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BIG WHEAT FARM

SYNDICATE, LED BY NEBRASKAN, WILL ESTABLISH IT.

BUY FORTY THOUSAND ACRES

The Syndicate Will Introduce Steam Plows and Other Modern Machinery, as Well as Own Its Own Elevators, to Do the Work.

ST. PAUL, Aug. 9.—A syndicate of Americans, led by T. B. Hoard of Nebraska, a wealthy cattleman, will establish the first bonanza wheat farm in Canada between Craig and Davidson, on the Prince Albert branch of the Canadian Pacific. Forty thousand acres of land have been purchased at an outlay of \$200,000 and another \$100,000 has been set aside by the syndicate for improvements. None of the methods which made the great wheat farms of North Dakota famous have yet been applied in Canada and wheat-raising has been confined entirely to small areas and to the work of small farmers.

The syndicate includes F. J. Waddell of Aurora, Neb., another wealthy cattleman, and capitalists from Iowa and Illinois. One whole township is to be converted into a monster wheat field and the greater portion of the township adjoining is to become a portion of the syndicate's interests.

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This money was sent to Cuba as an exhibit at the trial of Neely, and was returned by the military government to the War department. Secretary Root wrote a letter to the postmaster general informing him that the money had been returned and was held, to be disposed of at the latter's direction.

The postmaster general has not accepted the money and it still remains in the possession of Secretary Root. The War department is holding it until an adjustment is made and a balance struck between the Cuban government and the late military government regarding financial affairs.

HELPING NEEDY FILIPINOS.

Poverty Stricken. Hundreds of Thousands Are Being Fed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 9.—Major B. K. West, of the commissary department, writing from Manila to General Weston, chief commissary, has the following to say concerning the feeding of natives in the Philippines:

"I was in hopes that the closing up of the campaign in Batangas and Laguna would end the feeding of the natives, but such is not the case. Although the campaign has been broken up, the natives were left in a destitute condition, had been unable to plant new crops, all the old crops had been destroyed in the military operations and so the work has to go on."

NEW FACTORY FOR KEARNEY.

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Santa Fe Strike Continues.

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SET ASIDE SALE OF LANDS.

Collision Reported Among Bidders for Omaha Indian Realty.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 11.—S. G. Ruby, an inspector of the Department of the Interior, who was sent to O'Neill, Neb., for the purpose of investigating charges made in relation to the sale of certain isolated tracts of land in the Omaha Indian reservation that were sold at the O'Neill land office on May 4 has submitted his report to the secretary of the interior. Mr. Ruby finds that a combination was formed between prospective bidders and that a fund was raised to pay certain other prospective bidders to refrain from bidding on the lands.

Mr. Ruby endorses the recommendation of the register and receiver of the O'Neill land office that the sale be set aside, in view of the collision, which on the face of the returns is apparent. Acting Secretary Ryan of the interior department, after a review of the inspector's report, immediately ordered that a public hearing be granted those persons who were unable to bid at the sale and directed that the register and receiver should hold an open court for the purpose of inquiring into the matter and that said register and receiver should be empowered to set a time and place for such public hearing and that persons interested in the sale should have the right to be represented by attorney.

REQUISITION NOT HONORED.

Men Who Violated State Game Law Cannot Be Brought Back.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 11.—Chief Game Warden Simpkins returned from Jefferson City, Mo., minus the two Kansas City men who were wanted at Red Cloud for hunting in Nebraska without a license. Governor Dockery refused to honor a requisition, saying that the offense was merely a misdemeanor and he did not want to have his men hauled about over the country for such a crime.

C. T. Hazleton and R. W. Stoner are the men wanted. Their three dogs and ammunition were confiscated at Red Cloud and sold. The fine for a non-resident hunting in Nebraska is \$100 or sixty days in jail. The men had killed over sixty prairie chickens out of season and it is believed a total of \$500 could have been piled up against them. Another effort will be made to bring them back. Mr. Simpkins offers a reward of \$50 to any one who will arrest the two men on Nebraska territory.

Nebraska Prohibitionists Nominates.

LINCOLN, Aug. 11.—The prohibitionists of Nebraska have placed in nomination the following ticket: For governor, S. T. Davies, Otoe county; lieutenant governor, Isaiah Lightner, Platte county; secretary of state, D. D. Norton, Adams county; treasurer, W. H. Maddock, Richardson county; auditor, John Dale, Douglas county; attorney general, W. Bert Clark, Saunders county; land commissioner, J. M. Dilworth, Johnson county; superintendent of public instruction, A. E. Howard, University Place.

Old Folks' Romance.

HUMBOLDT, Neb., Aug. 11.—Mrs. Mary G. Ferguson of this city, aged 70, was married to Lyman Whitcomb of Iowa, aged 72. A touch of romance is lent to the marriage by the report that it was brought about by correspondence through a matrimonial agency. The present is the bride's third matrimonial venture. The newly married pair will make their home in this city.

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THE KING THANKS

ISSUES ADDRESS TO PEOPLE ON EVE OF CORONATION.

GRATITUDE FOR HIS RECOVERY

He Believes that Prayers to Divine Providence Have Been Answered—Prayerbook Conceived and Written by the King Himself.

LONDON, Aug. 8.—The following message from King Edward to his people was made public last night: To My People: On the eve of coronation, an event which I look upon as one of the most solemn and important of my life, I am anxious to express to my people at home and in the colonies and in India my heartfelt appreciation of the deep sympathy they have manifested toward me during a time in my life of such imminent danger. The postponement of the coronation ceremony, owing to my illness, has caused, I fear, much inconvenience and trouble to all who intended to celebrate it. But their disappointment has been borne by them with admirable patience and temper.

"The prayers of my people for my recovery were heard, and I now offer up my deepest gratitude to divine Providence for having preserved my life and given me strength to fulfill the important duties which devolve upon me as sovereign of this great empire."

(Signed) "EDWARD R. and L. Buckingham Palace, Aug. 8, 1902." King Edward's proclamation is a personal and spontaneous expression of his majesty's feelings. It was conceived and written by himself in an autograph letter to the home secretary, C. T. Ritchie. In addressing this communication to the home secretary, the king is following the traditions observed by the late Queen Victoria when she addressed personal messages to the nation.

King Edward did not drive out yesterday. A large crowd had gathered outside Buckingham Palace in expectation of their majesties taking a drive, and the king, who was lurching in one of the front rooms of the building, came to the window in full view of the people who cheered him enthusiastically. The king bowed his acknowledgments.

It had been expected that his majesty would visit Westminster abbey yesterday, but he did not do so. He was busily engaged with his secretary, Lord Knollys.

Some regalia for the coronation was removed from Buckingham Palace and at St. James palace to Westminster abbey, where minor rehearsals of the coronation ceremony was held.

The prince of Wales and the duke of Connaught paid visits of inspection to the abbey.

An official bulletin issued says: "King Edward bore the journey to London yesterday without the least fatigue. His majesty had a good night and is in excellent health. The wound is practically healed."

FLOWER'S AT KRUGER'S FEET.

Pathetic Incident Occurs at Pro-Boer Exhibition at the Hague.

THE HAGUE, Aug. 8.—Former President Kruger of the Transvaal Republic, accompanied by a number of Boer leaders, visited the pro-Boer exhibition this morning. He seated himself opposite the portraits of the Dutch and French combatants who fell during the war and as he sat there young girls strewed flowers at his feet.

Replying to a speech made by the president of the exhibition, Mr. Kruger paid a tribute to the "brave men who sacrificed their lives in a distasteful struggle for justice."

He thanked artists of all nations for their unselfish aid in contributing to the exhibition.

See Road Reaches Bismarck.

BISMARCK, N. D., Aug. 8.—The Soo railroad crossed the Northern Pacific tracks southeast of this city last night and reached Bismarck tonight.

Downing Goes it Alone.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 8.—Robert Downing, the actor, today obtained a divorce from his wife, who is known on the stage as Eugenie Blair.

Ask Roosevelt to Pardon.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Aug. 8.—President Mitchell of the United Mine Workers, in an interview with a representative of the Associated Press today, said with reference to the decision of Judge Goff in the habeas corpus proceedings against the miners in West Virginia: "The only thing to do now is to make an appeal to President Roosevelt for the pardon of the men in jail, and this will probably be done at once."

Hunting for Buried Treasure.

PORT TOWNSEND, Wash., Aug. 8.—The brigantine Lakeland, Captain Fred Blakeley, which left Astoria January 6 last on a hunting expedition to Cocos island, is in the straits bound in behind a tug. The expedition has the financial backing of a popular subscription corporation, the people subscribing generously to the plan with the prospect of securing the \$30,000,000 of Peruvian treasure buried there many years ago.

Election in Tennessee.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 8.—An election was held in Tennessee to select five judges of the supreme court and three judges of the court of appeals. In addition judges were selected in every chancery and judicial district in the state, together with state's attorneys for various circuits. At the same time democratic candidates for congress were nominated by primaries held in the Fourth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth and Ninth districts.

CUBA TO INCREASE DUTIES.

Senate Orders Executive to Raise Import Revenue.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 8.—The state department is advised by Minister Squires that the Cuban senate has authorized the executive to increase import duties to the following maximums: Shoes and boots, from 10 to 17 per cent; coal, 25 cents per thousand kilos; pine lumber, 40 per cent; kerosene, 10 per cent; fresh beef, fresh mutton, salt beef, jerked beef, ham, herring, coffee, cider, beer, 50 per cent; hats, 50 per cent; butter, lard, pork, salt pork, bacon, lard, cheese, condensed milk, wheat flour, codfish, rice, alimentary preserves, eggs, beans and peas, onions, potatoes, olive oil, 100 per cent; common sugar, 150 per cent; corn, 333 per cent.

SOUP IS THEIR ONLY FOOD.

Condition of the Peasant Inhabitants of Eastern Galicia.

VIENNA, Aug. 8.—After a special investigation of the labor trouble in eastern Galicia, the Neue Freie Presse draws a gloomy picture of the miserable conditions which led to the existing strike.

The average mortality from famine for the previous year, according to the Neue Freie Presse, aggregated 50,000.

Laborers wages range from 8 to 16 cents a day and women earn from 4 to 8 cents a day. The peasants rarely taste bread and exist chiefly on a soup, the principal ingredients of which are water and herbs.

MET DEATH IN A CYCLONE.

Sixteen Men Know to Have Been Killed by Gas Explosion.

TRINIDAD, Colo., Aug. 8.—Sixteen men are known to be dead and some others are reported missing as the result of an explosion of gas in one of the mines of the Union Coal and Coke company at Bowen, six miles from Trinidad, at 7 o'clock tonight. The work of rescuing the bodies was begun at once, and four had been taken out at 10 o'clock. No names are obtainable at this time.

The mine employs about sixty men. They are all Americans and Irish. Most of the dead are said to be married. Only meager details have been received here.

Union Pacific Buys Abroad.

NEW YORK, Aug. 8.—It is learned from reliable sources today that the Union Pacific has placed a big order for steel rails with a firm in Germany. Part of this order is for the Southern Pacific, though delivery is to be made to the Union Pacific at Omaha and such other points westward as it may later instruct. The order is for 1,000 tons. Premiums for early delivery were quoted ranging from 4 to 1 per cent.

A prominent man connected with the steel industry said: "It is not surprising to hear of the Union Pacific's order. Domestic mills cannot deliver before the third quarter next year. They are stacked up with orders for millions of dollars in steel. Iron orders will have to go abroad before long."

Groesbeck Makes Reply.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 8.—Colonel Groesbeck of the judge advocate general's department has written to the adjutant general a reply to the request for an explanation of an interview published on his arrival at San Francisco in which he commented on court-martials in the Philippines. Adjutant General Corbin, to whom the reply was addressed, will return to Washington in a few days.

He Wan Women's Hearts.

SIOUX CITY, Aug. 8.—E. S. Porter, an alleged real estate man from Des Moines, with many aliases, who is under arrest here as a fugitive from South Dakota, wherever he is said to have swindled numerous women in the sale of patterns, seems to be a winner of the hearts of women as well. His grip contains letters of a very loving nature from women in Omaha, Hazard, Denison, Brainard, Minn., and other places.

Today Mrs. Sarah Carr of York, Neb., arrived to meet Porter and upon learning of his arrest, confronted him at the police station and severely reproached him between soba.

Becomes a Chicago Lawyer.

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 8.—President Roosevelt will receive the honorary degree of LL. D. from the University of Chicago during his visit to Chicago.

Oyster Men in a Combine.

MOBILE, Ala., Aug. 8.—The various oyster canning and packing companies in Mississippi, Louisiana and Alabama will combine under one head with a capital of \$2,000,000. The movement has been on foot three years and is now practically assured. It will control all the business of the three states along the fish and oyster canning lines. Headquarters probably will be in New Orleans. Ten companies are in the combine.

Quiet at Shenandoah.

SHENANDOAH, Va., Aug. 7.—The sentries on duty around camp, the soldiers stationed at different parts of the town on provost guard duty reported everything quiet during the night.

Will Be Earl of Dudley.

LONDON, Aug. 7.—It is considered probable that the Earl of Dudley will succeed Earl Cadogan as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

HOLD UP A TRAIN

BASKED MEN ROS BURLINGTON EXPRESS AT MARCUS, ILL.

ONE OF THE NUMBER IS KILLED

The Other Five Easily Escape After Riffing the Contents of the Express Car and Obtaining a Considerable Sum of Money.

MOUNT CARROLL, Ill., Aug. 7.—A daring and successful train robbery occurred at Havana, on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railway, five miles south of Savanah, about midnight. The five vestibule passenger train of eleven coaches, Conductor Emerson B. Sharp, was flagged at the little station and six masked men boarded the engine. The engineer and fireman obeyed the imperative orders of the robbers and at once uncoupled the engine and express car from the train and ran them a quarter of a mile up the track.

They then blew up the express car with dynamite, ran the engine north a distance of a mile from Hanover and the locomotive becoming dead, the robbers abandoned it and escaped.

One of the highwaymen was killed, being shot above the eye and also in the leg. He met instant death while on the engine and his body was dumped to the ground by his companions as they sped away. Express Messenger Byrd claims to have done the shooting.

The deed was done quickly, the trainmen and passengers making no defense. Six sacks of money were secured, but the amount is not known. The passengers were not molested.

There was no way of telegraphing news of the holdup, and a flagman walked back and gave the alarm. A special train of officers and several policemen at once proceeded to the scene, but, as the track runs along the Mississippi and the country is well adapted to a successful flight, the robbers easily escaped. The work was evidently that of experts, as they went at it coolly and methodically.

The train attacked is one of the finest in the world and usually carries considerable money, which must have been known by the robbers.

The dead highwayman was a stranger in this vicinity. He was a middle-aged man and well dressed. In his pocket was found an Iowa Central mileage credential from Grinnell to Gilman, Ia., issued in the name of A. L. Jacobs.

Four explosions were required to complete the destruction of the safe and the car was badly wrecked. The robbers were six in number, all masked. They evidently were railroad men, one being a good engineer. Messenger William Byrd fired five shots at the robbers, but without avail, and an attempt was made to blow him up in his car.

The bandits had arranged to ditch the entire train had not the signal to stop been heeded. Several passengers in the buffet car, including the porter, were held prisoners during the struggle to crack the safe.

It is thought the dead robber was killed by a comrade by mistake. The body was put on the tender and run by the others a short distance and then thrown into the weeds.

Official announcement was made by the officials of both the Burlington road and the Adams Express company that a purse of \$1,000 would be made up by the two companies and given to Express Messenger Byrd for his bravery.

Daring Climb is Killed.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 7.—Daniel Barry, a daring climber known as "Steeple Jack," fell ninety-eight feet while working in the city hall tower, painting inside of the dome, and was instantly killed. Barry placed the electric lights around the brim of the steeple of William Penn, which caps the city hall tower, 540 feet above the pavement, and occasionally would lower himself over the edge and hang in midair by his hands.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.—Today's statement of the treasury balances in the general fund, exclusive of the \$20,000,000 gold reserve in the division of redemption, shows: Available cash balance, \$293,479,337; gold, \$191,317,111.

Stock Yards Stock at Boston.

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 7.—Today's regular semi-weekly auction sale of securities brought out fifty shares of Union Stock Yards, Omaha, which went at 101. This was one of the features of the day's sales.

Dies While the Band Plays.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Aug. 7.—Samuel Pryor, noted bandmaster and father of Arthur Pryor, the celebrated trombonist, who while touring with Sousa was personally complimented by King Edward, is dying at his home in this city. Yesterday when it became evident that death was near, Pryor summoned his band and ordered the leader to conduct a concert of lively airs. The band plays beneath the sick man's window.

Oregonian Robbed in Depot.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Aug. 9.—J. A. Morton, a stockman of Ontario, Ore., was robbed in this city while about to transact some business at the depot. He stepped from the train and when in the crowd felt a hand on his trousers pocket. He grabbed the hand and tried to hold the man, but the stranger got away in the densely packed throng. Morton's loss is \$1,200 in paper and checks and \$115 in currency.

Custer Farmer Suicides.

MASON CITY, Neb., Aug. 9.—Joseph Jelinek, a prominent farmer here, committed suicide a few days ago by shooting himself, family trouble being the cause.

Yield of Small Grain Good.

CALLAWAY, Neb., Aug. 9.—The threshing of wheat and rye has commenced in this locality and the average is much better than was anticipated.

THE SOUTH OMAHA MARKET.

First Seven Months of the Year Show a Steady Growth.

OMAHA, Neb., Aug. 9.—As a cattle and hog market, the last report of receipts at South Omaha shows that it has gone upward for the first seven months of 1902; while as a sheep and horse and mule market, it has receded. As a strange contrast, for the month of July, there was but a slight increase in cattle, and a decrease in hogs as compared with July a year ago, while good increases were shown in the receipts of sheep, and horses and mules.

Receipts of July, 1902, against July, 1901, were: 2,182 cars, containing 55,525 cattle; against 2,181 cars, containing 53,502 cattle; 2,488 cars, containing 172,214 hogs, against 2,292 cars, containing 225,981 hogs; 459 cars, containing 115,553 sheep, against 398 cars, containing 92,395 sheep; 259 cars, containing 7,895 horses and mules, against 247 cars, containing 7,232 horses and mules. The total receipts by cars were 5,397, against 4,081—a decrease of 684 cars.

Receipts for the seven months ending July 31, against the corresponding seven months of 1901 were: 14,916 cars, containing 420,313 cattle, against 14,265 cars, containing 395,135 cattle, an increase of 650 cars and 25,183 cattle; 20,430 cars, containing 1,504,637 hogs, against 20,460 cars, containing 1,454,686 hogs, a decrease of 30 cars, but an increase of 49,957 hogs; 2,305 cars, containing 535,412 sheep, against 2,564 cars, containing 603,519 sheep, a decrease of 259 cars and 68,097 sheep; 969 cars, containing 20,829 horses and mules, against 1,000 cars, containing 26,047 horses and mules, a decrease of 131 cars and 5,218 horses and mules. The total receipts by cars were 40,250, against 40,290, an increase of 240 cars.

PLANNING FOR IRRIGATION.

Guernsey May Be Starting Point of Nebraska Canal.

LINCOLN, Neb., Aug. 9.—Elwood Mead, expert irrigator and chief investigator for the department of agriculture, spent a day in Lincoln with State Engineer Adna Dobson and members of the state board of irrigation. Senator Dietrich arrived to confer with Mr. Mead. It is now believed that the governor will accept the recommendation of those who recommend the construction of a reservoir on the state line in Speck Hill canyon and a canal running from Guernsey, Wyo., to a point near North Platte.

As contemplated, the canal will probably be extended to North Platte, but the intention now is to build the canal only from Guernsey to the Nebraska state line at a point on the Platte. As projected the canal will furnish an abundant water supply for the whole of South Platte county and the greater portion of Cheyenne county. Two reservoirs will be constructed near the state line if the project goes through. This portion of the canal will be about fifty miles in length.

Arrested on Eve of Wedding Day.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Aug. 9.—John and Nicholas Adams of Dawson county were arraigned before United States Commissioner Bode on the charge of selling beer in violation of the United States revenue laws. Nicholas was released, but John was bound over to the United States district court at Omaha and the bond fixed at \$500, which the defendant was fortunately able to furnish—the more fortunately for the reason that it was the eve of his wedding day and he had to hurry back to Dawson county in order not to postpone the nuptial event.

After Illegal Hunters.

RED CLOUD, Neb., Aug. 9.—Three thoroughbred bird dogs and a quantity of shotgun shells were sold here by Sheriff McArthur, which being property abandoned by C. T. Hazleton and R. W. Stoner