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Brief Telegrams

Prof. Adolph von Menzel, Berlin's most famous painter, has celebrated his 89th birthday.

The total attendance at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition was 18,741,673, according to the official figures.

The children's home of the Sisters of Mercy at Loretto, Pa., was destroyed by fire yesterday.

The official vote of South Carolina for president was: Parker, 52,863; Roosevelt, 2,271; Debs, 22; Watson, 1.

The report that Austria-Hungary has offered to reopen the commercial treaty negotiations with Germany is confirmed.

The official canvass of the vote of North Dakota gives Roosevelt 52,658, Parker 14,296, Debs 1,945, Swallow, 1,105, Watson 153.

Complete returns of the election in Kentucky give Parker 217,170; Roosevelt 205,277, Swallows 6,609, Debs 3,602, Watson 2,511.

Secretary Shaw submits to congress estimates aggregating $619,669,852 for appropriations for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1906.

Representative Morrill of Pennsylvania introduced a bill to reduce representation in states where citizens are disfranchised.

John E. Redmond has called a meeting of the Irish parliamentary party for January 15 in Dublin to discuss the distress in the west of Ireland.

Prof. Robert Koch of Berlin will start for South Africa, December 17, to engage in further scientific investigation of rinderpest and other animal diseases.

Treasury Minister Luzzatti, at Rome, made a statement before the chamber of deputies setting forth that the last budget closed with $11,600,000 surplus.

To connect the canal zone on the Isthmus of Panama with the United States by cable is the purpose of a bill introduced by Representative Wagner of Pennsylvania.

The department of agriculture issued a report announcing after extensive investigation, that the use of paris green in controlling the cotton boll weevil is absolutely futile.

An appropriation of $17,000 for defraying the expenses of the inauguration of President Roosevelt is provided for in a joint resolution introduced in the senate and house.

The house committee on rivers and harbors decided to send for some of the district engineers, as they desire to hear from them on the needs of rivers and harbors in their respective districts.

Germany is not taking cognizance of the British government's action in refusing to permit the German steamer Captain W. Menzel, to sail from Cardiff with coal for the Russian fleet.

President Richard Emory of the German bank of Buffalo, N. Y., Cashier Paul Werner and Assistant Cashier William P. Luedke pleaded not guilty to the charge of grand larceny.

An appeal for a law strengthening the power of the federal court, permitting it to arrest defendants wherever found in United States territory, is asked of congress by Attorney General Moody.

Charles Shelton, Joseph Hedges, Burton Snyder and Gwin Snyder, each under 22 years of age, were arrested at Kansas City for attempting to wreck an incoming Missouri Pacific passenger train.

Because he was refused admission to the lower floor of a theater in Peoria, Ill., on account of his color Henry C. Gibson, a negro constable was given a verdict of $25 by a jury composed mainly of business men.

The senate confirmed the nominations of Captains Francis W. Dickens, F. F. Wilde, Charles H. Davis, Charles J. Train, George W. Pigman and George A. Converse to be rear admiral in the navy.

Secretary Hitchcock in a communication to congress, recommends an amendment to the law relative to stock trespassing on Indian reservations so as to provide for the seizure and sale of such stock.

James Smith, jr., as receiver, sold at auction at Newark, N. J., all the stock of the subsidiary companies of the United States Ship Building company to George R. Sheldon, chairman of the reorganization committee for $[illegible].

The German government has paid $[illegible] indemnity to Carl Bunes, a former merchant of Luneberg, who was unjustly convicted of receiving stolen goods in 1902 and who served three months in the penitentiary, when new evidence was discovered showing he was not guilty.

The opinion of Judge Sanborn of the United States circuit court denying the application for a writ of habeas corpus made by Michael Doyle of Denver, who was imprisoned by the supreme court of Colorado on a charge of contempt growing out of the recent election, was made public in St. Louis.

Chancellor von Bulow, replying to an attack of the socialists on the German military budget in the reichstag, declares that a nation which spends $[illegible] yearly for liquor can afford a [illegible] for military purposes.

Senator Burrows introduced a resolution providing for the canvass of the vote for president and vice president. The two branches of congress will meet in the chamber of the house of representatives at 1 p.m., February 1, to proceed with the canvass.

According to a statement issued by the Philippine World's fair board, the total receipts during the exposition from admissions to the native villages and concessions on concessions amounting to $[illegible] with disbursements of $[illegible] for installation of exhibits and maintenance.

The British foreign office says there is no foundation for the story that Great Britain has offered Turkey money to help Abdul Hamid and Chinese troubles in return concessions which would permit Great Britain control of the Persian entrance to the Red sea.

Mrs. Mary E. Langdon, arrested in San Bernardino, Cal., October 17, and taken to St. Louis to stand trial on the charge of forging a check for $[illegible] was sentenced to six months' imprisonment after she had entered a plea of guilty.

WORK THIS WEEK

WHAT CONGRESS WILL BUSY ITSELF ABOUT.

THE PHILIPPINE CIVIL BILL

It Will Be Discussed in the Upper House With a Vote on Friday.—House Will Give Consideration to Pension Bills.

WASHINGTON.—The principal event scheduled for the senate the present week is the taking of the vote on the Philippine civil bill which is set down for next Friday at 3 o'clock. Under the agreement to vote, the bill remains the unfinished business of the senate until that date and it will have preference over all other questions each day after 2 o'clock. Many democratic senators are opposed to the bill, but the best information obtainable is that there will be no debate on the Philippine question. They will devote their efforts to securing a modification of some of the provisions of the bill as especially obnoxious, giving special attention to the bond and Chinese immigration clause. After the vote on the Philippine bill Friday the senate will adjourn until the following Monday and it is considered doubtful whether much more business of general importance will be then undertaken until after Christmas, as many senators have announced their intention of leaving for home immediately after the vote on the Philippine question. It had been the original intention to press for adjournment as early as the 19th inst., but there is now manifest a disposition to allow the house to have its way in fixing the date for the 21st, even though the senate remains technically in session, as will be the case, according to the present outlook.

It is the intention not to transact much business other than the Philippine legislation during the present week. Senator Hepburn on Monday will make an effort to secure consideration of the pure food bill, but if he succeeds in getting it before the senate it would not be seriously proceeded with before the holidays. It is believed that the statehood bill will not be reported from committee before the holidays.

The house will begin the second week of the session with consideration of private pension bills, Monday having been made pension day.

On Tuesday the resolution reported by the judiciary committee to impeach Charles Swayne, judge of the northern district of Florida, comes before the house as a special order, its consideration having been deferred by resolution at the last session to that day, and authority given the judiciary committee to take further testimony. All the evidence taken, including that heard since the last session, has been printed for the use of members of the house. A supplemental report has been submitted to the house by the judiciary committee advising the house of additional testimony. It is probable that the appropriations committee may report a short urgent deficiency bill during the week, and it is barely possible that the District of Columbia appropriation bill may be reported by the end of the week.

COUNT MADE OF STRAW MEN.

Second Batch of Contempt Cases at Denver.

DENVER.—The state supreme court took up the contempt charges against Thomas Culp and M. L. Devanny, judge in precinct ten, ward seven, at the late election. Attorney Thomas Ward announced that the prosecution would prove that only 238 persons entered the booths to vote, while the returns showed that 417 ballots had been counted.

After hearing testimony of the watchers and others in support of the charges the court ordered that the ballot box shall be opened tomorrow and its contents submitted for examination to two experts in penmanship.

A warrant has been issued for James Riley, the third judge in this precinct, but he has not been found.

ROOSEVELT IS CRITICISED.

Civil Service Reform League's Objections.

WASHINGTON.—At the final session of the National Civic Service Reform league President Roosevelt was severely criticised for the exemptions in the service through executive order made by him during the last three years. Nelson S. Spencer, formerly member of the municipal civil service commission of New York City, made a direct attack on the course pursued by the president, which was loudly applauded by many of the civil service reformers present. The president was defended by former Civil Service Commissioner Foulke, who declared the country was to be congratulated on having a president who was actuated by considerations of justice, as well as of law.

TALK OF SPECIAL SESSION.

WASHINGTON.—Leading members of the senate finance committee, while not willing at this time to discuss for publication the likelihood of a special session of congress to revise the tariff, feel that the subject is one which should receive consideration between the president and members of congress. The impression prevails in both houses that the question will not be hurried hastily, despite the fact that a majority is believed to be opposed to revision.

Serious Accident at Mine.

JOLIET, Ill.—A terrible accident occurred at mine No. 1, in South Wilmington. Engineer Paul Leslie failed to control the cage in which ten men were being lowered. The cage shot to the top of the tower and the men were thrown high in the air. An Italian miner was caught and crushed to death. Another miner, John Kucera, was fatally hurt. Six others were injured. The men thought Leslie had been careless and were prepared to punch the engineer, when officers arrived.

Shipping Warned.

WASHINGTON.—Mr. Griscom, the American minister at Tokio, has cabled the state department that Mr. Fisher, the American vice consul at Nagasaki, reports that all shipping has been warned to keep twenty miles away from Pescadores, an island off the west coast of Formosa, and that it is said that fortifications are being constructed at Seoul.

Society is a machine operated by cranks.

MORE MONEY FOR DIPLOMATS.

Secretary Hay Recommends Increase in Salaries.

WASHINGTON.—In the estimates for the diplomatic and consular service forwarded to congress by Secretary Hay through the treasury department recommendation is made for increasing the salaries of a large number of officers in the service. It is recommended that Argentina be increased $2,000, that of the minister resident to Liberia $3,500, and that provision be made for a minister to Roumania and Servia and one for Greece and Montenegro and for a consular agent at Bulgalia. Increased salaries are recommended for the secretaries of legation to Turkey and Switzerland. A third secretary is proposed for the legations to Hlay and Austria and new consulates at the following places at the salaries named:

Alexandria, $2,500; Belgrade, Servia $3,000; Bucharest, Roumania, $3,000; Carlsbad, Autsria, $2,000; Sandokan, British North Borneo, $3,000; and a consulate general at Teheran, Persia at $3,000.

An increased allowance of $2,000 for bringing home criminals is asked, also $50,000 for carrying on the work of delimiting the boundary line between the United States and Canada.

Increases were recommended in the salaries of a large number of consulates. Increases of $20,000 in the aggregate in allowances for clerk hire is recommended for thirty-nine consular offices.

BATTALION OF PHILIPPINES

Scouts Who Served at World's Fair Organized.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—On orders received from the war department at Washington, the following officers, who have been on duty at the Louisiana Purchase exposition, are relieved and ordered to their proper stations: First Lieutenant Frank W. Rowell, Eleventh infantry; First Lieutenant Kirwin T. Smith, Sixth infantry; Second Lieutenant James A. Higgins, Thirtieth infantry.

By direction of the president and under provisions of a congressional enactment the Fourth, Twenty-fourth, Thirtieth and Forty-seventh companies of Philippine scouts are organized into a battalion, with the following officers: One major, one first lieutenant, battalion adjutant to be selected from the officers of the Philippine scouts, one second lieutenant to be battalion quartermaster and commissary, to be selected in the same manner, and one battalion sergeant major. Captain William H. Jonhnston, Sixteenth United States infantry, has been detailed as major of the Philippine scouts and assigned to the command of the battalion.

Profits of British Cotton Mills.

LONDON.—Eighty-seven cotton spinning mills, employing capital amounting to over $15,000,000, made a profit of only $150,000 for the year ended November 30. The same mills last year cleared $220,000.

USE OF MONEY IN CAMPAIGNS.

Senator Carmack Offers Bill to Regulate It.

WASHINGTON.—Senator Carmack introduced a joint resolution providing for the appointment of a commission composed of members of the senate and the house to investigate collection and expenditures of money by national committees in the interests of presidential candidates.

The resolution declares that the commission shall provide for publicity of these collections and expenditures and make it unlawful to make collections from corporations engaged in interstate commerce. The committee is directed to make a special investigation into the elections of 1896, 1900 and 1904, and to go into the subject as to whence the money used in them was received and how it was used.

The resolution was referred to the committee on privileges and elections.

CABLE TO CANAL ZONE.

Purpose of a Bill Introduced in the House.

WASHINGTON.—To connect the canal zone on the Isthmus of Panama with the United States by cable is the purpose of a bill introduced today by Representative Wanger of Pennsylvannia. The bill provides for the construction and operation of such a cable under control and direction of the Panama government, secretary of war and the secretary of the navy, provided the cost of an American made cable will not exceed by more than 10 per cent the cost of a foreign made cable. The total cost of the cable is fixed at $2,000,000 and $300,000 is made immediately available for its construction.

A maximum rate of 25 cents a word is fixed for commercial messages between the canal zone and the mainland of the United States. Governmental and press dispatches are to be sent at reduced rates.

A Green Goods Man.

NEW YORK.—Grover L. Collins, known to the police as the "Lone Green Goods Man," was arrested by a postoffice inspector, though he was supposed to have been killed in a Canadian train wreck several months ago. He is wanted by federal officers in New Jersey. Collins' method was to advertise in western newspapers. Correspondents received from him green goods circulars and also paper with silken threads in it similar to government paper. Money sent to him for samples he pocketed.

VALLEJO, Cal.—The government tug Unadilla left Mare Island navy yard today with a party of expert electricians and a complete wireless telegraph outfit, which is to be installed on one of the Farallone islands. Master Electrician Hanscom, who is in charge of the work, said that he expected to establish communication with the Goat Island station by Saturday. The battleship Ohio will probably soon go to the Farallones to make tests of the wireless system which it is proposed to extend to Honolulu.

Peace in Paraguay.

BUENOS AYRES.—The foreign office is in receipt of a telegram from the Argentine minister at Asuncion stating that the government of Paraguay has accepted the peace conditions of the revolutionists, subject to the nomination of Juan B. Ganna for president.

Mrs. De Armond Dead.

BUTLER, Mo.—Mrs. Catherine De Armond, mother of Congressman D. A. De Armond, died here, aged 90 years.

ARE IN RETREAT

RUSSIAN GARRISON AT PORT ARTHUR FLEES TO MOUNTAIN.

RUSSIAN SHIPS ARE SINKING

Details of the Capture of Meter Hill.—Mikado's Men Unable to Understand Why the Russians Do Not Fight.

LONDON.—According to the Morning Post's Shanghai dispatches, the Port Arthur forces, with the exception of those manning the forts, have already retreated to Laote mountain.

Details continue to filter in of the capture of 203-Meter hill. The Daily Telegraph's correspondent explains that the capture was due to a strong and sustained Japanese feint against the eastern fortifications on the night of December 5, and the position of 203-Meter hill, being an enfilading one, forced the Russians to evacuate without a contest, a parallel line of semi permanent fortifications extending east and west and irregularly over the slope half a mile west of Etse mountain. The Japanese casualties at 203 Meter hill alone exceed the total of the battle of Nan Shan, according to the Daily Mail's Tokio dispatches.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon of November 29 a Tomaysu detachment, with a battalion of infantry and a company of engineers, received orders that they must capture 203-Meter hill, while a Yosid detachment of the same strength had similar orders to capture Akasaka hill. On November 30 it became necessary to reinforce the attackers with a detachment under Major Shizuta. During the operation the cold was so intense that many of the men were frost-bitten, as it was necessary to pass the night without shelter. The Japanese, after the capture of 203-Meter hill, anticipated a terrible bombardment from the Russian forts and made preparations accordingly, but the Russians remained strangely quiet.

The Daily Telegraph's Tien Tsin correspondent reports that General Oku, after a three days' artillery engagement, drove the Russians on Thursday out of the small lofty island of Gushan, in the river, ten miles north of Liao Yang. The Russians, it is added, abandoned a quantity of supplies and several guns and retired to a position eight miles northwest, whence they heavily bombarded the Japanese, setting fire on Tuesday to kerosene depots and causing a great conflagration, which did not cease until Wednesday. The Japanese are still gallantly holding the island with a handful of men. Their casualties, it is alleged, number 5,000.

LONDON.—A dispatch to the Japanese legation from Tokio, dated today, says:

The naval staff at Port Arthur reports that on Thursday evening the Pallada was set on fire and heeled to port with its stern sunk. Eleven shots hit the Giliak (gunboat). The Bayan took fire at 11:30 and is still ablaze at 4:15 p. m. The Amur (transport) was hit fourteen times and sunk. Many shots greatly damaged the warehouses and other buildings near Peiyu mountain and the arsenal.

CHINESE EXCLUSION TREATY.

Tedious and Difficult Task Presented Negotiators.

WASHINGTON.—The new Chinese exclusion treaty, which Secretary Hay and Sir Chentung Liang Cheng, the Chinese minister, are negotiating, presents a tedious and difficult task. When the negotiations were begun some time ago it was with the hope, though hardly with the expectation, that the treaty could be signed in time to be sent to the senate at the opening of congress. If the treaty reaches congress before the close of the present session the negotiators will feel that their work progressed rapidly.

To safeguard the country even more adequately than does the present treaty against the immigration of Chinese laborers of any class, and to alleviate as far as can safely be done the alleged hardships which even the best people of China are forced to undergo at the gateways of this country, are two results, which it is hoped may be obtained by the new treaty. It is stated on authority that there is no foundation that the new treaty is designed to let down the bars against indiscriminate Chinese immigration.

Famine in Central Russia.

ST. PETERSBURG.—The following official statement was made today in regard to reports of famine in Central Russia: "No famines have occurred. There is a bad harvest in Southern Bessarabia, and also, but not so bad, in two districts of Kherson, two of Poltava and three of Nizhni Novgorod. The government is aiding the peasants in these districts with loans to purchase food and seed grain. The times are hard, but the people are not starving."

Filipinos Start For Home.

ST. LOUIS.—One hundred and forty-five Negritos, Bagabos, Samal Moros and Lanao Moros, tribes that were on exhibition in the Philippine reservation at the World's fair, left Wednesday on a through train over the Burlington and Northern Pacific railroads for Seattle, where they will take ship for Manila. Fred Lewis has charge of the party and with him are Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hooping, Rice McSie and Valentine Semilla. The Philippine board presented each tribe with a large American flag.

Extending Settlers' Time.

WASHINGTON.—Representative Mondell introduced a bill providing for an extension of the limit of time within which a homesteader may establish a residence on the Shoshone irrigation enterprise under the terms of the national irrigation act. The bill provides that all qualified entrymen who have heretofore or shall hereafter, prior to July 1, 1905 make entry upon the lands proposed to be irrigated in Big Horn county, Wyoming, shall have until May 1, 1906, in which to establish a residence.

ST. PETERSBURG.—The Russian authorities evidently are not yet satisfied as to the truth of the report of the destruction of the remainder of the Port Arthur squadron, as the censor has not yet permitted the publication of foreign reports to that effect. Nevertheless these reports are in the hands of the admiralty, where they are regarded as sounding the knell of the Port Arthur fleet. The only regret expressed is that they did not go out for a final fight or sink in deep water, where they would be beyond hope of salvage.

LAND FRAUD CASES.

Purpose of the Government to Punish Guilty Parties.

WASHINGTON.—An official statement was given out by the Interior department announcing the government's purpose to prosecute every guilty man in the public land frauds to the full extent of the law and regardless of position in life. The statement follows:

"The conviction in Portland, Ore., yesterday of five persons for land frauds, which will be followed next week by the trial of several others indicted for the same offense, is but another step towards the consummation of the policy entered upon by the secretary of the interior, when it became known, nearly three years ago, that frauds were being perpetrated in connection with the public lands, to run down and prosecute the guilty ones to the full extent of the law, without regard to their position in life. The department has encountered many obstacles while engaged in this work, but has moved steadily onward and has had the hearty co-operation of the Department of Justice in bringing these land criminals to justice.

"These land frauds have been far more extensive than the public realize, and the work of securing the necessary proofs has been a difficult one, but there is no abatement of the intention to secure the conviction of the land thieves. No one will be shielded, whether high or low, and the work of prosecution will be vigorously carried on."

REVISION OF THE TARIFFF.

Matter That Gives Roosevelt Much Concern.

WASHINGTON.—President Roosevelt is confering daily with members of both the senate and the house of representatives on the subject of tariff revision and how the work shall be accomplished. He has found that strong opposition exists to consideration of the subject by congress at an extraordinary session to be held next spring, and it can be said that the idea of calling an extraordinary session for next spring practically has been abandoned. It has been pointed out to the president that it would be nearly impossible for the committee of congress to prepare a tariff measure for presentation to the house before July 1, next.

Representative Watson (Ind.) had a conference with the president. While no decision yet has been reached regarding the revision of the tariff, it is pretty well understood now that if revision should be decided upon, an extraordinary session of congress will be called, to meet next fall.

The subject will be taken up at that session, and its consideration probably be taken up and concluded at the regular session next December. This arrangement, it is believed, will enable congress to dispose of the tariff question at a comparatively early date in the regular session.

MONEY TO PAY ALL BILLS.

Iowa Exposition Commission Keeps Within Appropriation.

DES MOINES.—Ex-Governor Larrabee, president of the Iowa commission on the Louisiana Purchase exposition, with Secretary Freeman Conaway of the same commission, arrived home from St. Louis, where they have attended the exposition and closed up affairs for Iowa. An executive committee meeting was held to go over the accounts and arrange for a settlement. Secretary Conaway will take an office at the state capitol and devote his time for two or three months to closing up affairs. The commission will be able to pay all bills and settle everything without making use of any of the $25,000 additional appropriated for specific purposes, but it was provided that none of it could be used until all the other appropriation was used. While some departments needed the additional sums it was not needed in all departments and none of it was touched. The commission turned over all the Iowa property to the State Board of Control and that board is now in charge. It has already started the work of dismantling the Iowa building and it is probable that building will be the first to be torn down. The furniture and materials are being shipped to various places in the state.

GENERAL NOGI IS CHILDLESS

Both of His Sons Have Been Killed in Battle.

Headquarters of the Third Japanese Army, via Fusan.—On the morning of December 2, the Russians granted permission to the Japanese to gather their dead and wounded from the eastern fort on account of the night fight of November 26.

Yesterday the same concession was asked for by the Russians concerning 203 Meter hill. The request was granted, but the privilege was withdrawn today.

In the fighting of November 30, the second son of General Nogi was killed on 203-Meter hill. General Nogi's oldest son was killed in the battle of Nanshan and he is now childless.

Big Horse Breeding Scheme.

DENVER.—John W. Springer, ex-president of the National Live Stock association, is at the head of a project to establish near this city what is believed will be the largest colony in America for breeding fine horses. Each breeder will be a specialist in his line. The colony will include nearly ten thousand acres of land, and within the boundaries will be raised American coach horses, Belgian heavy draft horses, heavy harness colts, thoroughbred Kentucky saddlers and trotters.

National Historical Commission.

WASHINGTON.—Senator Lodge introduced a bill to authorize the president to appoint fifteen persons of experience in historical research to be known as the United States historical commission. These commissioners shall serve without remuneration, beyond expenses. Provision is made for the appointment of a secretary at $2,500 a year and for other clerical assistants. The commission is to collect abstracts of copies of important documents illustrating American colonial life.

Notifying Formosa.

WASHINGTON.—Mr. Griscom, the American minister at Tokio, has cabled the state department that Mr. Fisher, the American vice counsel at Nagasaki, reports that all shipping has been warned to keep twenty miles away from Pescadores, an island off the west coast of Formosa, and that it is said fortifications are being constructed at Seoul.

MUKDEN.—The cannonade of the last two days has been followed by the serious movement of troops.

NEWS IN NEBRASKA

STATE IN BRIEF.

The new Carnegie library at Hastings is now open to the public.

George Fritzen, a farmer living several miles northeast of Beatrice, died from the effects of injuries received by being thrown from a wagon during a runaway.

The Bank of Verdon has been incorporated with a capital stock of $15,000. W. G. and L. B. Cornell are the incorporators.

The statement of the three banks of Seward on November 10, shows that at that time they held on deposit the sum of $879,123.01, a good showing for a town of Seward's size.

The Northwestern railroad has paid its taxes at Staton, amounting to $3,670.14, leaving only a balance of $59.74 unpaid. This amount is road tax and there is some question as to its validity.

The Elgin Elevator company of Elgin, has filed amended articles of incorporation with the secretary of state, increasing its capital stock from $10,000 to $30,000, and fixing the paid up capital at $5,000.

Two large barns on the premises of Mrs. R. R. Livingston and Ed. Fitzgerald at Plattsmouth were burned. The fire department had hard work in keeping the flames from spreading to other adjoining property.

Principal H. K. Wolfe of the Lincoln high school has been offered a position as professor of psychology in the University of Montana at Missoula, Mont. He has signified his intention of accepting the offer.

Two business blocks in Ponca caught fire from an unknown cause and were consumed before the fire could be checked. The J. Conor & Co. grocery business, one of the largest in the city was destroyed.

State Superintendent-elect McBrien has appointed Ed C. Bishop, vice president of the Lincoln Business college, deputy state superintendent. Mr. Bishop has been in educational work for a number of years.

H. G. Hastings of Lincoln, indicted at the recent session of the federal grand jury for using the mails for the purpose to defraud has pleaded guilty to the charge before Judge Munger and was sentenced to pay a fine of $25.

With a view of preventing the possible spread of contagious disease, the Board of Education of Beatrice has instructed teachers in the city schools to ascertain in every case possible the exact cause of absence of each pupil in her room.

Following is the record of mortgages filed in Sarpy county during the month of December: Farm mortgages filed $4,550, released $8,973; town mortgages filed $5,826, released $1,600; chattel mortgages filed $17,801.09, released $621.05.

A meeting of farmers living in the vicinity of Waverly and as far south as Prairie Home was held for the purpose of organizing a mutual telephone company. A temporary organization was effected with H. C. Vanney, chairman and Sam Reitz secretary. The main line of the proposed company's wires are to run from Havelock connecting there with some line to Lincoln.

A pamphlet has been issued by the Nebraska State Poultry association containing a list of the prizes to be given at the twentieth annual exhibition of poultry to be held January 16-20 at the Lincoln Auditorium. On the evening of January 17, a meeting will be held in the state university chapel at which a speaker will address the poultry raisers. The annual officers' meeting of the association will be held at 5 p. m., January 17, in the secretary's office at the auditorium.

McCook is coming into more prominence as a grain shipping and cleaning point. To meet this condition W. H. Ferguson is building a large cleaning and storage house, in addition to his present elevator. The new building will be of capacity sufficient to store 30,000 bushels of grain in addition to its cleaning facilities.

State Superintendent Fowler has certified to State Auditor Weston his apportionment of school money, amounting to $272,257.06, certified to him by Treasurer Mortensen December 5. The whole number of school children in the districts of the state is 377,419 and the money will be distributed $0.721365 per pupil. Douglas county will get the largest amount, $30,988.40.

Immense quantities of new corn are being marketed in West Point at this time. The roads are in excellent condition and this, together with the liberal price paid for corn, is inducing the renter class to put the grain on the market to meet rent payments due January 1. Corn is of excellent quality, dry and bright, with remarkably plump kernels. It grades better this year than for many years past.

Welcome Davidson, aged sixty-five, for twenty-five years a farmer of Pierce county, was found dead in his field near Foster. His face was gashed and his feet were entangled in the lines. What at first was thought murder is now considered an accident.

The Nebraska Oil company and the Lincoln Oil company have been incorporated by Charles T. Boggs, S. A. D. Shilling and Allen W. Field of Lincoln. Each company has a capital stock of $5,000. The companies will operate oil fields controlled by the incorporators in Indian territory.

Work on one of the new drainage ditches north of Fremont has been suspended and one contractor may possibly throw up the job. Work was begun about a month ago at the west end of the ditch, but the ground was so wet as to make digging very difficult and the contractor quit.

Springfield is making arrangements to secure a canning factory. The citizens of that place held a meeting and if $800 can be raised the factory is a sure thing. The Missouri Pacific railroad has given right of way for the site.

At a meeting of the Commercial club at Grand Island at which about twenty-five members were present, organization was perfected for the care of the G. A. R. encampment to be held in that city in May.

"Bob" White, the convict at the Sioux Falls penitentiary, who was shot and killed several days ago while attempting to murder a prison guard, formerly was confined in the Nebraska penitentiary. He was sent up from Merrick county for arson, and, while imprisoned, made three murderous attacks upon his guards.

STATE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

Program of Unusual Interest for the Coming Meeting.

A program of unusual interest has been prepared for the thirty-ninth annual meeting of the Nebraska State Teachers' association, to be held in Omaha, December 28, 29 and 30. The Millard hotel has been selected as headquarters for the association. All meetings of the general sessions, including the evening lectures and musical entertainments, will be held in the First Methodist church at Twentieth and Davenport streets. The various section meetings will be held in the High school building.

A great array of prominent educators will appear, among them Miss Sarah Louise Arnold, for years primary supervisor of Boston schools, and at present dean of Simmons' college.

A number of first class lecturers and musical attractions have been secured for the occasion. General Z. Sweeney, who will address the teachers on Thursday evening, December 29, on the subject, "Bedrock in Anglo-Saxon Civilization," is one of the foremost of American lecturers. He is a member of the Victoria institute, London; the Institute of Christian Philosophy, New York, and the National Geographical society, Washington, D. C. General Sweeney was at one time consul general to Turkey. He has also filled the chair of chancellor of Butler university. It is said of him that he can hold any audience spellbound for hours.

At the opening general session Wednesday evening, December 28, the Royal Hungarian orchestra, one of the finest in the country, will give a concert. The invocation at this time will be pronounced by the Rev. E. Comble Smith of Omaha. C. C. Wright, Omaha's city attorney, will give the address of welcome, to which Superintendent W. L. Stephens of Lincoln will respond.

Frank R. Robinson's lecture on "Russia" is booked for Friday evening. Mr. Robinson has traveled extensively in Russia, and has a set of magnificent stereopticon views with which he illustrates his talk, making it of unusual interest.

Dr. Benjamin L. D'Ooge, well known as scholar, lecturer, teacher and author, will address the Latin teachers on Wednesday afternoon and the teachers in general session on Thursday morning. Since 1886 Dr. D'Ooge has been professor of Latin in the Michigan state normal college, and before that, for a number of years, was an instructor in Latin in the University of Michigan, of which he is a graduate. He received the degree of Ph. D. at Bonn in 1901. On Wednesday he will speak on "Latin Composition in Secondary School," and on Thursday on "What Is the Practical in Education?"

Adrian M. Newens of Ames, Ia., the well known impersonator, will give scenes from Elizabeth Stuart Phelps' "A Singular Life," at the general session Thursday morning, and Thursday afternoon he will address the High school section on the topic, "The Humanizing Influences of Good Literature."

Other speakers well worth hearing are the Rev. M. P. Dowling, Mrs. Mary H. Hunt, national superintendent of temperance education, and Superintendent W. M. Davidson of Omaha. Father Dowling, who is the president of Creighton university at Omaha, will give an address at the general session Thursday morning, on "Social Discontent: Some of Its Causes and Remedies." Friday morning "A Trinity of Aims" is the topic chosen by Superintendent Davidson for his address.

Pardon for a Boy.

Morris Hidy, sent to the penitentiary from Scott's Bluff county a year ago for a two-year term for forgery, is free now. Upon the recommendation of Judge Grimes, who sentenced him, and a large number of citizens, Governor Mickey commuted the sentence. The boy is 18 years of age and is the son of W. C. Hidy of Nevada. Judge Grimes said that had he known the young man could not have been paroled inside of a year he would not have sentenced him to the penitentiary for a longer period than one year.

Drowns Herself in Well.

BLAIR.—Mrs. Peter Jensen, aged 62 years, who has lived on a farm about one mile from the city for several years, drowned herself in a well.

Increase at State Farm.

LINCOLN.—The enrollment at the state farm shows an increase of twelve over last year, the attendance at the present term being 124. Other students are expected and it is quite likely that the agricultural school will number 140 before the close of the present term.

Drowned in Water Tank.

OGALLALA.—Enoch Griffith, aged about 70 years, committed suicide here at the county farm by drowning. He climbed a ladder and jumped into a large water tank, where his body was found.

Premium for Fine Poultry.

SecretaryLudden of the State Poultry association is sending out to poultry fanciers the list of premiums to be awarded at the coming poultry show to be held in Lincoln January 16 for five days. The premiums aggregate $1,600.

Loans Rapidly Increase.

LINCOLN.—In a few days the report of the state banking board will be issued, showing that deposits have decreased and loans have increased. Last month there were 518, and since that time one has failed and two have become national institutions. In the southeastern section of the state the deposits have not decreased, and the increases in loans is very slight, but in the northern half of the state deposits have decreased heavily and loans have increased substantially. Two banks have not reported to the state board.

Nebraskans Strike Oil.

AUBURN.—J. M. Barron & Co. are the first of the Auburn promoting organizations in foreign fields to strike it rich. They have recently made investments at Cleveland, O. T., and have just finished their first oil well, which is flowing at the rate of 100 barrels per day, and is netting the three members of the firm about $80 per day each. They have been offered $25,000 for their leases aside from this well.

WASH BLUE

Costs 10 cents and equals 20 cents worth of any other kind of bluing.

Won't Freeze, Spill, Break

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DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Wiggle-Sticks

around in the water.

At all wise Grocers.

Oath According to the Koran.

Ali Achmet, an Arab, was a witness in the New York court of special sessions recently. He refused to take the Christian oath, saying he would swear as becomes a member of his race and faith. He was allowed to do so, and this was the oath he took: "I swear by the beard of the prophet, by the kasba, by the black stone and by my harem to tell the truth, all the truth, and only the truth."

Boat Made From a Pearl.

A jeweler in Turin has made a tiny boat of a single pearl. The hull is finely shaped and might serve as a model for a racing sloop, the sail is of beaten gold, studded with diamonds and the binnacle light is a perfect ruby. An emerald serves as its rudder, and its stand is a slab of ivory. Its weight is less than one ounce, and it is said to have cost $5,000.

Singing Insects of Japan.

Among the natural curiosities of Japan are its singing insects. The most prized of these tiny musicians is a black beetle named "susumushi," which means "insect bell." The sound that it emits resembles that of a little silver bell of the sweetest and most delicate tone.

Reads Like a Miracle.

Moravia, N. Y., Dec. 12th.—(Special)—Bordering on the miraculous is the case of Mrs. Benj. Wilson of this place. Suffering from Sugar Diabetes, she wasted away till from weighing 200 lbs. she barely tipped the scales at 130 lbs. Dodd's Kidney Pills cured her. Speaking of her cure her husband says:—

"My wife suffered everything from Sugar Diabetes. She was sick four years and doctored with two doctors, but received no benefit. She had so much pain all over her that she could not rest day or night. The doctor said that she could not live.

"Then an advertisement led me to try Dodd's Kidney Pills and they helped her right from the first. Five boxes of them cured her. Dodd's Kidney Pills were a God-Sent remedy to us and we recommend them to all suffering from Kidney Disease."

Dodd's Kidney Pills cure all Kidney Diseases including Bright's Disease, and all kidney aches, including Rheumatism.

Trying Spring Weather.

One of the odd observations of the medical profession is that of the deaths in all parts of the country, the number is larger in March and April of each year and smaller in October and November.

Do You Know What An Aniline Blue Is?

The Handy Blueing Book, whose "ads" have been appearing regularly in our columns for several months past, is well deserving of special mention to all our readers.

One sheet from the Handy Blueing Book will produce ten gallons of blue water of the proper consistency for the laundry.

Decades since, Aniline blueing was tested by Germany, the dye connoisseurs, and now it is the only blue upon the European market.

It is used by shirt and collar factories everywhere. Why? Because it will not spot, streak, pierce or injure the linens and will bring them out a snowy white.

It is a maxim with me that no man was ever written out of reputation but by himself.—Richard Bentley.

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with LOCAL APPLICATIONS as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfection to which these two ingredients are brought is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

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You do not have to throw grit in your neighbor's eye to prove that you are a man of sand.

Ask Your Druggist for Allen's Foot-Ease.

"I tried ALLEN'S FOOT-EASE recently and have just bought another supply. It has cured my corns, and the hot, burning and itching sensation in my feet which was almost unbearable and I would not be without it now.—Mrs. W. J. Walker, Camden, N. J." Sold by all Druggists, 25c.

The man who has no interest in heaven is not likely to have much principle on earth.

The well earned reputation and increasing popularity of the Lewis' "Single Binder" straight 5c cigar, is due to the maintained high quality and appreciation of the smoker. Lewis' Factory, Peoria, Ill.

It sometimes happens that a girl hides the family bible in order to keep her age hid.

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Swayne's Ointment. For Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles, one druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure you in 6 to 14 days. 50c.

Charity leaves enough sins uncovered to prevent gossips from acquiring lockjaw.

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