

General News

The main business houses in Hallville, Tex., were destroyed by fire. The losses aggregate \$50,000.

The senate passed the consular re-organization bill, which, in amended form, was reported from the committee on foreign relations.

The attorney general of Missouri began suit against the Western Union Telegraph company for the collection of back taxes amounting to \$38,831.33 recently.

The secretary of the interior has ordered the leasing of 841,000 acres of the Klowa, Comanche and Apache lands in Oklahoma for agricultural purposes.

The Cuban house of representatives adopted unanimously and without discussion the senate bill appropriating \$25,000 for a wedding present to Miss Alice Roosevelt.

The entire plant of the Robes Manufacturing company, Chicago, makers of picture frames and curtain poles, was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$150,000.

Father John of Kronstadt, the world-famous religious leader, denies that he has made extravagant claims to divinity, but makes no attempt to reply to the slanders printed about him.

Representative Burke of South Dakota introduced a bill authorizing the secretary of the interior to lease 5,000 acres of the public domain to be used exclusively as pasture for native buffalo.

Plans for buildings and improvements at the naval training station, to cost \$2,000,000, are outlined in the report of the commandant, who urges an immediate appropriation of \$750,000.

When the employees of the First National bank of Tallahassee, Fla., entered the building the other morning they found that the safe, which contained \$3,000, had been dynamited and its contents stolen.

Anthony Maitre of St. Louis, national secretary of the American Federation of Catholic societies, announced that the national convention of the federation will be held at Buffalo, N. Y., July 29 to 31 of this year.

President Arthur T. Hadley of Yale college was the guest of honor at the annual dinner of the Yale Alumni association of Cleveland, Ohio. He responded to the toast "For God, for Country and for Yale."

A wage increase of approximately 7 per cent, in which 1,600 employees participate, went into effect on the Boston & Maine railroad system. The change affects the freight conductors and freight brakemen.

Announcement was made of the sale of \$20,000,000 of 4 per cent bonds by the Pennsylvania company to bankers of New York. The funds from the sale of the bonds are to be used for construction and other purposes not stated.

The supreme court of the United States refused to grant leave to Leonard Imboden and J. A. Hill to file petitions for writs of habeas corpus. They are under sentence to imprisonment for ten years in the Colorado penitentiary.

I. L. Bruer, a pioneer merchant of Bancroft, Ia., is believed to have been lost in the wreck of the Valencia off Vancouver coast. Mr. Bruer had written his family that he intended to sail on the ill-fated steamer, and nothing has since been heard from him.

Steps were taken by James Osborne, counsel for Norman Haggood, editor of Collier's Weekly, in his recent trial on a charge of criminal libel, to follow up the disclosures made by witnesses in the hearing of that case and co-operate with District Attorney Jerome.

The Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic railroad filed a mortgage with the probate judge of Jefferson county, Alabama, for \$30,000,000 to the Old Colony Trust company of New York for the purpose of completing the proposed line between Birmingham, Ala., to Brunswick, Ga., with lines to Montezuma.

The coroner's jury which has been investigating the wreck of a Santa Fe passenger train near Chillicothe, Ill., which resulted in four deaths, found John S. Smith of the black signal station near Chillicothe guilty of gross carelessness and incompetency. Conductor G. F. Weatherall of the passenger train is also censured.

Lieut. Gen. Chaffee will be placed on the retired list of the army at his own request, after about forty-five years' service. General and Mrs. Chaffee and Miss Chaffee will leave Washington for Mexico City, where they will remain until May 1 next. Later in the summer they will take up their permanent residence at Los Angeles, Cal.

President Roosevelt received about sixty members of Camp A. Wheeler's Confederate cavalry, of Atlanta, Ga. A convention, attended by 600 delegates from various parts of the state, met at Topeka to consider plans for holding a semi-centennial exposition in 1911.

Justice Gould, in criminal court at Washington, overruled the pleas in abatement of State Senator George E. Greene of New York and W. P. Doremus to the indictments charging them with conspiring to defraud the government in the furnishing of postoffice supplies.

At a well-attended meeting of the executive council of the American Society of International Law, held in Hubbard Memorial hall, at Washington, the organization of the society was perfected by the election of Jas. B. Scott, solicitor of the department of state, as secretary.

Edinburgh physicians discovered the bacillus which causes insanity, and through it hope to find a cure for the disease, which may be infectious.

The Earl and Countess of Yarmouth will sail from London for New York on the steamer Baltic. The countess was Miss Alice Thaw of Pittsburgh.

WESTERN CANADA'S MARVELOUS CROP RETURNS

The increase in the crop returns of the Canadian West, in the past seven years has approached the marvelous, and there is no reason to believe that a corresponding increase will not result for many years to come. The increase has been particularly noticeable in what was formerly known as the Northwest Territories, but which, on September 1st, 1906, became the provinces of Alberta and Saskatchewan. From the official returns we find the following results in the acreage sown to wheat, oats and barley, in the years mentioned, and a more favorable showing cannot be pointed to in any other country during a like period.

	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.
1898	.... 307,880	105,077	17,092
1899	.... 363,523	124,938	14,276
1900	.... 412,864	176,439	17,044
1901	.... 504,697	229,439	24,702
1902	.... 625,758	310,367	36,445
1903	.... 837,234	440,662	68,974
1904	.... 965,549	523,634	96,154

The yield has been uniformly good every year except 1900, when there appears to have been a slump all along the line. This, however, was more than compensated for in the following year, when the bumper crop in wheat, oats and barley put the returns of all previous years completely in the shade and gave an impetus to settlement in the west which has prevailed to the present, as the following table by bushels will show:

	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.
1898	.. 5,542,478	2,040,307	449,512
1899	.. 6,915,623	4,686,036	337,521
1900	.. 4,028,294	4,226,152	353,216
1901	.. 12,908,447	11,113,066	795,100
1902	.. 13,966,850	10,661,295	970,417
1903	.. 16,029,149	14,179,705	1,842,824
1904	.. 16,875,537	16,332,551	2,205,434

It will be seen that the number of acres sown to wheat, oats and barley in 1898 was 429,749, and that this had increased in 1904 to 1,587,337. The total crop in the cereals mentioned was 9,032,297 bushels in 1898, and in 1904 it had grown to the magnificent total of 35,413,522. In the year just closed the "forward movement" in the agriculture of the west has been the wonder and envy of the world. New sections of the country have been placed under tribute to the plow and harrow, and the grain area has been largely increased. This is particularly the case where it has been demonstrated that "Alberta Red" winter wheat may be successfully grown, and along the lines of the new railways towards the centre of the country, where mixed farming prevails.

The future of the Canadian West is assured, and for years to come it is bound to be the land of promise to the agriculturist of every nation and of every clime, and the land of opportunity to every settler within its bounds.

Full information can be secured from any Canadian Government Agent.

Women get about as much out of life as is to be found for the least possible cost to themselves.

FROM PLANT TO CIGAR.

Frank P. Lewis has recently returned from a trip through the best tobacco sections, looking over the growing fields. He noted the best crops and engaged them, and will go later to watch the curing and packing of same. He also, while there, examined some of the large holdings of old tobacco and found this to be growing richer in quality every day. The Lewis Single Binder factory probably consumes more fancy graded tobacco than any other cigar factory in the United States. Smokers of Single Binders have evidently learned this fact which accounts for the ever increasing demand. In spite of the fact that the factory sends out no traveling salesman to boom its good quality to the trade, the Single Binder sales reached seven million last year and will exceed eight million in 1906. The Single Binder sells itself. For twenty-three months this factory has been behind in its orders.—Herald-Transcript

South America has about twice the area and about one-half the population of the United States.

Many Children are Sickly.

Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York, cure Feverishness, Headache, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders, Break up Colds and Destroy Worms. At all Drugists'. 2c. Sample mailed FREE. Address Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

Only 75 per cent as many children are born in England now as were born thirty years ago.

Important to Mothers.

Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it.

Be sure the Signature of Dr. J. C. Watson. In Use For Over 30 Years. The Kind You Have Always Bought.

The principality of Montenegro is the only country in Europe which possesses no railways whatsoever.

Acme Dyspepsia Cure.

Positive cure for all diseases of stomach, liver, and bowels. Relieves every form of indigestion. The new cure. No tobacco. No opium. No alcohol. No drugs. Acme Dyspepsia Cure Co., Toronto, New Jersey.

Jewels on Mahomet's Tomb.

Mahomet's tomb is covered with jewels worth \$12,500,000.

Pico's Cure for Consumption is an infallible medicine for coughs and colds.—N. W. SANBORN, Ocean Grove, N. J., Feb. 17, 1900.

The moon affects the tide and the untied.

TO CURE A BOLD IN ONE DAY.

The Companionable Girl.

A companionable girl is one who is good company. But what makes her so? After goodness of heart and true sprightliness of character, which always come first, she must be an agreeable people to be really good and agreeable people to be really good and conscientious at heart while having unpleasantry not to be pleasant besides. "Why can't all good people be nice?" questioned a vexed young man after coming in contact with one who was really good but not gracious. "To be agreeable means to be ready to agree, to be of the same mind. Yet, if all people thought exactly the same thing it would be excessively stupid. To agree has the better meaning of to harmonize, and you know that two colors, quite different from each other, may go very well together. They harmonize.

The companionable girl is social. If she is glum and grumpy, she is a poor companion. She likes to tell her own experience, but she does not make it a point to keep at it continually and never let her neighbor have a chance to tell hers. A good talker should be a good listener, and then she will command listeners the better herself.

The companionable girl is sympathetic and has tact. If her friend is in trouble or perplexity she does not rattle away in a lively fashion about everything under the sun for which the other does not care, but adapts herself to her companion's mood.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly filling the system with local medicine, they did not cure it. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally in doses from 10 drops to a teaspoonful. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials. Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio. Sold by Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Old Locomotives Retard Traffic.

A German student finds one of the causes of the inability of the Russian railroads to handle their traffic is the antiquity of their locomotives. The number of these seems in tolerable proportion to the traffic, for out of 14,326 locomotives no less than 6,919 are from twenty-four to forty-six years old.

Athenian Fire Department.

Athens, Greece, has many fine buildings, but the provisions for fighting fires are most inadequate. The fire brigade consists of men detailed from the regular army, who, in addition to clothes and keep, get only 10 cents a week!

Argentina's Gold.

Argentina's stock of gold now amounts to \$81,400,000, against notes which have been issued at the rate of 227.27 per cent, in addition to the \$285,000,000 unguaranteed note circulation.

Talkers All.

Sometimes Brother Dickey fires a good text at his congregation. He said recently: "We talk too much about the wisdom of Solomon and forget to have any ourselves."—Atlanta Constitution.

Another Warning.

The tendency is to take too much exercise rather than too little. If you pay too much attention to the development of the body, the intellect and the soul suffer.—Dr. Kingscott, in Grand Magazine.

Correct Notion of Graft.

"I do so po' en low down in pocket," said Brother Williams, "dat sometimes, wen de bailiff come my way, I almos' wish I wuz one er dez national grabbers!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Beautiful Words.

There are those who declare that many a hitherto homely woman is beautiful in her weeds, and that it is easier for her to find a husband than many a well-endowed maiden.—New York Herald.

We know a man who says he has absolutely nothing to be proud of except that never in his life did he twist an innocent remark into something vulgar. That ought to get him into the good place when he dies, though.

"Call" Loan.

A "call" loan is a loan of money that may be called in by the lender at any moment. "Call money" is money set aside for the repayment of a call loan.

Mrs. Ella Goltz of Portsmouth, swore out a warrant for a circus elephant which had eaten her gold watch and smashed in a brand new Paris hat.

Sometimes we feel that fate has been hard toward us. It must be nice to be a heathen and to be converted and to come to this country and lecture about it.

We feel sorry for the modern baby. It has to be raised according to Papa's Theory, Mamma's Theory, the Nurse's Theory, the Doctor's Theory, with a little mixture of Grandma's Method.

Every woman is absolutely sure the man she gets for a husband will allow her to do just as she pleases in the matter of spending the money.

Genuine charity gives no street parade.

NEBRASKA STATE NEWS

GOVERNOR MICKY TALKS OF THE RAILROAD PASSES

LINCOLN.—Aroused by the utterances of Governor Deneen, Governor Mickey declared against the free railroad pass. He said:

"I am opposed to any of my appointees accepting passes, and I believe my views are well known on this matter. I have it not, and neither will I, ask any one of them to return any pass he may have, however.

"The deputy oil inspectors do not ride on passes. It has been customary for a request to be made of the railroads for passes for these state employees, who have to do a lot of traveling, but this year I did not make the request, and neither did the roads extend the passes. I told the inspectors that I would not ask for passes for them, and for them to buy mileage books, and charge them to the state. This they did, and they are now riding on mileage books.

"I do not know how many of my appointees are riding on passes, and I have not bothered myself about the matter. When the republican state convention went on record against the pass evil I took that as the sentiment of the republican party, and I acted accordingly. I did not think it my duty to tell anyone else whether he could ride on a pass or not, and neither have I the authority to say that anyone shall not ride on a pass.

"As far as I am concerned, my appointees know my feelings in this matter, but they are at perfect liberty to act according to their own judgment. I shall not interfere with them, but if republican officeholders are consistent, not a one of them will accept a pass from a railroad company."

OVER THE STATE.

David Edwards of Auburn got his arm in a buzz saw and was seriously injured.

The Cass County Teachers' association will hold a meeting in Louisville February 10.

At a meeting of the Beatrice Commercial club steps were taken to prospect for oil and gas.

Houses are so scarce in Wood River that in some cases two families are occupying the same structure.

Emil Mewis, a progressive farmer living north of West Point, sold in the market two hogs weighing 1,400 pounds.

William Brown, a ranchman living fifteen miles west of Ogallala, was found dead in the South Platte river in front of his ranch.

Frank Svehla, while out hunting in the timber along the banks of the Missouri river south of Plattsmouth, shot and killed a large red fox.

The loss on the Dempster plan, Beatrice, which was damaged by fire several days ago was adjusted, the amount being placed at \$5,150.

The American Beet Sugar company of Grand Island is now busy making contracts with the farmers for the raising of beets in 1906. The price to be paid is \$5 per ton.

The contest brought against County Treasurer-elect C. E. Bowly of Saline county to test his eligibility to hold the office for another term, has been decided by the county court of Saline county in favor of Bowly.

E. Piper, a farmer from Madison, and O. T. Botchee, an ice chopper from that place, were arrested at Norfolk and sent back to Madison on the charge of stealing \$57.50 from Philip Knapp, Piper's employer. Piper admitted his guilt.

The report of the business done at the Union Pacific depot at Wood River during the last year shows an increase of several thousand dollars over that of last year. The exports were 152 cars more than last year, while the imports were just the same.

Sheep men about Wood River have a lot of sheep ready for the market and a train of several cars will leave for market soon. The winter has been so exceptionally fine that the sheep have fattened rapidly and are ready for the market much earlier than usual.

John Stump, who was recently brought to McCook from St. Louis for forgery, was convicted and sentenced in the district court and will serve two and one-half years in the penitentiary for forging three checks on John F. Helm, a well-to-do farmer of Red Willow county.

A wireless telegraph station in Kearney is one of the probabilities of the near future. W. F. Conklin, a representative of the DeForest Wireless Telegraph company, has been here for the purpose of arranging for opening a station which will be worked in conjunction with a chain of stations which extend across the continent.

W. H. Mast, of Washington, D. C., connected with the forestry service of the United States and in charge of the Dismal river forest reserve in Nebraska, spent a day last week at Arbor Lodge, examining the forestry and particularly the evergreens of the estate. Mr. Mast is inspecting the nurseries of the middle west for the government.

Until the courts decide differently, sheriffs who charge under 75 cents a day for feeding prisoners after they are convicted until they are brought to the state penitentiary will have their vouchers cut just 25 cents per day, and they will not be allowed railroad fare unless they file with the auditor receipts showing that the fare has been paid.

James O. Botts of Chadron, who has lately had trouble with his wife, tried to shoot himself, but was prevented by a man standing near knocking the pistol from Botts' hand. The authorities brought the case up before the Board for the Insane, but sufficient ground for holding him could not be found, so he is loose again and privileged to kill somebody.

John Moser, for many years a resident of Humboldt, who was sent several months ago by his implement company to look after their interests in Canada, writes now from Argentina, South America, where he was sent in November on a similar mission. That is a great wheat country, and Mr. Moser reports some interesting experiences both on the way down and since arriving there.

The state Board of Equalization and Assessment held a meeting to discuss the assessment. Every county assessor in the state is under the orders of the board and a mighty effort is going to be made by the board this year to place every dollar's worth of taxable property in the state on the assessment roll. The board ordered the secretary to formulate some instructions to the county assessors and urge them to do everything in their power to uncover hidden property.

Dr. L. W. Stedley, a resident of South Beatrice, was fined \$34.80 in police court for chopping down trees within the city limits. As quite a number of trees along the streets on outlying lots have been destroyed lately, more arrests and fines are likely to follow.

The state banking department has authorized the following four state banks to increase their capital stock: Arapahoe State bank from \$15,000 to \$25,000; Bank of Sargent from \$10,000 to \$12,000; Bank of Ashton from \$6,000 to \$10,000; Bank of Union from \$5,000 to \$10,000.

Reports have been received by a sheriff of Boone county for several days that an insane man, apparently a stranger in the county, has been wandering around in the southern part of the county. Sheriff Evans made a search for him but failed to find him.

News has been received at Plattsmouth of the death of Joseph Devie, which occurred at Goldfield, Neb. The deceased was a former resident of Plattsmouth. He was extensively engaged in mining in the west, and at the time of his death owned twelve gold claims in Nevada.

LARGE TREASURY RECEIPTS FOR JANUARY MONTH

LINCOLN.—Receipts at the state treasury for the month of January will exceed expenditures by at least \$150,000, according to the report of State Treasurer Mortensen, just issued.

A balance of the amount mentioned already is shown in the general fund alone, while other funds will show corresponding increases in proportion to their size and importance. The month is one of the heavy business ones of the year for the department, and receipts are very heavy. The balance of cash on hand in the permanent educational funds is very small, indicating that the funds are being kept well invested by Treasurer Mortensen. Many bonds and warrants have been purchased as investments since the first of the year. The department also has retired a large amount of outstanding general fund warrants, the total approximating \$175,000. A block of \$78,000 of the Idaho state bonds recently purchased for investment of the permanent school funds was received and paid for by the treasurer.

Game Warden's Office Pays.

Game Warden Carter has done a thrifty business during the past year, and the fines collected and the fees paid into his office have paid the expenses of the department. The licenses and fees for the year amounted to \$5,376, a difference of \$3,047 in favor of the state. The expenses do not include what was spent at the fish hatcheries, but this will not amount to more than \$4,000. Last year the licenses amounted to \$5,884, while this year \$6,941 was realized from licenses. Fines last year amounted to \$2,116.

Passenger Leaves Baby Behind.

NORFOLK.—A woman passenger on the westbound Northwestern train running from Chicago to the Black Hills, left the train for a moment here, ran to the nearest house, dropped a package on the doorstep and then regained the train. The package was found to be a tiny baby girl, with dark blue eyes. It was at the home of Conductor Ed Adams and will be kept. The woman went on west and has not been heard nor heard from since.

Chinese Remember Mickey.

Governor Mickey was the recipient of a nice Chinese vase, the gift of Tai Hung and Tuan Fang, the head of the Chinese commission now touring America. With the vase came a letter thanking the governor and the people of Lincoln for the entertainment given to the commission while in Lincoln for one day recently.

Horse Thief Confesses.

ALMA.—Frank Holts, alias Fred Fields, was arrested here for stealing two horses from Will Frost of Phelps county. After putting Holts in the sweatbox for some time he confessed where the horses were and that he took them. He was taken to Holdrege for trial.

Makes Public Confession.

LINCOLN.—One of the most extraordinary revival meetings ever held in this section is now in progress. Among those who made public professions of religion was a young man who confessed to a long list of crimes against the state. He told of continuous burglaries from grain houses in Holdrege, Neb., breaking into houses here, stealing coal from the Burlington and other places for whose walters through numerous petty stealings, which he said were so many that he could not remember them all.

Voice of Custer County Bar.

BROKEN BOW.—The committee of the Custer County Bar association, consisting of C. L. Gutterson, N. T. Gadd, R. A. Moore and Alpha Morgan, arbitrator, appointed to draft resolutions with reference to the bill now pending in congress to divide the state of Nebraska into two judicial districts made its report. The recommendation is that instead of dividing the state by the Platte river east and west it be divided into eastern and western districts by a line drawn north and south.

A Country Boy's Opportunities.

The country has many advantages over his city cousin, even though he is deprived of many opportunities that the city affords. Success has the following to say on the above topic: "In the country, boys dream of the city and its great opportunities. They see, in their minds, enormous stores, vast libraries and reading rooms, great opportunities for self-improvement; excellent day schools and evening schools, Young Men's Christian association, evening universities, and other institutions where seekers after knowledge may satisfy their longings. In other words, to the country boy the great city is a sea of opportunities.

"On the other hand the city-bred boy, who has breathed this air of opportunity from childhood, who has possessed libraries and reading-rooms so many times that their familiarity and commonness have taken the edge off his mental appetite for their contents, longs for the free air and wider space of the country.

"If a country boy is made of the right stuff, instead of dreaming of great opportunities in the city, and longing for access to better libraries and larger schools, he will try to redeem himself from the meagerness and narrowing influences of his surroundings. Every book will be to him a precious luxury, an opportunity to open a little wider the door of his narrow life. If he is determined to get on in the world, the things that seem to hold him back will be converted into stepping-stones to higher levels. Like Lincoln, Garfield, Grant, Greeley, Burrill, and the long list of our country's great men who had to struggle against far greater odds, without the advantages of the country boy of today, he will prove himself greater than his limitations."

Not Yet.

An eastern singer, referring to a trip to the hereafter, says: "I shall see Shelley and shake hands with Keats."—And truly, that would be a great meetin! But not even to swim with Shelley in a cove of glory, or to sit with Keats, crowned, on a cloud, would we undertake that journey—Atlanta Constitution.

When "Vapors" Were.

In the middle ages hysterical subjects were regarded sometimes as saints, but more often as possessed of devils. It then occurred frequently; later on they were supposed to be affected by "vapors," which gave rise to these various conditions.

Obligation Rests on All.

It is obligatory upon decent people to be obliging, an obligation to their decency bound up in the necessities of the case. Noblesse oblige is one of the best motives and sentiments, implying that a man's very status as a man compels him to be obliging.

Warm Baths for Employees.

By utilizing its waste water a large factory in Austria makes it possible for all of its 100 employees to indulge in a daily warm bath.

The latest addition to the London Museum of Natural History is a collection of 200,000 beetles bequeathed by Alexander Fry.

Burglar Was Too Fat.

Guests in a well-known hotel in Paris heard pitiful cries for help coming from the cellar at 1 o'clock in the morning, and the waiters and manager rushed downstairs. The door was locked, but they battered it down, and discovered a very fat burglar held fast in the ventilator, through which he had tried to escape. The brick-work had to be knocked down before he could be extricated.

Infallible Cure for Toothache.

A London physician, at a meeting of a medical society, stated that extraction of teeth was unnecessary. He was enabled to cure the most desperate cases of toothache, he said, unless the case was connected with rheumatism, by the application of the following remedy to the diseased tooth: Alum, reduced to an impalpable powder, two drachms; nitrous spirits of ether, seven drachms; mix and apply to tooth.

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