

THE NEWS IN NEBRASKA.

District court at West Point has closed its fall term. Fire damaged the confectionery store of L. F. Vaughn at Wayne.

A load of wheat was stolen from the farm of George M. Schuster, west of Ashland. William Hawley, an old resident of Madison county, was killed by the cars at Norfolk while trying to cross the Northwestern tracks.

Members of the United Brethren church in this state are making arrangements to open a hospital at Brantford City and have asked aid from the Commercial club, which will be granted.

Walter West, a young man living near Sprague, was thrown from his horse near Martell, while riding at full speed across the Rock Island tracks. His face was cut and bruised. He also suffered internal injuries.

The biennial state council of the Catholic Knights of America is called to meet in delegate convention at Columbus on October 18. The order has made rapid progress during the last biennial, especially in the Columbus branch.

Nearly every year more fruit is raised in York county, and this year hundreds upon hundreds of bushels of peaches have been marketed by farmers and fruit raisers, and now they are shipping apples, which are also an abundant crop.

Plenty of water awaits the use of farmers in Nebraska, according to the report of Secretary Dodson of the state board of irrigation. One violation of the law was reported during the last year, a western farmer opening a headgate after it had been closed by the under secretary.

George Zarak, a farmer living six miles east of Columbus, met with a peculiar and painful accident. He was starting for home and had just climbed into his wagon when his team started quickly, he lost his balance and fell out, striking his head heavily, first on the hub of the wheel and again on the ground.

Frank Brown, arrested in St. Joseph on a charge of passing forged checks in Lincoln, is now in the city jail at Lincoln and will be given a preliminary hearing. Brown said he expected his father to make good the checks when they were presented at the bank and he did not know until recently that his father had refused to stand for them.

Beets are turning into tiny white particles of sweetness at the Norfolk sugar factory nowadays. The fall campaign has begun and there is every prospect of a long one this season. Manager Bimick states that the beet crop is unusually good this year and the farmers are happy over the outlook of getting several tons of beets off each acre at about \$5 per ton.

A stranger giving the name of Dr. F. G. Busch visited the home of Wilke Gusch, a prominent German farmer, who resides in Hanover township, Gage county, and succeeded in securing him out of \$50 cash. Gusch has a crippled son and the stranger offered to cure him for \$150. He told Gusch that he must have \$50 before taking the case and the unsuspecting farmer paid it.

What might have resulted seriously was a peculiar accident which took place near Humboldt. E. C. Colbapp, a young business man, was driving into the country, in company with his wife and a friend, when a tree which was being cut by a lad at the roadside fell across the spring wagon in which they were riding, dislocating a shoulder and badly bruising Mrs. Colbapp and scratching the others badly.

Word has been received in Fremont that A. J. Ferris, the man who so recently succeeded in swindling several Fremont people by means of fraudulent chattel mortgages a few months ago, had been convicted at Concordia, Kan., of forgery. At the time of his arrest the Kansas authorities put in a claim for him, and as they were very anxious to have him brought back, no complaint was filed against him in Nebraska.

John Miller, who resides on a small farm southwest of Plattsmouth, reports that while fishing below the Burlington bridge a few days ago he witnessed a tornado. The storm came from the southwest and the clouds from that direction appeared to strike a current of wind from the opposite direction, forming a funnel-shaped cloud, which dipped into the river at a point near Becker's island. Mr. Miller says the cloud moved slowly, but its rapidly revolving movement carried with it a vast quantity of water and destroyed the entire corn crop of a farmer whose premises adjoin the river on the east.

The new United States postoffice building is completed in Norfolk. It was built at a cost of \$100,000 and has been in process of construction since a year ago last May. It is a perfect copy of the building at Annapolis, Md.

Albert C. Chase & Co. were the successful bidders for the \$7,000 improvement bonds which were sold at Oakland. The bonds draw 5 per cent and run for ten years, with a privilege of redeeming in five years. The price was par and accrued interest with a premium of \$17.

At Geneva the people of Trinity church, of which George Nelson is organist, met at his home and presented him with the chair. H. F. Putitz making the presentation.

J. H. Wiese of South Omaha, who has the contract for the construction of the new public building at Hastings, has been authorized to substitute buff Bedford limestone for ornamental tuff cotta below the level of the third story window arches. This change of material will necessitate an expenditure of \$3,280 above the contract price.

The new cells at the state penitentiary are filling a long felt want, for in his report for the month of September Warden Beemer does not mention a single infraction of the rules of the institution. During the month there were received into the prison sixteen prisoners and fifteen were discharged, leaving 315 on hand at the end of the month. Of these 185 were employed by the Lee Broom and Duster company.

DRIVE BACK JAPS

RUSSIANS TAKE OFFENSIVE AND BREAK OYAMO'S LINE.

KUROKI MAKES FATAL MISTAKE

Russians Seize a Hill He Failed to Occupy and Fought His Japanese Right About and They Are Forced to Abandon Position.

ST. PETERSBURG—General Kuropatkin's order of the day announcing his determination to take the offensive is supplemented tonight by the news that an offensive movement has already begun and that the Japanese have been broken at Bentaspitze. The Japanese occupied a front of about fifty-two miles, stretching from Bentaspitze on the east through Yental and across the railway to the banks of the Hun river on the west. The Russian force has been moving south in close touch with the Japanese outposts were driven back in a series of skirmishes, and on October 6 the Russians reoccupied the station of Shakhie, fifteen miles south of Mukren, the railway battalion restoring the bridge across the Shakhie river the next day in order to facilitate the advance.

General Kuropatkin pushed southward as far as the Yental mines, defeating the Japanese in a series of warm skirmishes. The most important action, however, occurred at the Japanese right at Bentaspitze. Here the Japanese held a strong and important position, but it seems they made the inexplicable mistake of fortifying a communication which was the key to the whole situation. A portion of General Kuropatkin's force made a strong attack on Bentaspitze, and taking a lead from the Japanese book, occupied the hill from the east and flanked the Japanese out of the town, causing a serious loss in a rear guard fight. The Russian casualties here were considerable.

While these operations are progressing south of Mukden, it is reported that two Japanese divisions, under General Fushima, are marching west up the Liao river and are now twenty-two miles south of Simintin. General Kuroki is expected to make a similar movement eastward. This statement, if accurate, leaves the two armies in the anomalous position of threatening each other's lines of communication, the Japanese by a wide turning movement, while the Russians, pushing southward, have already inflicted a blow on the Japanese right and are compelling back their center almost to the railway.

While it is understood that Mukden is not heavily fortified, General Kuropatkin has a powerful force behind him strongly posted at Tie Pass, and he asserts the Russians are now powerful enough to assume the offensive. It is possible his aggressive movement will force the Japanese banking column to withdraw in order to protect its own base.

COMMITTED TO THE GRAVE.

Last Services Over Body of George F. Mearns Held.

CONCORDIA, Mo.—The last services over the body of United States Senator George Frisbie Hoar were held Tuesday in this town, the place of his birth, and several hundred of the senator's former townsmen followed the body to the place of its burial in Concordia. In the First Parish church service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Loren E. McDonald. The pastor spoke in words of eulogy, reading instead James Russell Lowell's poem on Channing. At the grave brief services of burial were held and the body was committed to the grave.

Put On An Open Shop Basis.

CHICAGO—The Pullman company resumed work in its manufacturing department, putting on a small force of men. Three hundred workers were put on the open shop basis, and the number is to be increased as the work is developed, according to Vice President Wickes, until 1,500 or 2,000 men are again on the payroll. Those employed were required to sign an application promising to obey the rules of the company. In signing of the application, said Vice President Wickes, "mean that resumption would be on the 'open shop' basis and that no union agreement would be signed."

Labor Federation Complains.

WASHINGTON—Frank Morrison, general secretary of the American Federation of Labor, has filed with the interstate commerce commission a complaint alleging discrimination on the part of the transcontinental passenger association against the federation of labor. The matter of reduced rates for delegates to the national meeting of that organization in San Francisco, beginning November 14.

Many Skirmishes Occur.

Field Headquarters of the Second Japanese Army, Nyon, via Fusan, Oct.—Daily skirmishing is occurring along the Japanese advance line. On Friday Japanese cavalry attacked two companies of Russian infantry and two companies of cavalry. The machine gunners of the Japanese were killed. The Russian advance line was broken at the River Run, southwest of Choran. The Russians were driven back to the north-west. The Russian casualties were fifteen. The Japanese sustained no losses. On Saturday the Japanese advance drove back the Russians.

American Acquired in Mexico.

MEXICO CITY—J. O. Rice, who was manager of the defunct Intercontinental Bank and Trust Company of America, has been acquired of the charge made against him in connection with the failure of the bank, his bond of \$200,000 being returned to him.

Activity on Railroad.

Chellabinsk, Russia.—There is the greatest activity on the railroad. Men, munitions and artillery are passing through bound eastward.

Mexicans to Attend the Fair.

MEXICO CITY.—Vice-President Corral will, it is announced, go to the St. Louis exposition as the representative of President Diaz. He will be accompanied by General Louis Torres and assistant Secretary of the Treasury Robert Nue.

English Paupers.

The annual report on pauperism in southwest England shows that out of every 1,000 persons in the district thirty-three are acknowledged public paupers.

GUARDING THE BATTLESHIP

Extra Precautions Taken in Behalf of Connecticut.

THE NEBRASKA LAUNCHED WITH SHOUTS AND BOOMS.

CHRISTENED BY MISS MICKY

Daughter of Nebraska's Chief Executive Stands Sponsor for the Vessel. Ship Supports Weakened Too Quickly and Boat Takes the Water.

SEATTLE—Special to the Omaha Bee: Impatient of restraint and eager to rush into the arms of Old Ocean, the Nebraska broke through the straits that held it and at 2:02 p. m., amid the shouts of 50,000 people, the booming of great guns of the monitor Wroming, the blare of bands and the wailing of all the whistles of all the ships in the harbor, the great hull glided down the ways and into its natural element.

Miss Mickey was not unwarmed, and as the first tremor of the starting ship was noted, she broke the brightly decked bottle of champagne across the mainmast and the vessel, a new ship was born and christened. The day was dark and foggy, but the citizens made a holiday of it. All banks and other business houses were closed from noon until 3:30 p. m., that everybody might have an opportunity to stand what is here looked on as one of the most important events in the history of the city. At the shipyard every inch of room was occupied and on the adjoining wharves the people swarmed to the danger point. Sound steamers and tugs were fitted up as floating grandstands and many of the most distinguished citizens had a chance to see the new warship take its dip into the water.

DECLINES TO VISIT OHIO.

Bryan Writes a Letter to the State Chairman.

COLUMBUS, O.—William J. Bryan, in a letter to Chairman Harvey Gardner of the democratic state committee, declining to visit Ohio during the present campaign, says: "While Judge Parker announces himself as unqualifiedly in favor of the gold standard, he is no more objectionable on this question than President Roosevelt and he does not stand for many things in which the silver democrats are interested. "The election of Parker and Davis would remove from the arena of politics the questions which stand in the way of the consideration of economic questions, and for this reason I believe that every democrat who supported the ticket in 1896 and 1900 should interest himself in the success of the ticket this year. "When the election is over I want to renew the fight for economic reform and I believe that we will be in better position to do this with Judge Parker elected than with Roosevelt at the head of the nation. It is also important to secure congress, for without the house of representatives the president could not carry out his policies."

PORTER EXPRESSES SORROW.

Ambassador of United States Writes Letter of Condolence.

PARIS—Acting on instructions from Washington Ambassador Porter sent Mrs. Bartholdi the following letter: "Madame: The death of the eminent sculptor who had always aimed at giving to his works the expression of the great idea or noble aspiration has profoundly moved the American nation, which has received from him lasting proof of his sincere admiration. As the interpreter of these sentiments the government of the United States in sympathy with the people of the world, has rendered the name of Bartholdi dear to all my countrymen, who join in your grief and that of the artistic world. In acquitting myself this duty allows me to express my personal sympathies and those of all the members of the embassy, who, like myself, had with Bartholdi friendly relations during the last twenty years which have left in our hearts a void we never shall forget. I have the honor to be, your respectful servant. HORACE PORTER."

FUNERAL OF DEAD STATESMAN

Simple, Private Service Over Sir William Vernon-Harcourt.

LONDON.—The remains of Sir William Vernon-Harcourt, who died on Saturday, were buried in the family vault at Nuneham, Oxford, with the utmost simplicity and privacy. Only the family and tenantry were present. Simultaneously a memorial service was held at St. Margaret's church, Westminster, where representatives of King Edward and the prince of Wales were among the immense congregation, which included Ambassador Choate, Mrs. Choate, John R. Carter, second secretary of the American embassy, and the other ambassadors and ministers, cabinet ministers and personal and political colleagues of the deceased statesman.

Election of Harry Marks.

LONDON.—Editorial articles in the morning newspapers chorus expressions ranging from regret to indignation at the election of Harry Marks to parliament in the Thanet district. The conservative Standard says: "In the interests of party of public life it is to be hoped that the officials everywhere are displaying serious anxiety and are procuring the most modern arms and munitions of war for the purpose of equipping the soldiery. There is no certainty as to whether the anxiety of the officials is directed against anticipated risings or as to whether it is a precautionary movement against possible danger."

Bartholdi is Laid to Rest.

PARIS.—The funeral of Bartholdi took place Friday and was a most imposing ceremony. It was attended by hundreds of mourners, including public officials, students and models. The American embassy was represented. The hearse was followed by a band and flowers. Ambassador Porter's offering was a large wreath. Conspicuous in the throngs were numerous gatherings of working people. Soldiers were drawn up at the Bartholdi residence and the body was received with military honors.

Crane's Credit Manager Dead.

CHICAGO, Ill.—Oliver P. Dickinson, credit manager of the Crane company, is dead after an illness of several weeks. Mr. Dickinson was formerly vice president of the Merchants National bank of Kansas City, Mo.

Italy Incre's Army.

ROME.—The war office has recalled under arms the reserves of 1902, except the cavalry and artillery. This action places about 50,000 more troops at the disposal of the government.

HE PASSED AWAY.

Postmaster General Payne Dies in Washington.

WASHINGTON.—Henry C. Payne, postmaster general of the United States, a member of the national republican committee, a stalwart of his party, with the history of which, both in his home state and nationally, he has been identified for many years, died at his apartments at the Arlington hotel at 6:10 o'clock Tuesday night, aged 60 years.

Mr. Payne has been in poor health for at least two years, but his last illness covered only seven days, an attack of heart trouble last week preceding the end at a time when, after a rest, he seemed to have recovered a small measure of his vitality impaired by years of arduous labor. Death this afternoon came after nearly six hours of unconsciousness.

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WORCESTER, Mass.—The will of the late Senator George F. Hoar was filed Wednesday. It makes no public bequests, dividing his property between his son and daughter, Rockwood Hoar