

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The smoke from forest leaves is now heralded as a cure for consumption, and experiments are being made in Evansville, Ind., by members of the board of health.

The postoffice department has decided to place the late President McKinley's head on the new issue of postal cards which will appear shortly after December 1 next.

The engagement is announced of Charles L. Mertens of Syracuse, N. Y., and Miss Agnes York Hamlin, daughter of Attorney General Howland J. Hamlin of Illinois.

The emigration from Bremen and Hamburg from January 1 to September 30 was 156,649, which is an increase of 3,943 upon the emigration for the corresponding period last year.

At the Chicago Athletic club a banquet was given in honor of Sir Thomas Lipton and he was made the recipient of a massive silver loving cup, presented by his friends in Chicago.

A general strike began in Seville, Spain, although the tobacco workers and some others have thus far declined to join. There has been some rioting, compelling the cafes and shops to close.

The safe of the bank at Rudd, Iowa, was blown open by dynamite and the robbers secured \$3,000 in currency. They escaped by a handcar and took to the woods just east of Nora Junction.

The last request of an old Kansas soldier who died the other day was that one of his army comrades should throw the last shovel full of earth upon his grave. The comrade did as he was requested.

The Russian government has confirmed the plan to make a new harbor at Cronstadt, by building an embankment or dyke, connecting Cronstadt with Cranienbaum. The work will involve an outlay of £3,000,000.

The ninety-second annual meeting of the American board at Hartford, Conn., has ended brilliantly from the financial standpoint. Over 500 members of the board and pastors and laymen have pledged not only the full amount to pay the debt of \$102,000, but \$3,110 in excess of the debt.

Word comes from Boston that Mrs. Stone, mother of Miss Ellen M. Stone, is sinking under the strain of anxiety concerning her daughter. Mrs. Stone is more than 80 years old, and she has been in feeble health for years. Her condition now is such that her friends fear she will die from suspense.

H. C. Henderson, who has been in the Dallas, Tex., jail for a year and a half, and who claims he assisted in the kidnapping of Eddie Cudahy at Omaha, was sent to the state penitentiary. Henderson was a year ago convicted of swindling in several cases, and now goes to serve thirteen years in the penitentiary.

The gross postal receipts for September at fifty of the largest post-offices were \$4,225,752, a net increase of \$323,822, or 8.2 per cent over last year. Receipts at only two offices decreased, viz., Jersey City, N. J., \$3,760, or a little over 17 per cent, and Grand Rapids, Mich., \$263, or over 1 per cent. The receipts of New York were \$681,511, an increase of 8.2 per cent, and Chicago \$697,160, an increase of 1.2 per cent.

Prof. Thomas Shaw of Minnesota has been elected to the chair of animal husbandry in the state agricultural college at Brookings, S. D., which also carries with it the directorship of the United States experiment station at that place.

Major McLaughlin has succeeded in securing a sufficient number of the signatures of the Rosebud Indians to ratify the agreement to throw that part of Gregory county now lying in the reservation open to settlement.

It is announced that certificates of Union Pacific stock estimated at from 4,000 to 5,000 shares, standing in the name of John Jacob Astor, were sold a few days ago, averaging \$99 a share. The stock bore the transfer date of May 21 last, when it ranged from \$100 to \$107 a share.

Mark Thall, a well known theatrical man of San Francisco, died from pneumonia.

The ex-Empress Eugenie is now settled in her English home and intends to build there a small convent in memory of her son and husband.

Owing to the fact that two bridges are yet to be finished and seven miles of track laid, it will be about November 1 before regular train service on the Toluca-Cody line of the Burlington will be established into the terminus of Cody.

The president is being urged to attend the meeting of the Union Veterans' Union, October 27, at Chicago.

The vault of the Farmers and Citizens bank of Tiro, Ohio, was wrecked by six robbers, who secured the contents and escaped.

THE WORK GOES SLOW

Admiral Bowles Calls Attention to Lack of Progress in Construction.

DELAY CAUSED BY STEEL STRIKE

No Fireproof Wood Found Entirely Satisfactory to the Bureau—More Naval Construction Wanted—Naval Yards Limited by Dry Docks.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—The annual report of Admiral Bowles, chief of the bureau of construction and repairs, calls attention to the slow progress in the construction of the ships made in the last year, owing to strikes and delays of delivery of armor and steel forgings. He points out that under the present system for the purchase of armor the responsibility for delays emanating from this source rests with the government and renders it liable to suits for damage by the ship contractors. The construction bureau, he says, has made considerable progress toward the standardization of ship fittings, which, he says, will reduce the original cost of ships of the navy and decrease the expense of their maintenance. He touches upon the tests of fireproofed wood conducted by his bureau and says that while the products of the two processes submitted both possess desirable qualities, neither wholly commends itself to adoption by the navy.

Admiral Bowles strongly recommends that the floating dry dock at Havana, recently purchased from the Spanish government, be sent to the site of the new naval station at Olongapo, Philippine islands, as soon as the repairs on it are completed. It is essential, he says, for the efficiency of the navy on the Asiatic station, both from a strategical and economical point, that the government should be in possession of a dry dock in the Philippines at the earliest possible moment. He says the dock just purchased can be placed in condition for use of vessels up to 10,000 tons displacement within the limit of the sum appropriated by congress for its acquisition.

Admiral Bowles earnestly recommends an increase in the number of naval constructors, which is now limited by law to forty. This number, he says, is entirely inadequate to the present needs of the service and he urges that the limit of the corps be increased by congress to sixty. He says the efficiency of the navy yards throughout the country is largely limited by the lack of dry docks and modern buildings for the equipment of the yards. The navy yards, however, continue to present a fruitful field for the application of modern engineering to their mechanical equipment as well as modern methods of organization to the scheme of administration, which, if properly applied, should result in greater efficiency in the conduct of the work and greater economy in the expense, which is now out of proportion to the work done.

Admiral Bowles says the construction bureau has been taxed to its utmost by the work of designing new vessels and supervising vessels now building, and that these conditions have been aggravated by a lack of such navy department buildings available for the technical and clerical staffs of the bureau. He reports a lack of draftsmen of the requisite qualifications and expresses a desire to obtain for the bureau more graduates of technical schools.

Fire Consuming Hay Field.

LA CROSSE, Wis., Oct. 21.—Late this afternoon fire was discovered in the hay fields which surround this city. The flames are now burning everything before them and the firemen are powerless owing to the fire being outside the city limits and beyond water service. It is believed the fire was started by tramps. Upon these lands are stacked thousands of tons of hay. Although the loss cannot be estimated at present it is thought it will be enormous.

Leuderink Resigns.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Oct. 21.—(Via Galveston)—J. Leuderink, secretary of the United States legation, has resigned his position and will soon leave for the United States.

Augusta De Forest Dead.

NEW YORK, Oct. 21.—Augusta de Forest, the well known actress who played leading roles with Alexander Salvini, John McCullough and Edwin Booth, died at her home in this city.

Would Build Reservoir.

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Oct. 21.—President George J. Gould of the Northern Pacific, with officers of that road and the Denver & Rio Grande, left here by special train over the latter road for Denver tonight. During the afternoon the Parker City branch was inspected and tonight the special tied up at Springville. Tomorrow the Tintic mining district will be visited, then the San Pete valley branch will be inspected thoroughly.

WILL PLANT A M'KINLEY OAK

Special Ceremony for Occasion of Roosevelt's Visit.

FARMINGTON, Conn., Oct. 21.—Arrangements for the visit of President Roosevelt to this town next Tuesday include the dedication of a tree which is to be planted on the village green by the townspeople and named the McKinley oak. There will be a reception in the afternoon to the young women of a boarding school and 100 other invited guests. The purpose of the president's coming is to visit his sister, the wife of Commander W. S. Cowles, U. S. N. He is expected to arrive here at 1:15 p. m., Tuesday, by a special train and will be accompanied by Senators Hawley and Platt, Commander Cowles, Secretary Cortelyou and Theodore Bingham.

Preparations for police protection have been made at the request of Washington, officials, twenty constables having been detailed for special duty on that day.

On Wednesday morning at 8:10 o'clock the president will leave for New Haven to attend the Yale bi-centennial exercises.

GRAND ARMY APPOINTMENTS

Torrance Gives List of Officers to Serve Until Next Encampment.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 21.—Commander-in-Chief Eli Torrance of the Grand Army of the Republic gave out these appointments:

Judge advocate general, Henry M. Duffield, Detroit; chief of staff, Major Noel Blakeman, Mount Vernon, N. Y. These persons have been named as members of the executive committee of the national council of administration and with the commander-in-chief, his adjutant general and quartermaster general, will decide upon the time and place of holding the next national encampment: William Armstrong, Indianapolis, Ind.; Edgar Allen, Richmond, Va.; Thomas G. Sample, Alleghany, Pa.; S. C. Jones, Centerville, Ia.; Loren W. Collins, St. Cloud, Minn.; Thomas W. Scott, Fairfield, Ill.; Frank M. Skerrott, St. Louis.

DEATH SENTENCE APPROVED

Private Wines is to Hang for His Crime in Philippines.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—President Roosevelt has approved the death sentence imposed in the case of Private William Wines, Company I, Twenty-fourth (colored) infantry, found guilty of murder in Pangasinan, P. I., and sentenced to be hanged. The president directs that the sentence be duly carried into execution at a time and place to be designated by the commanding general of the Department of Northern Luzon. In the case of Private Michael H. Robinson, Company F, Twenty-fifth (colored) infantry, convicted of desertion and sentenced to be hanged, the president has commuted the sentence to dishonorable discharge with forfeiture of all pay and confinement at hard labor for life.

Brigands Keep Out of Sight.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Oct. 21.—The United States legation in Constantinople is still without definite news from either the Rev. Dr. C. H. Haskell, or the Rev. J. W. Baird of the Congregational mission at Samkova, Bulgaria, who have been endeavoring to get in touch with the abductors of Miss Ellen M. Stone, the missionary, and Mme. Tsilka her companion, with a view of arranging as to the ransom demanded by the brigands. Mr. Baird who was at Djumbalo, has returned to Samakov, indicating his failure to get in touch with the brigands from the Turkish side.

On the Commerce of Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21.—A comparative statement of the commerce of the island of Cuba for the ten months ended April 30, 1901 and 1900, has been prepared in the division of insular affairs of the war department. It shows that the total value of merchandise imported during the ten months ended April 30, 1901, was \$54,412,262, against \$59,925,339 for the same period of 1900.

Cape Colony in Rebellion.

LONDON, Oct. 21.—Mr. Kruger has received a message from General Schalk-Burgner that the greater part of Cape Colony is in rebellion, says a dispatch from Brussels to the Daily Mail, and that the Boers have armed 15,000 Afrikaners in the past three months.

Mrs. Edwin H. Conger, wife of Minister Conger, passed through Omaha on her way to China. She was accompanied by Mrs. J. R. Drake

Glad White is to Return.

BERLIN, Oct. 20.—The news received here that Andrew D. White, the United States ambassador, returns to Berlin in November to stay has caused great satisfaction in Berlin.

Canadians Try Surprising.

PRETORIA, Oct. 21.—A force of Canadian scouts surprised a Boer laager near Balmoral. The Boers fled after a short fight. The Canadians had two killed and an officer and two men wounded.

TREE PLANTING IN NEBRASKA

W. L. Hall of Washington Gives Some Suggestions on the Subject.

OMAHA, Oct. 21.—William L. Hall, assistant superintendent of tree planting, division of forestry, has made extensive investigation in Nebraska relative to tree planting. He says there is no question but what the soil and climate are favorable for a certain amount of forest planting. To what extent, however, is in a measure a matter of experiment. He has in course of preparation a report to the department, making special recommendations both as to extent of planting and methods. He also says there can be no system applicable for the prairie district for general operations.

While there is a great interest manifested in forestry, yet there appears to be a very meager acquaintance with the subject of tree planting on an extended scale, Mr. Hall says. Many trees have been planted more as a "wind break" than for timber culture.

Mr. Hall found a number of catalpa plantations which have shown a thrifty growth, but show a lack of maximum growth, owing to lack of management or attention. The catalpa is an especial favorite with Mr. Hall. He believes that it does best on Nebraska soil, which is porous. Its durability has been overestimated by some, but its value for various purposes has been fully appreciated by the general public.

It is a rapid grower, of good form, lightness and possesses great strength and elasticity. It requires from eight to twelve years to mature sufficiently for use.

In speaking of the species and sections for profitable tree planting, Mr. Hall said that the catalpa and red cedar grow readily along the Platte river; the Russian mulberry in Central Nebraska, the black walnut in the eastern part of the state, while the bur oak thrives best in the valleys of the Niobrara and Missouri rivers; the green and white ash does well in Northern Nebraska. There are many other trees valuable for planting, such as the elm, poplar, maple and willow, but in a system of forest operations instituted solely for profit and carried on under competition, such trees are not to be considered.

WATER RIGHTS ON PLATTE

State Board of Irrigation Hears Argument in Gothenburg Case.

LINCOLN, Oct. 21.—The state board of irrigation and Engineer Dobson listened to testimony and argument in the case of the Farmers' and Merchants' Irrigation company. The Gothenburg company asserts that it has a prior right to water in the Platte river and was sustained in this position a year ago by Engineer Wilson. It owns and operates one long canal, of which one-half was constructed after the original water right was taken out. The water right granted by the board authorized the Gothenburg company to appropriate 200 cubic feet of water per second and it is now claimed that there is no law to prevent the company from turning the water so appropriated into the new section of the canal. The board took the case under advisement and will render a decision within the next few days.

The Farmers' and Merchants' irrigation works and property are valued at not less than \$175,000, while the works and property of the other company are said to be worth approximately \$300,000. The former is capitalized for \$2,000,000.

Land Leasing Tour.

LINCOLN, Oct. 21.—Land Commissioner Follmer has planned to make a land leasing tour through northern Nebraska, beginning at O'Neill in Holt county on November 18. Subsequent auctions will be held as follows: Bassett, November 19; Ainsworth, November 28; Chadron, November 29; Harrison and Alliance, November 30, and Gering, November 31.

Cowboy Carnival at Hyannis.

LINCOLN, Oct. 18.—Governor Savage and several state officials will go to Hyannis this week to attend the cowboy carnival at that place. The program includes an exhibition by Captain Hardy, a shooting tournament and several other events.

Woman Suffragists Active.

BLAIR, Neb., Oct. 21.—The local organization of woman suffragists are making big preparations for the coming conference of the woman suffragists.

Aspen Tunnel is Opened.

EVANSTON, Wyo., Oct. 21.—The great Aspen tunnel through Pisdomont hill, east of here, was turned over to President Burt of the Union Pacific by Contractors Kilpatrick Bros. & Collins Tuesday. The first train passed through the big bore Monday, being a work train. The first passenger train to pass through the big hole in the mountains was the one in which the president and other high officials of the Union Pacific were passengers.

STATE'S DIVORCE LAWS.

Ex-Senator Allen Gives His Opinion Regarding the Same.

LINCOLN, Oct. 19.—Senator William V. Allen has replied as follows to the request of Labor Commissioner Watson for an opinion regarding the divorce laws of the state.

"I am inclined to believe that our statutes on the subject of divorce, while crude and expressed in inartistic language, doing no credit to the literary ability of their authors, are sufficient, and outline a proper policy in divorce cases, and will, if conscientiously enforced by the courts, accomplish desirable results.

"The purpose of a divorce is the destruction of the family sense. It is true that in many cases it is to the interest of the parties, the children and the public that the family relation (which should be the most sacred relation in the world) should be utterly uprooted and destroyed, and that its destruction is more productive of the true interests and real happiness of all concerned than would be a forced continuance of a relation which must be merely nominal.

"Much, very much, indeed, depends on education; in fact the question is more one of education than legislation. Legislation can regulate marriages, it can grant or refuse divorces, but the refusal to grant a divorce for any cause in the present state of society would doubtless lead to widespread immorality and to greater and public injury than our present divorce laws, imperfect as they can be, can produce. While marriage under civil institutions of this country is and ever must remain a civil contract, marriage is justly regarded by the churches and by Christian people as a holy ordinance. If the churches shall take hold of the subject in earnest they can doubtless regulate the relation in such a way as to produce the least amount of friction and thus minimize divorces. If they do not the whole question must be left to the slow but certain law of evolution. I would say upon the whole that I do not know of any improvement which can be made in our divorce laws at the present time, aside from those that are merely verbal."

AMENDMENT TO PENSION LAWS.

Congressman Burkett Will Introduce It in the Next Congress.

LINCOLN, Oct. 19.—Congressman Burkett has prepared an amendment to the pension laws, which he will introduce at the opening of the next session of congress. By it the different ratings on account of disabilities under the new law or the law of 1890 will be abolished. The effect of Mr. Burkett's amendment will be to make a minimum rating of \$12. The law of 1890, commonly called the new law, pensions a soldier who is unable to perform manual labor, in accordance with the degree of his disabilities and in proportion thereto, from \$6 to \$12 a month. This degree of disability is determined by a rating board, located at Washington, who make up their decision from the evidence sent in and the ratings thus made are not always satisfactory to the soldiers.

Mr. Burkett takes the position that the war is now removed almost forty years and that after the experiences the men went through it must be presumed that few of them are able to perform manual labor and he thinks the time has come when it is no longer necessary to have an investigating committee to cipher out just the degree of their disability.

Crushed by Falling Roof.

BEATRICE, Neb., Oct. 19.—Frank Koltenbach, a young man 29 years of age, was killed while repairing an old cave on the Graff farm three miles west of here. Koltenbach had been employed on the farm of Mrs. Graff for the last twelve years. He went into the cave to clean up and make some repairs. He accidentally knocked down one of the heavy timbers which supported the four-foot roof of soil and the roof fell, smothering him.

Settles Big Damage Suit.

DES MOINES, Oct. 19.—An important damage suit against the Northwestern railroad, which was before the supreme court at the last term, has been settled, rather than a second trial be had. This was the suit of J. J. Mosnat, administrator of the estate of Engineer Shaffer, who was killed in the yards at Eagle Grove. The first trial resulted in a verdict for \$10,000 against the company, but it was reversed on appeal because of technical errors.

Professors Talk to Farmers.

SIDNEY, Neb., Oct. 19.—The court house was packed with farmers and stockmen, who listened to addresses delivered by Dr. Peters and Prof. Smith of the experiment station at the state university. They discussed the diseases of animals and the simplest manner of curing them, stock feeding and classes of food that were best adapted to the conditions here. Many questions were asked and thoroughly discussed.

Mrs. How's Eads Memorial.

Mrs. Eliza A. How, widow of James F. How, late president of the Wabash Railroad company, has given \$100,000 to Washington university, St. Louis, to be used for the erection of a memorial to her father, Captain James B. Eads, who built the Eads bridge across the Mississippi river at St. Louis, and jet-ties below New Orleans. The gift has been accepted by the board of trustees of the university, who will confer with Mrs. How as to the character of memorial which shall be constructed.

His Patriotic Cornice.

A patriotic citizen of Philadelphia has recently manifested his loyalty to the flag by painting the cornice of his house red, white and blue. In a row of houses in which the prevailing colors are yellow or dark brown, the effect is quite striking, and nearly every passerby bestows a surprised glance on the oddly painted dwelling. The owner of the house is a veteran of the civil war, and, possessing no flag, he decided to paint the cornice of his home in this way as a mark of patriotism.

Half of the misery in the world comes of want of courage to speak and to hear the truth plainly, and in a spirit of love.

Mrs. Dyer's Heart.

McCarron, Mich., Oct. 21.—In April last the sensational case of Mrs. Samuel G. Dyer of this place was reported in these columns. Mrs. Dyer has suffered for years with a very bad case of Heart Trouble and was cured in a few weeks by Dodd's Kidney Pills.

Since then Mrs. Dyer has received hundreds of inquiries as to her condition and many may be interested to hear that she is at present enjoying the best of health and has not had the slightest return of the Heart Trouble.

Formerly she had to sit up in bed for hours to get relief; now she goes about as smartly as any lady of 62 years in the State. Dodd's Kidney Pills have made many friends in Chippewa County through their cure of Mrs. Dyer's case, and have proven beyond doubt that their cures are not only very complete, but absolute and permanent.

Dewey Wasn't a Prisoner.

It has been said that Admiral Dewey was made prisoner during the civil war at the time the gunboat Mississippi was destroyed by the Confederates. The admiral says that is not true. "I was not captured," said he, when asked about the matter, "when the Mississippi was run aground and burned. About 150 of our men were captured, but the captain and I managed to pull away in a boat down the river and escaped capture. I have seen the statement made several times lately and am glad to say that it is entirely incorrect. I have never been a captive."

Highest Award on Cocoa and Chocolate.

Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 10, 1901.—The judges at the Pan-American exposition, Buffalo, have awarded three gold medals to Walter Baker & Co. (Limited), Dorchester, Mass., for the superiority of their breakfast cocoa and all of their cocoa and chocolate preparations and the excellence of their exhibit. This is the 37th highest award received by them from the great expositions in Europe and America.

An Experienced Secretary.

Miss Hagner, who is to be Mrs. Roosevelt's secretary, was for a time clerk in the war department. She is a daughter of Dr. Charles E. Hagner, of Washington. She has acted as secretary for Mrs. Charles Emory Smith, Mrs. Elihu Root, Miss Paulding, Senator Depew's niece, and other women prominent in official life.

Awarded the Highest Prize.

Buffalo, N. Y., Oct.—The New Domestic Sewing Machine Co. has today been awarded, at the Pan-American Exposition, the highest prize, the coveted gold medal, for the best family sewing machine.

Fire Escape Instructions.

A descriptive article on Norway contains some striking instructions for the use of fire escapes taken from a local hotel, of which the following lines are part: "The plated snottor should be found in every room. To increase the hurry, let down the body one by one until all shall be left. The cord should be put out the ground from the shoulder thereunder."

A Church Marriage Bureau.

The Rev. J. F. X. Coleman, pastor of St. John's Catholic church, at Frederick, Md., announced to his congregation one Sunday night that he was going to inaugurate a matrimonial bureau in his church. "Think of it!" said Father Coleman, "a congregation like ours, with over 1,100 members, and you seldom hear of a marriage. There certainly is something wrong, and this is what I am going to endeavor to rectify. There is no reason for this state of affairs, as there is plenty of marriageable material right here, and even much past that age, and I am going to endeavor to utilize it to advantage or know the reason why."

Lucky School Ma'am.

Catherine F. McMahon, a retired public school teacher of New York city, has received from the supreme court the writ she asked for, compelling the board of education to pay the pension of one-half of her salary, which an act of 1900 gave her. This result was the case for some forty other teachers, retired previous to 1894, when the pension law for thirty years' service in the public schools was passed.

Don'ts for Women.

Don't keep the match box in a closet. Don't fold unlaundered curtains. Don't cool tomatoes in the ice box. Don't buy "cheap" lines as they are the dearest. Don't use "cheap" soap in the laundry as it costs the most. Don't use a starch that will produce that harsh crackling effect, but go to your grocer and order DeFiance Starch, 16 ounce package for 10 cents. Made by Magnetic Starch Co., Omaha, Neb.