

TOO VALUABLE FOR IDLENESS

General Chaffee Thinks Old Fort Omaha Should Be Rehabilitated.

WILL SUBMIT REPORT TO DEPARTMENT

Declines to Make Disclosures as to His Ideas and Plans Until He Reaches Washington—Visits Both Forts.

Lieutenant General Chaffee thinks old Fort Omaha is too valuable to be left in idleness and he will make some definite recommendations when he gets to Washington as to its rehabilitation as a signal corps headquarters, but the commanding general declines to say what those recommendations will be until he commits them to the War Department.

General Chaffee visited the fort Friday afternoon to look over the ground and consider the availability of a signal headquarters. Senator Millard accompanied him.

General Chaffee, Brigadier General T. J. Wint and Quartermaster General C. F. Humphreys and other officers of the department went to Fort Crook this morning to make an inspection of that post. The officials were accompanied by a number of citizens and all went down by special train.

The party will be entertained at luncheon by the officers at Fort Crook this afternoon, returning this evening. A reception dinner will be given General Chaffee, General Humphreys, General Wint and Captain Hutchison this evening at the Omaha club. Covers will be laid for about sixty.

General Chaffee and party will depart for Des Moines tonight and will inspect Fort Des Moines tomorrow. Completing that work, the party will go to Fort Leavenworth and from there to Fort Riley on inspection duty and will be in St. Louis about the middle of the week.

Friends Entertain Humphreys. A small party of old-time Omaha friends of Quartermaster General C. F. Humphreys entertained him and Captain Hutchison at luncheon at the Country club Friday evening.

The affair was wholly informal and merely a testimonial of the old army when General Humphreys was the chief quartermaster of the Department of the Missouri. Captain Grote Hutchison, another of the guests, also was formerly of the Department of the Missouri staff.

INSISTS ON FAIR DEALING

President Stickney Says Integrity Must Underlie All of Grain Exchange Transactions.

President A. B. Stickney of the Chicago Great Western spent Saturday in Omaha. He arrived in Council Bluffs Friday evening in his special train and came across the river this morning. When asked what brought him into Omaha, Mr. Stickney said:

"Just my natural inclination to see things and to keep moving about. I do not know anything of the reports that Mr. Hawley's line and mine are to be merged. If there is anything in the report it has not been referred to me as yet."

"The grain business, like all others, must be handled along lines of perfect integrity and fairness by all concerned if it is hoped to make it a success," said Mr. Stickney. "I trust the differences which have arisen will be adjusted in a short time."

For some time after the opening of the Kansas City exchange it was torn and disrupted by similar troubles, but the members soon learned that it was better to deal fairly, and matters there have now settled down to a stable basis, where all have confidence and all push together for success.

"I know nothing of this vladut matter. That contention arose while I was absent in Europe. It is my understanding that the boys made a good thing out of it, and I guess we will just introduce another ordinance and keep the thing going, so that probably they can make another good thing. There is nothing like keeping matters moving."

Samuel Stickney, general manager of the Great Western, is with the president. They will leave in their special train tonight for St. Paul, having disposed of all the matters which they came to see about. It is understood that Mr. Stickney is here on account of the vladut fight which is on between his line and the Burlington and Union Pacific, and that he has prepared a bomb which will be thrown into the camp of the enemy without unnecessary delay.

JUDGE ADVISES A DIVORCE

Tells Man and Wife Who Cannot Agree to Get a Legal Separation.

Ledia and Alexander McIntyre, 1615 Chicago street, wife and husband, have been discharged by Judge Berka in police court and told to go their ways in peace or obtain a legal separation. Mrs. McIntyre was arrested Friday night by Officer Mansfield on the charge of plying an immoral vocation on the streets. In police court she said her husband had given her to this low estate by refusing to provide for her.



The Start

In married life is generally made on an even footing of health in man and wife. But how soon, in many cases, the wife loses the advantage and index in face and falls in back, while her husband grows ever more rugged and robust.

There is one chief cause for this wifely failure and that is the failure of the woman's health. When there is irregularity or unhealthy drain, inflammation, ulceration or female weakness, the general health is soon impaired.

\$500 REWARD FOR WOMEN

WHO CANNOT BE CURED.

Proprietors and makers of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription now feel fully warranted in offering to pay \$500 in legal money of the United States for any case of Leucorrhoea, Female Weakness, Protrusion, or Prolapsus of Uterus, which cannot cure, all they seek is a fair and reasonable trial of their means of cure.

"A little over a year ago I wrote to you for advice, as Mrs. Elizabeth J. Fisher, of Ottawa, O. Va. wrote to me for Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription and 'Golden Medical Discovery,' which I did, and with the most happy result. I was troubled with female weakness and protrusion of the uterus. Had a very bad pain every day in my left side, sometimes in my back. Was so weak I could hardly walk. Was so nervous I could not sleep. Was so nervous I could not sleep. Was so nervous I could not sleep."

The Common Sense Medical Adviser. In paper covers, is sent free on receipt of one-cent stamp to pay expense of mailing only. Address Dr. R. V. Pierce, Littleton, N. H.

FINDS NEBRASKA CROPS FINE

On the strength of her statements Officer Baldwin arrested the husband, who works for the O'Brien Candy company. Mr. McIntyre said he provided for his family, but the trouble was his wife would not stay home and look after the children, preferring to go on the streets and seek other company.

Railroad Official Looking Over State for Business Says Conditions Are Excellent.

A prominent railroad official who was in Omaha Friday looking after crop conditions in this state, says he found conditions more favorable in Nebraska than in any of several western states he has visited.

He has found that Nebraska has produced this year about \$5,000,000 worth of wheat, \$10,000,000 worth of corn, \$10,000,000 worth of soybeans, \$10,000,000 worth of oats, \$10,000,000 worth of rye and barley, and 7,000,000 bushels of potatoes. In speaking of the conditions he said:

"While the wheat crop in bulk is not quite up to the average, the quality is much better than it is in surrounding states and this offsets the decreased production. If this warm weather continues for three weeks longer I believe Nebraska will have the greatest corn crop in its history. The fruit and berry crop is the largest which ever has been raised in the state. Taking everything into consideration, crop conditions in Nebraska this year have been about as nearly perfect as they could be. Of course there have been some drawbacks, but they are hardly worthy of mention providing the crop crop is brought safely through. Our line is looking for an enormous business from Nebraska this fall and we will be very much disappointed if we do not get it."

OFFICIAL GRAND ARMY TRAIN

Northwestern Caravan for Boston Leaves Omaha Tonight, Stopping Sunday in Chicago.

The official train of the Grand Army of the Republic arrived in Omaha over the Northwestern last evening and left for the east at 3:30 p. m. The train left Lincoln at 4 p. m. and came direct to this city. Everything possible has been done by the Northwestern to make the trip comfortable for the veterans.

Representatives of the Northwestern, Wash and West Shore systems accompanied the train from Lincoln. A portion of Sunday will be spent in Chicago and from that city the train will proceed direct to Niagara Falls and Boston without delay.

Among the prominent members of the organization and their friends who will go on the train from Nebraska are: Harmon Bros, department commander for Nebraska; C. E. Steele, Mart Howe, Andrew Traynor, C. F. Adams, E. J. Adams and niece, Judge and Mrs. Barker and son, Mrs. Cleaver, Mrs. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Fisher and son; Mrs. Trowbridge, Mr. Horton, Mr. Griswold, Miss Fleming, Mrs. W. A. Selbeck, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Whiting, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Whitmarsh, C. H. Sargent, Mr. Bertram, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Carcadden and Mr. Wheeler. The train out of Omaha consisted of about seven Pullman coaches.

DEATH RECORD.

Wife of Sergeant Renfrow. Mrs. Clara Renfrow, wife of Police Sergeant Lewis Renfrow, died at the family residence, 241 North Eighteenth street, at 10 o'clock Friday night after a week's illness with peritonitis. The funeral will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the home. Rev. M. D. Long, pastor of the Knox Presbyterian church, will conduct the service. Interment will be at Forest Lawn cemetery. Mrs. Renfrow was married nineteen years ago, in Clay county, Nebraska, and resided in Omaha twelve years. Her father, Sherwood Culver, arrived from California last week. Besides her husband, two daughters, Sadie and Beulah, 15 and 12 years of age, respectively, survive the wife and mother. Mrs. Renfrow was 32 years of age. Mrs. E. M. Harris of 235 Caldwell street is a sister of the deceased.

Miss Joyce Warner. Word has been received by friends in Omaha that Miss Joyce Warner, well known in this city, died in Peasam Tuesday evening. Miss Warner had been employed in the High school at Bancroft during the last school year. She has made many trips to this city and is well known here to a large number of people. She was a student of considerable ability and has taken part in several entertainments in Omaha.

Dr. J. C. Birney. H. C. Drexel received a telegram yesterday announcing the death at Chicago of Dr. J. C. Birney, for a long time a resident of Omaha and inventor of Birney's catarrh cure. Charles A. Birney, a son of the deceased, had been in Omaha and the body will be brought to Omaha for burial Monday.

CROCKER'S BRIGADE REUNION

Iowa Organization Will Hold Reunion at Waterloo Two Days in September.

The twelfth biennial reunion of Crocker's Iowa brigade will be held at Waterloo, Ia., Tuesday and Wednesday, September 12 and 13. A program is being prepared by the local committee. The biennial address will be delivered by Colonel W. H. Michael of the Eleventh Iowa infantry (now of Washington, D. C.). Those eligible to membership in the brigade are all soldiers who at any time served in the Iowa brigade, the tenth, fifteenth and sixteenth Iowa, the frontiers, and all such are by the constitution entitled to membership and are cordially invited to be present. The railroads practically have assured a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip within the 30 mile radius of Waterloo. Further information may be obtained by addressing D. W. Bushnell, corresponding secretary, Council Bluffs, Ia., or H. H. Root, president, Mount Vernon, Ia.

COMMITTEE MEETING FLUNKS

Democrats Fail to Get Together and Supplement Cagell and Frick on Ticket.

For the meeting of the democratic county committee, scheduled yesterday, a quorum could not be mustered, so it went over for a week. It is expected that when the committee gets together it will have an opportunity to fill two or more vacancies on the legislative ticket. James P. Connolly and A. N. Frick have announced their intention to withdraw.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

W. S. Brooks and brother will leave Tuesday for a 300-mile journey to Alberta, Canada, and Seattle, Wash. Mrs. Brooks will go about three weeks. The funeral of Mrs. Bertha Wagner of Omaha will be held at 2 o'clock Friday afternoon. The interment was made at Forest Lawn cemetery. Mrs. Wagner was 55 years of age. About a week ago she met with an accident while riding on a street car and was taken to the St. Joseph's hospital, where she died Friday morning at 3 o'clock.

DECATUR SHOES CO.

Open tomorrow with the two leading lines of Men's Shoes in the United States—

A. E. NETTLETON AND WALK-OVER

"Nettleton" stamped on the sole of a man's shoe indicates the man is wearing the best he can buy. In patent kid or colt—in vici kid or calf skin—in gun metal calf potays or plain toe comforts—in heavy soles or light—in full dress shoes or for solid business wear. The Nettleton is always equal to the occasion.

The price will be \$5.00 In other cities Nettletons are \$5, \$6 and \$7.

Walk-Over is another of the best shoes in the world—the price is lower, but in many of the large cities exclusive Walk-Over stores are conducted with success. Making as they do a complete line of all shapes and weights in all the leathers the ingenuity of the tanner can produce.

The Walk-Overs are \$3.50 The Patent Kid and Patent Colt are \$4.00.

With these two well known lines of men's shoes we make our bow to the public and solicit a share of your patronage, knowing that if you come once you will come again.

FRANK WILCOX, Mgr. Selling Nettleton's and Walk-Over Shoes to Men. 1521 Farnam St.

PUTS DEATH ON VON HALLER

Coroner's Jury Charges Cative with Killing Maurice D. Rees.

ORDERS INVESTIGATION OF HUBERMANN Latter, Who Will Be Held, Was with Von Haller and Chief Witness Against Him at Inquest.

The verdict of the coroner's jury in the inquest held over the body of M. D. Rees at Coroner Halliday's office yesterday morning states:

Maurice D. Rees came to his death from a gunshot wound inflicted by a weapon held in the hands of George Von Haller, with malicious intent and without any provocation whatever. Furthermore, we, the jurors, recommend that Adolph Hubermann be held by the county authorities for further investigation.

Inquest was brief, being a plain recital of what occurred at the Rees home Thursday evening. The chief witness was Adolph Hubermann, who was Von Haller's companion that evening. Hubermann's testimony did not disclose anything particularly new. One of his statements was:

"After the trouble we ran along the railroad tracks and when we came to the boulevard Von Haller stopped, looked around and, firing a shot into the air, said: 'They hadn't better follow us or I'll shoot them all'—them!"

WATER COMPANY GETS READY

At Last Hunt Announces Schedules Are Almost Ready to Submit for Approval.

"The water works company has the schedules and inventories almost ready for the meeting of the Board of Appraisers in September," said Superintendent A. B. Hunt. "Only a few odds and ends remain to be met. We have no knowledge as to the exact date when the appraisers will come to Omaha."

"The attempt to reduce the water rates at this time is unnecessary, as only a short time will elapse before the plant should belong to the city. In any event it is probable this would happen before action could be obtained on reduced rates. It is a mistake to suppose the water company does not want to sell out."

ACID BURNS SHOES OFF FEET

Flery Liquid Causes Big Scars and Some Damage at One of Local Creameries.

Three employees of the Fairmount Creamery company, 1013 Howard street, got such a severe Friday afternoon as will last them for a fortnight and a few days. One of the workmen, standing beside the others, was handling a can of sulphuric acid without due regard for the law of gravitation, which force brought the chemical to the floor when the man relaxed his hold on the heavy liquid. The acid splashed over the floor, over the shoes of two of the men

AN OLD PROBLEM REVIVED

Do Animals Reason—An Accident Which Strongly Supports the Affirmative.

The other day some careless or cruel person tossed a lighted match into the straw in the cage at Glen Island park, New York City, in which are kept more than 100 monkeys. The straw flared up and, shrieking with terror, the monkeys fled from the flames as far as the cage bars would permit.

All but one, a ring-tailed Brazilian monkey known as Chet. He came toward the fire, pushed the big drinking pan close to the burning straw, upset its contents upon the flames, and gravely watched them go out, and then manifested his delight in monkey fashion.

The keeper, who reached the spot with a hose just as the fire was out, told the monkey witnesses that the monkey had been burned several times with cigars and fire-crackers and had been taught that cold water would relieve the pain. Hence the keeper concluded that the monkey had reason from such experience that water would put out fire.

In spite of John Burroughs and some other eminent naturalists who insist that animals do not and cannot reason, it seems difficult to believe that the monkey's act did not show reasoning power. Of course it is possible that the monkey had seen a man pour water on a fire and that its act was merely imitative.

In view, however, of the universal fear of fire shown by wild animals and their universal instinct to get away from flames, it is difficult to believe that there was not some element of reason in the monkey's conduct in facing the fire rather than running from it.

The debate whether animals reason or not is endless among naturalists. Nevertheless it is probable that no man who really observes and possesses the affection of one of the more intelligent animals, such as a good dog, has any doubt that some animals do sometimes show actual reasoning power.—Chicago Inter Ocean.

DETECTIVE WORK BY A WOMAN

Trails a Gang of Queer Shavers in New York and Jails the Bunch.

The quick wit of a woman resulted in the arraignment of two alleged counterfeiters before United States Commissioner Shields in New York. The men were each held in \$5,000 bail for further examination. In the meantime the secret service agents will follow up the work begun by the woman as it is the opinion of Inspector Flynn, the local head of the service, that the prisoners are connected with an extensive gang who have been passing bogus \$5 bills in New York City.

The woman who made the capture is Mrs. Helen Frost. She went directly from the Federal building to her room, packed up her belongings and left without giving any hint about where she was going. She was always something of a mystery to the other people in the house, who are now convinced that she is connected with the secret service.

Mrs. Frost is a woman of striking appearance, being nearly six feet in height and weighing about 150 pounds. She has yellow hair and is about forty-two years old. She was in the Astor Place hotel, at Third avenue and St. Mark's place early Sunday morning when, according to her testimony, she saw two men pass a bogus \$5 bill on one of the walls. She at once determined to enter the men. She had a \$20 bill, which she asked the younger of the pair to change. He gave her three \$5 bills and his companion handed her the fourth. In an instant she saw that all the bills were counterfeit.

She quietly sent one of the waiters for a policeman. Officers Bauer and Kaffer of the Fifth street station, responded, and Mrs. Frost pointed out the two men. The policeman jumped upon the alleged coun-

GET THEIR FILL OF WEST

Two Youngsters from Chicago Willing to Return Home and Quit Tramping.

Joseph Doane and John Goetschel, two 12-year-old Chicago boys, have been arrested at the Union station by Officer Heelan on the charge of being runaways. The boys have all the appearances of coming from respectable parentage and give as their excuse for being away from home a desire to see the west. When taken to the police station and questioned they suddenly concluded that Omaha was as far west as they cared to go and expressed an anxiety to get back to the folks at home. Their parents have been advised of the boys' whereabouts.

Hubermann described in detail the tragic event and told how he tried several times to get Von Haller away from Mr. and Mrs. Rees, even when he was threatened by Von Haller. Hubermann testified that the only blow he saw struck was by Von Haller and also said that the fatal shot followed in about a second after the blow. Hubermann said to the best of his judgment he thought there were in all four or five shots fired.

Chief of Detectives Dunn testified that at the time of the tragedy Mrs. Rees told him that Hubermann seemed to be trying to get Von Haller away and was not implicated in the assault so far as she could see.

"Mrs. Rees was in a high state of nervousness at the time and talked incoherently," added the chief.

PAY OF SPECIAL DEPUTIES

Sheriff Power Tells County Board that Two Dollars a Day is Insufficient.

Sheriff Power appeared before the Board of County Commissioners to protest against the resolution adopted by the board two weeks ago fixing the compensation of the special deputies employed at South Omaha at \$3 per day. The sheriff said he had found that Hubermann seemed to be trying to get Von Haller away and was not implicated in the assault so far as she could see.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Plummer of Beatrice and A. H. Blagow of Lincoln are at the Mercur.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McBride departed Friday for Greeley, Colo., for a vacation visit of ten days. United States District Clerk R. C. Hoyt and family have gone to Colorado for a vacation of two weeks.

United States Circuit Court Clerk George Thumel has returned from a visit of several days in the north. J. P. Carroll of Lincoln, B. F. Shreve of Fort Madison and F. M. Rathbun of McCook are at the Mercur.

J. F. Jena, N. F. Brown of Denver, Harry Anderson of Grand Island and J. H. Kelley of Boone, Idaho, are at the Mercur.

W. W. Young of Stanton, A. R. McFarland of Norfolk, C. A. Cogan of Beatrice and Hans Peters of Gretna are at the Mercur.

Henry H. Prouty of Kimball, A. Irish of Los Angeles, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas of North Platte, Matt Miller of David City, R. H. Barkley, E. Y. Burdett of Nebraska City, John E. Hays of Casper, W. A. Thomas of Lincoln and Mr. and Mrs. E. Kelso of Warner are at the Mercur.

"NO FOOL LIKE AN OLD FOOL"

Cruel Scheme Worked on an Oklahoma Farmer Who Thought He Was a Nasher.

"There is no fool like an old fool," says a Kansas paper in commenting on the curious case of S. B. Fisher, a rich farmer living across the Oklahoma line not far from Cheyenne. And the case is described by the Owego Independent as follows:

"Fisher is a widower 60 years of age and he has grown daughters who attend to his household. Two years ago Miss Alice Riker, the pretty and accomplished daughter of J. M. Riker, of South Owego township, went to Wesson to teach school and boarded with the Fisher family. It was not long before Fisher sought to pay marked attentions to the young Kansas girl, and though he was repulsed and told that his pleadings were in vain, he continued to express his undying love at every opportunity. On Miss Riker's return home he wrote love epistles of great length, all of which were unanswered by her. Fisher is a wealthy farmer and stockman. He imbibes the juice of the forbidden fruits, and when under the influence constantly babbles of the Kansas girl.

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