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NEWS OF THE WORLD.

A heavy frost fell in Iowa on the night of June 21.

Gen. Wheaton will be retired July 15, after forty-one years' service in the army.

Hon. R. E. Patterson is the Democratic nominee for governor of Pennsylvania.

Missouri republicans in state convention, indorsed Roosevelt for president in 1904.

Illinois mine workers have donated $50,000 in cash to the striking miners of West Virginia.

The revolution in Venezuela is gaining in strength and the fall of Castro's government is inevitable.

The physicians report King Edward, whose coronation was postponed on account of his illness, on the road to recovery.

The long drouth in Texas was quite generally relieved June 27, when heavy rains fel over the country from Dallas to the gulf.

Twenty-three residences in east Dallas, Texas, were destroyed by fire June 24. Ten persons were overcome by the heat and John Clarke lost his life.

The leading independent furnace operators of Mahoning valley contemplate the erection of an enormous $2,000,000 Bessemer steel plant in opposition to the steel trust.

The largest voluntary increase ever known in the wages of 100,000 men has been decided upon by the United States Steel Corporation. They will receive an advance of 10 per cent, which will increase the annual pay roll of the corporation by $4,000,000. The advance applies to union as well as non-union men.

The north central portion of Indiana was visited by a disasterous storm June 25. The storm-swept section covers several hundred square miles, from Hancock county, northwest, through the northern portion of Marion county, Hamilton and Boone counties, and doing much damage in Tippecanoe and adjacent counties. Madison county also felt its fury. Thousands of buildings were razed, and tens of thousands of trees were uprooted. Crops were utterly ruined, causing a loss estimated at nearly $2,000,000, and fifty persons were more or less injured.

In an address to the public President Mitchell, of the miners' union, gives figures to show the justness of the present strike, and calls attention to the effort before the strike was ordered to adjust matters by arbitration. Mr. Mitchell shows that the anthracite miners are employed less than 200 days in a year at an average of $1.42 for ten hours work, making the annual earnings of each miner less than $300; claims that the cost of living has increased to the point where the miner was compelled to ask for higher wages, denies the allegations of the operators that the productive capacity of the mine workers has fallen off, but, on the other hand, has increased; quotes official figures to substantiate the contention that the employers can pay higher wages without increasing the cost of coal to the consumer, asserts that the coal-carrying railroads, which control about 85 per cent of the mines, absorb the profits of their coal companies by charging exorbitant freight rates; claims that a ton at the mines means anywhere from 2,740 to 3,190 pounds instead of 2,240, and says that more men are killed and injured in the anthracite mines of Pennsylvania annually than were killed or wounded during the Spanish-American war. The address also says that in the event the union is crushed, which, it adds, is not likely, a new organization would rise from its ruins. He concludes with another appeal for arbitration of all questions in dispute.

The anti-anarchy bill will be acted upon at the next session of congress.

Morgan's latest scheme is to effect a combine of all the coal mines in the country.

Crops throughout the west were badly damaged June 29 by record breaking rains.

Seven jury bribers were convicted in Chicago and given long terms in the penitentiary.

The government has issued a gazetter of the Philippines containing complete maps, charts, etc.

The new ship combine has placed an order for seven fast freight steamers, to cost $2,000,000.

Wiley Campbell, a mulatto, was lynched at Cocao, Ala., for an assault on a young white woman.

The expenditures of the government in taking the twelfth census approximate $12,000,000 to date.

A cyclone swept over a settlement near Walls, Tex., kkilling several persons and injuring several others.

New South Wales and Queensland are suffering from an unprecedented drouth, and all crops will be a failure.

The republican contestant for the seat of Congressman Butler, from the eighth Missouri district, has been seated.

The next Texas legislature will be asked to submit a constitutional amendment on the prohibition of the liquor traffic.

Tests of wireless telegraphy systems in use in the United States and Europe will shortly be begun under direction of a board of naval officers. These tests will occur between stations erected at the navy yard, Washington, and the Naval Academy at Annapolis.

Speaking of the dinner in New York given by the Tilden club, at which ex-President Cleveland and Hon. D. B. Hill were the principal speakers, advocating harmony among democrats, Hon. W. J. Bryan declares there can be no harmony where Mr. Cleveland is concerned.

Miss Jane Tappan, a professional nurse of Boston, has confessed to murdering thirty-one people by administering poison. She has been declared of unsound mind, and will be confined in an asylum for life. In her confession the woman insisted that she is of sound mind, and that she realized when administering poison to her victims that she was doing wrong.

Senator Quay, of Pennsylvania, speaking to his motion to recall the statehood bill from committee and take final action on the same before adjournment, severely arraigned leaders of both parties for failure to carry out platform pledges to admit the territories of New Mexico, Arizona and Oklahoma. The committee will report the bill at the next session, when it will be one of the first questions acted upon.

A statement regarding the condition of India in respect to the plague from its first outbreak in Bombay in September, 1896, to March, 1902, shows a total of reported deaths from the disease during that period of 536,600 in the Bombay presidency and 315,400 in other parts of India, or a total of 852,000 for the whole of British India and the native states. Making allowance for untraced and unreported deaths, it is calculated that a million died during the period mentioned.

The act of congress approved April 12, 1902, repealing war revenue taxation took effect July 1. It abolishes all special and stamp taxes imposed by the law now in force, with the exception of the tax of ten cents a pound on tea, which will continue until January 1, 1903, and the provision in the present law relative to mixed flour. The present taxes on fermented liquors, snuff and tobacco, and cigarettes have been reduced and the taxes imposed on the manufacture and sale of oleomargarine and process butter by the act approved May 9, 1902, will be enforced.

NEWS OF ARKANSAS.

As to Road Duty.

Attorney General Murphy holds that the road improvement acts of 1899 and 1901 neither modify nor repeal the act of 1879, under which cities and towns are empowered to require by ordinance all male persons between the ages of 18 and 45 years, residing within the corporate limits, to work upon the streets and alleys therein as many as ten days a year. Col. Murphy has addressed the following on the subject to City Attorney R. E. L. Johnson, of Paragould:

"Under the act of March 10, 1879, cities and towns are empowered to require by ordinance all male persons between the ages of 18 and 45 years, residing within the corporate limits, to work upon the streets and alleys therein, as many as ten days in each year, and to prescribe the terms upon which they may have exemption therefrom. This means that they may fix the price to be paid in lieu of each day's work, and leave the party liable to the duty to do the work or pay the money as he sees fit. The acts of 1899 and 1901 relating to the working of roads neither modify nor repeal this act. Streets and alleys are under the government of the cities and towns in which they are. Road overseers have nothing to do with the keeping up of the streets and alleys in cities and towns. The law for the working of county roads and the law governing streets and alleys in cities and towns are separate and independent systems. The ordinances of cities and towns passed under the act of 1879 are the law with respect to the working and maintaining the streets and alleys, wherever such ordinances exist and are binding. As before stated, the road law since passed by the legislature has reference to county roads, not to streets and alleys in cities and towns."

Republican State League.

The republican State League convention was held at Little Rock June 25. About 350 delegates were present, many of whom were also delegates to one of the party conventions, though the insurgents were in a minority. The national administration and state committee were endorsed. Among the resolutions adopted was one recommending that the state convention establish a rule limiting the privilege of participating in republican primaries to such republicans as have paid their poll tax. Sid B. Redding was re-elected president, U. S. Bratton re-elected secretary and P. K. Roots re-elected treasurer, all being of Little Rock. The elections were all by acclamation, there being no other nominations. The following vice president, one for each congressional district, were elected: 1, T. O. Fitzpatrick, St. Francis county; 2, Charles F. Cole, Independence county; 3, J. F. Mayers, Washington county; 4, E. A. Schicker, Miller county; 5, R. F. Roys, Pope county; 6, C. T. Duke, Drew county; 7, R. L. Floyd, Union county.

Berth for Senator Jones.

An Associated Press dispatch from Washington says: Senator James K. Jones will be selected as one of the seven commissioners who are to superintend the work of constructing the isthmian canal, if authorized by congress. Mr. Jones voted for the Panama route and was therefore entirely friendly in his attitude toward those who advocated the Spooner substitute. It is calculated that it will require fifteen years' time to complete the construction of the canal.

Prof. Corbin is Out

Prof. J. G. Fisher has been selected to succeed Prof. J. C. Corbin as principal of the Branch Normal College (colored) at Pine Bluff. Prof. Corbin has been at the head of the Branch Normal college for the past twenty-six years, during which time he has been a conspicuous figure in colored educational circles in the south. His successor is a graduate of Booker Washington's Tuskegee school.

Peabody Scholarships.

The state department of public instruction makes the following announcement: Competitive examinations will be held July 17-18 at the places mentioned below for those desiring to secure scholarships in the Peabody Normal college. A scholarship is worth $100 a year and the student's railroad fare from his home to Nashville and return. The qualifications for becoming a competitor for a scholarship are as follows: The applicant must not be less than 17 years of age nor more than 30, of irreproachable moral character, in good health, with no physical defects, eccentricities or habits which would interfere with success in teaching, and must make a pledge of intent to teach for at least two years after graduation.

Those desiring to take the examination should notify the conductor at the place where they wish to be examined. The examinations will be uniform, and will be conducted at the following places by the persons named: Fayetteville, by Prof. John C. Mitchell; Amity, by Prof. S. M. Samson; Eureka Springs, by Prof. C. S. Barnett; Walnut Ridge, by Prof. W. H. Watkins; Monticello, by Prof. W. H. Shewmake; Prescott, by Prof. E. G. Slayton; Little Rock, by Prof. R. H. Parham; Clarendon, by Prof. J. McCullough.

Four Murder Cases Affirmed.

The supreme court last week decided four murder cases. The first was the case of D. Nolin vs. The State, from Hempstead county. Nolin was convicted of choking his wife to death. His own evidence convicted him. He said they quarreled and he choked her with one hand and discovered when he let go that she was dead. The second was that of Tom Sims vs. The State. Sims was convicted of killing two negro women, Nancy Jetton and Tabitha Jetton. His case was also from Hempstead county. The third was the case of Kitts vs. The State, from Desha county. He was convicted of shooting one Jim Johnson. The last was the case of Junius Bonville vs. The State, from Pope county. He was convicted of murder in the second degree.

The Teachers.

At the annual meeting of the State Teachers' association, held in Hot Springs last week, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, W. A. Crawford, Arkadelphia; first vice president, George B. Cook, Hot Springs; T. A. Futrall, Marianna, vice president for first congressional district; G. W. Droke, Fayetteville, third district; W. W. Rivers, Conway, fifth district; J. H. Thach, Pine Bluff, sixth district; E. G. Slayten, Prescott, seventh district; J. H. Witherspoon, Pine Bluff, corresponding secretary; Miss Newell Foster, Clarksville, recording secretary; Miss S. C. Barclay, Little Rock, treasurer; Messrs. Reynolds and Kuykendall, Fayetteville, and Watkins, Walnut Ridge, trustees.

Railroad Assessment.

At a recent meeting of the state railway assessment board it was voted to asses the railway, telegraph and express companies in the state for taxation on the same basis used last year, when the total assessment valuation was $28,298,031. Of the total last year the Gould system lines in this state were assessed $11,349,354, the Cotton Belt $4,127,132 and the Choctaw $2,689,470. Increased mileage will increase this year's grand total of assessed valuation to about $29,000,000. The rate of assessment per mile is: Cotton Belt, $8,500; Choctaw, Oklahoma & Gulf, $7,500; Kansas City Southern, $7,500; Frisco, $10,000; Iron Mountain (new line), $14,000; Kansas City, Fort Scott & Memphis, $10,000.

Five men were indicted by the Pulaski grand jury on the charge of having appropriated to their own use $80 which they collected last spring for the relief of alleged drouth sufferers. All are well-to-do farmers.

Shot by Wife's Father.

A few days ago James Larsen was wedded to Miss Jennie Patton, of Texarkana. Then the girl's mother had Larsen arrested on the charge of purjury. It is alleged he swore the girl was 18 years old, when the mother says she is 15. Larsen was released on bond, and went to the Patton home, at the request of some members of the family. Upon his arrival there, the girl's father and another party, it is alleged, opened fire on Larsen, who was accompanied by Hal Jordan. Larsen escaped, after being shot twice, but not dangerously.

Young Man Suicides.

E. L. Ker, a young man about 20 years of age, was found dead in his room at Little Rock. A box filled with cotton saturated with chloroform which lay beside his head told the manner of his death. Ker went to his room, stating that he was feeling bad, and left word that he was not to be disturbed. Becoming uneasy his landlord forced an entrance to his room and found that he had been dead several hours. He left no message telling why he took his life, but it is believed disappointment in a love affair prompted the act.

Killing in White County.

Sid Sowel was shot and instantly killed by Fletcher Judge near Searcy. A family fued of long standing was the cause. Judge states that Sowell had been boarding with his step-mother, and had often insulted him and his brother and sister. As Judge was going home he passed Sowell, and some words were exchanged. Judge went home, procured his gun and returned, emptying both barrels into Sowell's body.

BRIEF MENTION.

It is reported from all sections that crop prospects were never brighter in northern Arkansas.

Iron Mountain officials have awarded the contract for fifty freight locomotives, to be delivered before January 1, 1902.

The following new postoffices have been established: Catalpa, Johnson county, John Patton, postmaster; White, Ashley county, Edwin L. Bird, postmaster.

Chris Anderson, a telephone lineman, was fattaly injured while unloading poles from a car at Little Rock, one of the poles falling on him.

A shooting affray took place between two women in Jackson county, not far from the western line of Poinsett county, June 24, which resulted in the killing of Mrs. Robinson.

Hon. H. L. Remmel and W. S. Holt have been re-elected chairman and secretary respectively of the republican regular state central committee.

While playing with her 9-year-old brother, at her home near Fayetteville, Miss., Lulu Haasie, 15 years old, was accidently struck with an open knife, severing an artery and bled to death within an hour.

W. G. Tiffony has been appointed superintendent of the Memphis branch of the St. Louis, Memphis & Southeastern.

Mike Burke, a farmer near St. Joseph, Mo., was shot and killed by his wife. He was under the influence of liquor and had viciously assaulted his wife.

William Coates, aged 17, murdered his mother at her home near St. Joseph, Mo. The boy confessed to the crime, declaring his father told him to kill his mother.

A slurring remark about the American army in the Philippines made at a garden party gievn by a church near Knoxville, Tenn., started a fight in which John Kennedy, Alonzo Berger and Lincoln Mondy were cut to death.