

THIS IN NEBRASKA

EVENTS OF INTEREST OF MORE OR LESS IMPORTANCE.

Congressman Kinkaid Gets a Ruling in Behalf of Homesteaders—Other Matters in Nebraska.

WASHINGTON—Representative Kinkaid has for the past two years been fighting for a ruling from the general land office in relation to the improvements required on the Kinkaid homesteads taken under the Kinkaid act, as it is sometimes known outside of Nebraska, the "640-acre act," to the effect that the homestead still residing on his old homestead may make such additional improvements thereon. As a result of Judge Kinkaid's persistence the following ruling was issued by Assistant Commissioner J. H. Fimple previous to his quitting office: "It is held by this office that where a party still owns and occupies his original homestead, and makes an additional entry for contiguous lands, that the whole constitutes one entire claim and that improvements may be placed upon any part of said claim. It would, however, be necessary for the party to maintain his residence upon the original homestead until after final proof is made upon the additional, in order to receive credit for improvements placed on the original in making such final proof."

A New Canning Company.
OMAHA—The Florence Canning company was organized at Florence with a capital of \$25,000, half of which will be paid up and is already subscribed. The stock is non-assessable. The main business of the company will be the canning of tomatoes, corn and other vegetables. The plant is contracted for and will be built by the Hastings Industrial company of Chicago. Work will begin at once on the factory. Contracts are now being made with gardeners and farmers for acreage of tomatoes and corn. The plant will cost \$10,250.

School Apportionment Certified.
The semi-annual school apportionment certified to the state superintendent by State Treasurer Mortensen amounts to \$413,851.03, which is about \$24,000 more than the May apportionment of a year ago. The money was derived from the following sources: School tax, \$92,886.65; interest on school and saline lands, \$198,085.05; interest on bonds, \$46,275.17; interest on warrants, \$53,634.06; game and fish licenses, \$3,686; discount on bonds, \$1,771.09. The money will be distributed \$1.10 for each pupil in the state and there are this time 375,348 children of school age in Nebraska.

More Money for San Francisco.
Governor Mickey has forwarded to J. D. Phelan, head of the relief committee organized to look after the needs of the San Francisco sufferers, a draft for \$529.63, the balance on hand in his office. After mailing the draft Governor Mickey received \$100 from W. J. Bryan, sent through Chas. W. Bryan, business manager of the Commoner. This sum is in addition to the \$100 contributed by Mr. Bryan some weeks ago.

Good Pension for Nebraskan.
Washington dispatch: Representative Hinshaw has secured a big pension in the bureau for William P. Campbell of Fairbury. The latter was granted an original allowance of \$3 per month from June 7, 1892, and \$12 per month from March 3, 1903. The accrued pension due Mr. Campbell is \$15,500, a check for which he will receive in a few days.

Money for the Schools.
The money on hand in the state treasury for distribution among the school district of the state, at the close of business on the 21st, was \$412,738.79 an increase from \$389,540, the apportionment of last year. This year the per capita distribution will be \$1.10, while last May it was \$1.03.

Five Years for Murder.
OMAHA—Frank Noonan of South Omaha, convicted of manslaughter for the killing of Charles Carlson, December 30, was sentenced to five years in the penitentiary by Judge Sutton. Attached to the verdict as returned by the jury was a very strong recommendation for leniency.

Woman Hanged Herself.
FALLS CITY—Mrs. James Gilmore disappeared from her home west of Strauseville Monday evening about 5 o'clock, and her body was found hanging in a cave near her house.

Bonds for Water Works.
OXFORD—The city council, in a session, called a special election for June 26, to vote upon the dual proposition of issuing bonds for water works and an electric light plant; \$15,000 for water and \$2,700 for light.

Bonds for School Fund.
The state board of educational lands and funds bought Tennessee bonds to the amount of \$50,000 as an investment for the permanent school fund. The bonds will net the state 3/4 per cent interest.

Farmer Killed by Lightning.
NORFOLK—Carl Jensen, a prosperous farmer near Tilden, went to the field to look after some horses and was found dead next morning having been struck by lightning.

Prefers Death to the Asylum.
LONG PINE—Preferring death to life in an insane asylum, J. F. Ingalls, a jeweler in this place, shot himself in the abdomen and died a few hours later. For several years Ingalls had been a strenuous booze fighter.

State Saves \$1,500.
LINCOLN—The state has saved \$1,500 on the contract for printing the supreme court reports. The Omaha Printing company was given the contract at 54 cents a page. The lowest previous bid was 87 cents.

NEBRASKA BRIEFS.

Fourteen students graduated from the Winsor high school.

Two men confined in the Cass county jail made their escape.

Oxford is arranging all details for celebrating the Fourth of July.

The Burlington is rebuilding its depot at Greenwood, burned some time ago.

Three separate attempts at incendiarism were made in McCook in one night.

Rev. Calvert of the Methodist church of Humboldt has been given a ten weeks' vacation.

It is said the Standard Beet Sugar company is owing \$60,000 to farmers in Red Willow county.

Hon. James E. North of Columbus announces that he is for W. J. Bryan for the next presidential term.

Lightning struck the residence of Mrs. J. Donnelly and stunned three members of the family at Fremont.

An organization for the protection of farmers and horse owners against horse thieves was effected at Wisner.

Beatrice officials were asked to head off a horse thief who had been operating in Kansas and was headed for Nebraska.

C. E. Mead, the defaulting bank cashier of Beemer, has been taken to the penitentiary to serve his three-year sentence.

W. O. Olmstead of Ida Grove, Ia., was in Beatrice looking after his daughter, who disappeared from her home in that city.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams, who live a few miles west of Falls City, are the parents of four boys, who were born last week.

T. J. Maloney, a Wymore youth, was fatally shot by Fred Hanes, a companion. The two boys were out hunting when the accident occurred.

Insurance Deputy Pierce has refused the request of the Bankers' Union of the World to reconsider his action in refusing a license to the company to do business in Nebraska.

John Banc, a prosperous farmer of Pierce county, was crushed to death under his wagon heavily loaded with lumber. He is supposed to have fallen under the wheels while asleep.

The board of education is having trouble in finding suitable teachers for Arapahoe schools. They are still looking for a teacher to handle the science and German and a kindergarten.

According to figures in the office of the secretary of state, Hastings has more automobiles than any other city in the state in proportion to the population. Lincoln is second and Omaha is third.

G. A. Herzog, a capitalist of Harvard, has procured a franchise for the establishment of a gas plant in that city to be used for lighting and cooking purposes, and has already commenced work on the plant.

Frank Tragaard, who has been in the Dodge county jail four months on the charge of bigamy, preferred by Mabel Tragaard, was released for want of evidence and the case in district court was stricken from the records.

The Nebraska fish and game commission car passed through Milford and left 25,000 small catfish and pike to be planted in the Blue. The fish were placed at different points in the river below the dam. The Soldiers' Home river was well stocked with the fish.

A man who gives his name as W. B. Ellis, which is supposed to be fictitious and who was arrested in Beatrice for trying to pass a forged check on A. White, was arraigned in the county court. He pleaded not guilty and in default of \$1,000 bonds was lodged in the county jail.

William Carr & Son of Tecumseh have been given three miles of grading on the Burlington's Lincoln-Milford line near Germantown. At present they are doing some work for the Union Pacific near South Omaha, but they will begin work on the new contract at once.

Tecumseh and Johnson county people generally speaking are satisfied at the verdict of the district court of Nebraska county, in Auburn, finding Charles M. Chamberlain, ex-cashier of the failed Chamberlain banking house of that city, guilty of embezzlement. The case was taken from Johnson county on change of venue.

Otto D. Schmidt, the sailor boy from Blair who was granted a gold medal and \$100 by the secretary of the navy for heroic conduct on board the Benington when its boilers exploded, at San Diego, received his gold medal about a month ago and last week received his money. Mr. Schmidt is one of eleven comrades so awarded and the only one from Nebraska.

The state board of public lands and buildings went out to Milford to look over the ground which the Burlington railroad wants to use as a right-of-way in changing its line through Milford. Without a special act of the legislature the board has no right to deed the land to the railroad company, but the board, after an investigation, agreed to allow the road to put in its track and then go to the legislature for a deed next winter.

The Messrs. Bernhard Wise and Ed Stoltenberg, residing near Abbot, heard a loud noise in the barnyard a few days ago and upon investigating found a six-foot reptile of the "black snake" variety in battle with a 440-pound hog. The snake was killed.

The examination and investigation demanded by Superintendent Alden and Assistant Superintendent Nicholson were demanded by Governor Mickey on charges of incompetency and mismanagement, may lead to a general shakeup in other institutions.

The case of Christiana Soucek, an inmate of the Girls' Industrial home at Milford, against Ernest Carr was tried at the last term and the defendant found guilty, the jury bringing in a verdict to that effect after being out all night.

Anton Matcveck, while temporarily insane, jumped from the corridor of the Fremont hospital through a window to the ground and made a frantic dash to get away, shouting at the top of his voice as he ran that physicians were trying to kill him. He was captured and jailed.

Friend of Grant Dead.
DENVER, Colo.—Col. Robert S. Moore, a veteran of the Mexican and civil wars and a close friend of Gen. Grant and Gen. Sheridan, died in his home in this city Wednesday, aged 79 years.

WHO WOULD HAVE BELIEVED IT?



FERTILIZER MEN INDICTED

MUST FACE COURT ON CHARGE OF MAINTAINING TRUST.

Defendants Are Said to Have Violated the Sherman Law by Fostering Illegal Combination.

Nashville, Tenn.—The grand jury of the United States circuit court, which has been investigating the alleged fertilizer trust for the past four weeks, Friday returned an indictment against about 30 fertilizer manufacturers, including a number of local men. The indictment contains six counts detailing in specific form alleged violations of the anti-trust laws, and charging the defendants with combining and being engaged in a trust or combination.

The defendants live in various parts of the country where fertilizers are manufactured and certified copies of the indictment will be sent to the various districts in which the defendants reside, and there served. The defendants will be required to execute bonds for their appearance at the October term of the court in this city, when the cases are to be tried. The grand jury examined during the investigation 140 witnesses and the indictment returned is a voluminous document.

VICE CONSUL MURDERED.

W. H. Stuart, American Official at Batum, Russia, Slain from Ambush.

Batum.—W. H. Stuart, the American vice consul, was shot and killed near his country place Sunday night. The assassin escaped. Mr. Stuart was a British subject and one of the largest ship brokers and exporters of Batum. During the revolutionary troubles of last fall his life was many times threatened by longshoremen, and at Christmas a deputation visited his office and practically compelled him to give them \$1,500 under the guise of a holiday gratuity for dock laborers.

Aside from the troubles during the revolutionary disturbances last fall, Mr. Stuart had had no friction with the native population. He was so generally respected that he was on several occasions called upon to act as intermediary during the racial war between the Tartars and the Armenians, saving the lives of several of the latter.

Mr. Stuart, who was 49 years of age, had spent the greater part of his life in Russia, the last 12 years in Batum. Besides his official connections he had extensive business relations throughout the entire Caucasus. He spoke several native dialects and was considered an authority on land.

Home Products for Canal.
Washington.—The senate committee on finance Wednesday favorably reported a resolution directing that materials for the Panama canal shall be of domestic production and manufacture, unless the president deems the bids for the same exorbitant. The de-rated alcohol bill was ordered reported favorably by the senate committee on finance.

Rural Delivery Order.
Washington.—The fourth assistant postmaster general has issued an order providing that after July 1 rural delivery carriers, when making their trips, will visit and examine only those boxes for which they have mail for delivery and those on which the signals are displayed to indicate that there is mail for dispatch.

Insane Man Threatens Roosevelt.
Washington.—Following allegations that he had threatened violence to the president, Robert P. Lewis, a Hawaian, was arrested here Friday on suspicion that his mind was affected and was sent to St. Elizabeth's asylum for the insane.

Allgas Violation of Pool Law.
Kansas City, Mo.—The grand jury Friday returned six indictments against Dr. J. S. Gardner, president of the Kansas City Jockey club, and Charles Oldham, a bookmaker, for violation of the pool selling act.

Veterans in Collision.
Lafayette, Ind.—One man was killed and nearly 70 old soldiers were injured in a collision on the Lafayette battle ground electric road Wednesday. Both cars were crowded with veterans attending the annual encampment of the G. A. R.

Find Corpse of Minister.
Rock Island, Ill.—The corpse of Rev. Frank W. Hoover, a Congregational minister of Sherrard, was found floating in a pond near his home Wednesday. It is supposed that he was drowned while bathing.

ILLINOIS BANKERS INDICTED

Grand Jury Returns True Bills Against Four Owners of Pekin Institution.

Peoria, Ill.—The four principal owners in the failed Teis Smith bank of Pekin, Ill., were indicted under 125 counts each by the Tazewell county grand jury Thursday. Judge Worthington fixed the bond of the defendants at \$35,000 each and security was furnished. The men under indictment are D. C. Smith, the aged head of the firm; E. F. Umland, Conrad Luppen and Henry Block.

The courtroom was crowded when the grand jury reported, and it was with difficulty that the bailiffs maintained order when the list of indictments was read by the clerk. The depositories, who have used every effort to secure indictments, were wild with excitement. Efforts on the part of the partners of the bank to raise sufficient funds to meet all liabilities are in progress and are expected to culminate in a proposition to the depositories at a meeting of creditors in Peoria on May 28. Schedules filed by the individual partners and by the bank showed liabilities of practically \$500,000, and assets of less than \$300,000.

ANARCHISTS ATTACK BANK

Two Customers Killed in General Melee at Warsaw Institution.

Warsaw.—A brief but bloody encounter took place Friday afternoon at the Industrial Savings bank, which was attacked by a band of anarchists. The latter, with revolvers in their hands, ordered the clerks and customers present to hold up their hands. The chief clerk promptly drew a revolver and fired at the intruders. This was the signal for a brisk fusillade during which two of the customers were killed and two customers, five clerks and one of the anarchists were wounded. The anarchists then escaped carrying off their wounded.

PERKINS IS DISCHARGED.

New York Decides Ex-Life Insurance Official Cannot Be Held for Grand Larceny.

New York, May 26.—The appellate division of the supreme court Friday handed down a decision discharging from custody George W. Perkins, whom the supreme court had held to await action of the grand jury on a technical charge of grand larceny in connection with the campaign contribution of the New York Life Insurance company to the Republican national committee.

Leads Santo Domingo Rebellion.
Washington.—Disquieting advices have been received by the state department relative to revolutionary movements in the West Indies, directed against the administration of President Caceres, of Santo Domingo. Details of these movements are vague and are difficult of access, but they indicate that ex-President Morales is making a determined effort to expel Caceres and regain the presidency of Santo Domingo.

No Receiver for Zion.
Chicago.—The first decisive legal victory between the warring factions of Zion went to the adherents of John Alexander Dowie Tuesday in the district court. Judge Landis declared his investigators found no evidence of misappropriation of funds, that the assets exceed all liabilities, and that no receiver will be appointed.

Tornado Demolishes House.
Sloux City, Ia.—A tornado struck the town of Whiting, Ia., at six o'clock Friday evening and demolished a residence and barn. The occupants saw the storm approaching and escaped injury by taking refuge in the cellar.

Greeting to Royal Bride.
Madrid.—The royal train bearing King Alfonso and his future bride, Princess Ena of Battenberg, arrived Friday evening at the Pardo station. The princess was escorted to the Pardo palace with imposing ceremony.

Earthquake at Cleveland.
Cleveland, O.—An earth-shock lasting 48 seconds was recorded here Wednesday upon the seismograph at St. Ignatius college. The initial movement came from the east and the return shock from the west.

San Francisco Death List.
San Francisco.—According to the records to date in the coroner's office the death list from fire and earthquake is now 402. The last name added is that of Fred F. Stanley, a letter carrier.

Athletes Home Again.
New York.—The White Star liner Republic, having on board the victorious American athletes who competed in the Olympic games at Athens, Greece, arrived in quarantine at 5:15 o'clock Friday morning.

Bernhardt in Wreck.
Mankato, Kan.—One of the trucks of the special train carrying Sarah Bernhardt and her company broke two miles from here Friday afternoon, delaying the train several hours. No damage was done.

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Waxahachic, Tex.—The residence of J. D. Duke, a farmer living eight miles east of Waxahachic, was struck by a tornado Friday and completely demolished. An infant nine days old was killed.

AFFIRMS BURTON DECISION

Kansas Senator Must Serve Six Months in Jail and Pay Fine, Besides Losing Office.

Washington.—The supreme court of the United States Monday rendered a decision in the case of United States Senator Ralph Burton, of Kansas. The decision was against Burton, affirming the decision of the United States circuit court for the eastern district of Missouri, by which Burton was sentenced to six months' imprisonment in the jail of Iron county, Mo., required to pay a fine of \$2,500 and deprived of the right to hereafter hold office under the government. The opinion was by Justice Harlan. All of the points made in Burton's interest were overruled.

Senator Burton was prosecuted on the charge of violating Section 1782 of the revised statutes, which prohibits senators and representatives from receiving compensation for services rendered before any of the government departments in any matter in which the government may be interested. He was specifically charged with accepting a fee of \$500 per month for five months from the Rialto Grain & Securities company, of St. Louis, for services rendered that company in an effort to prevent the issuance of an order by the post office department prohibiting the use of the mails by the company.

Immediately after promulgating its decision in the Burton case the supreme court of the United States Monday granted a motion to give 60 days to Senator Burton in which to prepare a petition for a rehearing. The action will have the effect of taking the case over until the next term of court beginning in October, as the present term will expire next Monday.

NOTED PLAYWRIGHT DEAD.

Henrik Ibsen Dies at his Home in Norwegian Capital After Long Illness.

Christiania, Norway.—Henrik Ibsen, Norway's greatest poet and dramatist, died peacefully at 2:30 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Ibsen was 78 years of age.

Although Ibsen's literary activity ceased some years ago, when an apoplectic seizure forced him to refrain from mental effort, he had continued to be a familiar figure in the life of Christiania and was frequently seen driving in the streets with a companion.

From time to time lately as fresh apoplectic attacks came upon him it became obvious, especially in view of his advanced years, that his death could not be far distant. Tuesday night another seizure left him completely unconscious, and his physician announced that he had only a few hours to live.

King Haakon, immediately upon receipt of the news of Ibsen's death, transmitted to the widow his own and Queen Maud's sympathy and condolences.

The storking and other public bodies are formally recording the national grief at the loss of this foremost figure in the literary life of the north. It is understood that the funeral will be a state function.

DISORDER DUE TO GUARDS

Deputies at Plum Run Mine Fire Guns to Intimidate Striking Mineworkers.

Stubeville, O.—The Plum Run mines of the United States Coal company were started Thursday with 125 nonunion men. The men were escorted to the mines by armed guards. There was no disorder, but the foreign element is feared if the mine is kept running. Reports of attacks and rioting were the result of some of the deputies who early Thursday fired their guns in the air to intimidate any of the strikers that might be about.

Churches Are United.

Des Moines, Ia.—"I do solemnly declare and here publicly announce that the basis of union is not in full force and effect and that the Cumberland Presbyterian church is now reunited with the Presbyterian church in the United States of America as one church." With these words uttered before the general assembly Thursday moderator Hunter Corbett officially established the union of the two denominations.

Woman Retains Golf Title.

Auburdale, Mass.—Miss Pauline Mackay, of the Oakley Country club, the national and state women's golf champion, Friday retained her state title by defeating Miss Harriet S. Curtis, of the Country club, in the final round of the women's state golf tournament.

Amusement Resort Destroyed.

Cleveland, O.—Fire Friday practically destroyed the famous amusement resort known as the White City, a few miles east of Cleveland. Numerous buildings with their entire contents were completely wiped out. The loss is estimated at \$150,000.

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PANIC IN PALACE

CHALLENGE FROM PARLIAMENT CAUSES CONSTERNATION.

BOLD ACTION OF LOWER HOUSE

Its Movements Make it Revolutionary Body in Eyes of Law—Premier Goes to Peterhof to Confer with the Emperor.

ST. PETERSBURG—With breathless anxiety society awaits the government's response to the bold action of the lower house of Parliament Saturday, which is censuring the ministry and demanding its retirement, was like a deliberate slap in the face and a direct challenge which the government, though inclined to prefer its usual policy of temporization and compromise, can hardly avoid meeting. Parliament has burned the bridge and virtually has taken the step which the French senate general did when it transformed itself into a national convention.

By flouting the fundamental laws and practically declaring that it proposes to exercise full parliamentary rights with a responsible ministry, it has become in the eyes of the law a revolutionary body, and from that position there seems no retreat. The news of the action of the house came like an electric shock, the people generally being as greatly surprised as the bureaucracy at the promptness with which the whole of the government's policy was absolutely scorned. Both sides recognize the acuteness and seriousness of the moment, but panic in the government and not the popular camp.

Premier Boremykin went to Peterhof immediately after the adjournment of Saturday's session to confer with the emperor and Sunday denoted agitated conferences between the ministerial leaders. The constitutional democratic chiefs are displaying calmness in the face of the crisis. They declare that having delivered their reply they propose to go calmly ahead with the work before them, forcing the government to take the initiative. The strength of their position lies in the conviction that the Russian nation and especially the peasantry, who are sure to be discontented at first concerning the expropriation of lands, is behind Parliament in its rejection of the government's policy as utterly unacceptable. "The government if it dares to fight," said M. Kokoshime, one of the constitutional democratic members of the house, "can disperse the Parliament; but the victory of the bureaucracy would only be temporary. It would inevitably be followed shortly by a bloody revolution which would not leave a stick of the present government standing. The emperor must choose between a real constitutional government and the loss not only of his crown, but probably of his head."

FIGHT FOR MILLION DOLLARS.

Attorney General Hadley Will Try to Keep Assets of Bond Company.

KANSAS CITY—Herbert S. Hadley, attorney general of Missouri, will tomorrow ask that the affairs of the American Reserve Bond company in this state be remanded for settlement from the federal to the state court. Mr. Hadley said: "I mean to say that the \$1,000,000 deposited with the state treasurer goes to Missouri creditors. If the federal court takes jurisdiction Missourians will get only their pro rata share of that sum."

Suits Against Two Railroads.

INDIANAPOLIS—Acting upon a complaint made by the state railroad commission, Attorney General Charles W. Miller filed suit against the Monon and Chicago & Eastern Illinois railroads, charging discrimination in coal rates. He asks damages of \$5,000 from each road.

Status of the Naval Bill.

WASHINGTON—The naval appropriation bill will be reported to the senate on Tuesday the committee practically completed consideration of the measure. Appropriation for a battleship of the type of the Dreadnought now being constructed for the British navy, was accepted by the senate committee as it passed the house.

Postal Congress Adjourns.

ROME—The international postal congress ended Sunday after a sitting in which the treaties had been previously agreed upon were signed. Before leaving Rome several of the delegates were received by the Pope in private audience, among them being Mr. Edward Rosewater of Omaha, Neb.

Foreigners Not in Danger.

PARIS—A semi-official note issued relative to reports of trouble at Pointe a Pitre, Guadaloupe, and Fort De France, Martinique, says there is no possibility of danger to foreigners there.

Savings Bank for Philippines.

MANILA—The Philippine commission passed the postal savings bank bill. It became effective immediately.

Important Move by Japs.

TOKIO—Vice Admiral Togo, General Kuroki and Marquis Ito, with a suite of admirals and generals, will start shortly on a tour of inspection in Manchuria. The important mission is supposed to be the outcome of the recent state council as which, though the details have not become known, it is understood weighty decisions were reached respecting the Manchurian railways, which are intended to be permanently run by the government. This will necessitate the floating of another big loan.

Nebraskan Suicides Abroad.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—H. Roy Penfold, aged about 22, of Omaha, died in an ambulance en route to the city dispensary after taking poison. The fatal deed was committed about 8:45 o'clock in a rear room at 1731 Morgan street, where he had been staying. Letters in his pockets from relatives, written on stationery of H. J. Penfold & Co., dealers in surgical instruments and photographic supplies, Omaha, indicate that he had been in financial straits. They show that his Omaha relatives had sent him assistance recently.

THE FLOWER GARDEN.

Old Favorites Should Do Well with Attention to a Few Conditions—A List Given.

Among the flowers that are old standbys for the summer garden are asters, sweet peas, nasturtiums, poppy, phlox, castor plant and sunflower. Asters should be planted in boxes in May and transplanted in the garden in May. The nasturtiums and sweet peas should have poultry netting held in place by stakes to vine on. With the exception of the aster, these flowers should be sown the last of April. You can depend on these flowers every time if you give them a good soil to grow in and keep the weeds away from them. If prevented from ripening seed by gathering the flowers as 'tast as they appear, they will come not bloom early in the season and produce flowers well up to the frost time.

The old-fashioned sunflower can be used to advantage, and to give the garden a tropical effect the reclus or castor plant with its palmate leaves is strikingly effective.

The castor plant and sunflower should be used as a background for the garden, and should be planted on the four sides of the garden and next to the fence, and the space of from three to four feet of the fence should be filled in with the asters, sweet peas, poppies, nasturtiums and phlox.—Orange Judd Farmer.

THE NEW WASH-FROCKS.

We Have a Return of "Sprigged Muslins" and of the Quaint Styles of Long Ago.

Among the perfectly new kinks for wash frocks is the use of the old flowered French taffeta—wash cottons—and figured calicoes so highly finished that they have the look of damask. Plain materials in the same weaves are employed to trim these, but the solid decoration is very spare. One such imported gown seen owned the charming title of costume bergere (shepheress' dress). French calico was said to be the material, but the effect was like that of a toilet upon a Watteau fan. Upon a damasked white background were small bouquets of naturally tinted field flowers, tied with live knot ribbons in pale blue. This formed the upper dress, which was in a species of polonaise with faintly defined paniers and a square neck and flounced elbow sleeves. The lower skirt was of plain blue calico finely kilted and made decidedly short, and with this ravishing toilet went a high guimp and long undressleaves of embroidered white muslin.

Great stress is laid upon the style of the gloves for entire wash gowns. French authorities declare kid to be entirely out of place.—Washington Star.

GOOD FRUIT MERINGUES.

These Are Very Delicate and a Nice "Dessert for Luncheon or a High Tea."

Fruit meringues are so delicious and so easily made that it is a pity they are not oftener seen on our tables. Make a nice puff paste; mix a pie-plate of it, about a quarter of an inch thick. Bake these shells in the oven, and prick them if they rise too much. Be very careful in lining the pie-plate to have the paste "tulle" on, so it will not