon whom to a large extent he says devolves the duty of caring for the sick of our armies in the United States, in Cuba, in Porto Rico, in Alaska and in the Philippines.

ANDREWS GOES TO LINCOLN.

Gets Leave of Absence to Look Over the Nebraska University.

CHICAGO, April 14.—Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews left for Lincoln to consult with the regents of the University of Nebraska and survey the institution, whose chancellorship has been offered him. He will decide upon acceptance or rejection of the proposition within a few days. Some of his friends expect the announcement to be made at Lincoln before his return home. His visit to the university is regarded as indicative of a desire to accept the place. Trustees of the Chicago board of education who are anxious to retain Dr. Andrews as superintendent of Chicago schools were surprised when he asked for a leave of absence to visit Nebraska.

VISITS AMONG ROYALTY

Emperor of Austria's Calls at Berlin Will Probably Be Returned.

BERLIN, April 14.—Several of the leading papers of this city today publish special dispatches from Vienna saying that the visit which the emperor of Austria is shortly to make here will be reciprocated by a joint visit of Emperor William, the king of number of other German rulers to Vienna for the purpose of commemorating Emperor Fancis Joseph's seventieth birthday, which occurs August 18. The statement is also printed that the czar will pay a visit to Vienna in July.

Clark Will Not Resign.

BUTTE, Mont., April 14.—A special from Washington to the Inter-Mountain says:

It is now certain that Senator Clark will not resign. The pressure from his Montana friends and legal advisers is in favor of contesting to a finish. The Times this morning says that Senators Mason, Bacon and Heitfeld will make a fight on the floor of the senate, claiming that a two-thirds vote is necessary to unseat him. They claim that the report of the committee does not sustain the direct charge of bribery against him. They will expose the character of his plans and he will doubtless make a speech in his own behalf.

Make Quick Trip.

KEARNEY, Neb., April 14.—A train of five coaches, carrying New York Central railroad engineers and their wives, passed through Kearney at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The train left North Platte at 12:35, making the run of ninety-six miles in ninety-one minutes, including a five-minute delay at Lexington. The run from Lexington to Kearney, a distance of thirty-six miles, was made in thirty-two minutes.

Disband Last Army Corps.

NEW YORK, April 14.—A special to the Herald from Washington says. Orders will be issued by Secretary Root this week formally directing the dissolution of the Eighth army corps. This action will relegate to history the last of the army corps organized to wage war against the kingdom of Spain. The Eight army corps has been in existence longer than any other corps formed since the civil war. It has been merged into the division of the Philppines, with four departments, presided over by general officers. Brigadier General Theodore Schwan will return home from Manila with General Otis.

Coast Populists for Bryan.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., April 14.—The populist state central committee last night selected thirty-six delegates to the national populist convention at Sioux Falls. The delegates were not instructed, but open expressions indicate that W. J. Bryan is the choice of the majority of the delegates.

1,351 Ballots and Adjourns.

WELLINGTON, Ore., April 14.—The congressional convention, after having cast 1,351 ballots and failing to make a choice for congressman, adjourned to meet in Norwalk May 17.

ALLEN TO PORTO RICO

Assistant Secretary of the Navy Named for Civil Governor.

HE DEPARTS FOR THE ISLAND

Goes to Acquaint Himself More Thoroughly with Conditions There—Post a Hard One to Fill at Present—Little Time Left to Form Skeleton Government Under the Bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 13.—Charles H. Allen, at present assistant secretary of the navy, will be the first civil governor of Porto Rico, under the provisions of the bill passed by the house of representatives yesterday.

Inasmuch as the act takes effect on the first of next month, there is but little time left in which to outline a skeleton form of government, including the formation of a cabinet.

Toward the close of the day Allen was summoned to the White house by the president and the formal tender of the post was made. Allen returned a practical acceptance. Then the president and the next governor of Porto Rico spent an hour in close conference. Owing to the fact that little more than two weeks' time intervenes before the civil government must go into operation, according to the act of congress, it was decided that it would not be practicable to complete the cabinet of the governor in that time. Therefore Allen will go alone to San Juan at the earliest possible moment after Secretary Long's return to Washington, which should be on Saturday next.

He will put himself in touch with General Davis, now military governor of the island, and spend a short time in acquainting himself with the insular affairs and in studying the character of the men who present themselves to his notice as proper material for membership of the new cabinet. The organic act prescribes that at least seven members of the council shall be Porto Ricans.

While the actual appointment of these offices will devolve upon the president, Allen's observations while in Porto Rico are expected to aid materially in the selections. As soon as he shall have established himself and gained the knowledge he seeks Governor Allen will return to the United States. He may leave General Davis in charge during his absence, but in case it shall have been found possible to complete the formation of the cabinet, or even if only one member shall have been appointed, then that person will act as temporary governor. As to his intentions respecting the administration of the island's affairs Allen disclosed these during a short interview this afternoon, in the course of which he said:

"It is true that the president has asked me to go to Porto Rico as the civil governor. I regard this tender in the spirit in which it is made, as a great compliment, although its acceptance means undertaking grave responsibilities.

"My own inclination and my personal interests urge me to decline, but one should not always choose the easy way. There is a patriotic duty sometimes to be performed. If I can arrange my affairs in such a way as to enable me to do so I shall accept the position and I shall then be ready to start at once for this post of duty tomorrow.

"My deep regret is leaving the navy department. My service there has been of the happiest sort and the attachments there for me will always remain a pleasant memory."

In the selection of Mr. Allen the president has had in mind the appointment of a man of affairs and of sound business experience, qualities which are deemed essential in the administration of the affairs of an entirely new government such as is to be erected in Porto Rico.

Mr. Allen is no lawyer, but legal advice always can be had even in Porto Rico, when the occasion arises, and in fact the organic act provides for a well paid attorney general as a member of the governor general's cabinet.

Advantage with Federals.

PRETORIA, Wednesday, April 13.—Advices from Wepener, where a British force is surrounded, say the battle continues favorable to the federals. About 1,500 British troops are said to be there.

A heavy cannonade was heard this morning in the direction of Bultfontein situated midway between Winburgo and Boshof, in the Orange Free State, and north of Brandfort.

Advices from the Boer headquarters in Natal say that after a heavy bombardment the British are retiring in the direction of Ladysmith and the federals are going to their old positions.

BRYAN VISITS DYING WOMAN

Responds to Request that She May See Champion of Her Faith.

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 13.—W. J. Bryan arrived here this morning and was escorted by two brass bands through the streets to his hotel, where he was entertained by the democratic clubs. A reception followed, during which he received a message from a dying woman, asking him to call on her, as she desired to meet the champion of her faith. He readily responded. Returning to the hotel, Mr. Bryan addressed the school children, the schools being closed for the occasion. For an hour and a half he addressed 5,000 people.

BOER ACTIVITY EXPLAINED.

So Anxious to Fight They Cannot Be Kept From It.

BLOEMFONTEIN, Wednesday, April 13.—According to information received here the Boer activity eastward of the railroad and in proximity to the border is largely due to the fact that Presidents Kruger and Steyn have found they are unable to keep their forces together in inactivity, the burghers declaring they are unwilling to remain with their commands unless actively employed, as they are convinced the British game is a waiting one.

Would Break Hennessy Will.

DUBUQUE, Ia., April 13.—Michael J. Hennessy today filed a petition to have the will of his brother, Archbishop Hennessy, declared null and void. He alleges the will on file is not the last one; that there are two new wills, one disposing of church property, the other of private property. They bear date of January 18, 1900, while the original bears the date of January 17.

The new wills are said to have the same witnesses as the first one and to have many erasures and interlines. The wills are in the possession of an attorney.

REPORTS THE BOERS ACTIVE

Lord Roberts Says Nothing About the Reported British Defeats.

LONDON, April 12.—Lord Roberts wires to the war office from Bloemfontein, under date of Tuesday, April 10, as follows:

"The enemy has been very active during the last few days. One commando is now on the north bank of the Orange river, not far from Aliwal North, while another is attacking Wepener. The garrison there is holding out bravely and inflicted serious loss on the Boers. Major Spring of the Cape Mounted Rifles was killed. No other casualties have been reported as yet. The troops are being moved up rapidly. A patrol of six men of the Seventh Dragon Guards, under Lieutenant Wetherlt, which had been reported missing since April 7, has returned safely."

As the foregoing dispatch does not mention the alleged British reverse on Saturday at Meerkatsfontein, the Boer telegrams are not credited at the war office, and they are further discredited on account of the discrepancies in the dispatches, as Meerkatsfontein in one message is located near Brandfort and in another it is located southeast of Bloemfontein, the places being 100 miles apart.

General Gatacre's return to England is accepted as being in the nature of a recall, though no reason is given for it and it will be associated in the public mind with his lack of success. Lord Roberts criticised his management of the Stormberg attack, and possibly Gatacre's having arrived an hour and a half too late to rescue the Reddersburg force may have decided his return.

General Rundle, seemingly, succeeds General Gatacre, and, according to a dispatch from Bloemfontein, the commanders of several brigades are about to be changed.

The Reuter Telegram company's correspondent at Aliwal North, wiring at 9:30 this morning, says: "There is no further news from Wepener. Too cloudy to heliograph. More British troops are arriving."

It is learned that the Boer governments have formally notified Portugal that they consider the shipping of British troops and munitions of war to Rhodesia by way of Beira, Portuguese East Africa, to be tantamount to hostile action. This, however, will not stop General Sir Frederick Carrington's force from entering Rhodesia. Whether or not the Boers will make reprisals upon Portugal remains to be seen, though the best informed opinion here inclines to the belief that the Boers are not likely to back up their protest with action that would bring them into hostilities with still another power.

CONVENTION HALL GUARANTY

Minneapolis Contractors Put Up a Forfeit Bond.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 12.—A $50,000 bond was today given by the Gillette-Herzog Manufacturing Co. of Minneapolis to insure the erection of new convention hall in time for occupancy by the democratic convention in July. The company agrees to have the ten immense steel trusses that will support the roof in place by June 15, under a penalty of $10 a day for each day it might be delayed beyond the time limit. If it should appear to the architect and to the hall directors that all the trustees will not be up by June 15, they will have the privilege of having the work stopped and of calling upon the men and machinery of the steel company to aid in putting the building in temporary shape for the convention. A formal contract for the work was signed this afternoon by F. J. Llewellyn, vice president of the Minneapolis firm and the hall director.

DEWEY'S PRIZE MONEY

Admiral Gets $9,790 and His Men $100 Each.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Argument was begun in the United States supreme court in the case of Admiral Dewey and his men. The case grows out of their claim for bounty due for the destruction of the Spanish fleet at Manila, and comes to the supreme court on an appeal from the decision of the court of claims. The court awarded the men $100 each and the admiral $9,790. The claim is double that amount in all cases on the ground that the enemy's force was superior to the American fleet. Messrs. William D. King and Benjamin Micou and Former Secretary Herbert represent the claimants, and Assistant Attorney General Pradt the government.

Frick Intends to Sell Out.

NEW YORK, April 12.—A special to the Tribune from Pittsburg says: "H. C. Frick will dispose of all his holdings—something over $16,000,000—in the Carnegie company just as soon as he can," says a big stockholder of the Carnegie company. "He won what he contended for and will not remain to hamper Mr. Carnegie or his partners." It is said that Mr. Frick and President Schwab are not on pleasant terms and this has done much toward keeping Messrs. Frick and Carnegie apart. Officials of the Carnegie company deny that there is any truth in the report that the company will taken in the Cramps concern.

Deignan Gets Promotion.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—Osborn Deignan, who was one of the crew of the Merrimac when that vessel was sunk in the harbor of Santiago, has been appointed an acting boatswain in the navy and assigned to duty on the gun boat Marietta.

All Prisoners to St. Helena.

SIMONSTOWN, April 12.—Owing to the unfavorable conditions for keeping the Boer prisoners here, the authorities have decided to ship them all to St. Helena with the least possible delay. The sickness among the captured burghers is abating.

Kitchener Hurries North.

ALIWAL NORTH, April 12.—Lord Kitchener arrived here today and left soon after.

A Boer big gun was knocked over yesterday at Wepener. The garrison is holding its own. There has been heavy cannonading there again today.

Blown Up in Havana Harbor.

HAVANA, April 12.—About 12 o'clock last night an explosion occurred on board the German tank steamer Guthell, Captain Schroeder, from Philadelphia, April 5, which was anchored near Regla wharf, waiting for cargo.

The uproar aroused many of the inhabitants. The accident was due to a bursting boiler, which in turn led to the explosion of a large tank of oil.

The vessel was not seriously damaged, but two of the crew were badly hurt.

WABASH IS A WINNER

The Burlington Road Must Accept Shipments at Council Bluffs.

THE LOCAL RATES MUST BE PAID

This Leaves the Advantage With the Burlington—Tenor of the Order Issued by Judge Thayer—Frank Dinsmore, the Murderer, in the Penitentiary for Safe Keeping—Miscellaneous Notes.

OMAHA, Neb., April 12.—In the United States circuit court the order of Judge Thayer was filed in the case of the Omaha & St. Louis railroad against the Burlington & Missouri railroad. The case was heard at St. Louis upon the application of the plaintiff for mandatory injunction against the defendant road and G. W. Holdrege, general manager, to compel the agents of the road to accept, at Council Bluffs a carload of agricultural implements, consigned from an Ohio point to a station of the Burlington & Missouri in Nebraska. The answer filed by the defendant road set up that the Burlington & Missouri operated no road and maintained no agents. The plaintiff filed a reply stating that it didn't know whether the defendant road maintained agents and operated a road or not, but that G. W. Holdrege, as general manager of some road, had refused to accept the freight unless it was transferred to the defendant's cars and the full local rate paid, and in proof of that incorporated the note of the general manager in the reply.

The case was heard on its merits, the affidavit of C. J. Greene showing the position of the Burlington route in the matter. This affidavit stated that the Burlington road had, at vast expense, secured a through route from Chicago, St. Louis and Quincy to points in Nebraska, and that it is therefore entitled to regulate the matter of its traffic arrangements so that the Burlington route will receive the largest amount of receipts from freight traffic in the territory covered by the road; that there is no traffic arrangement with the plaintiff road and that, therefore, the general manager had a right to insist that the freight be transferred to Burlington cars, and the full local rate paid before he would accept the consignment, because if he transported the car to the Nebraska station the plantiff road or the road owning the car could charge the Burlington road rent on the car while its own cars were standing idle.

The order issued by Judge Thayer is in effect that G. W. Holdrege, as agent of the Burlington & Missouri, as agent of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy, be compelled to accept the car at Council Bluffs and to transport it to its destination, not, however, before the plaintiff pays or tenders payment of the full local charges.

Brought to the Pen.

OMAHA, Neb., April 12.—Frank Dinsmore, the wife murderer and slayer of Frank Laue, was brought to Lincoln from Kearney to be placed in the penitentiary for safe keeping until his execution, or until the supreme court passes upon the appeal of his attorneys. He was brought here by Sheriff Funk of Buffalo county. It will take some time for the supreme court to act. If a decision can be secured speedily and it is against Dinsmore he will be hanged July 20. The crime was committed in Buffalo county near the town of Odessa, but the defendant took a change of venue and the case was tried at Lexington, Dawson county. Dinsmore has been kept at Kearney as the jail at Lexington was considered insecure.

Falls From a Scaffold.

STANTON, Neb., April 12.—Cyrus J. Trent, an old resident and highly respected citizen of this place, a contractor and builder, met with a very painful accident on the farm of Paul Belz, two miles west of town, by a scaffold giving away, precipitating him to the ground and fracturing the bones of his right hip. It is not known at this time whether he has sustained internal injuries. Mr. Trent has a number of contracts for the erection of dwellings here and will probably be laid up during the entire season.

Fatality of a Well Digger.

OAKLAND, Neb., April 11.L. P. Anderson, a well digger, who was walling up a well, was suddenly taken with an epileptic fit, and fel ltwenty-five feet headlong into five feet of water, and was drowned, at the farm of P. W. Swanson, here. He leaves a wife and daughter and son, grown.

Writes Home From Philippines.

RISING CITY, Neb., April 12.—Ward Grubb, a son of E. Grubb of this place, has written home in relation to some of his experiences in the Philippine army, which he entered several months ago, and in which he has evidently seen considerable hard service and received several close calls, judging from his letter. He also tells of his promotion. He is of the opinion that the war is nearing its close.

Organize Business Men's Club.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., April 12.—At a meeting of business men, which was well attended, Mayor Platt was chosen as temporary chairman, and James F. Rourke secretary. The meeting was held for the organization of a business men's club, or rather a reorganization, and as the preliminary step Mayor Platt was instructed to appoint a committee to draft plans for an organization. Another meeting will soon be held.

Brakeman Instantly Killed.

ARLINGTON, Neb., April 12.—Brakeman Frank Henion was killed instantly here while coupling cars. His head was mashed to a jelly and his leg crushed. The cause of death was accidental and no blame attached to the railroad company.

Sale of Nebraska Cattle.

MINDEN, Neb., April 12.—A sale of thoroughbred shorthorn cattle at Minden attracted quite a large crowd of stockmen from all over the state. All ages sold on an average for about $110 per head.

Charge Attorney With Perjury.

O'NEILL, Neb., April 12.—Attorney Dick Johnson of Stuart was arrested upon the charge of subornation of perjury and bound over in the sum of $500 to appear in county court or preliminary examination Saturday. This case cames as a sequel to the Kraft case. It is charged that Johnson secured Kraft.

Frank Morsett pleaded guilty in county court to the stealing of a $40 horse from George Candee on April 6. He was bound over in the sum of $300, in default of which he went to jail.

INCREASE THREE MILLIONS.

Growth of Bank Deposits in Nebraska in One Year.

LINCOLN, April 14.—The quarterly report of the condition of Nebraska banks issued by Secretary Hall of the state banking board does not differ materially from the former quarterly report. The legal reserve on hand is 23 per cent. The banks were then in splendid condition and the report shows that they are about at a standstill, though as compared with the report of one year ago the deposits have increased $3,001,837.95. The deposits one year ago were $19,253,050.74, while the report of Secretary Hall just issued shows deposits amounting to $22,254,888.64. At present there are 409 banks and last year there were 395. Secretary Hall's report shows the condition of state and private banks, including savings banks, at the close of business March 12. The following is a summary:

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$21,880,840 40
Overdrafts	279,366 84
Stocks, securities, judgments, claims, etc.	200,358 28
Due from national, state and private banks and bankers	5,257,684 13
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	1,191,566 57
Other real estate	779,821 56
Current expenses and taxes paid	244,983 17
Premiums on bonds, etc.	1,670 98
Assets not otherwise enumerated	129,729 57
Cash items	57,472 61
Cash reserve	2,608,822 50
U. S. bonds on hand	18,300 00
Total	$32,141,863 17

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	$ 2,185,650 00
Surplus fund	1,002,288 90
Undivided profits	1,050,758 05
Dividends unpaid	1,364 02
General deposits	22,254,888 69
Other liabilities	1,297 18
Notes and bills rediscounted	233,724 75
Bills payable	400,892 58
Total	$32,141,863 17

Sugar Beet Raising.

SOUTH OMAHA, April 14.—Members of the South Omaha Commercial club still maintain an active interest in the securing of contracts for the raising of sugar beets. J. F. Weybright has been shown about a considerable section of the territory immediately surrounding South Omaha and the results have been all that was anticipated. Farmers are taking hold of the matter nicely and without doubt fully 300 acres of beets will be grown this year on the outskirts of the Magic City. It is expected that in a few days a local company for the raising of beets will be organized with a view of promoting the industry and showing the farmers that there is money in beets. Mr. Weybright is making his headquarters at the office of Secretary Watkins and all information regarding the raising of beets can be obtained there.

Found Dead in His Bed.

CRAWFORD, Neb., April 14—Frank Shirley, a prominent furniture merchant of this place, was found dead in his bed. Death presumably resulted from heart failure. He slept in a room opening off his store and when the building was not opened as usual this morning the door was forced open and the body found. Mr. Shirley came from Maine about seven years ago and has since been a prominent figure in school and municipal affairs and in church work. He was recently reelected village councilman. He was a widower and has a son, who is a practicing physician in Massachusetts.

Strange Bird Shot at Columbus.

COLUMBUS, Neb., April 14.—Dr. A. J. Baker shot a strange bird on the Platte river. He brought the bird to town and it proves to be what is called by ornithologists as the night heron and is said to be seldom seen in this part of the country. The bird is a water fowl of the family of waders and has a very beautiful plumage.

Burket Renominated.

LINCOLN, April 14.—At the republican convention of the First congressional district held in the Auditorium in this city E. J. Burket was renominated by acclamation for congress and E. A. Tucker of Richardson county and George M. Spurlock of Cass county were chosen district delegates to the national republican convention.

Eight Inches of Snow.

AINSWORTH, Neb., April 14.—Brown county was favored with a heavy rain all day Thursday, terminating in snow during the night. The heaviest snow of the winter fell. It is estimated that eight inches fell and all has melted filling the streams with water and putting the ground in excellent shape for putting in crops.

Victim of Shooting Recovers.

VALENTINE, Neb., April 14.—William cLester, a private in troop K, First cavalry, who some time ago shot his comrade, Private Goldberg, was granted a preliminary hearing and was bound over to district court on a charge of shooting with intent to kill. At the time of the shooting, it was thought Goldberg would die, but he has fully recovered.

Pupils' Aid to India.

JUNIATA, Neb., April 14.—The pupils of the Juniata public school have just contributed $15.39 to the India famine relief fund.

Crop Cogditions at Schuyler.

SCHUYLER, Neb., April 14.—Small grain in this locality is about all in, and it awaited several days the late rain needed to sprout it. An unusally large acreage of spring wheat was sown, but the acreage of winter wheat is small. What there is is in good condition. Many are now plowing for corn.

Taken to the Asylum.

HASTINGS, April 14.—Sheriff Simmering took Emmanuel Lapp to the Lincoln asylum. Last year Mr. Lapp, who is a well to do farmer, with a good farm and home near the village of Holstein, changed the location of the various buildings, including the house in which the family lived, and since that time he has imagined that he is turned around and that it will be necessary to put the buildings all back in their former position in order to bring him right. He is perfectly rational on every other subject and said when leaving for the asylum that it was a shame to take him there.

Nebraska Bank Statistics.

LINCOLN, April 13.—The quarterly statement of the condition of state and private banks in Nebraska at the close of business March 12 shows continued improvement in all lines of the banking business. The deposits, as shown by the report, amounted to $22,254,888.69, an increase of $3,000 over the same period of last year.

Wade Pomeroy, one of the high school seniors at Stuart, returned from Bicomfield, bringing back with him a beautiful silver medal, showing that he had carried away first honor in the oratorical contest recently held there.

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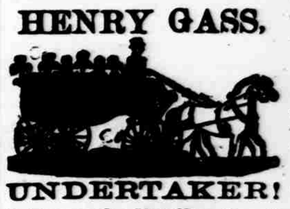

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