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TROTTERS' BEST MILE

Crescous Establishes New World's Record
Glenville Track.

BEATS ABBOT'S TIME HALF SECOND

Does in 2:02 3/4 Over Course that Beaten
a Trifle Heavier—Takes the Running
Heat First Half Mile in 1:01 and the
Rest in 1:01 3/4.

CLEVELAND, O., July 27.—Amid the enthusiastic cheers of nearly 10,000 people Crescous, the world's champion trotting stallion, again demonstrated that he is the peer of all trotters by trotting a mile this afternoon over the Glenville track in 2:02 3/4. This establishes a new world's record for both sexes, replacing the former world's record of 2:03 1/2, held by The Abbot.

Owing to the heavy rains of last night the track was not in the best of condition today and it was about 6:30 p. m. before it was deemed to be in safe condition to warrant making the attempt. At times the sun's heat had been replaced by cool breezes. Even then there were few horsemen who looked for a mile better than 2:05. After having been given several preliminary miles, George Ketcham came out with the stallion to attempt what seemed an impossible feat. Ketcham nodded for the word on the third score, the horse trotting like a machine.

Accompanied by a runner, the chestnut stallion fairly flew to the quarter, the timers' watches registering just thirty seconds. As Crescous swung into the back stretch he was joined by a second runner, and although many predicted that the footing was such as would retard his speed he reached the half in 1:01. As the time was hung out the immense crowd broke out in cheers. The three-quarters pole was reached in 1:21 1/4, and as the great stallion trotted into the stretch, a runner on either side, his machine-like stride was fairly eating up the distance.

Never once faltering, notwithstanding the terrific clip, he fairly flew to the wire being sustained only by his indomitable courage not being touched once by the whip, his sole urging being the driver's voice and the thundering hoof beats of the accompanying runners.

As the time for the mile was announced—2:02 3/4—and the immense crowd realized that a new world's record had been established, Ketcham and his favorite stallion received an ovation such as has been but seldom witnessed on a race track. Thousands of people rushed out on the track and Ketcham was lifted from the sulky and carried to the grand stand on the shoulders of admirers. Cheer after cheer rent the air and the name of Crescous was upon the lips of every one present.

"Ketcham," "Ketcham," yelled the crowd, and the owner of the sturdy son of Robert McGregor was almost carried to the judges' stand, where he delivered a brief address. Crescous now not only holds the world's trotting record for both sexes, but last week at the Detroit grand circuit meeting, by trotting in 2:06 3/4 and 2:05 in his race against Charley Herr, secured the world's record for the two fastest heats ever trotted in a race, his second mile in 2:05 also being a new world's record for the fastest mile ever trotted in a race, and also the fastest second heat ever trotted.

SUN'S SLAUGHTER OF HORSES.

Estimated 250 Have Been Killed in
South Dakota County.

SIoux FALLS, S. D., July 27.—It is estimated that the intense heat has killed fully 250 horses in this, Minnesota county.

William Parkinson, a well known farmer living near Ben Clare, was instantly killed by lightning while harvesting. Four horses he was driving were killed by the same stroke. Parkinson was aged 27 and leaves a wife and child. His father and other relatives live in Sioux Falls.

Total Horses Purchased.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—The secretary of the treasury today purchased short term bonds as follows: Two thousand dollars 4s at \$113.614; \$1,500 5s at \$109.2136; and \$800 2s at \$109.128. He total amount purchased for the sinking fund today is \$15,954,100 at a cost of \$15,025,563.

Union Pacific Buys a Branch.

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., July 27.—The Leavenworth & Lawrence branch of the Union Pacific, which has been in a receiver's hands for several years, was sold, the purchase price being \$300,000. There was but one bidder and the road was knocked down to Judge W. R. Kelly of Omaha for the Union Pacific railway. Judge Kelly stated that the receiver would be discharged at once and the road operated as part of the Union Pacific system.

Chicago Refuses Bank Orders.

CHICAGO, July 27.—Four deaths and six prostrations were the net result of yesterday's heat and humidity, the former being 82 degrees at its highest in the weather bureau, which means at least 5 degrees below the street level temperature, and the humidity being 71. As the hot spell grows in duration many of the transfer and parcel delivery companies are refusing to accept rush orders because so many horses have died from the heat.

THE NEBRASKA GUARD.

Adjutant-General Colby Forwards Certificate to Washington.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 29.—Adjutant General Colby has sent a certificate to the war department at Washington certifying the number of men in active service in the Nebraska National Guard the past year. On this certificate the appropriation for the general government for the guard is based. Last year the appropriation amounted to about \$17,000. It will be about the same this year. The adjutant general's statement shows that 2,677 men were regularly organized, uniformed and in the service of the state during the year ending June 30, 1901. This number comprises 127 commissioned officers and 1,950 enlisted men. The average attendance of officers and men at drills and parades was 1,607.

The adjutant general has ordered another list of officers of the Nebraska National Guard to appear at his office at 9 a. m. Wednesday, August 7, to stand examination as to their fitness to hold commissions in the guard. The state military board will also meet on the same day. The examining board will comprise Colonel Ernest H. Tracy, Major William K. Wood and Major R. Emmett Giffin. Captain Charles M. Richardson, company L, First regiment, is the only officer of his rank in the list of those to be examined. The first lieutenants are: A. H. Hill, quartermaster, First regiment; George T. Norton, company I, Second regiment; Leroy V. Patch, company A, Second regiment; George H. Emery, company L, First regiment; Herald Bednar, company K, Second regiment; Edwin F. Wilbelmy, company C, Second regiment. The second lieutenants are: Henry Olson, company I, First regiment; Arthur R. Marshall, company A, First regiment; Charles E. Brown, company E, Second regiment; John T. Chambers, company K, Second regiment; Charles M. Anderson, company C, Second regiment; William H. Ray, company I, Second regiment; Clayton J. Norton, company B, Second regiment; William S. Baldwin, troop A.

Deputy Game Warden.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 29.—Governor Savage has appointed the following deputy game wardens to serve without compensation: A. J. Shirley of Ord, for Valley county; J. A. Edwards of Franklin, for Franklin county; G. W. Whitehorn of Spencer, for Boone county; L. K. McGaw of Osceola, for Polk county; W. A. Myers of Alma, for Harlan county; J. E. Cox of Cairo, for Hall county; M. H. Brunning of Cedar Bluffs, for Saunders and Dodge counties.

Needed Not the Warning.

MCOOK, Neb., July 29.—Ben Glasston of Nelson, Neb., was struck by an engine on the Narrows, about a mile east of McCook, and instantly killed. Glasston was walking along the track and heedless of the stock whistle sounded, attempted to cross the track in front of the train at a curve. He was struck back of the head, dashed to one side of the track and instantly killed. The coroner's jury exonerated the railroad company from blame.

How's Welcome Home.

AUBURN, Neb., July 29.—The work of the committee having in charge preparations for the reception of Hon. Church Howe, United States consul, Sheffield, England, on his return home, July 30, is about completed. Large posters announcing the date, with half-tone portrait of Mr. Howe, are being freely displayed in all parts of the city. The Pawnee City band of thirty pieces has been engaged for the occasion.

Farmer's Narrow Escape.

ASHTON, Neb., July 29.—Adam Frederick, a farmer living five miles north of here, was overcome by heat while mowing hay in a deep ravine. He fell in front of the mowing machine and it passed over his body. He was carried home unconscious and Dr. Howard of Ashton called, who found two ribs broken and other internal injuries. His condition is serious.

Another Suspect Arrested.

SPRINGVIEW, Neb., July 29.—Deputy Sheriff Hackler arrested William Hastings for alleged cattle stealing. He pleaded not guilty at the preliminary hearing and was bound over to the October term of district court in the sum of \$1,500. This is the fifth one of the Helyer and Bingham men that have been arrested in the last two weeks.

Lead Seekers From Pawnee.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., July 29.—Out of about thirty who went to El Reno to secure lead, about twenty are yet there, and will stay till after the drawing. Quite a number went down Friday and will take up their residence with those already there. They report the weather pleasant and the nights cool and are getting along well. There are over fifty thousand people camped on about a square mile at El Reno.

Drouth, Chickens Began and Hoppers.

OVERTON, Neb., July 29.—Grain harvest is over and fall wheat and corn will make a good yield. Spring wheat and oats are badly injured by drouth, chick bugs and grasshoppers and will not make to exceed one-fourth of a crop. The second crop of alfalfa will yield about one-half as much as the first crop. The corn is standing the drouth exceedingly well and with rain in a few days will not be injured to exceed 20 per cent.

AS TO TIMBER FRAUDS

Commissioner Herman Takes Precautions to Prevent Them.

APPLIES TO ALL STATES HAVING

Directly Aimed to Check Recurrence in Montana and Idaho—Registers Censored for Neglect—Other Matters from the National Capital.

WASHINGTON, July 26.—On account of timber land frauds discovered in Montana and Idaho Commissioner Hermann of the general land office has suspended all profits made during the present year under the timber and stone act pending conclusion of the full investigation and inquiry begun some time ago.

This action applies to all state where government timber land is purchased and involves thousands of cases. Many large companies and speculators, it is alleged, have had "dummies" as agents make purchases of these lands from the government. Commissioner Hermann said today:

"Owing to the act of congress permitting selections of valuable timber lands as indemnity for lands held by individuals and operations within the forest reserve a speculation in so-called forest reserve scrip has started. By this means the owner may relinquish title to the government and take valuable lands on the unappropriated public domain, or may convey his holdings to another person seeking to hold the right of selection.

"This system provided great rivalry among speculators and mining companies in the acquisition of large tracts of timber lands. This has induced many others who are not owners of such scrip, or exchangeable lands inside forest reserves, to avail themselves of an earlier act of congress approved June 2, 1873, the timber and stone act.

"This act limits each purchaser to 160 acres and expressly requires applicants to swear that the purchase is not speculative, but made in good faith for his own exclusive use, and that he has not made any agreement for the transfer of his title. For many years, particularly the last year, this law has been grossly violated and abused by persons who perjure themselves before the local land officers. The general land office has directed its special agents to report on any further cases that may be discovered and all land officers have been warned to exercise the utmost strictness in the examination of parties and witnesses.

"Many of the fraudulent profits made might have been detected had the registers and receivers at the local land offices strictly applied the rules for scrutiny of proofs of applicants. After such proofs have passed the local officers, showing regularity and apparent good faith of entries, it is impossible for the authorities here to detect error or fraud."

GET NEBRASKA POTATOES.

Sioux City Eager to Get Them at Good Price.

SIoux CITY, Ia., July 26.—The scarcity of early potatoes in the market here is causing a good deal of activity among local dealers to get hold of them. Every day from 400 to 600 bushels are brought in over the combination bridge in wagons by Nebraska farmers, and the wholesale commission men and retail grocers have men at the bridge from 3 to 7 o'clock in the morning to meet these wagons and buy as many potatoes as possible. This competition means good prices and the farmers like the arrangement very much. From 75 cents to \$1 a bushel is being paid. The late potatoes here will be very greatly damaged if rain does not come within a week.

FREE TRADE FOR PORTO RICO.

President Issues Formal Proclamation to This Effect.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 26.—The president has issued his proclamation establishing free trade between Porto Rico and the United States and declaring the organization of a civil government for the island. The proclamation is purely formal and only in the body of the resolution adopted by the Porto Rican legislature (heretofore published) does it appear that the island is set free commercially tomorrow in the commemoration of the anniversary of the planting of the American flag on the islands.

Drouth Puts Potatoes Up.

CHICAGO, July 29.—In less than a week the wholesale price of potatoes in the local market has advanced as a result of the drouth from 70 cents a bushel to \$1.10, the latter being the closing figure yesterday. This increase of 40 cents a bushel in so short a time is said to be unprecedented. Reports from southern Illinois, Missouri and Kansas indicate that the recent show-cases to late to save much of the potatoes in those sections.

Fence Finds Fugitive.

MISSOURI VALLEY, Ia., July 28.—Sheriff Skelton and his posse caught William Woodford, alleged murderer, near Little Sioux. It is charged that Wednesday evening in a drunken revel Woodford stabbed his brother Amos, who lived but a few hours. The sheriff and posse started after him at once and after a hunt made more disagreeable by the intense heat, they located him in hiding in a brick yard south of Little Sioux.

INTERSTATE OLD SETTLERS.

Pioneers of Nebraska and Kansas to Meet at Bob Scott's.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 27.—Early settlers in the territory which includes Nebraska and Pawnee counties in Nebraska and the two adjoining counties just below the state line in Kansas have formed an Interstate Old Settlers' association and on July 31 and August 1 the organization will have its first annual meeting. The gathering will be at Turkey creek, in Bob Scott's grove, a section which figures prominently in the pioneer history of the state and which is said to have been the camping place of John Brown, the Harper's Ferry hero. Thirty years' continued residence in the territory is the requirement of membership, but everybody is invited to attend the meeting.

Governor Savage has accepted an invitation to represent Nebraska at the gathering. He will deliver an address before the assemblage on August 1. J. Sterling Morton of Nebraska City, Governor Stanley and Congressman Bailey of Kansas are also named on the program.

Wanted the Bridge to Burn.

WYMORE, Neb., July 27.—The west approach of the Burlington bridge No. 39, across the Blue river, about a mile east of town, was discovered to be on fire about 11 o'clock at night by Frank Crawford. While returning to town he gave the alarm. He was met by a stranger who tried to get him not to give the alarm, and falling in the attempt he fired three shots at Crawford, none of which took effect, however. The bridge gang succeeded in putting out the fire but not until three spans of the bridge had burned.

Find Evidence of Guilt.

HASTINGS, Neb., July 27.—Coincidence with the removal of the post-office seeming proof of the guilt of Ed Bexton was found. His November reports as money order clerk were incomplete, and the department at Washington has been annoyed thereby. Bexton insists that he had forwarded the reports. When the missing report was discovered and Bexton confronted with it he confessed to issuing a forged money order for twenty dollars. Further developments are looked for.

See Head of Geneva Home.

FREMONT, Neb., July 27.—Miss Anna Streller of Ames has begun action against B. R. B. Weber, formerly superintendent of the industrial school at Geneva, and others of the instructors and managers, for \$10,000. She alleges that during the year 1900, for some alleged infraction of the rules, she was kept for seven days and nights in a cell without sufficient clothing. As a result of her exposure one of her arms became diseased and will probably have to be amputated.

Republican State Convention.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 27.—The republicans of the state of Nebraska are called to meet in convention at the auditorium in Lincoln on Wednesday, August 29, 1901, for the purpose of placing in nomination candidates for the following offices: One Judge of the supreme court, two regents of the university of the state of Nebraska, and for the transaction of such other business as may regularly come before said convention.

Blackleg Among Cattle.

CALLAWAY, Neb., July 27.—Blackleg has again made its appearance in this locality, many cattle having met death from its effects the past week. The cattlemen are busy vaccinating their herds, and otherwise guarding against the disease. Numerous reports also come to the effect that many fat hogs are dying from the intense heat.

Good Wheat Yield.

SEWARD, Neb., July 27.—The wheat yield is even better than previously reported. Scarcely any fields are turning out less than twenty-five bushels per acre, while some have gone over forty. One farmer living in the south part of the county threshed a field of 300 acres that averaged thirty bushels to the acre.

Fined for Violating Fish Law.

FREMONT, Neb., July 27.—Deputy Game Warden Carter had Charles Benton and A. W. Burns arrested for fishing in the Platte river with trout lines containing more than five hooks. They claimed they did not know anything about the new law and were let off with the lowest fine.

Populist State Committee.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 27.—Chairman J. H. Edmisten announces that the populist state central committee will meet in Lincoln on August 7, the same date as that set for the meeting of the free silverites and democrats.

Court Box a Bonds Defeated.

SEWARD, Neb., July 27.—At the special election held here, when an \$80,000 court house proposition was voted upon, it failed to carry.

Thirty-Five Cattle Stolen.

MINDEN, Neb., July 27.—A bold piece of cattle rustling took place at Ed Westing's place near Heartwell, in this county. A large herd belonging to several neighboring farmers were in Mr. Westing's pasture. When he went out to look them over he discovered that the herd had diminished considerably. About thirty-five head are missing and a reward of \$10 has been offered for the capture of the thieves.

MR. LONG WILL HELP

Mary Secretary Pleased to Grant Schley's Request for Investigation.

DEWEY AND OTHERS FOR COUNCIL

Wishes to Give Santiago Officer Fairest Possible Hearing—The Order Will Be Issued Soon and Become Effective Later.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Secretary Long, in accordance with a request from Admiral Schley, advised that of fier that he would order a court of inquiry to examine into the entire matter of Admiral Schley's course in the Santiago naval campaign. Later the secretary announced that, owing to the extremely hot weather, the court would not meet until September and that he would turn over his reception room to the court. The secretary said:

"It is too hot now and I don't believe it would be comfortable for officers to sit in their heavy full dress uniforms during August. I issued an order some time ago dispensing with the wearing of full dress uniforms during a court-martial, but this case will be so important that every form of official dignity will be observed, even to the guard of marines at the door. I propose to give the court the use of the large reception room adjoining my office, which is a convenient and commodious place."

"Will the sessions of the court be open?"

"Inquestionably" was the emphatic reply. "I propose to make that fact very plain. It would be a great mistake to have a secret court. The country has the right to know all that transpires in the way of testimony offered. Personally, I should be very glad to have a court composed of a large number of officers, but the naval regulations restrict me to the selection of three. I hope to name the personnel of the court today and this will give the judge advocate and recorder ample time to prepare a list of witnesses who are to be summoned. This list will necessarily be quite lengthy and it will take some little time to assemble the officers here. I do not believe that the session of the court will be prolonged, because, after all, a great deal of talk over the Santiago campaign is like the Genii's vapor, which can be condensed in a small bottle."

"Will Admiral Schley be allowed to name witnesses?"

"Admiral Schley" was the reply. "I will be afforded every opportunity for the appearance of all the witnesses he may desire. He is also entitled under the naval regulations to be represented by counsel."

While Secretary Long was not asked whether the court of inquiry would be asked to form and submit an opinion upon the facts disclosed by the investigation, it is considered quite probable that this course will be pursued. Unless the order convening the court expressly requires this opinion to be expressed, its report must be confined to stating the facts found.

Wyoming as a Pasture.

OHAWA, July 25.—R. M. Allen, president of the Standard Cattle company of Ames, Neb., and also connected with the best sugar industry there, arrived in Omaha from Wyoming. He said that pasturage there is superb and that the stockmen are taking unusual steps in order to derive the most benefits possible from this fact. They are buying in Nebraska all the cheap cattle and are taking them to Wyoming feeding grounds.

Cannery Tax Prevention.

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia., July 25.—Representatives of seventeen Iowa and Nebraska canning factories met here to discuss the situation in view of the protracted dry weather and decided to withdraw all price sheets until they can ascertain the probable shortage of the season's pick.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Today's statement of the treasury balance in the general fund exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, \$169,954,538; gold, \$97,401,913.

Federal of Mrs. Kruger.

PRETORIA, Tuesday, July 23.—Mrs. Kruger, wife of former President Kruger of the South African republic, who died Saturday last of pneumonia, after an illness of three days, was buried here today.

Root Speaks of the Forts.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 26.—Secretary Root speaks in high terms of the possibilities of Forts Riley and Leavenworth as posts for military instruction. He says Fort Riley is an excellent post for one of the big military camps of instruction and maneuvers contemplated by congress; also that troops to the present capacity of the quarters at Jefferson barracks and Forts Riley, Leavenworth and Sheridan will be retained.

Boer Prisoners Get Away.

HAMILTON, Bermuda, July 29.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—The prisoners of war confined in Darrell's island make almost nightly attempts to avoid the patrolling guards and gain the mainland by swimming. The water between Darrell's island and the beach is calm and all night long the gunboats sweep it with their searchlights. Sharks abound and the British guards will shoot on suspicion.

GENERAL DROUTH SITUATION.

Thunderstorms Followed by Hot Sun Little Benefit to Crops.

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Official reports show that the corn belt region continues hot and dry, with no prospect of immediate change in these conditions. Showers have fallen in the northern half of the corn belt area since last night, including eastern Nebraska, Iowa, northern Illinois, northern Indiana and Ohio. Most of these rains, which generally were light in amount, fell last night. Today there were some light rainfalls in western Nebraska and Oklahoma. These precipitations, however, the forecast officials say, are not always conducive of the best results to the growing crops, as they are mostly thunder showers, immediately followed by a hot sun. Showers, it is said, possibly may occur in the drouth-stricken region tomorrow, as they usually are inseparable from visitations of intense heat, but no general occurrence of them is predicted. Temperatures in the corn belt while a few degrees lower today than yesterday, were again high, ranging from 95 degrees to 100 degrees and higher.

WHY IS THE WEST HOT.

This Problem is Now Puzzling the Scientists.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 26.—Edward A. Beals, forecast official in charge of the Portland office of the weather bureau, said today concerning Mr. Serviss' theory of heat causation through sun disturbances:

"If Mr. Serviss' theory is correct the excessive heat being experienced in the east should be correspondingly felt in the North Pacific states, as we are under the influence of the same sun and situated in the same hemisphere. The facts are that the central west has had a month more of temperatures averaging from 6 to 12 degrees warmer than usual. The normal daylight temperature in Portland in July is 66.3. This year it has been only 62.5."

KAISER AS PEACE MAKER.

May Assume the Role to End South African Conflict.

LONDON, July 28.—The rumor as to the early peace negotiations which has pervaded the House of Commons for some days, says the Daily Express, "has taken the more definite form that Emperor William is soon to assume the role of peacemaker. Mr. Kruger and his advisers are represented as having empowered the Kaiser to act for the Boers, and he is willing to take the initiative in order to popularize his relations with the German people, who disapprove his friendship for Great Britain. Something apparently is on foot, whether Emperor William is in it or not."

GREAT BATTLE WAS FOUGHT.

And French Trampled Over Moors in Algeria.

LONDON, July 28.—"A few days ago," says a dispatch to the Daily Mail from Cadix, "a great battle was fought between the French and the Moors near Fignig. It was the result of the French operations to subjugate the tribes south of the Atlas mountains and to occupy the oasis of Taflet. The French were victorious. The Moors assert that the French government has 90,000 troops on the Moorish border."

Overdose of Strychnine.

LINCOLN, Neb., July 27.—George Colby, a young man of Grand Island, took fifteen grains of strychnine and died in less than an hour later in excruciating agony. Information from his home is to the effect that he was leading a fast life and associating with dissolute characters.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 26.—Today's statement of the treasury balance in the general fund exclusive of the \$150,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption shows available cash balance \$171,979,829. Gold, \$98,521,963.

King Receives the Congress.

LONDON, July 28.—King Edward received the foreign delegates to the British congress on tuberculosis at Marlborough. His majesty briefly expressed his keen interest in the congress and his hopes of fruitful results therefrom.

Rates for the Grand Army.

ST. LOUIS, July 26.—In general orders issued by Commander-in-chief Leo Rausser of the G. A. R., in regard to the thirty-ninth national encampment to be held in Cleveland September 9 to 14, announcement is made that the Central Passenger association has made a rate of one cent a mile to and from Cleveland. All other passenger associations, east, south and west, have made rates of one fare and a third for the round trip, plus \$2.

Department of Alaska no More.

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 26.—The war department has issued the formal order closing up the department of Alaska and merging it into the department of Columbia. General George M. Randall, with his personal and departmental staff, is ordered to Vancouver barracks to take command of the department of Columbia. He will leave St. Michaels about September 15, when the change will take place.

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