

CURRENT HAPPENINGS

FAITHFUL CHRONICLE OF ALL IMPORTANT ITEMS.

SULTAN SENDS NEWS

UNCLE SAM HEARS OFFICIALLY FROM NEW CHIEF.

Present Ruler of Turkey Assured of Friendship of United States in a Cable by Chief Executive Through Ambassador Leishman.

Mehammed Reshad, the new sultan of Turkey, was Wednesday officially recognized as the reigning ruler of that empire by the Washington government. This action followed the communication of the fact from the throne of the new sultan to the state department by H. Kinzler Bey, the Turkish ambassador, and similar information from American Ambassador Leishman at Constantinople. A dispatch acknowledging recognition signed by President Taft was forwarded to Constantinople Wednesday night for presentation by the ambassador there.

Following is the reply of Secretary Knox to the Turkish ambassador acknowledging the receipt of notice of the accession of Mehmed V.:

"Your note was duly communicated to the president, who has this day been pleased to extend by telegram his congratulations to his imperial majesty in the following words:

"I offer to your imperial majesty my congratulations upon your accession to the throne with such universal acclaim, voiced by the people's representatives and at a time so propitious to the highest aspirations of the great nation over which you rule as the august head of the constitutional government. I assure you of the friendship of the government and people of the United States who earnestly wish for your majesty's happiness and for that of the people within your domains, and I add my own wishes for your majesty's health and welfare."

A favorable impression has been created in Washington by the remarks attributed to the sultan in his public utterances and the confident hope was expressed that Turkey is about to enter upon a new era of successful constitutional government.

From the American standpoint the permanent improvement in the conditions in Asia Minor and other portions of Turkey where massacres of Armenians occur is the most important duty of the government and people of the United States who earnestly wish for your majesty's happiness and for that of the people within your domains, and I add my own wishes for your majesty's health and welfare."

TWO ARE SLAIN IN DUEL.

Officer is Killed in a Battle with Crooks.

A patrolman, Joseph Kroeger, and a pickpocket, whose name is unknown, were killed in a duel with revolvers late Tuesday night at Loganport, Ind. A second alleged pickpocket, Charles Pierce, of Scranton, Pa., was captured Wednesday morning by policemen chasing him on a handcar six miles north of that city, and is charged with having fired the shot that killed the policeman.

After the night performance of a circus the thugs raided the crowd with revolvers in their hands. Two of the crooks established a station on the Third street bridge. They not only held up and robbed the passerby, but they forced their victims to line up against the rail to see their successors despoiled.

Patrolman Kroeger came running, and one of the thugs shot. The policeman fell, but was able to draw his revolver and answer. One of the men went down, the other fled. The policeman, carried into a restaurant, moaned: "I'm dying! Call my wife and baby!" and lived only a few minutes. The pickpocket died Wednesday morning in St. Joseph's hospital. Priests and nurses tried in vain to get a statement of his identity from him. As he was dying a priest bent over him with a last appeal. Summoning all his strength the man shouted: "You go to hell!" He fell back and was dead.

Medal for Jack Binns.

The French government has awarded a first class live savers' medal to John R. Binns for courage displayed when the White Star line steamer Republic was cut down by the steamship Florida off Nantucket last January. Binns was the Marconi operator on board the Republic.

Sloux City Live Stock Market.

Wednesday's quotations on the Sloux City live stock market follow: Top beefs, \$5.95. Top hogs, \$7.20.

\$70,000 Fire in Chicago.

Fire in the storage warehouse of the Boynton Wood Scoring company at Chicago caused \$70,000 damage. G. W. Boynton, president of the company, was overcome by smoke and was rescued.

Oldest Ex-Governor Dead.

Frederick G. Holbrook, former governor of Vermont, the oldest ex-governor in the country and one of the last of the civil war executive, died Wednesday night, aged 96 years.

RESCHAD NOW RULER.

Reign of Abdul Hamid Ends with His Deposition.

The reign of Abdul Hamid II. ended Tuesday with his deposition and the accession of his brother, Mehmed Reshad, effendi, as Mehmed V., a variation of Mahmud, it being considered inappropriate to assume the precise name of the prophet. Mehmed is the thirty-fifth sovereign of Turkey in male descent of the house of Osman, the founder of the empire, and the twenty-ninth sultan since the conquest of Constantinople.

The two houses of parliament, meeting as a national assembly in the forenoon, approved the decree of deposition, which was read by the sheik ul Islam, chief of the ulema and supreme judge on ecclesiastical questions. The parliament recited that Abdul Hamid's acts were contrary to the sacred law, and set forth a long list of crimes, the whole making a terrible indictment. The assembly chose Mehmed Reshad as sultan and appointed committees to notify the deposed sovereign and his successor of its action. The firing of 101 guns to the waiting people gave notice that a new sultan had been proclaimed.

The ceremonies attending the transfer of the power were simple. The newly chosen ruler came from his palace in Galata through streets lined with troops and cheering thousands and took the oath at the war office, and then proceeded to the parliament and later went to the Dolmabahce palace as head of the empire, where for so many years he had practically been a prisoner.

Martial law was relaxed Tuesday night and the people gave themselves over to celebrating the victory of the young Turks' party and the end of Abdul Hamid's reign. Many buildings were illuminated and thousands of rounds were fired by the soldiers for joy. General good humor prevailed everywhere.

The question of the new cabinet has not yet been settled, but it is thought that Ahmed Riza will be grand vizier, while some of his associates, probably Hilma Pasha, the former premier, will be minister of interior; David Bey, minister of finance, and Rifat Pasha, minister of foreign affairs.

BEACH HARGIS FOUND GUILTY.

Given Life Term in the Kentucky Prison.

Beach Hargis was Wednesday found guilty of murdering his father, Judge James Hargis, and was given a life sentence.

His last words an unavailing plea for mercy, ex-Judge James Hargis, the founder of Jackson, Ky., was shot to death by his son, Beach Hargis, on February 26 last. Following a brief quarrel, the son drew a revolver and fired five shots into his father's body.

"Mercy, mercy, you've killed me!" appealed the older man as he lay on the floor. Beach Hargis' answer was to fire two more bullets into his father's body. The tragedy occurred in Hargis' store and was witnessed by two customers and a stenographer. All three fled. Beach Hargis later was removed to jail by the town marshal and deputy, but he struggled like a madman until thrown into his cell.

Beach Hargis had been on a protracted spree and his father had administered a thrashing. The chastisement was the cause of the murder. The son continued his debauch, nursing his resentment, until his father again upbraided him for his condition.

HUBBY GETS YEAR IN JAIL.

Kansas City Man Signs Wife's Name to Love Letters.

Chaster M. Hamsher, in the federal court at Kansas City, Mo., Tuesday, pleaded guilty to a charge of signing his wife's name to love letters which he wrote to Nell Johnson, a wealthy man of Atchison, Kan., and he was sentenced to a year in jail. The post-office department could have made no objection to the love letters if Hamsher had not been so mercenary in his letters.

"Please send \$10 by return mail. Here are 1,000,000 kisses for you." That was the objectionable part of the letters in the eyes of the federal officials. The correspondence lasted six months, and Johnson was misled out of nearly \$500 before he became aware of the deception and put the case before the postoffice authorities. Hamsher's wife knew nothing of the affair until her husband was exposed.

Joseph W. Babcock Dead.

Former Representative Joseph W. Babcock, of Wisconsin, for fourteen years a member of the lower house of congress and for many years chairman of the national republican congressional committee, died at his home in Washington, D. C., at 9:45 a. m. Tuesday. He was 59 years old.

Catherine Dodge Sane.

Catherine T. Dodge, widow of Capt. Charles Dodge, United States army, has been declared sane by the probate court; her estate, amounting to \$20,000, has been restored to her care, and her guardian has been discharged. For two years she was regarded as an insane person.

Five Men Killed.

Five men were killed and five others seriously injured at Kerrick, Minn., Tuesday when the boiler of the McGrath & Horgan sawmill exploded. The boiler was inspected last October, but had not been used until Tuesday.

Illinois Divine Ends Life.

Rev. S. V. Williams, pastor of the Christian church at Kankakee, Ill., committed suicide by taking carbolic acid while mentally deranged.

ADELE BOAS IS RESTORED.

Her Escape a Result of Mere Childish Whim.

Adele Boas, the 13-year-old daughter of Arthur E. Boas, a wealthy thread manufacturer of New York, is at home with her parents. The mystery of her disappearance last Friday has been dispelled and the case resolves itself into nothing more than the escape of a child with a sudden desire to see the world.

Aside from the natural reaction that has set in, the girl is little the worse for her wandering. The Boas family physician spent half an hour with her and has announced that she was in perfect health. He said her trip was merely the result of a childish whim. When the first shock of the meeting with her parents was over the child told more of her movements in Boston. The position she had in a restaurant there was to have brought her \$2.50 a week with board and lodging.

Saturday night and Sunday she spent in her room she had rented. Her money by this time was exhausted, all but enough to get back to New York, and Monday morning she decided to return.

Miss Boas was found on board a train arriving from New England Monday afternoon and was taken to the home of her father in New York. Fifty people gathered about the Boas residence when the carriage drove up with Adele Boas and the two detectives who had found her. The girl rushed out of the carriage into her uncle's arms. She appeared in good health. The girl went away voluntarily, she says, under the impression that she would like to earn her own living, but seeing the newspapers and learning that the police were looking for her, decided to come from Boston alone without notifying the police.

12,000 Are Homeless.

Portugal Quake Sufferers Camped on the Countryside.

A national subscription, headed by King Emmanuel, has been opened for the relief of the sufferers from the earthquake in Portugal last week. Six additional bodies have been recovered from the ruins at Suenca Vente. Forty-six persons lost their lives during the earthquake.

Official figures give 12,000 homeless persons as a result of the recent earthquake. They are camped on the countryside, and despite the efforts of the authorities are beginning to feel the pinch of famine. In addition to hunger, hundreds are suffering from serious injuries which the physicians have not as yet been able to attend.

HART'S OPINION READY.

Judge's Decision in Coopers' Case to Be Rendered Tuesday.

Because of the absence in Nashville, Tenn., of Judge Anderson, of the defense, the decision in the motion for a new trial for the Coopers was postponed Monday and was not rendered until Tuesday. Judge Hart, who tried the case of the state against Col. Duncan B. Cooper and Robin Cooper for the murder of former United States Senator E. W. Carmack, who were convicted and sentenced to 20 years' penal servitude, has prepared his opinion. If the defense appeals to the supreme court a decision cannot be expected for about a year.

MARATHON RACE PLANNED.

Big International Event to Be Held Off May 8.

Arrangements were practically completed Saturday for the biggest professional marathon race yet held in this country—the grand international marathon, for a purse of \$10,000—in which a score of the leading professional long distance runners from all over the world have been invited to compete over the course at the Polo grounds on the afternoon of May 8. The event is open to the world and will finally determine the world's championship at the classic distance of 26 miles and 385 yards.

Life for Mother and Son.

"Lib" Lucas, keeper of a dive at Mt. Carmel, Ill., and her son Jesse Friday were found guilty of murdering Clyde Showalter, a young farmer, who had come to town with a large roll, and whose body was found in the river. Mother and son were sentenced to life imprisonment.

Navigation is Opened.

Navigation on the south shore of Lake Superior was opened Friday by the arrival of the steamer Charles O. Jenkins at Ashland, Wis. The Jenkins is the first vessel to cross Lake Superior this spring. There is still considerable ice.

Earth and Snow Slides.

Earth and snow slides, which continued intermittently for the past sixteen hours at a point on the Great Northern one mile east of Nyack, Mont., have completely blocked traffic, and many trains are tied up.

Heinrich Corneid Dead.

Heinrich Corneid, former director of the Metropolitan opera house in New York, who suffered an apoplectic stroke several days ago, died at Meran, Tyrol, Austria, Tuesday.

One Dead; Three Injured.

Cornelius Pritchard is dead and three other persons are wounded as a result of a six-handed shooting array at Meadville, Miss., the outgrowth of a political feud.

NEBRASKA NEWS

OMAHA MEN BUY LAND.

Secure Much Land in Wyoming and North Dakota.

No more Patters will be kings of the wheat pit and controllers of the bread supply, if Omaha men who are buying land in North Dakota and the dry farming regions of Montana, break the land and plant wheat. Almost sixty sections of land in Billings county, North Dakota, and Dawson county, Montana, have passed into the hands of Omahans. It is land with sufficient rainfall to grow wheat by any farming method and land that will produce a bumper crop when handled by the dry farming irrigation ditches in Montana. The North Dakota land is in the Little Missouri country, which has demonstrated its worth as wheat land.

G. W. Holdrege, general manager of the Burlington Railroad company, is the largest holder of Montana land in Omaha.

H. H. Baldrige is one of the largest individual owners of North Dakota lands.

Green, Breckenridge & Matters have secured 17,000 acres of the North Dakota lands west of the Missouri river, in the country where Theodore Roosevelt once ranched.

Some of the owners plan to cut the land up into 160-acre farms and offer it for sale, but most of those who own the land want it for an investment and will not go into the real estate business.

STATE COMMITTEE MEETS.

Republicans in Conference at Lincoln on Donohoe Act.

After several hours of deliberation the members of the republican state central committee Tuesday night appointed a committee of five to investigate the provisions of the Donohoe act and take action regarding the placing of a ticket in the field next fall. The bill passed by the last session of the legislature attempts to amend the primary law. By its terms partisan candidates cannot be named for the supreme judgeship until the primary. The three places must be filled by choosing between the candidates by petition. More than a dozen republicans are already in the race. The committee may devise a republican primary to eliminate a number of the party candidates and concentrate the vote. It will be impossible to place the party designation on the ballot, however.

TROOPS AT ASHLAND RANGE.

Four Companies Encamped and Modern Camp Equipment Installed.

Troops from Fort Crook have been arriving at the government rifle range near Ashland almost every day during the last week. Altogether four companies are in practice at the camp, which is pronounced ideal for its purpose. The range covers some four miles along both sides of the Platte river above the Burlington's bridge. Automatic electrical markers, telephone service and complete camp equipment have been installed. Rifle practice will continue until early summer, when in July the National Guard will hold a brigade encampment and rifle practice. Arrangements are also being made for a shooting contest between the high school cadet and state university encampments at Ashland this year.

ITALIANS KEPT MOVING.

Band of Citizens Drive Them Out of Town of Kridler.

A number of men from Wymore, assisted by farmers in the neighborhood of the town of Kridler, attacked the Italians driven from Wymore Sunday morning and routed them out of the place of refuge. No one was injured, but the foreigners were badly frightened. The railroad company has taken them to Dewese, in Clay county. Sheriff Trude is said to have advised such action, believing their presence in Gage county might provoke further trouble. Wymore is quiet and the law will be allowed to take its course in the case of Betrucci, the slayer of the Public boy. Notice has been given, however, that no more Italians can come to Wymore.

OPUM DEN RAIDED.

Omaha Police Capture a Couple of Confidence Men.

During a raid on an opium den in Omaha the police arrested two men who gave the names of "Andy" Potts and "Charlie" O'Brien. The independent telephone systems of Merrick county after years of warring and disagreement. At a recent meeting of the Chapman Independent Telephone company's stockholders it was decided to connect with the Bell system, so that the independent subscribers would have the use of the Bell's toll lines.

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State Record Broken.

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Saloons at West Point.

The usual number of saloonkeepers have applied for licenses to sell liquor in West Point the coming year.

Wants Better Train Service.

The Beatrice Commercial club is trying to induce the Rock Island company to put the two passenger trains taken off some time ago into service again. He trains gave splendid service between Fairbury and St. Joseph.

Child Strain Fire.

Four-year-old Myron Colliamer is supposed to have started a fire which cremated a horse belonging to Joseph Phant at Norfolk Saturday. The barn burned belonged to Dr. C. Verges.

NORMAL BOARD IS IN COURT.

Attorney General Files Quo Warranto Suit to Test Law.

Attorney General Thompson has filed a quo warranto suit in the supreme court to test the right of the new state normal board, and especially one of its members, Senator Thomas J. Majors, to hold the office to which they were appointed by Gov. Shallenberger. He hopes to test the new law passed by the legislature and at the same time the right of a member of the legislature to accept any civil appointment during the term of office to which he has been elected.

Senator Majors is state senator from the Second senatorial district and a member of the legislature that passed the new act providing for the appointment of a new normal board by the governor. The old board, according to the petition, has not resigned and claims the right to exercise the powers of a state board of education and to expend the funds of the state set aside for the support of state normal schools. The new board claims the same right and at its first meeting allowed claims on the state treasury.

The attorney general's petition says Majors and the other members of the board included themselves into office and have usurped the power of the members of the board of education. He challenged the right of the new board to exist and asks Majors a return to show cause why it exists and if it has a legal existence by what title he holds a position thereon.

COURT RULES IN FOOD CASE.

Holding of Ex-Food Commissioner J. W. Johnson Overruled.

The supreme court has overruled J. W. Johnson, former deputy state food commissioner, who prosecuted Swift and Company for not branding the net weight of wrapped ham and bacon. The court decided that the district court of Lancaster county decided justly when it held that ham and bacon are not packages in the sense used in the old food law. The subject of branding meat is a dead issue at this time because the last legislature amended the law under which Johnson prosecuted Swift and Company. Judge Cornish of the district court. Judge Rose did not participate in the case and Judge Dinsmore dissented. Judge Cornish held that a package within the meaning of the term as used in the statute in question; that the term was intended to apply only to such packages as are put up in artificial sizes or quantities; that ham and bacon in packages are in natural sizes varying in weight and quantity, and that they are never sold as of fixed weight or quantity. From this decision the statute filed exceptions.

NO MERIT IN ELECTION SUIT.

Lincoln Will Vote on Prohibition Issue at Municipal Election in May.

Judge Cornish has held that the injunction suit brought to restrain the submission of prohibition and 4-20 o'clock closing to the voters of the Lincoln at the May election was without merit. The dismissal of it also carried with it the suit brought to restrain the holding of any election at all on the ground that the holding of a party primary would be held—and not having been held there could be no election.

In disposing of the suit Judge Cornish made no mention of this latter phase of the controversy, but directed attention to the fact that the excise board has the right to submit to a vote of the people rules proposed for adoption.

It was contended by E. C. Strode that the initiative an referendum law applied only to city ordinances. If it was good at all and was properly adopted by the voters. He insisted that the statutes confined the activities of the excise board to liquor licenses exclusively.

Judge Cornish held that the word "exclusive" as used in the statute meant that that power as to licenses was "exclusive" in the board as against the mayor and city council, but that it will not prevent the people from the exercise of the powers given them by the initiative and referendum law.

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FOREIGNERS DRIVEN AWAY.

Angry Mob Carries Out Its Threats at Wymore.

Clyde Price, stepson of Frank Weisner, the 11-year-old boy shot at Wymore Saturday by Betrucci, the Italian railroad laborer, died without regaining consciousness. Betrucci, who was threatened by a mob, was rescued by Sheriff Trude and brought to Beatrice, where he now is in the county jail under guard. After he had been taken away the angry crowd of 400 Wymore men attacked the Italian railroad camp, and after a lively scrimmage drove the foreigners out of town, warning them to return. The crowd then set fire to the bunk cars occupied by the laborers, and they burned, together with the belongings of the Italians.

There was talk of the mob following the sheriff to Beatrice and wrecking vengeance on Betrucci, but it was decided to await the result of Young Price's injuries. The riot spirit had subsided somewhat, before the boy died, and it is believed the trouble is over if the Italians keep out of the town. Sheriff Trude remained at the jail throughout the day Sunday, prepared for emergencies.

The Chicago, Burlington and Quincy road, which employed the foreigners, has moved its construction trains from Wymore to Klerder, a station some distance away, but it is doubtful if the refugees Italians will congregate there, at least not until the excitement subsides.

ASSAULT YOUNG GIRLS.

Trio in Jail in a Nebraska Town on Criminal Charge.

A man giving the name of "Jack" Galloway, his wife and another man whose name is unknown, are in custody at Wilber, Saline county, charged with assault and abuse of two young Lincoln girls, Grace and Mina McKenzie, aged respectively 14 and 16 years, daughters of a widow. Thursday, in answer to an advertisement requesting applications for vaudeville performers, the girls called on the Galloways and their services were accepted. They were taken to the town of Berks, near Lincoln. Here they say they were joined by another woman with Mina McKenzie going to Crete, leaving Grace with Galloway, who, Grace charges, assaulted her. Later they joined the others at Crete, where, she says, she was deserted at the depot, the others proceeding to Wilber. Complaint to the Saline county authorities resulted in the arrest of the four on their arrival in Lincoln. The sheriff at Wilber says the girls are victims of abuse at their hands of the two men.

SCARED INTO INSANITY.

Neighbors Try to Induce Family to Move from Neighborhood.

Disturbed by the death of her twin babies and by a series of fortune telling seances attempted by a few neighbors, Mrs. John Gamble, a Filipino, wife probably be sent to the insane hospital at Norfolk. Neighbors told her "fortune" to frighten her, so that the family would be forced to leave the neighborhood. Her husband, a negro veteran of three wars, has bought the house and is paying for it on the installment plan. He has appealed to the city authorities.

HORSES BURN WITH BARN.

2,500 Bushels of Grain and Farm Implements Destroyed.

The barn of Lawrence Coracke, near St. Mary, in Johnson county, with its contents, was burned to the ground Saturday night. The contents included nine head of horses, 2,500 bushels of corn, several tons of hay, a buggy, implements, etc. The cause of the fire is not known. It was with difficulty the house was saved. Mr. Coracke was protected by a small insurance.

TRAVELERS END WORK.

Next Meeting Will Be Held at Grand Island.

The Travelers' Protective association closed its state convention at Beatrice Saturday and selected Grand Island as the place for holding the next annual meeting. The convention offered a vote of thanks to the people of Beatrice for the entertainment furnished and then adjourned.

Tornado Near Fremont.

A tornado northwest of Fremont Saturday evening wrecked the buildings on the Jackson farm and injured a number of the occupants. James Scholmer and Peter Grelsen, farmers on the way to North Bend, were caught in the wind, their wagon overturned and both badly injured.

Northwestern Double Track.

The Northwestern has started a steam shovel to work in one of the cuts east of Arlington and is dumping the dirt west of the Elkhorn river bridge. It is said this will be used as a part of the double track which will be built at once.

Boy Victim of Auto Dead.

Little Fred Vannoy, the 8-year-old boy who was injured by an automobile while playing in front of the Sydenham school house, eight miles south of Kearney, died from the results of the accident Thursday morning.

State Dismisses Liquor Case.

The case of the state of Nebraska against George Hulshizer, of Wymore, charged with selling liquor without a license, has been dismissed by the plaintiff.

Farmers Are Busy.

The farmers of Dakota county are taking advantage of the spring weather and work in the fields is progressing rapidly. Several hundred acres of small grain have been sown and the soil is being put in readiness for the corn crop.



CHICAGO.

Trade is stimulated by the more reasonable weather, and there is notable reduction of idle hands in the spread of industrial and farming activities. The volume of payments through the banks is seen to be well above that of a year ago, and money has a firmer tone, but rates for choice commercial paper are unchanged. Preparations for the May settlements indicate a release of interest and dividends exceeding former totals.

Confidence in the business outlook is reflected in a larger investment in bonds, stocks and improvements. Agricultural advances show more agreement as to extending acreage, there being much breaking of soil for the first time in the Northwest, where new settlements multiply rapidly.

Implement factories have increased outputs and there is wider absorption of wagons and hardware. Lumber receipts exhibit considerable gain, and the mills remain well employed, but shipments of various woods to Western points steadily grow, and building needs draw heavily upon planing mill outputs and quarry products. Numerous contracts have been negotiated for structural steel, pipe, merchant iron and forge work. Car builders obtained further orders for future deliveries and a fair tonnage is booked for rails and pig iron. Steel mills at South Chicago run closer to capacity, and the improved conditions afforded work to several hundreds of additional hands. Leather working trades find inquiries encouraging in betting, novelties and trunks. Shoe factories accumulate forward orders, while there is more steadiness in the markets for the raw material. Other factory supplies come forward amply for current requirements, but prices hold steady and, in some respects, have a firmer tendency.

Failures reported in the Chicago district number 32, against 21 last week, 34 in 1908 and 19 in 1907. Those with liabilities over \$5,000 number 8, against 5 last week, 10 in 1