

News in Brief

Edward Wilder, treasurer of the Santa Fe Railroad company, died at Topeka, Kas.

Contributions to the relief fund for Russian sufferers has reached a total of \$1,172,539.

Anthracite miners in convention at Shakokn, Pa., are unanimous for eight-hour day.

Rock Island directors decided to expend \$14,587,000 in improving their railway system.

President Elliot of Harvard deploras restriction of immigration in an address in Boston.

"Invisible government" of Russia issues manifesto declaring that treasury is nearly bankrupt.

Federal grand jury returns fourteen indictments at Kansas City against railroads and shippers.

The international fleet which has been making a demonstration in Turkish waters has been recalled.

George Memic and Adam Ryan, both of Chicago, fought ten rounds at Denver, Memic receiving the decision.

Leslie M. Shaw, secretary of the treasury, addressed the students of Yale university on "Evolution in Self-Government."

The Rev. William Bayard Craig, former chancellor of Drake university, has issued a statement in Denver defining his attitude on Christian Science.

Diamonds and other jewels valued at \$15,000 were stolen, probably by a sneak thief, from the rooms of Mr. James Morgan at a hotel at Pasadena, Cal.

Engineer-in-Chief William H. Shock, U. S. N., retired, died at Washington, of bronchial trouble, aged 84 years. He was a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars.

Medical Inspector David Oldham Lewis, fleet surgeon of the United States Pacific squadron, who arrived at Honolulu on the cruiser Chicago, died of apoplexy.

The jury in the case of Mrs. Sarah Caldwell at Salina, Kas., charged with the murder of her husband, was discharged, having reported they were unable to reach a verdict.

Edward Joris, the Belgian, and three others, charged with participation in the attempt to assassinate the sultan of Turkey last July, were sentenced to death by the native court.

Samuel N. Hoffheimer, accused of swindling the banking firm of S. W. Straus & Co., of Chicago, out of \$250,000, was held to the grand jury by Justice Cochrane in bonds of \$22,500.

All efforts to connect James Kendall with the murder of Miss Maud Reese, who was shot and killed by a burglar in her apartments three weeks ago at Chicago, will be abandoned.

President Roosevelt has transmitted to the house of representatives reports from the secretary of state regarding the Samoan claim for \$20,000.

Enormous demand for all sizes of plate glass from all parts of the country caused an advance of 10 per cent. in the prices, at a meeting at Pittsburg of representatives of all the independent states.

All hope of finding the whaleback barge, Bath, lost by the steamer Bayview off Winter Quarters light during a storm, has been given up, as it is almost certain that the vessel foundered near Cape Henry, Va.

The State bank of Colby, Wis., was robbed of \$4,500 by two highwaymen, who ordered the cashier at the points of revolvers to turn over the money in his possession. The cashier complied without hesitation. The robbers quickly drove away.

Don Carr, a pacing gelding, who has won large amounts of money at grand circuit meetings during the past season, has been sold to W. T. Wynans of London, England. The price is said to have been between \$9,000 and \$10,000.

Princeton defeated Harvard in annual debate at Sanders' theater, Cambridge, Mass. The New Jersey men supported the affirmative on the question, "Resolved, That intercollegiate football in America is a detriment rather than a benefit."

Dr. Theodore De Ecke, a pathologist and expert in chemical research, died at his home in Utica, N. Y. He was frequently employed in making examinations to trace poison and was recognized in scientific circles as a microscopist of high authority.

In a duel fought in their cornfield on a farm twenty miles from Jerseyville, Ill., William Andrews was shot and instantly killed by his brother, James Andrews. There had been bad blood between the brothers since the death of their father, neither being satisfied with the division of the estate.

Former Circuit Judge Horatio D. Wood, aged 65 years, dropped dead from apoplexy at his residence in St. Louis.

The Illinois supreme court sustains the decision of the lower courts that Johann Hoch must hang for his crimes, Feb. 22.

The Mexican congress has adjourned until next April and a permanent committee of congress has been organized to sit during the recess.

The Washington Park race track at Chicago is to be abandoned as the scene of the American derby and the ground will be divided into city lots.

John M. Gearin, appointed to succeed the late United States senator, John H. Mitchell, as senator from Oregon; departed for Washington.

E. H. Harriman elected New York by announcing that his statement as to the political responsibility for former Governor Odell was only a joke.

The sale of the art collection of the late Sir Henry Irving, which closed at London brought between \$75,000 and \$100,000.

The dead body of Miss Mary Ann Virden, 85 years old, was found beside the Suburban railway station at St. Vincent, Mo.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

ROBERT ENGEL

RAISES PRIZE CORN

LINCOLN—The official announcement of the result in the state corn growing contest for boys indicates that Robert Engel of Saunders county is the winner of the first prize from among the 500 contestants, representing sixty-five counties in the corn belt of the state.

The corn was judged with reference to uniformity of exhibit, shape of ears, color of cob, color of kernels, market condition, tips of ears, butts of ears, uniformity of kernels, shape of kernels, space between kernels, proportion of corn on ear and weight of grain.

PLEADING FOR A LIFE TERM CONVICT

The friends of Ernest Bush, a life-term convict at the penitentiary, made another plea to Governor Mickey for clemency, alleging that newly discovered evidence throws doubt on the man's guilt.

New Railroad Corporation

The Midland Central Railroad company, which proposes to build a line from Spalding in Greeley county, through Wheeler, Holt and Rock counties to Springfield in Keya Paha county, filed articles of incorporation in the office of the secretary of state.

MARBLE BUST FOR STATE UNIVERSITY

LINCOLN—A marble bust of Chancellor E. Benjamin Andrews is to be presented to the University of Nebraska by the University Dramatic Club, according to a decision made by the organization at its last meeting.

Horribly Bitten by Dog

GRAND ISLAND—While playing during recess in a district school grounds seven miles north of this city, Marie, the 8-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Mader, was frightfully bitten by a dog.

In Behalf of Jews

MCCOOK—A petition has been largely signed by McCook people and sent to President Roosevelt asking his good offices in behalf of the Jews of the Russian empire.

Good Price for Land

MURDOCK—H. B. Waldron of Waterloo, Neb., has sold one of his farms near here to Albert E. Lake, a wealthy and progressive farmer, for \$18,000, being \$112.50 per acre.

Will Refuse Bonds

State Treasurer Mortensen will refuse to accept the \$50,000 of bonds recently taken by the state board of educational lands and funds from the state of Idaho until it has been proven that the securities were issued in a legal manner.

Clemency for Prisoner

Governor Mickey has issued a communication to Frederick Sargeant, a Madison county man sentenced in 1893 to twenty years in the state penitentiary for wife murder.

Dairymen to Meet

The twenty-first annual meeting of the Nebraska Dairymen's association will be held in the stock judging pavilion of the university farm at Lincoln, January 17 and 18, 1896.

NEBRASKA BRIEFS

The Park hotel at Humboldt has recently changed hands. The town of Reynolds is experiencing a great religious revival. Hog cholera is said to be quite prevalent in portions of Cass county.

The safe in Stanley & Knight's general store at Clark's was blown and \$200 in cash and all notes and mortgages were taken.

The Beatrice Fulton bloodhounds were called to the Omaha Indian agency to assist in locating a woman who disappeared from the agency.

Rev. J. W. Swan of University Place put in a good share of the past week in Polk county looking after children that he had placed in different homes.

James Eagan, an employe of Barnes Bros., grading contractors, was instantly killed near Bancroft by falling under a south bound passenger train.

The Gage county farmers' institute will be held at the court house in Beatrice January 3 and 4. An excellent program is being prepared by the committee in charge.

A large increase in the working force of the Burlington shops at McCook is announced for the near future, in order to place the company's motive power in effective condition.

The \$20,000 school bonds voted for the purpose of erecting a new brick school house at Bancroft were sold to the Bankers' Reserve Life company of Omaha at a premium of \$700.

Engineer Glynn and Conductor Peterson of the train that killed Mrs. Wacha some time ago were each fined \$50 and costs in police court at Schuyler. They appealed the case to the district court and bond was furnished.

County Attorney Schlaugh of Douglas county filed a mandamus suit to test the validity of the act of the legislature which unintentionally had the effect of reducing the salaries of the clerk, treasurer and sheriff in Douglas county.

In county court at Plattsmouth Judge Travis ordered the four children of Mrs. Lulu Taylor turned over to the Nebraska Children's Home society.

The Logan Valley Protective company of Concord, Dixon county, sets forth in its articles of incorporation that it aims at mutual protection from thieves.

McCook has received news that Andrew Carnegie has looked with favor on its petition and has agreed to give that city \$10,000 with which to build a public library building.

Sheriff Charles Shean of Kalamazoo, Mich., arrived in Lincoln to take possession of a young man wanted in his city for burglary.

A minute later and the two friends separate, Bob Harlan to continue his search through the whole of the garden, with its dancing pavilion.

The supreme court has affirmed the fifteen-year sentence of Clarence Swett of Holt county, who was convicted of criminal conduct with a five-year-old girl, who subsequently died of a secret disease.

Attorney General Brown has written an opinion withholding his appeal from the purchase of the \$50,000 of Idaho bonds recently contracted for by the state board of educational lands and funds.

A hand clutches his arm—he turns and discovers the queerest little man one could well conceive—a pompous individual despite his lack of stature, and with a keen visage.

"Col. Harlan, I am delighted to meet you again. Perhaps you may have forgotten me, but we met in a peculiar way some time since on the Ring strasse in Vienna," says this individual, with extended hand.

"Ab, yes, Prof. John Fitzsimmons, the little English naturalist, in search of rare bugs. Permit me, my dear sir," but the other instantly draws back his extended hand and nods.

"Consider it done, Col. Bob. One experience of that grip is enough for 'yours truly.' I saw you with a companion a while back, but the press of the crowd was too much for me, and I failed to get near—I presume that was your friend?"

"See here, professor, looks don't generally go far with me—I seek deeper to find the truth; but in this particular case they strike home. Dick 'n't much of a dandy, but he's a man, every inch of him. He's been a cow-boy, miner, and a rolling stone generally, because he has no real aim in life, so he tries to be a jockey.

A large barn on the farm of George Gutzmur, four miles south of Humboldt, was destroyed by fire, which started in some unknown manner. The blaze started about 10 o'clock at night and besides the building consumed a quantity of hay and grain, harness, etc. The loss is about \$1,000.



CHAPTER I

The Belle of the Jardin Bullier. Paris is unusually gay in the early fall, and her boulevards are thronged with people, many of whom come from various parts of the world to enjoy the whirl of revelry experienced here as in no other city on earth.



"DOR, ARE YOU VERY ANGRY WITH ME?"

"I'm deuced sorry—it's lucky you're a man of such wonderful patience, Col. Bob," remarks the other, who is watching a handsome girl whirl around in the mazes of the waltz, clasped by the arm of a tall student who has the appearance of a Spaniard, and smiling to think what effect it will have on his companion, the sheriff of Secora county, when he, too, discovers this charmer.

ever could, for he doesn't seem to see anything out of the way in her being here. As for me, I swear right now I wash my hands—" "Bob!"

The voice sounds close by his ear—he shivers as he never was known to when facing a dozen tough desperadoes out West, but he does not turn around, continuing to look away from the magnet so close to his elbow.

The second largest crack in the earth in the United States has been discovered in a remote part of the Terlingua quicksilver district, about ninety miles south of Marathon, Texas, according to Dr. William B. Phillips, formerly director of the State mineral survey, who is now operating quicksilver mines in that section.

"I had to challenge you—I will, so help me, Moses." The Sheriff of Secora county brushes him aside as he might a troublesome fly; his eyes are on the figure of the girl—his face has assumed a frown that gives it a terrible look.

"The climate of St. Petersburg in the early spring and autumn," says a writer, "when the thermometer often falls 30 degrees in a few hours, when the roads are ankle deep in snow-brow, or mud, when the winds blow raw and cold from every quarter of the compass and the quickmoving drossies shower the abominations of the roads impartially upon noble and peasant. It is no consolation to the visitor to know that the Neva is sealed by ice early in November or later in October. Long indeed before the frost king has talked down to the latitude of St. Petersburg the lordly river is completely blocked."

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THE EARTH'S AREA

One of the best authorities estimates the area of the earth's surface at 196,791,284 square miles, of which about 53,000,000 square miles is land, the rest water.

Nineteen in One Room. In investigating the death of a child London lodging-house inspectors found a room at the east end in which nineteen Russians slept. Their beds almost touched. There was a stove in the middle of the room and no ventilation, and water was running down the window panes in streams.

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Asbestos. Asbestos is a mineral, a silicate of magnesium and lime, together with iron oxide. It is worked in commercial districts in Italy, Tasmania, New South Wales, Canada and the United States.

Competition. A farmer, during a long-continued drought, invented a machine for watering his fields. The first day he was trying it there suddenly came a down-pour of rain. He put away his machine. "It's no use," he said, "ye can dae naething noowadays without competition."

The Kindly Word. A kindly word is a little thing—a breath that goes out a sound that dies. But the heart that gives and the heart that hears may know that it sings and sings till at last it bends with the wild bird's song and the coo of babes in what men call the celestial choir.

A Highly Developed Auto. A Brooklyn physician who used to be an automobile enthusiast owns a machine which has been educated to such a high stage of efficiency that he solemnly informs his friends it breaks down while standing still in the garage.

He Doesn't Curc Now. Washington, Kans., Dec. 25 (Special)—Jesse E. Mitchell is a telephone lineman, and also a well known resident here. Everybody acquainted with Mr. Mitchell knows that he was a man who held very positive views about Patent Medicine. Hear what he says now:—"I used to curse all kinds of Patent Medicines, for they never did me any good, but Dodd's Kidney Pills have caused me to change my mind."

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In a sad world the old saints who have a right to sleep are the ones in the graveyard.

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