

MAY DAY TO BE QUIET

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MANY SCALES SIGNED IN ST. LOUIS

There Will Be No Interruption of Building in New York City.

BRIGHT OUTLOOK IN NEW YORK CITY

Resigning of Outdoor Construction Finds Metropolis Without Appreciation of Serious Labor Troubles.

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SUMMARY OF THE BEE

Monday, April 29, 1907.

Table with columns for days of the week (SUN, MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT) and rows for dates (1-6, 7-13, 14-20, 21-27, 28-30).

FORECAST FOR NEBRASKA.—Fair Monday, except snow or rain in the southwest portion; fair and warmer Tuesday.

FORECAST FOR IOWA.—Rain in east, fair, colder in west. Tuesday, fair, warmer in east portion.

TEMPERATURE AT OMAHA, YESTERDAY: Hour, Deg. Hour, Deg. 5 a. m. 50 1 p. m. 57 6 a. m. 50 2 p. m. 57 7 a. m. 50 3 p. m. 57 8 a. m. 50 4 p. m. 57 9 a. m. 50 5 p. m. 57 10 a. m. 50 6 p. m. 57 11 a. m. 50 7 p. m. 57 12 m. 50 8 p. m. 57

DOMESTIC.—Secretary Taft speaks at laying of cornerstone of new Young Men's Christian association building at Dayton, O. His pay is tribute to the good work of the association in Philippines, Porto Rico and the canal zone.

INDUSTRIAL.—Industrial horizon is practically clear and there is little prospect of any serious labor trouble on May day.

NEBRASKA.—Island railroad will today ask to meet short line rate between Burlington and Lincoln made by Burlington and Lincoln.

WASHINGTON.—Postmaster General Meyer prepares new schedule of pay for rural carriers. The increase is graded and ranges from 9 to 25 per cent.

LOCAL.—Victor Rosewater, in address before Mutual Interest club at Zion Baptist church, says there is no negro problem in Omaha that presents colored population against the white.

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HAMLIN EVIDENCE IS ALL IN

Both Sides in Grand Island Murder Case Best Saturday Evening.

CASE GOES TO JURY THIS EVENING

Arguments Will Consume Six or Eight Hours, After Which Charge to Jury Will Take Considerable Time.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., April 28.—(Special.)—The fate of John Hamlin, accused of the murder of Rachel Engle, will be decided by the jury tomorrow evening. Both the state and the defendant have rested their cases and on Monday morning the contending counsel will argue the case, the speeches probably taking up six or eight hours. The instructions, it is believed, will be quite voluminous, there being involved several somewhat intricate points of law.

The last day was a strong one for the state. It was begun with a few witnesses still for the defense, the first of whom was Dr. Grothman, owner of a private sanitarium at St. Paul. He answered both the direct and cross-examination, giving it as his opinion, upon the facts assumed in the questions, that Hamlin was insane at the time he fired the shot and incapable of distinguishing right from wrong, and that the death of the victim was caused by the broken catheter. The defense contends that for this accident the wounded girl might easily have lived the "year and a day," thus relieving the client of the charge of murder in the first degree. The witness on cross-examination admitted that the wound caused by the bullet necessarily reduced the vitality of the girl, as it paralyzed all functions of the body below it and incapacitated them to throw off the system's poisons.

Experts Cross Examined.—"If the fact should be," asked Attorney Prince, in cross-examination, "that Hamlin had no headache or pains when he did the shooting, or immediately prior thereto would that change your conclusion?" "It would be a different premise and would dispose of that part."

"If it should prove true that he had previously 'made' the wound, would that girl, would that knock out part of the ground upon which you base your conclusion?" "Yes, that would be a different premise."

One Manley, in jail on the charge of burglary, was next asked to defend on testimony that Hamlin acted peculiarly, and especially so in the last few days, walking much and mumbling in his walk about the jail, being restless and not sleeping.

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STRIKE IN SALT LAKE CITY

Traction Employees Go Out and Street Railway Service Is Suspended.

SALT LAKE CITY, April 28.—A strike was declared on the street car lines of the Utah Light and Railway company today, 400 men walking out. Numerous scenes of disorder followed, attempts being made by the company to operate a few cars with non-union crews and all efforts to maintain even a partial service were soon abandoned.

Determination to strike was reached by the men shortly before 6 o'clock this morning. The vote in favor of a strike was unanimous, over 300 who were present of the 400 motormen and conductors casting their vote. The calling of the strike was a complete surprise, an announcement had been made that arbitration had been agreed to by both sides. This followed several conferences between Mayor Thompson and a committee of citizens on the one side and President Bancroft of the company on the other. Mayor Thompson on Friday carried to the men assurances that Mr. Bancroft had agreed to arbitrate the wage question now and other matters later. This was not the case, however. Mr. Bancroft denied that he had agreed to arbitrate anything but the wage scale. This announcement caused the strike.

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Three carloads of goods for this settlement were shipped to Tiedford, last week. The shipment consisted of household goods, farm implements, horses, cows, hogs, chickens; one family having three crates of chickens. One most excellent feature of this colony is that several of the pioneers are practical farmers. They have been rearing land for some time and have learned the lessons of frugality and industry, as well as the methods of successful farming.

Room for Hundred Families.—"I think there is enough vacant land in that locality for 100 families. I have no doubt other families will soon embark for that 'new country.' We have in Nebraska several sections of white people of different nationalities and every one of them is prosperous. My judgment is this colony of colored people in Nebraska is the pioneer step of a movement which will work a tremendous transformation in the social status of the colored race. It will, I believe, be with more than ordinary interest all over the country."

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Settlement Being Established in Cherry County on Public Land.

DOZEN FAMILIES FORM NUCLEUS

Success of the Enterprise Is Predicted by D. Clem Deaver, Who Has Conferred with the Leader.

Booker Washington may have his splendid Tuskegee institute down in Georgia where he trains the mind and hand of the colored man in that most useful and practical of all pursuits—tilling of the soil; the Salvation Army may have its agricultural colony along the placid waters of the Pacific in California for the poor white man unable longer to combat the oppression of the squallid cities of the east; St. Louis philanthropist—manufacturers may have their little family municipalities where their employes happily and thriftily live on the co-operative plan—all these institutions are thriving and are commended, but now comes Nebraska into the picture with its social amelioration and plants what yet no other state has ever attempted, a colony for colored people.

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PUBLIC LAND FOR THE STATES

New Rules for Selections Under Grants for Educational and Other Purposes.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—The commissioner of the general land office has issued instructions to registers and receivers of local land offices concerning the selection of land by states and territories under grants for educational and other purposes, under regulations approved by the secretary of the interior last Wednesday. Under the new regulations, the states will be permitted to make indemnity school land selections in lieu of fractional portions of legal sections, which heretofore have been prohibited, and notice of all selections made by the state is required to be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county where the lands selected are situated. A few other minor modifications are made, designed to facilitate the selection of lands by the state officers.

Instructions also have been issued to local land officers regarding the disposition of lands withdrawn from coal entry, both as to lands known to lie within a known coal field and lands outside of such field. The local officers will be furnished with geological surveys, township maps showing known coal fields, and entries of such lands will be received. Lands heretofore withdrawn from coal entry and not released will be considered as "local lands."

Coal filings made within sixty days prior to withdrawal from coal entry may be selected within the time specified by the statutes, less the time from date of such withdrawals to date of special written notice of the filing of maps and lists in the local land office. Lands not coal lands may be entered under any of the public land laws applicable to the particular tract.

POSTMEN CARRY REVOLVERS

Letter Carriers Have Permission to Shoot Dogs as Means of Protection.

The United States government has taken a hand in the dog situation in Omaha. Captain Palmer, postmaster in Omaha, alarmed at the way the dogs are picking out his carriers as marks for their teeth, has secured permission from Mayor Dahlman and Chief of Police Donahue for his postmen to carry revolvers, and heretofore they had better look out as to his victim or he might run against a snag.

Captain Palmer says it is now up to the people of Omaha who own dogs to keep them locked or chained, as his carriers have full permission to shoot the first dog that makes a false move.

When asked if his men were to be trained in pistol practice, that passing citizens would not be shot instead of the dog, the captain laughed and said that the marksmanship of Uncle Sam's men was notorious all over the country.

The duties of the mailman compel him to enter everybody's yard, and in doing this they have become acquainted with most of the dogs, but during these days of dog scares the dogs do not seem to distinguish between friend or foe, and neither will the mailman heretofore. Heretofore, according to the story of the mailman with a friendly greeting had better stay away, for his motives might be mistaken and he is liable to become a mark for the mailman in his target practice.

GIRL APPEALS TO THE LAW

Merle Child Makes Charge Against Man of Fifty Who Is Under Arrest.

John Hess, 1515 Jackson street, aged about 50 years, was arrested yesterday by Detectives Ferris and Dunn on a serious charge brought against him by a 14-year old girl, Goldie Metzger, of Council Bluffs. According to the story of the girl, her home was in Missouri, where her mother died, and the father deserted her. She was then sent to an institution in Council Bluffs, but did not like it there and ran away Thursday, coming to Omaha.

In the evening, becoming tired and not knowing where to go, she said she stopped a young man and asked him where the Salvation Army home is, but he said he did not know and asked Hess, who happened to pass at the moment. Hess, she alleges, led her to go with him, but later took her to a rooming house, but instead took her to his room where he told the landlady she was his daughter. She was obliged to share his quarters that night, but afterwards was provided another room by the landlady.

The girl at first gave the name of Merle Child, but later came forward as Goldie Metzger. She was taken to the Detention home by Probation Officer Bernstein and Hess was locked up on a statutory charge.

MORE PAY FOR RURAL CARRIERS

Graded Schedule Provides for Increase Ranging from Nine to Twenty-Five Per Cent.

WASHINGTON, April 28.—Postmaster General Meyer has approved the detailed adjustment of salaries of rural free delivery carriers, as submitted by Assistant Postmaster General DeG