

# NEBRASKA NOTES

**BRIEF AND OTHERWISE GATH-  
ERED HERE AND THERE.**

## BEEF MEN HOLDING THE SACK

Securing of Acree for This Year Making Slow Progress—Claimants of Coal Reward—A Bank Man at Beemer in the Toils.

**Growers Want Their Money.**  
NORTH PLATTE, Neb.—Up to the present time beet growers have not received checks from the Standard company for the last shipments of beets. This payment was due February 15, but growers were notified that payment would be deferred for thirty days. This time expired last week and still no checks have appeared. It is said that the total amount due the growers from the company is about \$60,000. At last accounts Mr. Leavitt was still in the east.

Reports and statements to the contrary, the two sugar factories are having considerable trouble in securing the beet acreage they desire in Lincoln county. This is due to two causes, one is the reduction in price made by the American company, the other is the Standard company's deferred payment on the last shipment of beets. Field Agent Ewell of the American company is 1,500 acres short of the amount he desires and has written the general manager for concessions that will enable him to practically offer a flat rate of \$4.75 per ton to growers of the Hershey and Sutherland sections, instead of \$4.50. He has not yet received a reply.

**Two Claim Coal Reward.**  
LINCOLN—As a result of the discovery of coal near Peru a lively contest is liable to be waged over the reward offered by the state to the person making the discovery. F. M. Medley of Peru found the vein, after first securing a lease for coal privileges on the farm owned by A. M. Vorst, on whose land the coal was located. Now it is reported, because he owns the land, Vorst claims the reward as well as the coal. The legislature appropriated \$5,000 as a reward for the discovery, but that appropriation, of course, has lapsed, though the law is still on the statute books. Under the law the auditor, it seems, according to lawyers, would have to issue the warrant, though the man to whom it is issued may have to wait until another legislature appropriates more money before it can be cashed.

**Will Investigate a Murder.**  
PLATTSOUTH—Judge A. N. Sullivan is in receipt of a telegram from his sister, Mrs. Addie McVicar, conveying the sad news of the murder of her son, Albert N. McVicar, whose lifeless body was found in a trunk at the Southern Pacific railway station at Stockton, Cal., last Saturday night. The investigations made by the Stockton police have brought to light some startling facts, and have resulted in the arrest of a woman who passed as McVicar's wife but whose real name is Mrs. Emma Ledoux. Judge Sullivan expects to leave for California, where he will make an investigation of the case, and if necessary, render assistance in the prosecution of the murderer of young McVicar.

**Boom on at Indianola.**  
INDIANOLA—A deal was closed whereby Mrs. McNulty of Fairbury becomes owner of the new brick building of Day and Day, brokers. Mr. McNulty will remodel it and put in a new bank. City property is changing hands rapidly here, prices having nearly doubled in a year. Houses to rent are not obtainable.

**Controversy Over Reward.**  
LINCOLN—A controversy exists over the discovery of coal at Peru. The coal was discovered by F. M. Medley on the farm of A. M. Vorst. The former leased the ground, it is claimed, but the latter declares that nothing was said about the \$5,000 reward and it belongs to the owner of the soil.

**Getting the Women Interested.**  
Secretary Mellor of the State Fair Board is anxious to get the women interested in the textile and fine art display and contest to be held at the State fair this fall. He has prepared his copy for the annual premium list and it is now in the hands of the printer.

**Brings Back Remains of Son.**  
YORK—The remains of Edmund V. Harlan who died some time ago at Alaska, arrived here accompanied by his father, Judge W. V. Harlan.

**Agent Found to Be Short.**  
BEATRICE—Joseph Schuck, district agent for the National Benevolent society, has turned up missing at this place, and since his departure he has been found short in his accounts.

**Disease Like Smallpox.**  
AUBURN—Several new cases of what is supposed to be smallpox developed within the past twenty-four hours, and there is considerable fear expressed that there will be an epidemic of the disease. The schools have not been closed as reported, but all pupils known to have been exposed are excluded from attending until all danger is past. A number of families are quarantined, but the disease, if it be smallpox, is in a very mild form. The physicians of the city hesitate about pronouncing it as such.

**Bank Man Transgresses.**  
BEEMER—C. E. Mead, who has been for several years the trusted assistant cashier of the Beemer State bank, was found \$8,000 short in his accounts. Mead says he owes his misfortune to board of trade speculations.

**Churches Seek Control.**  
LINCOLN—A petition was circulated in the Lincoln churches asking that the attorney general start an action to dissolve the articles of incorporation of Tabitha home. Several churches seek control of the property.

## OVER THE STATE.

Efforts will be made at Beatrice for the organization of a Commercial club.  
A large wolf was caught in a trap on the farm of C. H. Lane a mile above Table Rock.  
Burglars entered the store of T. J. Frew, Tecumseh, and stole some goods, but overlooked a pocketbook containing \$80 in cash.  
John N. Kirby, a member of the Grand Island soldiers' home, died recently at Stockville, Frontier county.

The largest single shipment of live stock which ever went out of Humboldt station was sent last week, twenty-eight cars of cattle, sheep and hogs.  
The home of William E. Griffith, a Burlington conductor, at Nebraska City, was burned, entailing a loss of \$3,000, with only \$800 insurance thereon.  
Two strangers assaulted the night watchman in the Northwestern yards at Chadron. One man struck him with a club, broke his jaw and otherwise beat him. They were arrested.

George Woods and Secretary Whitten of the Lincoln Commercial club are negotiating with an eastern starch factory and are seeking to have the promoters locate in Lincoln.

An epidemic of measles which has been prevailing for a couple of weeks still continues unabated and is interfering considerably with the attendance at the city schools in Humboldt.  
York wants an overall and shirt factory, and its Commercial club is trying to secure a branch of a company already established, and if it cannot do that will try to organize a local company.

The Holdrege Automobile company has filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. The capital stock is \$10,000 and the incorporators are W. H. Paddock, A. F. Lawson and W. A. Shreck.

Comparatively no progress has been made during the last three weeks toward the organization of the district fair association at Hastings, and it is believed now that the project will have to be abandoned.

The funeral of Dr. S. F. Hunt, who was killed in the railroad yards at O'Neill, was held at Stuart and was the largest ever seen in the county. Special trains were run for the accommodation of nearby towns.

A. D. Sage of Glenover, Gage county, was exhibiting an orange which he raised in a green house near his home. The orange is of the Japanese variety and is small with a very thick skin. The orange was one of thirteen which grew on a bush eighteen inches high.

The body of Joseph Shipley was brought here from Grand Rapids, Minn., where he died last week. The deceased was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Shipley, who have lived in Battle Creek since 1832. About seven years ago, when he was 23 years of age, he left his home in a rather peculiar manner.

Henry Egelback, living near Brock, met with a serious accident while out hunting ducks. He was shooting a No. 8 shot gun and one of the shells seemed to be heavier loaded than common. When he fired it exploded, blowing the stock of the gun completely off, breaking Mr. Egelback's right arm in two places and left a bad flesh wound.

Samuel Parker of Thurston county, who was sentenced to the penitentiary for murder, has appealed his case to the supreme court. Parker is an Indian and his attorneys allege the court refused to allow Indians to serve on the jury and that the jury panel was made up by the county commissioners, of which one member serving was not ever a resident of Thurston county.

At Lincoln, Mrs. Thomas Breckelhymer had a narrow escape from death during a storm. Lightning struck and shattered the iron bed in which she was sleeping, but did not injure her in the least. The lightning struck the roof of the house, tore off a few shingles, smashed a couple of windows and then struck the iron bedpost. The bed was torn all to pieces, but the occupant was not even shaken up.

A report has been received from Wilbur recently that the effort of the National Guard company stationed there to raise money for the erection of an armory is meeting with success. It is unlikely the Grand Army of the Republic will participate in the erection of this armory. The report states \$2,000 has been promised by the business men and a lot has been donated. It is the hope of the young men to raise \$2,000 more, which will be sufficient to pay for the building.

James Dowie, the night foreman of the Union Pacific round house at Grand Island, died as a result of internal injuries sustained by being crushed between an engine and the door of the round house. He was entering the door to shut off the engine which was making for the pit and forgot the proximity of the door. He was caught between the engine and the door, both shoulders were broken and his ribs caved in, penetrating the lungs.

Herald Biedent of Arborville, is likely to lose the sight of one eye through the use of a curling iron. In school, another boy tried to use a curling iron on Biedent, when a third scholar ran against the instrument, inflicting a wound in the eye which may cost the boy his sight.

At the local declamatory contest for the purpose of deciding upon the representative of the Grand Island schools in the district contest of the state high school association. Miss Ida Rouse won first honors and will represent the local school in the Hastings contest soon to take place.

While the mother was out on a shopping expedition, the little 4-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Bonebrink, living at Cortland, poured kerosene on the cook stove and was burned to death.

Miss Eva Cooper, daughter of O. A. Cooper and a well known and popular young woman of Humboldt and vicinity, has resigned her place as assistant principal of the city schools with the announced intention of leaving next month for the Philippine islands, where she will spend three years in teaching in the native schools under the direction of the government.

# COULD NOT AGREE

THEREFORE HALF OF A MILLION MINERS WILL STRIKE.

## CONFERENCE WITHOUT SUCCESS

Miners' Proposition for Two-Year Contract is Rejected—Bituminous Miners Affected by the Disruption Number 384,500.

INDIANAPOLIS—The joint meetings of the bituminous coal operators and miners of the central competitive district, composed of western Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois, and of the southwestern district, composed of Missouri, Kansas, Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma and Indian Territory, reached a final disagreement Thursday on the wage scale to go into effect at the expiration of the present scale on April 1, and the conference of the central district adjourned sine die while the joint scale committee of the southwestern district declined to report a disagreement to the joint conference of that district tomorrow. It is expected that this conference will at once adjourn sine die without an agreement. The action of the two conferences will directly cause the suspension of work after Saturday of 178,000 miners unless something is done to arbitration, about 200,000 more miners will affect \$26,500 more miners not including its effect on 150,000 miners in the anthracite field, who tonight were ordered to suspend work Monday.

A national convention of the miners will be held Friday to decide whether miners will be allowed to sign the advance scale demanded by them and today refused by all the operators with a few exceptions, and go to work where the advance is offered. Operators employing 25,000 miners in the central competitive field have openly offered to pay the advance during the joint conference sessions. The wage scales of all miners, both anthracite and bituminous, will expire Saturday, except those in Tennessee and Alabama, where the scale will expire in September. A national official of the United Mine Workers said: "It is a foregone conclusion that all the miners whose scales expire Saturday will cease work until officially notified by the national and district officials that contract arrangements have been made governing their scales."

The bituminous miners affected directly and indirectly by the disruption of the conferences number 384,500, distributed as follows: Pennsylvania, 160,000; Maryland, 5,000; West Virginia, 15,000; Ohio, 40,000; Indiana, 15,000; Illinois, 53,000; Iowa, 14,000; Michigan, 2,500; Kentucky, 4,000, and the southwestern states, 40,000. Of these 120,000 are unorganized.

Over a Million Persons Suffering as Result of Crop Failure.

TOKIO—The latest statistics procurable from 120 prefectures most heavily affected by the famine are as follows:  
Kukushima—Complete failure of the crops over two-thirds of the whole cultivated area. The sufferers number 483,588 out of a total population of 1,170,593.  
Miyagi—A complete crop failure, affects nearly the whole cultivated area. The sufferers number 190,422 out of a population of 749,927.

## STATISTICS OF FAMINE.

**MAGOON HIS CHOICE.**  
Taff Said to Favor Him as His Own Successor.

WASHINGTON—The belief continues to prevail that Secretary Taff will go upon the supreme bench in the next few months and the slate makers proceed to fill the war portfolio with Charles Magoon, governor general of the isthmus of Panama. He was identified with the war department for a long time, first as law officer of the bureau of insular affairs. Secretary Taff is said to have a high regard for him and will recommend him as his own successor in the department.

## CASTELLANE CASE POSTPONED.

Another Adjournment Taken in Divorce Proceedings.  
PARIS—The adjourned hearing of the Castellane divorce proceedings set for March 31 has been postponed until April 28, owing to the absence of Countess Anna at Biarritz, and to the fact that Count Boni is engaged in a political campaign. The delay is really due to the desire of the parties to determine on the future business and domestic phases of the case before the court proceeds with the final hearing.

## FOR 2-CENT RAILROAD FARE.

President Rosenthal, N. C. T., to Organize Topeka "Drummers."  
TOPEKA—R. A. Rosenthal, president of the National Commercial Travelers' League, is here to organize a branch among traveling men who make Topeka his headquarters. The object of the league is to arouse sentiment in favor of a 2-cent fare and a law requiring railroads to carry 250 pounds of baggage free.

## HE SWALLOWED THE WATCH.

Two Pottawatomie Indians Quarreled Over the Timepiece.  
HOLTON, Kas.—Two Indians named Dear Head and Swift Head had a fight on the Pottawatomie reservation about a small silver watch. Dear Head, who had the watch put in his mouth for convenience, and swallowed it. Swift Head claims the watch, and has had Dear Head arrested. The defendant still has the watch.

**United States Stands Firm.**  
CONSTANTINOPLE—In reply to further representations made by the porte on the subject of the proposed increase in the customs duties the American legation has reiterated that the government at Washington can make no concessions until the American demands for a settlement of the schools and other questions are granted.

**Relief for War Department.**  
WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt has presented to the war department for its historical collection a section of a log from the cabin which Gen. U. S. Grant built for his family near St. Louis after his resignation from the regular army before the opening of the war of 1861. The section is from a log which was used in making a frame presented to Andrew Carnegie acknowledging his gift of one million dollars to the library association.

**Attempt to Mob Preacher.**  
LA JUNTA, Colo.—Rev. W. Gouley Connell, former pastor of the Presbyterian church at Lamar, who is held for trial on a charge of immoral conduct, was safely landed in jail here Tuesday night, after having been hastily removed from Lamar to prevent a lynching. Connell left Lamar hurriedly two weeks ago. He was arrested at Wazueche, Tex., and was brought back to Lamar on Monday night. Several hundred men thronged the streets, threatened to hang the minister.

## COMPROMISE ON STATEHOOD.

Indications that the Senate and House Will Get Together.

WASHINGTON—That the senate and house will reach a compromise on the statehood bill which will permit Arizona and New Mexico each to decide for itself the question of their admission as one state seems a correct conclusion from present indications.  
Inquiry among the senators who opposed the original house bill indicates that they will accept this compromise. The senate amendment defining the limits of the prohibition territory in Oklahoma is regarded as the result of a general agreement between all parties interested and is acceptable. Likewise there seems little objection to the senate provision allowing lien schools lands to be selected in place of school lands found to be mineral lands. Other senate amendments are to be considered Friday.

## NOTORIOUS BENDER FAMILY

ALL UNDER GROUND

TOPEKA, Kas.—The question as to what became of the notorious Bender family has been revived. Most people for years have believed that the Benders escaped from Kansas and are still living somewhere. But Dr. James A. DeMoss, of Thayer, declares that the Benders were all laid to rest in an unmarked graves near Thayer, and that he knows the exact spot. "I have in my possession," said he, "the names of eight living persons who can tell the public, if they would, where the Benders are buried, and who identified their bodies before their burial."

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## MAKES NO SECRET OF OF HIS BUSINESS HERE

NEW YORK—Under a red banner bearing the inscription, "The Russian Revolutionary Party," several thousand men and women of Russian origin gathered in Grand Central palace to honor and listen to Nicholas Tchaykovsky, a Russian revolutionist, who recently arrived here. One of the speakers of the evening aroused much enthusiasm when he declared: "Tchaykovsky comes to this country not as an angel of peace, but the angel of war. He comes openly with money to buy arms. There is no concealment of the object of his visit."

## GIVES TWO MILLIONS MORE.

Andrew Carnegie Further Endows Technical Schools.  
PITTSBURG, Pa.—It was announced in this city that Andrew Carnegie had given two million dollars in addition to previous gifts for the maintenance of the Carnegie technical schools. Mr. Carnegie has already given upwards of a million. It was also announced that Mr. Carnegie expressed a desire that the Margaret Morrison Carnegie school for women meet the expense. It is expected the technical schools will cost about \$5,000,000 when completed.

**Demurrer by Judge Deuel.**  
NEW YORK—Justice Joseph M. Deuel filed his answer to the specifications of the application by which it is sought to remove him from his position as justice of the court of special sessions. This application followed closely upon the Hapgood libel trial and was made jointly by the attorneys on both sides in that case, including District Attorney Jerome. Justice Deuel, who was a stockholder in the publication Town Topics, brought the action for libel against Norman Hapgood, editor of Collier's Weekly.

**Man's Proper Place.**  
There was a time when I liked to "join the ladies" in dancing, but since I have reached the years of discretion I incline to the view of the Orientals and the Ancients, that the proper place of man is among the spectators.—Truth.

**Spirit of Investigation.**  
When a friend turns around and upside down the piece of silverware you gave, it is not so much to get the effect of different views as to see if it is marked sterling.—Atchison Globe.

# OPERATORS SIGN

SOME OF THEM READY TO PAY 1903 SCALE.

## THE OUTLOOK NOT SO SERIOUS

Reports from Johnstown that Miners Will Make a Demonstration—Little Change Reported in the Pittsburgh District.

PITTSBURG—Dispatches from the soft coal fields indicate almost a general announcement from the operators of Western Pennsylvania to pay the miners the advance of 5.55 per ton called for in the restoration of the scale of 1903. With notices posted at the majority of the mines announcing the granting of the scale the strike in the soft coal field has lost the threatening aspect that has surrounded it since last January.  
Despite these notices it is announced from Johnstown that 1,000 or more union miners would make a demonstration at the mines of the Berwick-White company mines at Windber Monday in an effort to get the non-union miners to come into the union. At Dubois the men met today and decided to remain out with the exception of pumpmen, engineers and firemen until after the district convention which begins Tuesday. Of the 40,000 in West Virginia but 5,000 are affiliated with the United Mine Workers. About 1,500 are in the Panhandle section and these have ceased work.

Announcement was made from Greensburg that the scale had been granted by the operators of fifteen mines in Westmoreland county.  
In the Pittsburgh district there has been little change in the past twenty-four hours. While the scale agreement expired last night at midnight there had been no steps taken that would indicate a general suspension of work. Tomorrow is a holiday, being Mitchell day, the anniversary of the granting of the eight hour day to the miners, and all mines will be closed. On Tuesday, however, the district convention's scale committee will give in readiness the new scale and it is expected most of the operators will sign it. It is expected that among the first signers will be Francis L. Robbins, of the Pittsburgh Coal company, who has been the leader of the operators in granting the advance. What ever suspensions may follow on the part of the independent operators in the district, it is not expected that over 5,000 of the 6,000 men in the district will go out. The operators opposed to an advance will hold a meeting Tuesday to confer on what course to pursue.  
Miner's officials are confident Robbins' competitors will yield after the meeting.

## BEef TRUST TRIALS SET.

Non-immune Corporations to Be Tried in September.

CHICAGO—Judge Humphrey set the trial of the packing corporations which were denied immunity at the hearing ended last week for the second Monday in September.  
Early in the day a conference was held between Judge Humphrey, District Attorney Morrison and Attorney Miller, representing the packers, regarding the date of the trial of the corporations. The district attorney asked that the trial be immediate, and the judge and Mr. Miller favored a date in September. The conference was adjourned without action to permit the district attorney to consult the authorities in Washington. Later, when the conference was resumed, District Attorney Morrison entered a formal motion asking for a new trial of the immunity pleas. It was denied, as was a similar motion made by Mr. Miller relative to the corporations. The court then set the date for the trial.

**Will Work For Scale.**  
INDIANAPOLIS—The national convention of the United Mine Workers of America adjourned after authorizing the national and district officers to sign a wage agreement with any coal operator who would agree to pay the scale of 1903 or its equivalent for a period of two years. This is an advance of 5.55 per cent in wages in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and western Pennsylvania and all other districts except the southwest, composed of Missouri, Kansas, Texas, Arkansas and Indian Territory.

## Dowie is Repudiated.

CHICAGO—At a meeting of 5,000 adherents of the Christian Catholic church at Zion City, of which John Alexander Dowie is the founder and first apostle, Dowie's authority was repudiated and Wilbur Glenn Voliva, the new leader, who for some time has been conducting the affairs of the church, elected in his stead. Mrs. Dowie also repudiated her husband and their son, Gladstone Dowie, cast his lot with his mother and the new leader, Voliva. Most of the officials of the church were present.

## Suit Against Ex-Auditor.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—For the state of Indiana Warren J. Bigler, auditor of state, through Attorney General Miller, brought suit in the superior court to collect \$110,000 from John O. Henderson, who was auditor of state from January 17, 1891, until January 24, 1895. It is charged that Henderson "is indebted to the state in the sum of \$100,000 for insurance state taxes received by him, wrongfully retained and not paid into the treasury of the state and on account of other irregularities."

## Good "Wireless" Record.

WASHINGTON—Under the direction of Rear Admiral Cowles, chief of the bureau of equipment, Navy department, careful experiments were made recently for ten days in sending government wireless dispatches between the stations at Guantanamo, Cuba, Key West and Pensacola, Fla., and Colon, Panama. It was found that about 75 per cent of the messages were entirely successful and the rate of success was much higher with the night messages than with those sent in the daytime.

## BOOTH CLAIM JURISDICTION.

Controversy Between Two Committees of the House.

WASHINGTON—The controversy between the house committees on rivers and harbors and interstate and foreign commerce over the jurisdiction of dams over navigable streams is considered with a view to an amicable settlement at a joint meeting of five members of each committee, including Chairman Hepburn. The prediction is made that the contention of Mr. Burton that his committee should take complete jurisdiction over a navigable stream will be conceded. The controversy arose over a pending proposition before the commerce committee to take a quantity of water out of the Sacramento river in California for irrigation purposes. California farmers have been bent to make this river navigable under the recommendation of the rivers and harbors committee and its members claim to allow the irrigation project to go through would render the stream non-navigable.  
The legislation prompted by the recent wreck of the steamship Valencia off the straits of Fuca was authorized to be reported favorably by the house committee on interstate and foreign commerce today. The bill reported has passed the senate. It appropriates \$200,000 for an ocean-going life saving tug and for the establishment of a life station at Neap bay.

## NOTE BANK TELLER IS AN EMBEZZLER

NEW YORK. Joseph P. Turney, note teller at the National Bank of North America, was arrested and arraigned in police court here on a charge of stealing \$24,000.  
The alleged peculation it is charged in an affidavit presented to the court, have been going on for twenty-five years. Officials of the bank appeared in court to press the case.

## LAUGH AT WAR MINISTER.

Declaration in Reichstag Against Duelling Causes Mirth.  
BERLIN—In the reichstag, during the debate on the army estimates, the war minister, General von Einem, read a statement concerning duelling, saying that the imperial orders against duelling remained in force. Their aim was to abolish duelling entirely. The minister's statement was received with laughter by the members of the center party and the radicals.

The announcement made by the war minister modifies considerably Chancellor von Buelow's declaration of January 15, in which he said: "Nevertheless so long as duelling is widely regarded as a means of redress for injured honor officers cannot tolerate the presence in their ranks of anyone who is not prepared to defend his honor with his sword."

**Tillman Will Oppose Amendment.**  
WASHINGTON—Senator Tillman, who has charge of the railway rate bill in the senate, said that he was not satisfied with the court review amendment to the measure which was agreed on Saturday at a conference between President Roosevelt, several republican senators and members of the interstate commerce commission. The senator said he would oppose it on the floor of the senate and he expressed the opinion that not half a dozen of his colleagues would support the amendment.

**Plan for Devlin Estate.**  
KANSAS CITY, Mo.—A plan for taking the C. J. Devlin estate out of the bankruptcy courts and reorganizing the various interests which comprise it was discussed today at a meeting in this city of the creditors' reorganization committee and several of the principal creditors. No course of procedure was agreed upon, however.

**Teller Surrends Himself.**  
PITTSBURG—Thomas W. Harver, former paying teller of the defunct Enterprise national bank of Allegheny, for whom a warrant was issued jointly with five others, alleging conspiracy to defraud in connection with the failure of the bank, surrendered himself today.

**Morris Buck Will Be Hanged.**  
LOS ANGELES—Morris Buck, who shot and killed Mrs. Canfield, the wife of the oil millionaire, was sentenced to be hanged June 1.

**Send \$25,000 More to Japan.**  
WASHINGTON, D. C.—The Christian Herald on Friday sent in another check for \$25,000 to the state department through the Red Cross, for transmittal to Japan for the relief of famine sufferers.

**To Pasture 600 Elk.**  
WASHINGTON—That a herd of 600 elk may be properly pastured, legislation is finding favor at the capitol, which will set aside a large portion of the Olympic forest reserve in the state of Washington for this purpose.

**Florida Wants an Exposition.**  
WASHINGTON—President Roosevelt was asked Friday to give his interest and support to another international exposition. It is the desire of the people of Florida that such an exposition be held in Tampa in January, February, March, April and May 24, 1895. It is charged that Henderson "is indebted to the state in the sum of \$100,000 for insurance state taxes received by him, wrongfully retained and not paid into the treasury of the state and on account of other irregularities."

**Public Improvements in Hawaii.**  
WASHINGTON—The house committee on territories authorized a favorable report on a bill setting aside for five years 75 per cent of the customs and internal revenues of the Hawaiian islands for public improvements.

**ST. PETERSBURG—Most horrible accounts are reaching St. Petersburg of cannibalism and starvation among tribes inhabiting the frozen Arctic plain of the Chukchik peninsula, at the extremity of Asia.**

# SURVIVED ON HAY

VICTIMS OF THE MINE DISASTER IN FRANCE RESCUED.

## ALL HOPE HAD BEEN ABANDONED

Sudden Appearance of Emaciated Men Frightens Salvage Corps—Hay and Horse Flesh Sustained Life for Nearly Three Weeks.

LENS, France.—The disaster at the Courrieries coal mines had a startling sequel Friday when thirteen miners were taken out alive after having endured unspeakable horrors during the twenty days of entombment. The story of the survivors, so far as it has been told, discloses that they lived for many days on putrid horse meat amid total darkness and the stench from scores of decaying corpses. The presence of human flesh would speedily have forced the starving men to resort to the last desperate extremity if they had not been rescued. The survivors were sturdy young miners from 17 to 25 years of age, except their leader, Henri Nemy, who is 28 years old. All show the terrible effects of their experiences, being emaciated and blinded. Their rescue caused a temporary nervous lucidity, during which they greeted their relatives and graphically related their sufferings. The doctors then forced quiet upon them, fearing the results of fever and poisoning from their having eaten decayed horseflesh.

There were touching scenes as wives and mothers greeted those whom they had long given up as dead. Crowds besieged the hospitals to which the men were taken, cheering the survivors and imprecating the ineffective nature of the salvage work that followed immediately after the disaster.

The rescue of these thirteen men revived hope in many families that others are alive, and the relatives of those whose bodies have not been recovered clamorously demanded that efforts be redoubled to bring out any possible survivors.  
There is a report that in addition to the thirteen men who were brought up out of the mine, there were five others who came with them almost to the bottom of the pit, but were unable to come further on account of exhaustion. The total number of men missing after the catastrophe was 1,212. The bodies recovered approximately numbered 500, and there are still unaccounted for, approximately, 700.

The engineers explain that some smoldering fires prevented them from exploring remote passages of the mine, where it was thought there could be no survivors. The mine owners also say that the strike of miners reduced the number of rescuers available. Many engineers and scientists agree that all in the mine died long ago. Engineer Laur, however, dissects, asserting the salvage work has been dismally ineffective and he believes that scores died of exhaustion owing to the poor work of the salvage companies.

**MRS. LEAVITT WRITES PLAY.**  
Daughter of W. J. Bryan Has Made a Success of It.  
DENVER, Colo.—Ruth Bryan-Leavitt, daughter of William Jennings Bryan, has written a play which looks so good to dramatic critics and friends that she has refused to sell the rights. It is a one-act sketch written just to show some members of a box party that the Nebraska girl could keep her word to write a better play than the one they were witnessing when the "dare" was made.  
That was six months ago in Denver. The work was undertaken at once. The piece is now being rehearsed here for the Orpheum circuit and will be put on for the first time in Salt Lake City, April 16.  
The title of the sketch is "Mrs. S. Holmes, Detective."

## A PUBLIC BUILDING BILL.

House Committee Agrees to One Carrying Twenty Millions.  
WASHINGTON—The house committee on public buildings and grounds agreed to report a public building bill carrying appropriations aggregating twenty million dollars. The details of the bill are not fully completed, and the committee voted to refrain from disclosing the projects to be included in the measure until the report is finally completed, which will be in about ten days.

**Mrs. Roosevelt at Havana.**  
HAYANA—Mrs. Roosevelt, accompanied by her children, Ethel, Archie and Quentin, arrived here Sunday on board the Mag'flower.

**English View of Situation.**  
LONDON—The London papers in their editorial articles welcome the settlement of the points on controversy between France and Germany over Morocco as removing the anarchical conditions in Morocco.

**Delay in Shoshone Opening.**  
WASHINGTON—The joint resolution extending the time for opening of the Shoshone or Wind River Indian reservation to white settlement has passed both houses and become a law. The extension is made purely because in early June the weather in this section of Wyoming is unsettled and for the additional reason that two railroads are now building branches to connect with the borders of the new white man's country, which will, when completed, greatly facilitate the handling of the great number of settlers.