

Pioneer-Express.

PEMBINA, NORTH DAKOTA.

Of two evils, don't choose both.

It's all off. Lipton has a rabbit's foot this time.

A city that is set upon a hill cannot be drowned out by a flood.

The colleges are making our prominent citizens happy by degrees.

A genuine sympathetic strike—when the clock strikes the hour to quit.

The man who knows nothing is usually the one who insists on telling it.

Never kiss a girl by mistake. At least don't let her know that it was a mistake.

A Beta Theta Pi convention is coming. This must be the father of all the breakfast foods.

Don't envy John D. Rockefeller. He has a stomach that refuses to digest anything he likes to eat.

The publisher of "Who's Who in Servia" is working day and night to get his new edition ready.

The Countess of Yarmouth appears to be giving her earl enough money to keep him quiet anyway.

The man who thinks stocks can't go any lower is generally able to demolish his theory by buying some.

The Sultan of Sokoto is making it necessary for British officers to regret to report. Why won't these sultans be good?

The distinction between the upper classes and the common herd now is that the upper classes wear panamas and pajamas.

If a burglar could realize on the value of stolen property as given out by his victim, he would never have to burgle again.

The names of the new Servian ministry bear a striking resemblance to the list of hospital victims after a Paterson riot.

As long as your sweetheart finds fault with you, you are safe. But when she finds fault in you, be sure to look for another girl.

King Peter at Geneva was "happy to meet the brave representatives of the Servian army." King Alexander at Belgrade wasn't.

Boston has "a society young man" who has not worn a hat for three years. He probably doesn't wish to hide his magnificent brain.

The estimates of the population of Pekin vary from 500,000 to 1,600,000. A slight discrepancy of 1,100,000 doesn't bother the Celestials a little bit.

"Doctor of sacred theology" is the new title bestowed by Columbia university on Dr. Gordon of Boston. But isn't all theology sacred to some body?

Woman is the genius of compromise; she begins by wanting her son to be President; she ends by being satisfied to have him pass the plate in church.

A million gallons of whisky were destroyed by fire in Glasgow. Fortunately the destruction of all this whisky was accomplished with the loss of only seven lives.

Death on a white horse seems to have changed his seat to a racing automobile. At least that's what the returns from that big French race seem to indicate.

The German scientists who have been studying American agriculture as it is to be seen in Chicago will have an extensive knowledge of the tare and wild oats crops.

The experienced bachelor of the New York Press remarks that it's queer how all rosy lips look so much alike and yet taste so different. Hasn't he learned yet that he should never tell?

Rev. Matt S. Hughes says the man who is part of an epic is greater than the man who writes an epic. It is to be hoped that the people who are writing epics will now turn to nobler and better things.

Pope Leo is getting a good deal of comfort just now out of the Italian proverb: "The announcement of one's death always adds years to one's life." If this be so, the aged pontiff is good for a least a round century.

Mayor Jones of Toledo, has a bed rigged up with mosquito netting and sleeps on the roof of his house. The Toledo office seeker must be an especially determined specimen of the type if such expedients are necessary to escape him.

A Brooklyn man objects to a memorial park in Plymouth square in honor of Henry Ward Beecher for the reason that he was not a man of national reputation. A lot of old subscribers would like to know who it was that made Brooklyn famous.

Resume of the News.

Washington Notes.

The Alaskan boundary dispute will be submitted at London Sept. 3.

Baron von Sternburg has been raised to the rank of ambassador.

Postmaster General Payne has issued an order abolishing the position of physician in postoffices.

A petition has been received at the interior department from the Indians at Pine Point, Minn., urging the continuation of the school at that place.

The district commissioner and chief of police are investigating an alleged scandal regarding the payment of money to secure positions on the force.

Rear Admiral Brauford has ordered twenty sets of wireless telegraphs for installation on the flagships and scouts which will participate in the summer maneuvers.

The Kearsarge smashed all ocean records for speed in the battleship class in her journey to Kiel, making a total distance of 3,345 miles from New York to the Needles at the high average speed of 16.62 miles an hour.

Reports received at the treasury department were to the effect that the official trial of the Mackinac, the tug built at Baltimore for service on the Great Lakes, was a success. The vessel attained a speed of fourteen knots an hour.

Twenty-six additional candidates for the naval academy have passed the mental and physical examinations and have been admitted as midshipmen. This brings the number of members of the plebe class up to 297, with about fifteen more to be heard from.

J. W. Miller of St. Paul has been awarded the contract for the construction of the public building at Stillwater, Minn., authorized by congress. The amount involved is \$41,507. The contract calls for the completion of the work by Aug. 15, 1904.

Casualties.

Twenty-four people were killed in a railroad wreck in Virginia.

The Hammond packing plant at St. Joseph, Mo., was destroyed by fire.

The body of a woman went through Niagara gorge the other day the second within three months.

Sixteen people are known to have been drowned in the Pennsylvania flood and sixteen others are missing.

The big carriage and wagon depository of Studebaker Brothers in San Francisco was destroyed by fire, causing a loss estimated at \$200,000, partly covered by insurance.

The smelting plant of the Silver City Reduction Works' company near Silver City, N. W., has been destroyed by fire. Loss \$100,000; insurance \$15,000. It was owned by the Iffers estate.

Elmer McGibbeney, twenty-one years of age, from Pittsburg, Pa., was drowned in Gull lake, near Kalamazoo, Mich., while sailing. He was connected with the Pittsburg & Lake Erie railway.

From Other Shores.

Another outbreak against foreigners is feared at Pekin.

The American squadron was warmly welcomed to Portsmouth.

Consul General Guiterrez of Santo Domingo states that the only hope of that country lies in annexation to the United States.

A former French officer named Balguy has been sentenced to four months' imprisonment for spying in behalf of Germany.

Electricity will be the sole medicine of the future, according to D'Arsonval, a well-known savant of the Physiological institute of Paris.

Two women accompanied their husbands in a balloon race at Paris recently. Mrs. Saville holds a record of 254 miles and will doubtless get the cup.

The cruiser Benjamin Constant will sail from Rio de Janeiro next month from the United States to return the visit made by the American warships when Gen. Alvos assumed the presidency.

The emperor of Japan has directed the premier to take a brief rest, but he will retain office. It is generally expected that some arrangement will be effected without a ministerial disturbance.

Crimes and Criminals.

The mysterious death of a young man at Baltimore leads to hints of murder.

In a street duel at Steeleville, Mo., one man was killed and three others fatally injured.

All gambling houses in Kansas City have been closed and 300 slot machines turned to the wall.

David Shaud, who shot and killed Mrs. Ida Becker and Cyrus Shafer, was hanged at Lebanon, Pa.

Seven people were killed and many others injured in a fight between militia and a mob at Evansville, Ind.

Sherman Wells will reside for fifteen years in North Dakota prison for murdering Frank Carr at Foreman.

Charles Osgood, a negro rape fiend, was lynched at Charlotte, N. C. His victim was a white woman, aged sixty.

In the bribery cases at St. Louis, Attorney Carroll for the Burlington won his contention in refusing to answer questions which might incriminate himself.

No trace of William Rudolph, the Union bank robber and alleged murderer of Pinkerton Detective Schumacher, who escaped from the city jail at St. Louis, has been found.

Constable H. F. Blerer was killed at Greensburg, Pa., by a bullet from a revolver, said to have been fired by Charles Kruger, whom Blerer was trying to arrest for an assault upon an Italian miner.

A. M. Ross, manager of the Empire Trust and Securities company, was committed at Newark, N. J., in default of \$5,000. The company of which he was manager is alleged to be a "get rich quick" concern.

Italian laborers employed at the Wabash tunnel workings at Green Tree, Pa., engaged in a riot and a number were seriously injured. Five of the participants are now in Pittsburg hospitals and two will die.

Pulaski Lods, master mechanic of the Louisville & Nashville railroad, died from a bullet wound inflicted in his office at Louisville by George Warner, a discharged employe. Warner shot himself, but will probably recover.

Made insane by a long illness, James W. Brady, a wealthy real estate operator of New York, threw himself out of a second-story window. He was taken to a hospital, where it was found that he had sustained fatal injuries.

Senator Stewart of Nevada, who is practically a permanent resident of Washington, having a large dairy farm across the line in Virginia, had his pocket picked. He was robbed of \$20, several bank notices for notes due and several railroad passes.

General.

Shamrock III. startled every one by a swift burst of speed in light winds.

Africander won the Realization stakes and made a new record for the distance.

Suit has been begun in New Jersey to secure facts about asphalt trust organization.

W. J. Bryan formally opened his new home at Fairview, near Lincoln, Neb., with 500 in attendance.

Charles Hathaway, widely known as a builder of street railways, is dead at Cleveland, aged eighty-four.

President O'Connell of the Catholic university says that Germans will favor the institution henceforth.

President Roosevelt sent the first message over the new Pacific cable to Manila and received a reply from Gov. Taft.

F. A. Gault, president of the Dominion Cotton company in Montreal, and the so-called cotton king of Canada, is dead.

The heaviest rains that have visited the Trinity and Red river valleys in years prevail. Much damage will ensue.

Miss Schilleimier, author of a book on Christian Science and a resident of Chicago, died of peritonitis at the city hospital.

American orders for 500,000 tons of steel rails, ingots and billets have been placed in Westphalian (Germany) establishments.

The steamer Dolphin brought \$563,000 of Klondike gold, the largest shipment by any vessel during the season, to Seattle recently.

Mrs. Carina Jordan, a playwright of some note and formerly an actress, is dead at her home in Mount Vernon from heart disease.

The session of the American Railway Master Car Builders has adjourned at Saratoga after electing A. W. Brezler of New York president.

The United States Steel corporation has declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 per cent on the common and 1 1/2 per cent on preferred stock.

Augustus E. P. Painter, aged sixty years, one of the most prominent iron manufacturers and financiers of Pittsburg, died at his home at Allegheny of diabetes.

The raising of muskrats and bullfrogs on a wholesale plan is a new industry that will be started by A. T. Carr, a farmer of Hamilton county, Indiana.

Importations of precious stones to the port of New York for the fiscal year just ended were the heaviest on record, having reached a total of more than \$27,300,000.

The trustees of the will of Cecil Rhodes have decided to hold the first election of scholars under the provisions of the will between February and May, 1904.

In English, Ind., a fashionable club of young men known as "The Cellmates" has been organized. The members pledge themselves not to marry any woman lacking those qualities which the cellmates' mothers possessed and cultivated for the purpose of making themselves perfect help-meets to their husbands.

President W. E. Stone of Perdue university, Indiana's agricultural school, announces that a number of young Filipinos will be among the students next term.

The University of Chicago received a consignment of relics which have been dug up recently by the Egyptian Exploration society, which has been working in the Nile valley.

A receiver has been appointed for the Story Motor and Electric company of Harrison and New York. The company was incorporated in October, 1901, with a capital of \$600,000.

CANCER EATING HIS LIFE AWAY

NO LONGER ANY DOUBT THAT POPE IS SUFFERING FROM THAT MALADY.

MOST COMFORTABLE DAY YET

RECOVERY IMPOSSIBLE, BUT HE MAY SURVIVE FOR SEVERAL DAYS.

MAKE DEATH AGONIES LESS ACUTE

ABOUT ALL MEDICAL SKILL CAN DO FOR THE DISTINGUISHED PATIENT.

Rome, July 18.—The pope had the most comfortable day yesterday since his illness began. He is passing one of the rallies which are peculiar to the last stages of cancer, for there is no longer the slightest doubt that that is the dread malady from which he is suffering. The following medical statement of the case may be accepted as accurate:

In 1899 a skin tumor on the pope's right side was extirpated by Dr. Mazzoni. Its nature could not be ascertained because the pope did not wish it to be examined, but he kept it for some time and then threw it away. His present illness was at first diagnosed as pneumonia. Dr. Rossani, when he was called in consultation, thought it was pleurisy until the pleuric fluid was withdrawn.

Then the physicians found that it presented neither clinically nor microscopically the characteristic of the ordinary liquid produced by pleurisy. It contained

Malignant or Cancerous neoplasms, which left no doubt that the tumor of 1899 had been of the same nature, and that the malady had returned in a new location.

The second puncture yielded a liquor with such a large proportion of blood that the physicians were unwilling to operate for the third time when Thursday's difficulty in breathing suggested it, because there was the greatest danger that another drainage would produce fatal pleuric hemorrhage.

Recovery is impossible, but it is not unlikely that the pope will survive for several days. Such are the facts of the situation, which the somewhat misleading bulletins of the past ten days have concealed. Serious comments on the case are current among the medical profession here, which promise interesting consequences. It may be said on behalf of the pope's physicians, whether their first diagnosis was mistaken or not, that their treatment has been adequate and skilful. It would not have been radically different if the

True Nature of the Disease had been known at the outset. Moreover, it is good nursing that is chiefly prolonging the life of his holiness. Nothing could exceed Dr. Lapponi's assiduity and skill in this respect. It is not improbable that the end may yet come suddenly by internal hemorrhage.

"I cannot say that the pope is better, but he is no worse."

In these words Dr. Lapponi last evening summed up the pontiff's condition at the end of the second week of his illness, in all the varying periods of which the pontiff scarcely has had a quieter day than yesterday, with the result that last night's bulletin declares him to be a little less depressed.

From last night's examination of the pope it appears that the liquid in the pleura remains at about the same level. As his holiness is reduced almost to a skeleton, if a new operation is decided on it will not be because of any hope of saving the patient's life, but simply for the purpose of rendering the death agony less acute.

GIBBONS FOR PAPACY.

Frenchmen Would Like to See an American Succeed Leo.

Paris, July 18.—Cardinal Gibbons, who has just arrived in Paris on his way to Rome, is the object of great interest here on account of the report published yesterday that there is a possibility of his candidature for the papacy. A large number of Catholic prelates in France believe the influence of the church would be tremendously developed were either a French or American pope to succeed Leo XIII. In case they had to choose they would prefer an American to an Italian pope.

On account of the recent ecclesiastic troubles in France the French Catholic dignitaries have decided to keep out entirely from the present papal politics. Cardinal Gibbons, however, is being made the recipient of marked attention on the part of the Cardinal Richier, archbishop of Paris, and other heads of the Paris archdiocese.

Nurse Dead in Jail.

Helena, Mont., July 18.—When Jailor Quinn went to the city jail to give Mrs. Alice McKeavitt her breakfast she was found dead. The woman was arrested the previous night for alleged drunkenness. She has been employed as a professional nurse in this vicinity, but so far as known had no relatives.

JAIL DELIVERY.

An Ice Pick Opens the Way to Freedom for the Prisoners. Grand Forks, N. D., July 18.—During the temporary absence of all the officials there was a big jail delivery at the city jail and four of the worst crooks that have been in the Northwest for some time are again at large. The men were arrested by Officer Jarvis for attempting to sell some things, among them a diamond. The men refused to give their names, but two are wanted also at Winnipeg for stealing some jewelry. They had a quantity of rings on them when arrested. It is certain that they had an accomplice, who came to the jail when a chance offered, and with an ice pick pried open the private box of the chief, secured the keys to the cells and let the criminals out. They started toward Crookston, after reaching Mallory all trace of them was lost.

BOOST FOR FORT SNELLING.

Will Become One of the Four Most Important in the Country.

St. Paul, July 18.—Fort Snelling will become one of the four important military posts in the United States. It will not only be enlarged to accommodate many more troops, but it will also be made a depot or distributing post for the department of Dakota. Better to understand the nature of the improvements now being made at the post and what may be needed in the near future, members of the congressional committee on military affairs of the house, escorted by Col. George E. Pond, made a thorough inspection of the fort yesterday. The members of the committee expressed themselves as strongly in favor of the pro-

VALUABLE HORSES BURNED.

Incendiaries Cause the Loss of \$8,000 at Sparta.

Sparta, Wis., July 18.—The American house barn was destroyed by fire early yesterday morning, together with all its contents. Three valuable stallions perished in the flames. The fire was no doubt the work of firebugs, who had been to the city barn and rendered the fire horses' harnesses useless so as to make a sure thing of it, and it was necessary to haul the engine to the fire by hand. Landlord Sias says he knows the guilty party and arrests will probably be made. The act is supposed to be actuated by suspected parties on account of having once been arrested by Sias for theft. The total loss is \$8,000.

RANGES LOOK WELL.

Inspection in Western South Dakota is Quite Encouraging.

Belle Fourche, S. D., July 18.—After a ten-days' trip over the range as far north in South Dakota as the Moreau river, and as far west as the Devil's tower in Wyoming, E. W. Speed says cattle never looked so well. Grass is knee high all over the range, and some parts have not known such feed in twenty years. Water is plentiful and beef is making rapidly. Speed made the inspection in behalf of one of the banks of South Omaha which is interested in the live stock industry in the Northwestern range.

CIRCUS' HARD LUCK.

Tent Men Desert to Take Jobs in the Harvest Fields.

Sioux City, Iowa, July 18.—The harvest fields of South Dakota looked so much better to the tent men of the Forepaugh & Sells Bros' circus, which was touring that state, that about 200 of the men deserted the show and took to the fields. As a result, when the show reached here yesterday, it became necessary to hire about 100 boys of all ages to assist in putting up. Some delay was experienced in setting things in shape, but the exhibition was not interfered with.

IMPALED ON A FORK.

Farm Laborer Will Probably Die as a Result of Accident.

Winona, July 18.—John Nichols of Saratoga, this county, who has been working on a farm near Pilot Mound, fell from a load of hay and was impaled on a pitchfork, the tines passing entirely through his abdomen. It is doubtful if he can live.

Swindler Wanted.

Red Wing, Minn., July 18.—A smooth confidence man who has been in the city some time cultivating the acquaintance of our leading secret society men, is much wanted by the authorities. He passed under the name of C. B. Reynolds. He deposited a worthless check with the First National bank and drew a check in favor of the Wells-Fargo express for \$378, which was honored at the bank. It is believed he has defrauded several others.

Crops Are Better.

Aberdeen, S. D., July 18.—The crop situation in this section of the state shows great improvement in the past two weeks. Abundant rains have fallen and vegetation of all kinds is fairly jumping so rapid is its growth. Small grain, with a few exceptions, will make an average yield. Corn, potatoes, millet and grass are doing finely and will be the best crop in years. Farmers and business men are feeling good over the crop prospects.

Dies From His Burns.

Sioux City, Iowa, July 18.—As the result of severe burns sustained two weeks ago by the explosion of a gasoline tank attached to a gold-filling apparatus, James O. Ness, a prominent young dentist from Sioux Falls, S. D., died yesterday at Homer, Neb., where he had established a temporary office in a hotel.

DEATH IN TORNADO

FIVE PERSONS ARE KILLED AND A SCORE OF OTHERS ARE INJURED.

PROPERTY LOSS OF \$2,000,000

STORM STRIKES ILLINOIS TOWN, CAUSING DEATH AND DESTRUCTION.

MANY BUILDINGS BLOWN DOWN

TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH LINES DOWN AND DETAILS ARE MEAGER.

Streator, Ill., July 18.—A tornado yesterday afternoon killed five persons, injured a score of others and caused a property loss of \$2,000,000.

All but one of those who lost their lives were killed at the race track. New buildings had just been erected and the races were to have been given week after next. Not a building is left standing.

All the buildings at Electric Park were destroyed and the fence and amphitheater of the ball park were blown away. Stauber's parks factory, a two-story brick building, was blown down and all the stock was ruined.

The Vulcan Western company's plant suffered heavy loss. One man was killed there. The Indiana, Illinois and Iowa bridge, costing \$1,000,000, is nearly half-gone, the hoisting works and buildings at Spring Hill shaft were ruined, many buildings in Kangley, four miles west of here, were blown down and several persons were injured. Many houses were unroofed and otherwise damaged. Telephone and telegraph lines are nearly all down and details are meager.

Four More Deaths.

At Mendota four persons were killed and ten others were seriously injured. Houses, barns and small buildings in its pathway were destroyed.

Near Gardner poles and wires were blown down, destroying communication, and an entire train of freight cars on a siding were blown over.

Other Towns Suffer.

Peoria, Ill., July 18.—Emington and Campus, two small towns on the Wabash railroad, suffered severely from the storm. At Emington several houses were demolished and four persons seriously, if not fatally, injured. At Campus one man was killed, while two others sustained injuries which may prove fatal. The tornado was accompanied by a terrific rain storm which washed out bridges, culverts and thousands of feet of railroad track. The loss of crops is heavy.

Town Reported Wiped Out.

Chicago, July 18.—Unconfirmed reports have been received that Gardner, Grundy county, Ill., has been destroyed and many people killed. All wires leading to the town are down and no definite information can be secured.

Many Buildings Blown Down.

Bloomington, Ill., July 18.—A wind storm swept Central Illinois last night and caused much damage in McLean county to wires and buildings. Many small buildings were blown over. Near Gardner poles and wires were blown down, destroying communication, and an entire train of freight cars on a siding was blown over.

Storm Does Damage in Iowa.

Council Bluffs, Iowa, July 18.—A terrific electric and rain storm passed over Southwestern Iowa yesterday, doing great damage to small grain, which is just ready for the harvest. Numerous barns and other buildings were struck by lightning and destroyed. No loss of life is reported.

KNOCKED OUT BY A WOMAN.

Pugilist Put to Sleep by Girl Who Had Taken Boxing Lessons.

Toledo, Ohio, July 18.—Last night a private entertainment to a few invited guests was given at the Haggert home, 1216 Lincoln avenue, this city. Miss Minnie Haggert had been taking private boxing lessons of Prof. Fred Brown, ex-pugilist. He had expected to go on for four rounds for points with Miss Haggert, but he sprained his thumb and his friend, Charles Johnson, an Indianapolis pugilist, was induced to take his place. Johnson is a very clever boxer, but he underrated his antagonist and was inclined to be "easy" with her. Miss Haggert went at him hammer and tongs. In the third round she planted one on his windpipe. The blow dazed him for a moment, when the girl, seeing her advantage, followed it up quickly with a left on the chin and a right to his jugular and the point of the jaw. Johnson sank like a rag to the floor. Miss Haggert screamed, for she had never seen any one go down like that. It was more than two minutes before Johnson regained consciousness.

KILLED HIS MISTRESS.

Young Californian Takes His Own Life at the Same Time.

Salinas, Cal., July 18.—Charles Craven, the son of a local rancher, killed Saddle Block, a young woman, and committed suicide. Their bodies were found in a dilapidated house with their throats cut. It is said the girl was the daughter of the president of the Block Manufacturing Company of Virginia. Craven, in a letter, says the girl's refusal to live respectably caused the deed.