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## IS DEAD OR DISABLED

Belief that Colonel Baden-Powell No Longer Commands at Mafeking.

### BOERS GOING FROM BLOEMFONTEIN

Country in Terrible Condition and Fever is Decimating Mafeking—Flood Waters Adding to Hardships—Cecil Rhodes Makes Unexpected Departure From London for the Cape.

LONDON, April 21.—New York World Cablegram—Special Telegram.)—Is Colonel Baden-Powell, the hero of Mafeking, dead or sick?

The rumor that he is one or the other came from Boer sources early this week. Of course it was discredited, but it is remarkable that for three weeks now the dispatches received from Mafeking—the last dated April 14—do not mention his name. Until this silence Colonel Baden-Powell's name, his varied activities, his schemes and his interchanges of hostilities with the Boer forces investing Mafeking, filled all the Mafeking dispatches.

Lady Sarah Wilson's latest dispatches make mention of "the commandant," but Baden-Powell's name is conspicuous by its absence.

The war office's reply to my inquiry about the colonel was, "We have no information." If the war officials had any evidence to contradict the Boer report they undoubtedly would quickly publish it. Yet that report remains uncontradicted.

That the British authorities should desire to suppress news of Baden-Powell's death (if true) as long as possible is easy to understand, for publication of it would embolden the Boers to make a final dash for the possession of Mafeking.

Major Lord Edward Cecil, son of Lord Salisbury, must be in command if Colonel Baden-Powell is dead of disabled.

LONDON, April 21.—A cable from Bloemfontein reports fighting at Karee siding, six miles north of Glen. This is an indication that the British forces have begun the advance on Pretoria, but even if this were only an unimportant skirmish there are many other indications that Lord Roberts is either starting or has already started for the northern goal.

A dispatch from Capetown under today's date says:

"The censorship restrictions have been greatly increased, owing to the movements of the troops." All the dispatches bear traces of the strenuous efforts of the correspondents to give their papers an inkling of what is afoot.

"The Boers south of Bloemfontein are reported to be retreating. Large commandos were seen April 19, near Thaba N'Chu, moving to the north. Their progress was slow, however, owing to the terrible condition of the country. By way of Pretoria comes a report that fever is decimating the Mafeking garrison and a letter from the mayor of Mafeking says Lord Roberts asked Colonel Baden-Powell to hold out until May 20.

### WIPED OUT BY FIRE

Business Portion of a North Dakota Town Entirely Destroyed.

GRAND FORKS, N. D., April 21.—Word was received here this afternoon that Edinburg in the northern part of Walsh county was burning and almost immediately after the first information came to hand the telegraph wires went down and it was impossible to get further information from that source. A telephone message to Park River brought the following particulars from a reliable source:

"The fire started at 2 p. m. in the rear of Flatens drug store, standing at the south end of the business portion of the town. A south wind aided the flames in quickly spreading and before anyone was aware what had happened the whole town was ablaze. It was impossible to learn how the fire originated.

Several people attempted to save their personal belongings, but were compelled to abandon the attempt and flee for their lives. Two women, Mrs. Lindahl and Mrs. B. J. Orson, perished in the flames and one child barely escaped. The residence portion of the city is uninjured. The chief sufferers are business men and the people who occupied apartments above stores.

**Freight Rates Cancelled.**

NEW YORK, April 21.—It is announced by a Wall street news agency that the through freight rates between the Pacific coast and all points south of the Ohio and east of the Mississippi river were canceled today. All of the interested roads, including the Southern Pacific, have issued notices to that effect. As a result of this action, the transcontinental rates east of the Mississippi river are added to the rate between San Francisco and the river and the through rate advanced in the exact amount of the added local, which ranges from 30 cents per 100 pounds to $1 and more in some instances.

**Griggs Wants $300,000 More.**

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 21.—Attorney General Griggs was before the house committee on public buildings and grounds today to urge an additional $300,000 appropriation for the proposed new department of justice building.

**To Report Grand Army Bill**

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 21.—After extended conferences the house committee on invalid pensions, of which Representative Sulloway of New Hampshire is chairman, finally determined today to report to the house senate bill 1477, which is known as the "Grand Army bill." The final draft of the bill aggregates the disabilities under which applications may be made for pension under the act of June 27, 1890. The other radical change in existing law is the changing of the rate of income of a soldier's widow from the present rate of $96 per year to an "actual net income of $250 per year."

**Rules as to Branding Cattle.**

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Congressman Burke of South Dakota, in behalf of the stockmen of th estate, has requested the Indian officials to frame rules and regulations requiring stockmen and Indians on reservations to comply with the state law with reference to the branding of cattle. It is asserted that many brands used on reservations are similar to those registered under the law, and that this condition of affairs has created considerable confusion. It is probable that such a regulation will be adopted.

### ACTION AGAINST TURKEY

State Department Proceeding With Caution in Its Work.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Secretary Hay returned to Washington today from New York. An accumulation of departmental business awaited him, but nothing in the nature of an ultimatum directed to the Turkish government was included in the mass of correspondence.

It is apparent that, though determined upon positive action, the State department is proceeding decorously and with due precautions against being led into any position which it cannot maintain. It may be stated by authority that the State department is entirely satisfied of the accuracy of Minister Starus' statement relative to the promises made to him by the porte, notwithstanding the attempted explanations and efforts to becloud the issue by declarations that the sultan's promises were conditional.

The minister's dispatches, sent while he was in Constantinople, are couched in exact terms; his written statements were fully confirmed by his oral explanations to the department upon his return to the United States, and, moreover, the pledges he secured were similar to those made to the two preceeding United States ministers to Turkey. In the opinion of the State department officials it is inconceivable that three United States ministers should be consecutively deceived in the terms of a promise or should have reached similar misunderstandings.

The approval which the State department's latest action seems to have received in Europe was anticipated, it being realized here that several of the continental powers having claims similar to our own against Turkey, being themselves prevented from imitating any forcible demand upon the Turkish government by reason of the jealousy of their neighbors, are entirely willing that the United States government shall act as a pioneer in this matter and clear the way for a prosecution of their own claims.

It is also believed here that the European powers are hopeful that the attitude assumed by the United States may indirectly serve to deter the Turkish government from the proposed arbitrary increase of 3 per cent in customs dues which it seeks to make in defiance of the joint protest of the European powers. It appears that our government is lending its moral support to this protest, for while not joining with the others in the combined note, our charge, Mr. Griscom, has been instructed to make representations on our own account in opposition to the increase of duties.

### MUST PAY FOR THEIR LANDS

Binger Herman Rules on the Bill to Give Nebraska Settlers a Lift.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Commissioner Herman of the general land office, reporting upon the bill "for the relief of homestead settlers on that portion of the great Sioux reservation lying and being in the state of Nebraska, formerly in the territory of Dakota, now South Dakota," says that the design of the bill is to amend all laws in force respecting that portion of the great Sioux reservation in Nebraska, so as to relieve the homestead settlers thereon from the payment of $1.25 per acre. That the settlers shall receive patents for their homestead entries on the payment of the usual land fees, without being required to pay any other or additional sum. This, Mr. Herman says, would be a discrimination in favor of these settlers and against those in South Dakota upon the former Sioux reservation. In view of this fact, and that settlers on Indian lands generally are required to pay for the lands entered by them a sum per acre sufficient to either reimburse the government for the amount paid to the Indians or to compensate the Indians for the lands ceded by them, the commissioner says he cannot recommend the passage of the bill.

**Twelve Sacks of $5 Letters.**

BOSTON, Mass., April 21.—Twelve sacks of mail addressed to Francis Truth, the "divine healer," who was arrested recently, charged with fraud, have been impounded by the United States government under the usual "fraud order." Many of the thousands of letters contained in the twelve mail sacks carry money for "absent treatment."

Truth's usual charge was $5 for absent treatment, so that necessarily the amount of money contained in the letters is very large

**Reorganization of the Army.**

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The senate committee on military affairs today reached an agreement to report the bill for the reorganization of the army, with a number of amendments. The bill confers the rank of lieutenant general upon the senior major general, and that of major general upon the adjutant general of the army.

### HAVOC IS WROUGHT BY FLOOD

Millions of Dollars Worth of Property Destroyed in the South.

NEW ORLEANS, April 22.—The flood which commenced the early part of the week has alread caused, at a conservative estimate, fully $3,000,000 loss in central and southern Mississippi, to say nothing of the damage sustained by the railroads. The extent of the losses have not yet been fully realized, and it may be some days yet before an accurate total can be reached, for mail communication has been totally cut off between those localities which have suffered most and the outside world.

In Louisiana, too, the damage done by the unprecedented rains was great.

A special from Columbus, Miss., received late tonight, fixes the loss in that little town and its immediate vicinity at $500,000. Many farm houses were carried away by the mad waters, the occupants barely escaping with their lives, and the number of cattle destroyed was great. A great many cotton gins and mill houses were washed away. Nearly every bridge around Columbia was swept down street. The Pearl river is now higher than it has been known for many years. Miles and miles of the New Orleans & Northwestern track is still under water.

**Will Support Mr. Bryan.**

NEW YORK, April 21.—The democratic state committee met at the Hoffman house today for the purpose of naming a time and place for holding the state convention to elect four delegates-at-large to the national convention at Kansas City. It is said that Mr. Croker will join hands with ex-Senator Hill to send an uninstructed delegation to Kansas City. The leaders disclaim, however, any hostility to Mr. Bryan. Ex-Senator Hill is now, so it is declared, ready to support Bryan and will be with Bryan this fall, the politicians say.

## THE GUNS TAKEN AWAY

Not a Single Piece of Ordnance Now in Pretoria Forts.

### THE OPERATIONS ABOUT SPION KOP

All Infantry Divisions at Bloemfontein Now Supplied With Tents—Discovery of Concealed Arms and Ammunition at Kimberly.

LONDON, April 20.—A dispatch to the Daily News from Capetown says: A gentleman just arrived from the Transvaal assures me that not a single gun remains in the Pretoria forts.

The Ladysmith correspondent of the Daily Mail, in a dispatch dated Wednesday, says:

"The news of the nature of the dispatch of Lord Roberts to the war office regarding the Spionkop operations has created much comment locally, out no resignations are mentioned."

The Bloemfontein correspondent of the Chronicle says: The requisite remounts have arrived and all the infantry divisions are now supplied with tents. The Boers in the immediate neighborhood are quiet, but both sides are steadily preparing for the coming struggle. Lord Roberts is now ready.

Several lots of concealed arms and ammunition have been discovered here this week. The epidemic of enteric fever is abating.

A dispatch to the Morning Post from Kimberley, dated Wednesday, says: Lord Methuen has issued a proclamation forbidding civilians to carry arms without military permits and ordering rebels to surrender all serviceable modern arms by May 6.

A singular message, dated Bloemfontein, April 19, 10:55 a. m., and beginning: "Via Press Censor, Bloemfontein," reports an exchange of shots in the direction of DeWetesdorp, where the Boers are said to be concentrating, "after their withdrawal from Wepener."

### REBUILDING OF DAWSON

Is Very Unsubstantial — Rush to Cape Nome Begins Early.

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Deputy Consul Adams reports to the state department from Dawson City, February 28, that in spite of danger and hardship, no less than 700 people left for Cape Nome during the winter, and that thousands are ready to leave as soon as spring opens. The winter was the coldest on record. The gold output for this season is estimated at double that of a year ago, or from $20,000,000 to $25,000,000, due to improved methods of mining.

### GOVERNOR TAYLOR INDICTED

Charged With Complicity in Killing of Goebel.

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 20.—It is persistently reported here tonight that Governor Taylor has been indicted by the grand jury and that the indictment was returned this morning, along with those against Captain Davis and Green Golden, but that this indictment will not be given out until Governor Taylor returns from Washington.

### BRYAN DENIES ANY ILLNESS

Says That He Has Never Felt Better and Will Continue Speeches.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 20.—The following dispatch was received this afternoon from Austin, Tex.:

"To the Editor of the Post-Dispatch: You may state for me that the stories that I am in ill health are untrue. I have never felt better in my life. I speak tonight at the University auditorium and next Saturday at Yeargins Grove, this county, and on next Tuesday at Wichita, Tex.

"WILLIAM J. BRYAN."

**New Gavel for Each Bill.**

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Speaker Henderson was the recipient today of a unique gavel from Admiral Hichborn, chief of the bureau of construction of the navy department. It is made from the ribs of the cruiser Olympia, the flagship of Admiral Dewey, and is unlike most gavels in being a solid piece of wood without a handle, but with a groove in the middle for the speaker's grasp.

**Bryan Will Be Named.**

NEW YORK, April 20.—It was declared today by Frank Campbell, chairman of the democratic state committee, that the committee had decided to hold the state convention in the middle of June in this city and that "so certain were the members that William J. Bryan would be the natural nominee for the presidential candidacy that the delegates would not be instructed."

**Meat Inspection in France.**

BERLIN, April 20.—The agrarian newspapers reproduce a letter from a German employe of the Chicago stockyards whose name is not given, in which the concerns of Armour & Co., Nelson, Morris & Co. and Swift & Company are charged with conducting meat inspection in a farcial fashion.

A number of fancied facts are cited and the writer says the adoption of the German meat inspection bill would be a blessing to both countries. The journals which publish the letter comment editorially upon it.

**The Turkish Minister Calls.**

WASHINGTON, April 20.—Among the callers on Acting Secretary Hill today was Ali Ferrouth Bey, the Turkish minister to Washington. It was understood that the occasion for this call was the publication of the intention of the United States government to bring to an immediate issue the negotiations with Turkey relative to the payment of the American missionary and other claims. It is understood that the purpose of the minister was primarily to gather information on this subject.

**May Force His Resignation.**

HAVANA, April 20.—General Ruiz Rivera has written a letter appearing to be largely circulated, calling on political parties of all shades to unite so as to present a united front to the government and people of the United States, when asking that the year 1901 shall be devoted to the formation of an independent government for Cuba, which shall begin to act on its own responsibility after 1901. This plan he offers as a solution of the political problem now so greatly complicated by the existence of various parties

### TURKEY MUST PAY UP

Prosecution of Claims for Damages to American Missionaries.

WASHINGTON, April 19.—The news of the firm attitude assumed by the state department toward the Turkish government in the prosecution of its claim for damages to American missionary property caused something of a sensation in diplomatic circles today.

Three successive American ministers have prosecuted these claims; each has received a promise of prompt settlement, and yet not a dollar has been paid. With European diplomats that is an old experience and they have consequently been somewhat surprised at the announcement that the United States government is actually going to insist upon performance instead of promise. Minister Angell, after trying his hand at collecting for two years, recommended that a united States war ship be sent to seize Smyrna and collect revenues at the custom house there sufficient to meet our claims.

This suggestion was not seriously entertained, nor is it now. In the first place, according to the state department officials, most of the important business interests in Smyrna are in the hands of foreigners, not Turks, and a bombardment by a United States fleet might result in a pretty bill for damages against us.

Then, as there is still a remnant of a Turkish navy, the United States would have to send a squadron instead of a single war ship. Such a movement would, without doubt, be resented by the remainder of Europe, which could not contemplate with equanimity an action by the United States that would perhaps destroy the fruits of many years' work of the greatest European statesmen by precipitating a final crisis in Turkey.

Therefore the next step to be taken by our government will not be warlike, but will suggest in a most dignified manner the indignation felt by the United States at the betrayal of Turkish promises. How this attitude will bear upon the Turkish minister in Washington cannot be foretold at this moment. He is so far absolutely unentangled in the negotiations of these American claims, but that fact might not save him from being made the immediate victim of his country's laches. The minister, however, is very popular in Washington.

### BLUNDERS ARE TO BE PAID FOR

Generals Buller and Warren to Be Recalled From Battlefield.

BLOEMFONTEIN, April 19.—(New York World Cablegram.)—Observation might profitably be kept on the intentions of the Boers respecting Swaziland. Their alternative plan of operations, following on defeat at Pretoria, includes the employment of Swaziland for the retirement of half the Boer forces, while the other half falls back to Zoutpansberg.

Boer emissaries are already in the country endeavoring to purchase secret information concerning the caverns in the Greystone country, which is known only to the natives, with the object to accumulate provisions and ammunition.

### ANDREWS WILL ACCEPT POSITION

Favorable to Assuming Chancellorship of the Nebraska University.

CHICAGO, Ill., April 19.—Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews will accept the proffered chancellorship of the University of Nebraska, unless conditions which have not entered into his consideration present themselves. He stated tonight that he was favorable to acceptance of the position, but had not notified the regents of the university of his decision, preferring not to consider it final yet. Aside from questions of taste Dr. Andrews said his attitude was forced by the state of his health.

### REBEL GENERAL GIVES UP

Despair of Making the Filipinos Fight and Surrenders.

MANILA, April 19.—General Montenegro, one of the insurgents' best fighters, has surrendered to Colonel Smith in the mountains near Camaling, in the province of Pangasinan, where, with General Macabulos, he had been trying to reorganize the Philippine army. Colonel Smith, with five companies of the Seventeenth regiment, surrounded the free of Montenegro, who, discouraged by the impossibility of making his men stand against the Americans, surrendered. Macabulos escaped.

**Manila Customs Receipts.**

WASHINGTON, April 19.—According to a statement made today by the division of customs and insular affairs of the war department the receipts in the Philippine islands for the months of January, February and March, 1900 were: January, $563,509; February (cable), $426,423; March (cable), $679,446.

**Ex-Soldier Becomes Murderer.**

PHILLIPSBURG, Kan., April 19.—John Trimble, a young man about 20 years of age, shot and killed his brother, James, a married man about 25 years of age. The shooting took place about ten miles south of this city on a piece of land the right to the use of which was in dispute. This dispute was the cause of the tragedy. John Trimble, who did the shooting, was a member of the First Nebraska regiment and served with that gallant body all through the Philippine campaign. He returned with his regiment last August and has made his home with his parents here since.

**Moves of the G. A. R. Veterans.**

CHICAGO, April 19.—The ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic held a meeting at the Sherman house today to arrange for the entertainment of the wives of the veterans who will attend the national Grand Army of the Republic encampment to be held in this city in August. The plan adopted is to house the visiting ladies in the homes of veterans throughout the city, but until it can be estimated the number of women who will attend it cannot be determined whether sufficient accommodations of this kind can be secured.

**Waging War on Oleomargarine.**

WASHINGTON, April 19.—A lively controversy has been going on of late in the house committee on agriculture over the Grout bill placing a heavy tax on oleomargarine. The measure has been in charge of a subcommittee presided over by Representative Lorimer of Chicago, who, with Chairman Wadsworth of the full committee, is in the city. Representative Neville of Nebraska gave notice that on next Wednesday he would see... to have a definite time set for taking a vote by the the full committee.

## WAS A COLD, WET WEEK

However, Conditions Were Quite Favorable for Farm Work.

### SOAKING RAINS IN ALL SECTIONS

Precipitation Ranges From Two to Four Inches—Seeding of Wheat and Oats is Nearly Finished in All Sections — A Good Send-off for Spring Work.

LINCOLN, Neb., April 19.—United States Department of Agriculture, climatic and crop service of the Weather bureau: Weekly crop bulletin of the Nebraska section for the week ending April 16, issued from the office of the section director at Lincoln:

The past week has been cold and cloudy, with heavy, general rains during the last days of the week. The average daily temperature deficiency has varied from 3 degrees in the western counties to nearly 4 degrees in the eastern. Heavy frost occurred on the morning of the 11th and the minimum temperatures were quite generally between 20 degrees and 26 degrees.

The rainfall for the week has been very heavy, exceeding an inch in nearly all parts of the state, and ranging from two to four inches over a considerable area. Rain, followed by snow, fell in the western counties on the 9th and 10th, but in most of the state all of the rain of the week fell on the 14th and 15th.

The week has been generally favorable for farm work, and the seeding of wheat and oats is nearly finished in all sections. Spring wheat and early sown oats are coming up and show a good stand. Winter wheat is in unusually good condition in most places. The low temperature of the week has retarded the growth of small grain and grass. The rain was exceptionally beneficial, coming just after practically the whole crop of small grain had been placed in the ground under exceptionally favorable conditions.

**Attacks Law From New Point.**

LINCOLN, Neb., April 19.—The validity of the legislative act of 1887, creating the State Board of Transportation, is to be attacked by Attorney W. D. McHugh of Omaha on behalf of the Burlington railroad, on grounds that have never been brought to the attention of any court. This act has been the subject of repeated attacks from telephone, express and railroad companies ever since its passage, but all of the litigation involved simply the constitutionality of the offices held by the secretaries and members of the Board of Transportation. Mr. McHugh claims to have discovered several errors in the title of the bill, as it was passed by the legislature, and will base his proceedings on these errors, not going into the question of whether the legislature has authority to create state offices not provided for in the constitution of the state, as was claimed in the former proceedings. The supreme court has rendered numerous decisions on the constitutionality of the act, every one of them being in favor of the board and its secretaries.

**Hunter Shoots His Hands Off.**

STANTON, Neb., April 19.—A. E. Root met with a very painful accident this morning while arranging to go hunting. A shotgun in his own hands was accidentally discharged, entirely severing the left hand from the arm, just above the wrist. Mr. Root's home is at Stuart, Neb., and he was here working in the interest of the Modern Brotherhood of America and has a lodge ready to institute. He was a member of Company H, Sixth United States infantry during the Spanish-American war and participated in the famous charge up San Juan hill.

**Woman Probably Fatally Burned.**

BEATRICE, Neb., April 19.—Mrs. Dan Huff, living in the south part of town, was fatally burned while trying to light the kitchen fire with kerosene. A young girl living at the home had started the fire and as it did not seem to burn well, Mrs. Huff, clad in a loose wrapper, arose to assist the fire by pouring on oil from a large can. The oil caught fire, the can exploded and Mrs. Huff was instantly enveloped in a blaze of burning oil. Her husband came to her assistance, but before the flames could be put out Mrs. Huff was badly burned from her throat down, her face and hair only escaping the fire.

**Smallpox at Tecumseh.**

TECUMSEH, Neb., April 19.—A case of smallpox is reported from Crab Orchard, fifteen miles west of here. A stranger from Kansas is stricken with the disease. He has been placed under strict quarantine in a house in the out skirts of town. The schools of the place have been temporarily closed.

**Pointer Goes to Salt Lake.**

LINCOLN, Neb., April 19.—Governor Poynter left for Salt Lake City to attend the meeting of western governors who will consider the matter of the disposition of arid and semi-arid lands.

**Lightning Destroys Barn.**

FORT CALHOUN, Neb., April 19.—The large barn of Matthias Lund, four miles southwest of here, was struck by lightning, and burned down. Insurance, $300.

**Young Man Insane.**

FREMONT, Neb., April 19.—Sheriff Kreader brought from Swaburg a demented young man who has a peculiar form of insanity. His name is William Olson, and he is 23 years old. For the past two or three years he has not been right in his head, and just about the time the trees begin to bud in the spring his malady increases greatly. He has a fancy that he has a great herd of cattle under his control, and the board of insanity could induce him to talk of nothing else. He will be taken to the asylum.

**Death of Mrs. Pool.**

LINCOLN, Neb., April 19.—Mrs. Etta Pool, wife of Deputy State Auditor C. C. Pool, died at her home in this city, under circumstances distressingly sad. Mr. Pool, who has been for some time a sufferer from severe pulmonary troubles, left for Southern California in the hope of obtaining relief. His health is so poorly, however, as to render the chances for his recovery extremely doubtful. The day after his departure Mrs. Pool was stricken with pneumonia, from which she soon passed away.

### WELCOME FOR PROF. ANDREWS.

New Chancellor of the University Sure of His Ground.

LINCOLN, April 21.—Dr. E. Benjamin Andrews of the Chicago city school has accepted the chancellorship of the state university. Dr. Andrews' commission takes effect August 1, or about a month prior to the closing of school has accepted the chancellorship ing Chancellor Bessey will remain at the head of the institution until succeeded by Chancellor Andrews, when he will return to his former position as dean of the industrial college and head of the botanical department.

Dr. Andrews will meet with a hearty reception when he assumes the duties of his new position. The faculty of the university was very favorably impressed by his appearance here last Saturday and it is generally agreed that so far as scholarship is concerned he possesses all the requirements necesary for the chancellor of the university.

It is rumored that the board of regents will make some changes at its meeting. The department of journalism, which has been leading a precarious existence for the last few years, may be discontinued after the close of the present semester and other slight changes in minor departments are apt to be made at the same time.

**Claims the Reward.**

LINCOLN, April 21.—The reward of $200 offered by Governor Holcomb in 1898 for arrest and conviction of Frank Cheesman at Brownville has been claimed by J. H. Dickirson, an ex-sheriff of Iowa. Dickirson claims to have arrested George H. Ray, woh afterwards was found guilty of committing the crime and sentenced to the state penitentiary. The law authorizing the governor of the state to offer rewards for the capture and conviction of fugitives from justice provides that the judge before whom the criminal is convicted must furnish the governor with a certificate showing the capture. Absence of this proof prevented the governor from issuing a check to Mr. Dickirson.

**Waugh's Funeral at Washington.**

PLATTSMOUTH, Neb., April 21.—The Misses Margaret and Florence, daughters of Hon. Samuel Waugh, cashier of the First National bank in this city, will depart Sunday for Washington, D. C., to attend the funeral services of their brother, John R. Waugh, second lieutenant Company H, Thirty-ninth Nebraska volunteers, in the National cemetery at Arlington. Dr. J. W. Rawlins of Williamsburg, Va., father of Mrs. Waugh, and many other relatives of the family, will also attend. The body was started from San Francisco on the 18th and will be interred with fitting military ceremonies.

**J. P. Breitling Dead.**

FREMONT, Neb., April 21.—J. P. Breitling, a well known citizen of Fremont, died here after an illness of some days. Although his condition had been serious it was not thought that the end was near until an hour or so before death. Mr. Breitling was born 64 years ago in Wurtenburg, Germany. He has been a resident of Fremont for about thirteen years, coming here from Genoa. He leaves a wife and six grown children, all of whom were with him at the time of his death.

**Agitating Atkinson Southern**

ATKINSON, Neb., April 21.—Railroad circles are a little agitated just now. The Atkinson & Northern, that was to run from this point to Boyd county, has passed into the hands of a promotion company. The treasurer of the new company will come on from Chicago the first of the week and has gone south over the line that is being surveyed to this point from Cedar Rapids. He took with him the funds with which to pay the surveyors.

**Racing With Death Over Rails.**

ALLIANCE, Neb., April 21.—John Wehn of this place received word by wire that his wife, who has been visiting friends at Dewitt, was taken suddenly ill and not expected to live. A special train was at once engaged by Mr. Wehn and he hastened to his wife's bedside at a mile-a-minute clip. The special is reported to have made the first fifty-three miles in fifty-five minutes, including one stop.

**Smallpox at Crab Orchard.**

TECUMSEH, Neb., April 21.—Crab Orchard, fifteen miles west of here, has a case of smallpox. A stranger from Kansas is afflicted with the disease, it being a mild form. The village authorities have placed him under strict quarantine in a house at the outskirts of town, and the school has been temporarily closed as a precautionary measure.

**Nebraska City Girl Vanishes.**

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., April 21.—The parents of Ture Sutton, a 16-year-old girl, are greatly alarmed over her mysterious disappearance from home several days ago. No trace of her can be found by her parents or police. The police are inclined to believe that she has eloped with a young stranger, with whom she recently became infatuated.

**Special Chases a Handcar.**

LOUP CITY, Neb., April 21.—A special stock train going north on the Burlington nearly ran down a section gang about two miles east of this city. When the section men left this station the special had not been announced, and they saw it nearly onto them in a cut. They stopped their car, and in taking it from the track, John Marlow had the end of the middle finger of his left hand cut off.

**His Heart Failed.**

BRAINARD, Neb., April 21.—Frank Sobeslousky of this place while out walking stepped inside of Spahl's saloon. He had only got inside the door when he fell to the floor. Dr. Haynes was called and was at his side instantly, but could do nothing, as he died almost instantly. The doctor pronounced it heart disease. Mr. Sobeslousky came here about six months ago from Morse Bluffs and was running a meat market. He was a member of the Modern Woodmen of America and a Bohemian lodge.

**Mrs. Tannahill Saves Her Home.**

COLUMBUS, Neb., April 21.—The wife of John Tannahill scored a victory in the district court here when Judge Grimison made the injunction perpetual restraining creditors from selling her home just east of town to satisfy judgments which they obtained at the November term of court upon the showing that the several notes which they held against Tannahill, who had then disappeared, were secured by forged signatures. Mrs. Tannahill claimed a homestead right. Her husband's whereabouts is still unknown.

## IN THE LAW'S CLUTCH

Gov. Poynter Delivers Men Who Have Dishonestly Operated.

### WORKING UNDER FALSE PRETENSES

They Took About $15,000 Out of Washington County, Iowa, Gadgeons—The Crooks Allowed to Give Bail and Stand Trial Perhaps Later On.

LINCOLN, April 18.—Governor Poynter turned over Edwin M. Snow and C. B. Wright to Sheriff J. W. Teeters of Washington county, Iowa, and the two men will have to stand trial in Iowa on the charge of obtaining money under false pretense and for conspiracy. The prisoners were arrested Sunday at Beatrice, where they have lived for some time. They have been selling the right to sell a patent right on a washing machine. After Governor Poynter issued an extradition warrant the prisoners asked for time to prepare a habeas corpus suit. Sheriff Teeters granted this request, saying that he did not want to appear in the role of persecutor, but later the men agreed to make no further resistance in return for the privilege of giving bail bond in the sum of $800 each after arriving at Washington. This proposition was agreed to by Sheriff Teeters and County Attorney S. W. Brookhart of Washington, who appeared as the prosecutor.

Snow and Wright sold a patent washing device in the form of a hollow plunger. The device is manufactured by Hebbell O. Soper of Illinois. The two men sold rights for $1,000 each. The purchaser had to agree to buy the machines of Hubbell for $1 each and not to sell them for less than $5 each. Each purchaser of a right had the right to go out and sell similar rights to others, thus creating an endless chain. Officers of the law designate this plan of operation as "selling blue sky." Snow and Wright are said to have sold eighteen rights in Washington county, for which they received $18,000. Indictments were issued by the grand jury in Iowa and in hearing the case Governor Poynter merely considered the legal points whether the men were fugitives from justice, whether the action against them was for the purpose of collecting a debt or whether it was in the nature of persecution. He found the requisition papers regular in form and so he turned over the prisoners.

**Gang of Shoplifters Caught.**

ORLEANS, Neb., April 18.—A gang of seven shoplifters and daylight robbers appeared in town and taking advantage of the usually busy Saturday crowd began operations in the different stores. While a number of stores are losers in only one were they detected in the act. Two of them were operating in P. W. Shea's department store and were caught and held by Mr. Shea himself. They were found to have gotten away with seventeen pairs of pants, one full suit or clothes and some ladies' shoes. Most of the goods were recovered in this case. Justice Coulter bound two of them over to the district court, there not being sufficient evidence against the galance of the gang to hold them. The whole party showed themselves to be old hands at the business, and no doubt are an organized gang, working the towns through the state.

**Winter Wheat Looks Well.**

FAIRFIELD, Neb., April 18.—A steady rain of several hours fell here, and the ground is thoroughly saturated with moisture. Crop prospects are all that could be desired. Winter wheat is looking fine and pastures are looking well. Merchants report an excellent spring trade. Prices of farm products are better than they have been for years.

**Saunders County Fair.**

WAHOO, Neb., April 18.—The board of directors of the Saunders County Fair association met at the city hall in this place recently and elected P. P. Church vice president, and fixed the dates for holding the fair for September 17 to 20, inclusive. It also let the contract for printing the premium list to Eric Johnson of the New Era.

**Old Soldier Dies.**

SCHUYLER, Neb., April 18.—Captain Stone of this city died on the 16th. The captain had been sick for the last year or more with Bright's disease. Mr. Stone was one of the "boys" of 1861, who served in the civil war and is a member of the Grand Army of the Republic here and was buried by the surviving comrades.

**Axtel Farmer Insane.**

MINDEN, Neb., April 18.—August Johnson, living a mile north of Axtel, was brought before the insanity commission and adjudged insane. He is a farmer about 35 years old and has been living all alone on his farm.

**Notes**

Southeastern Nebraska has been well wet down.

An eighty acre farm near Table Rock brought $5,050.

The curfew ordinance is now operative in Table Rock.

Burglars have been operating at Orleans and McCook.

Prof. Atkinson of Edgar has been selected as superintendent of the schools of York.

**Not Texas Fever.**

OGALALLA, Neb., April 18.—State Veterinary Surgeon Anderson was in Ogalalla 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, they being equally divided as to the cause of the death of the cattle.

**Young Man Killed.**

FAIRFIELD, Neb., April 18.—Warren Hancock of Nelson, a boy seventeen years of age, together with two other boys came to Weweese, six miles south of this place to spend the day hunting and fishing. Hancock attempted to pull a shotgun from the boat by the muzzle when the hammer caught upon the boat's edge. The gun was discharged, sending the charge of duck shot into the boy's chest just beneath the left arm, perforating the lungs and heart, causing his instant death.


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