

# Red Cloud Chief.

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RED CLOUD, NEBRASKA

## NEBRASKA NOTES.

John With's house in Wymore was burned recently.

Franklin will soon have its telephone exchange in working order.

The railroads suffered washouts in various parts of the state last week.

The Ravenna creamery is shipping a carload of butter to Boston each week.

The farmers are harvesting on the installment plan. They work between rains.

A windstorm twisted the home of Otto King, near Blue Hill, off its foundation.

Belvidere reports wheat and oats practically ruined. The bottom land being under water.

At Blair, Miss Edna Kelly and Miss Della Cochran died in the same hour, both from consumption.

Professor D. K. Luthy, of Superior, has been elected superintendent of the Weeping Water high school.

The officers of the Nebraska Retail Dealers' association have filed a notice of dissolution with the secretary of state.

Albert Nye, who lost his hand last November in a corn shredder, died at his home in Lexington last week of blood poisoning.

A portion of the dam of the Bennington roller mills has gone out because of high water, and it is feared the whole dam will be destroyed.

The western portion of Lincoln was pretty well flooded last week, and many of the occupants could get to town only by boats sent by friends.

There is a belief that oil exists in southwest Nebraska and a company has been organized and is now drilling for that product south of Danbury.

Because he made remarks about her not strictly proper, Frank Swaininger, an Omaha barber, felt the lash of a horsewhip wielded by Mrs. Alice Moier.

The Central City flouring mill is being overhauled preparatory to the fall run and new machinery added which will increase its capacity eighty-five barrels per day.

The city of Grand Island has made an ordinance effective authorizing the city treasurer to pay one and a half per cent premium for \$10,000 of the bonds of the city, and the bonds have been called in.

Vernon King, the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. George King of Firth, was accidentally shot between the eyes while playing with a pistol. The shot entered the brain, and the boy's chances for recovery are slim.

The Fremont Commercial club has passed a resolution favoring the closing of C, D and F streets, where they cross the railroad tracks, to give the additional room to construct the union depot which the Elkhorn and Union Pacific roads have in contemplation.

John Schreff, the eleven-year-old son of Charles Schreff, died suddenly at Alma. He with companions was playing under an elevator and he was misadvised and they returned and found him dead. He was subject to fits and in falling it is thought he broke his neck.

Thieves broke into the home of Geo. Ramold at Nebraska City, Thursday night of last week, broke open the smoke-house and took therefrom all of the supplies that he had, among which was something over 300 pounds of cured hams and bacon. At the price fresh meat is, this is a pretty serious loss.

R. C. McKinney and F. L. Owen, of Washington, D. C., and M. A. Steele, Marlon, Ind., United States geological surveyors, commenced the work last week for making a thirty-minute sheet, which is one-fourth degree of longitude and latitude. After getting the elevation of the Missouri river at Nebraska City they commenced the survey at a point six miles west and the map will include a portion of Cass, Otoe and Lancaster counties. The topographical map is being made under the direction of the geological survey, and will show all the streams.

The large barn belonging to the Abrams Bros., near Hartwell, burned last week. The fire started in the hay loft and it is thought a tramp was sleeping there. The horses were all in the pasture which saved them, as it was impossible to get anything out of the barn. It was one of the largest barns in Kearney county.

The little stone church on the corner of I and Elm streets, which has served the M. E. people of Weeping Water for over thirty years as a place of meeting, is to be partially torn down and remodeled into a fine structure to be used as a place of worship. When finished the Methodist people will have a place for worship they may be proud of. They will expend \$4,400 on the improvements.

The new club house of the Hastings Country club was formally opened Thursday night of last week. About forty couples were in attendance and a most enjoyable time was had. Light refreshments were served during the fore part of the evening, after which dancing was indulged in. The club house is an ideal one and contains all the improvements necessary to make it convenient and comfortable.

Orleans citizens will build a town hall.

The Nebraska Telephone company has been greatly improving its Hastings service, adding more employees and inaugurating the five-minute service for long distance patrons.

Jim Collins, who has been employed by the Kilpatrick Bros., of Beatrice, in their railroad work for nearly fifteen years, has been adjudged insane, and ordered sent to the Lincoln asylum.

Great preparations are now being made by the Nebraska Christian Missionary society for their annual meeting at Bethany Park, August 5 to 10. The Christian church of Nebraska expects to receive much good from this meeting.

# FLOODS DO DAMAGE

Towns of Lincoln, Beatrice, Hickman and Others Suffer.

## PEOPLE DRIVEN FROM THEIR HOMES

Blue Rises and Beatrice in the Dark.

## WHEAT IN SHOCK IS CARRIED AWAY

Police at Lincoln Rescue Residents in Flooded District—Hickman Suffers Heavily—Railroads Practically Suspend Operations—Other News of Interest.

The highest water ever seen in Lincoln covered the lowlands in the west part of town Wednesday night, submerging railroad tracks, filling basements and the lower floors of those houses that are situated in low places, and creeping up at some points higher than residents of a quarter of a century had ever seen it before. By 7 o'clock the people living in the lowlands and the salt flats west of town had begun a wild scramble to get away before they were completely cut off from the mainland. At night the court house and the Park school house were turned into emergency quarters for those who were rendered homeless by the flood. The basement of the Richards block was also thrown open to the sufferers. At 6 o'clock the water was falling at Sallito, but at midnight was still rising at Lincoln.

The water extended clear from Eighth and N streets, which was the highest point reached, across the lowlands to the high land on the west shore of the valley. On D street the water reached as far as Sixth, which is almost a block farther than it extended during the flood of 1892. Residents in that vicinity say they have never seen the water as high as it was last night. Train service from and to the west on the Burlington and Union Pacific was completely suspended owing to submerged tracks.

The cause of the flood was a heavy fall of rain on the branches of Salt creek south of Lincoln. At some points it approached a cloudburst. The first news of the coming of the torrent was received from Sallito about 2 o'clock in the afternoon. The water was rising several feet an hour.

The police early organized themselves into life-saving crews and worked until a late hour rescuing the people from their homes in boats and on rafts. Chief of Police Hoagland gave the alarm early in the afternoon, but was laughed at. The rise came so gradually at first that it was hardly noticed.

The water at Lincoln began rising about 2 o'clock and in less than an hour it was six inches higher than the high mark of the forenoon. The steady progress of the water was sufficient to alarm the more prudent and a general exodus was begun from the lower territory. People commenced calling on the police for wagons to help their families out of their homes.

News from Sallito, eight miles south of Lincoln indicates that the damage from the flood was widespread in the valley. The water began rising rapidly about 1 o'clock and in a half hour had risen four feet. By the middle of the afternoon it stood close to fifteen feet higher than the banks of the creek. Later in the evening the water stood two feet and a half feet deep in some of the dwellings. The damage to crops could not be determined last night, but many fields were completely ruined. One field of thirty-five acres was swept entirely destitute of the wheat which was in the shock. Just north of this was another field of twenty-five acres. This was also swept clean of grain. It is not thought that any grain which is in the path of the flood can be saved. No loss of stock has been reported. A number of cattle were seen in the water floating with the current. It is not known whether they were drowned or not.

About 6 o'clock the water at Sallito began to fall and by 9 o'clock had subsided a foot or two.

The heaviest rain for a decade fell at Hickman. It poured all night and by 5 o'clock yesterday morning the water in Salt creek valley was higher than it has been for twenty years. The cellars in all the business blocks were flooded, doing great damage to merchandise such as oils, vinegar and other wet goods. Farmers having crops on the bottom lands will suffer considerable loss.

The railroad men of Lincoln had all the trouble they wanted with the high water. The Rock Island road at 6 o'clock had its last train in from Omaha and got it out for the west by great good fortune over the Burlington.

The Burlington northern division had no trouble handling all trains that reached here up to 7 o'clock last evening when the rising water submerged all tracks leading north, west and south out of the city. No. 3, the evening passenger for the west, was pushed through just in time to avoid a sudden rise of water that closed the track.

At San Diego, Cal., H. R. and Besse, diamond thieves, and J. M. Brooks, burglar, under penitentiary sentence, attacked the jailer, beat, bound, and gagged him, locked him in a cell and escaped.

Bryan Asks for Souvenir  
State Geologist Eugene A. Smith, of Alabama, has received a notice from the secretary of state that he had received a request from William J. Bryan for a slab of Alabama marble to be used as a tiling for a mantelpiece Mr. Bryan was having built. Each state that he carried in the last election is to be represented by a tile. The stone desired is six inches square and three inches thick and a clear white onyx.

Some men ought to be ashamed of themselves if they are acquainted.

# SITUATION AT BEATRICE.

Citizens Content With Fire as Well as With Flood

Beatrice, Neb., July 10.—An incendiary fire broke out in a frame building half a block from the Paddock hotel about 2 o'clock this morning. With the waterworks inundated and unable to furnish pressure, the city appears to be doomed to a great disaster.

The Lincoln fire department was appealed to for help, but it was impossible for a train to get through owing to washouts on the railroads.

The fire started in a stairway between Broady's grocery store and Breker's bakery. Oil had been poured on the stairway and it was undoubtedly the work of an incendiary.

Three feet of water in the boiler room of the city pumping station had caused the plant to shut down. It was even impossible for the waterworks whistle to sound the alarm. Instead the church bells were rung. Citizens stood about almost paralyzed with fear and hopeless of saving any property unless the streets should block the blaze in its march.

There was much excitement in Beatrice last night over the tremendous rise in the river. The water fell eighteen inches the night before, but yesterday it rose by leaps until it had risen over two feet. At 10 o'clock it had passed the high water mark of 1897.

At 6 o'clock the waterworks and the electric light plant were forced to shut down, there being then two feet of water on the floors.

Not a wheel has turned on any of the three lines of railway since noon. There are four passenger trains tied up in the yards.

Fremont, Neb., July 9.—A cloudburst occurred between Oleyen and Dodge yesterday afternoon which was followed by a flood sweeping down Pebble creek valley past Dodge and Snyder. The damage to property was tremendous. Two miles or more of the Elkhorn railroad track was washed out between Dodge and Snyder, while fifty rails are gone between Dodge and Oleyen.

STRIKE SETTLED  
Chicago Freight Handlers and Managers of Roads Reach Agreement

The strike of the freight handlers at Chicago is virtually settled. Meetings of the strikers will be held to ratify the action taken by President Curran of the order. There is little doubt that the terms will be accepted by the mass meeting of the strikers.

By the terms of the settlement the strikers accept the schedule of wages offered them by the railroads July 1. This schedule was emphatically refused by the strikers at the time it was made. It offered an average increase of 20 per cent for all classes of labor connected with the freight handlers' union. The demands of the men would have made an average increase of about 30 per cent.

MAYOR TURNS DOWN GIFT  
Emporia's Chief Executive Vetoes Ordinance Accepting Site for Library

Mayor Morse, of Emporia, Kan., vetoed the city council's acceptance of a gift from Mrs. Carrie Plumb, widow of the late United States Senator Preston B. Plumb, of a site with plans and specifications, for Emporia's \$20,000 Carnegie library. Mrs. Plumb made the offer recently and the council accepted it last night by a vote of 8 to 5. In vetoing the council's action, Mayor Morse said that he disapproved of the location, which is opposite Mrs. Plumb's residence. Some of the councilmen say they will endeavor to pass an ordinance accepting the gift over the mayor's veto.

HERE AND THERE  
Splendid rains visited the section around Aberdeen, S. D., and they will be of great benefit. The crop outlook is very promising.

Word has been received at the war department of the outbreak of typhoid fever at Camp Thomas, Chickamauga Park, Georgia. This is the first time the epidemic has appeared among the soldiers since the Spanish-American war.

Adjutant General Conklin of South Dakota has ordered company B, First regiment, of Volga, to be mustered out for the good of the service, and Inspector General Moulton has been ordered to take charge of the equipment of the company.

Peter K. Soffel, ex-warden of the Pittsburg, Pa., jail, has begun suit for divorce against his wife, Katherine, who helped the Biddle brothers escape from jail. The charge is desertion. Mrs. Soffel is in the penitentiary and will make no defense.

R. Van Brunt, a well-known mining expert of the Pacific coast and former manager of Mrs. Lily Langtry's stock farm, has become demented and fancies King Edward has created him a lord. Horse-racing is supposed to be the cause of his mania.

Judge Wing, in the United States circuit court at Cincinnati, dismissed the bill brought by the Philadelphia national league baseball club against Pitcher Bernhard for an injunction to prevent him from playing with the Cincinnati team, on the ground that Bernhard is not a resident. The LaJolie case then was taken up.

In accordance with a permit recently granted by the treasury department at Washington, steps are being taken for the establishment of the Hot Springs National bank at Hot Springs, S. D. The Merchants' bank of Sioux Falls probably will be merged into the new national bank, which is expected to open its doors and commence business on July 15.

The meeting of the Western Co-operative association, the Miller Export company, the Farmers' Grain Co-operative association, formed a big milling combine at Topeka Wednesday. The trust will be formed with a capital of \$500,000.

The treasury department has been notified by telegraph by President Francis of the St. Louis exposition that the Sunday closing resolution forwarded by the department was adopted by the board of directors, thirty-eight signing the agreement upon which depends the payment of the government appropriation.

# FIELD OF FLAMES

Oil Tanks at Jennings La., Become Ignited.

## BURNING FLUID FLOWS TO RIVER

High Wind Adds to Peril of Situation—Oil is Loosened and Danger of Entire District Being Devastated—Other News of Interest.

A Jennings, La., July 15, dispatch says: During a heavy electrical storm that passed over the Jennings oil field today a bolt of lightning struck the field storage tanks of the Jennings Oil company, setting them on fire.

The flames spread to the derricks of the company adjoining and in a short time they, as well as the tanks, were destroyed. By the time the derricks had fallen the flames had eaten away a portion of one of the field tanks, allowing the oil to escape, and the burning fluid rushed toward the Coulee.

All workmen on the field immediately stopped operations and set about throwing up levees to prevent the spreading of the fire.

In a short time, however, another tank had broken loose, and the wind had driven the flames into the derricks of the Southern, Northern and Crescent Oil companies, but they escaped destruction.

The fire is still raging tonight and the safety of the field depends on the strength of Jennings No. 2. The oil is leaking around this tank and together with the gas is burning fiercely.

A late telephone message from the field says it is impossible to stop the flames and that the "gate valves" will hold but a short time longer. If this gives away the entire field probably will be destroyed.

Workmen are now removing derricks and burying the mouths of the wells. Experts from Beaumont will be taken to the field to assist in saving the remaining property.

1:00 a. m.—The fire has burned all of the packing out of the valve upon which so much depends and the flames are shooting as high as the derricks.

It is expected that the top of the pipe will burn off and the flames will spread to the derricks and the adjoining tanks.

President A. Heywood stated that an attempt would be made between now and morning to smother the flames.

TOWNS SWEEPED BY TORNADO  
Three South Dakota Villages Reported Wrecked.

Tremendous damage, and it is thought loss of life, were caused by a terrific tornado which swept in a southwesterly direction from the international boundary across the northeastern portion of North Dakota Tuesday. Three towns, according to reports, were totally wiped out. Railway and Western Union Telegraph lines are wrecked and there is no communication with the devastated section of the state.

The first intimation of the seriousness of the storm came when the Great Northern and Northern Pacific telegraph lines in the storm district were suddenly snapped.

The little town of Borup on the St. Vincent line of the Great Northern is an absolute wreck.

This news came from a Great Northern telegraph operator, who, after his station office had been laid flat, saved his key from the ruins and tapped the wires at the nearest available point. He also reported the razing of a hamlet some miles distant with destruction of a large amount of property.

With the report from the St. Vincent branch came reports that the towns of Eldorado, about seven miles from Grand Forks, and Thompson, between Grand Forks and Larimore, had been destroyed.

At Thompson the Great Northern station lies a confused mass of wreckage directly across the main line. Stores and residences are in ruins and the main portion of the town is wiped out. Neither of the reports from Thompson or Eldorado speak of loss of life.

BOERS ARRIVE AT NEW YORK  
Over a Hundred From Among the Prisoners at Bermuda.

A New York, July 14, dispatch says: Among the passengers who arrived today by the steamer Pretoria from Bermuda were 108 Boers who were prisoners at Bermuda. The Boers were clad in the same suits they wore in South Africa. Twenty-one of them had been officers.

Among the most prominent of the officers were Gen. J. B. Wessels, President Steyn of the Orange Free State, J. Devillers, late attorney general of the Free State, and Joubert Reitz, a son of the Free State secretary.

None of the officers would talk about the way they had been treated by the British in Bermuda.

The recent favorable weather has changed the prospects of the wheat harvest in Roumania. Cutting has commenced and the harvest promises to surpass that of 1884, which was the record crop for Roumania. The prospects for the maize crop are also excellent.

Cardinal Rampolla, the papal secretary of state, Tuesday morning informed the pope of the death of Archbishop Feehan of Chicago. The pontiff was much grieved and retired to pray for the repose of the late archbishop's soul.

# CORN WILL BE BANNER CROP

Reports Agree It Doing Finely—Wheat is Slightly Hurt.

The weekly bulletin issued Tuesday by the Nebraska section of the United States weather bureau states, as was expected, says the heavy rains ending several days ago, had damaged the wheat crop. The bulletin places no estimate on the injury, which, however, is generally believed to have been only a small per cent of the total crop. Corn, meanwhile, except where submerged by floods in the lowlands, is in a flourishing state. The soil has been soaked as never before during a crop season and only a miracle now can prevent a bounteous yield. Inasmuch as corn is Nebraska's staple product, the agricultural outlook at once becomes rosy.

The bulletin says:

The past week as a whole was cool and wet. The daily mean temperature has averaged 5 degrees below the normal in eastern districts, and 2 degrees below in western.

The rainfall in the northwestern portion of the state has generally been below half an inch. In the rest of the state it exceeded an inch in most places, and ranged from 2 to more than 4 inches in a large part of the eastern portion.

The low temperature and heavy rains continued generally for the first three days of the week. Crops on lowlands and along the river valleys were further injured by high water in the southeastern counties. Harvesting was delayed and the cultivation of corn retarded. Early cut wheat is sprouting some and the crop was further injured by the unfavorable weather. The last part of the week was warm, with less rain and more sunshine, and harvesting, stacking, and in a few instances threshing made good progress. Oats are lodged badly in southeastern counties and the harvest is just commencing. Potatoes are rotting slightly. Corn has grown well the past week and is in good condition; many fields did not receive the proper amount of cultivation and are weedy; early planted corn is beginning to tassel.

CORN COLLAPSES  
Corner Breaks and Prices Take a Dizzy Tumble.

A Chicago, July 15, dispatch says: The famous John W. Gates corner in July corn came to an abrupt termination today when it became known that shorts to the extent of a good many million bushels had effected private settlements with Harris, Gates & Co., and that the deal was at an end so far as the steel magnate was concerned. The July price responded to the settlement by a quick drop of 15 1/2 cents to 65 1/2 cents. Later it recovered a fraction and closed at 65 1/2, substantially the price of the cash article.

BABIES SIX WEEKS APART  
Feat of Mexican Woman Puzzles Texas Physicians.

A Mexican woman in El Paso, Tex., has given birth to two healthy children, the second one being six weeks after the first.

The case has caused considerable comment among physicians.

HERE AND THERE  
Thirty persons were drowned by the sinking of a small steamer on the Luge river, near Probroa-Schenskala, Russia. The disaster was caused by over-crowding. Only those who were on the upper deck were saved.

Grasshoppers near Callaway, Neb., are dying by the millions, and farmers cannot explain the cause. They crawl up to the top of whatever they are on and fasten their feet in a deadly grip and die. A bunch of the dead hoppers has been sent to Professor Bruner of the state experimental station for examination.

The strike of the railway freight handlers and teamsters in Chicago is proving valuable to the Omaha jobbing houses. Already the local jobbers are filling orders for big Chicago concerns in Iowa and Nebraska. One of the largest orders yet given was filed Tuesday by the Bryne-Hammer company for Marshall Field & Co.

The separate cases were continued by United States Circuit Judge Morrow Tuesday at San Francisco until the November term. The interstate commission, through United States Attorney Woodworth, said that time was required to get service against the Southern and Union Pacific railways, the defendants. The suits involve differential rates on sugar between Missouri river points and the Pacific coast.

Notices are being sent by State Superintendent Fowler to county superintendents that the teachers' examination questions for August will be based principally on the new course of study. This course of study will be given special attention in county institutes during July and August. The state superintendent is sending out questions for the examination of applicants for admission to the Peru state normal school and for students' certificates.

At Quebec, Can., Messrs. Gagnor and Greene filed answers to the motions made by counsel for the United States to quash the writs of habeas corpus by Judge Caron on June 20 and 21. Should the writs be set aside the extradition proceedings will be heard on their merits.

While priests intoned funeral chants and melancholy bells rang in church belfries, the remains of the late Archbishop Feehan were taken from the archiepiscopal residence in Chicago to Holy Name cathedral Tuesday. Until the final services are held the portals of the church will be open for those who wish to look at the dead prelate.

# BEFORE THE PUBLIC EYE

GIVES MILLIONS TO CHARITY.

John M. Burke, Ninety Years Old, a Generous Philanthropist.

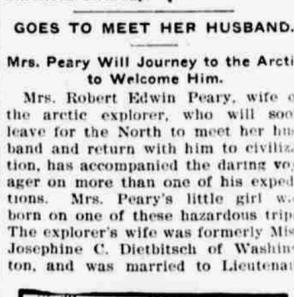
Since the announcement of his gift of \$4,000,000 as a fund for convalescents, John M. Burke has been forced to instruct his servants not to answer the door bell. Hundreds of persons have called at the unostentatious brown stone house in West Forty-seventh street, New York, all asking for assistance, and many with propositions involving from a few thousand dollars to hundreds of thousands. Mr. Burke continues the even routine of the quiet, almost eccentric life he has led since his retirement from business thirty years ago. He does not hesitate to go to the market himself, and has several times been seen on the street with a basket on his arm. Up to thirty years ago he was part of the life of bustling New York, but in the intervening years he has drawn within himself more and more until when the announcement was made of his stupendous charity few people could recall who the man was.



Russell Sage and a few other ancients among the capitalists know him well, and are proud of his acquaintance, but he has few or no friends of this generation. He is just a placid old gentleman of the simplest tastes, who is neither a miser nor a spendthrift. He has no yacht, no horses or carriages, no palace by the seaside, belongs to no clubs, and has no fads. He has never married, his house being kept for him by a housekeeper who has been with him forty years. He has just passed his ninetieth birthday.

GOES TO MEET HER HUSBAND.  
Mrs. Peary Will Journey to the Arctic to Welcome Him.

Mrs. Robert Edwin Peary, wife of the arctic explorer, who will soon leave for the North to meet her husband and return with him to civilization, has accompanied the daring voyager on more than one of his expeditions. Mrs. Peary's little girl was born on one of these hazardous trips. The explorer's wife was formerly Miss Josephine C. Dietrich of Washington, and was married to Lieutenant



Peary in 1888 while he was yet in his early fame. She has spent three years in the arctic.

Two Distinctions.  
The wealthiest clergyman in the United States was the late Dean Hoffman, whose estate is valued at \$25,000,000. The wealthiest judge is Justice P. Henry Dugro of our New York Supreme court. He is variously styled P. Henry, Philip H. and Philip Henry Dugro. The value of Justice Dugro's estate is not known, but it is well up among the millions. Inheriting a large fortune from his father, he has, by shrewd real estate speculation, increased it twenty-fold. He is one of the younger generation of judges, not yet having attained his forty-seventh year, and has been on the bench ever since 1886.

Premier Has Sixty-three Secretaries.  
The anti-ministerial organs of Paris are indignant because the premier, M. Combes, employs sixty-three secretaries.

The Patrie, after computing their salaries, says that around M. Combes are as many scribes as surrounded Constantine Porphyrogenetes, and recalls the fact that Louis XIV. in the height of his splendor employed but one secretary, while Napoleon the Great had only two—Baron de Meneval and Bourienne.—Paris Herald.