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THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

Congressman Settle of Kentucky died on the 17th. At Frankfort, Ky., it is conceded the state election will remain in a tangle till the meeting of the state election commissioners the last week in this month.

The Topeka city council has decided to employ only union labor in the erection of the new city hall and auditorium, and to work the men only eight hours a day.

The treasury has paid out gold certificates since August 7 last to the amount of \$191,286,480, and has received \$94,053,460, making a net issue of \$97,233,020.

Gerson Siegel, vice president of the Siegel-Cooper company, died at his home in New York after an illness of three months. He was 62 years old. Heart trouble was the cause of death.

Ross C. Preston, of Depeze, Wis., has been appointed a teacher at the Osage Indian school, Oklahoma, and Anna Garner, of Running Water, S. D., appointed a teacher at Fort Sill, O. T.

At Amsterdam, N. Y., the broom-corn trust agreed to make the price of Central Illinois broom-corn two hundred dollars a ton, on cars, all other grades to follow in price according to quality.

Governor Tanner has refused to interfere in behalf of Michael Emil Rullenger, sentenced to hang. Rullenger was convicted of murdering his wife because he desired to marry another woman.

Justice Hooker has set the week beginning January 2, 1899, for the election of Howard C. Benham, the banker of Batavia, N. Y., who is under conviction for the murder of his wife on January 4, 1897, by poison.

The secretary of the treasury lately made announcement of his readiness to buy \$25,000,000 of 5 per cent United States bonds of 1904, and four of 1907, at the price at which they were offered on the New York stock market.

It is authoritatively announced that the Turkish government has approved the concession to the Deutsche bank of a railway extension to Bassarah, a frontier city and river port of Asiatic Turkey, 270 miles southeast of Bagdad.

Secretary Wilson of the agricultural department is investigating the complaint of the New York Cotton exchange that the special cotton crop report issued on Tuesday was in the hands of private firms before it reached the exchange.

The secretary of the interior has awarded the contract for three Indian schools to be built at the Iowa Indian agency, O. T., to Kane & Handley, of El Reno, O. T., as follows: Riverside school, \$7,092; Fort Sill, \$6,752, and Rainy Mountain, \$5,430.

The coffin manufacturers of Ohio at a meeting ratified an agreement to advance the prices on cheap and medium caskets 10 per cent, the advance to take effect at once. The increase in the price of material is given as a reason for the advance in prices.

A telegram announces the death at Birmingham, Ala., of Cora Ernest, the actress, who played in northwestern cities last year with the Woodward Stock company, and who has been in the south this year. Her remains will be brought to Pierre, S. D., for interment.

The statement of the imports and exports of the United States for the month of October last, issued by the bureau of statistics, shows that the amount of merchandise imported during the month was \$72,705,894, of which \$29,692,014 was free of duty. The exports of domestic merchandise during the same month amounted to \$125,232,972.

Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy, the noted Christian Science lady of Boston, is erecting a \$13,000 residence for her son, George Glover, in Lead, S. D. It will be the most palatial residence in the Black Hills. George Glover is an old timer in the Black Hills and owns considerable mining property. The residence is being built of pressed brick and stone.

A special from Phoenix, Ariz., says that Pearl Hart, the alleged woman bandit, who was charged with holding up a stage near Florence, was acquitted at the trial before Judge Dean at Florence. Miss Hart addressed the jury in her own defense, and pleaded passionately for freedom that she might return to Toledo, O., to see her fast falling mother.

Rev. Dr. A. H. Strong, president of the Rochester (N. Y.) Baptist theological seminary, announces that John D. Rockefeller, president of the Standard Oil company, has made a conditional pledge of \$150,000 to the support of the seminary. Mr. Rockefeller will give \$1 for every dollar that may be raised in other directions till an aggregate of \$300,000 shall have been secured.

The New York cotton exchange will take steps to discover how it came about that the special crop report published recently by the department of agriculture was known to private individuals and firms before sent to the exchange. Superintendent King said that the exchange had taken steps to investigate what was evidently a leak in the office of the government statistician. He would not say what steps had been taken.

The Berlin police dissolved an unauthorized meeting, called to commemorate the Chicago executions of 1887.

Senator Hanna continues to have rheumatism and gives out no intimation about intending to refuse to be chairman of the national republican committee next year.

Herr Morris Busch author of a "Life of Prince Bismarck" died in Leipzig on the 17th.

The Bolivian government has declared free of duty all merchandise shipped from Brazilian ports to Acre until September, 1900. American and European goods enjoy the benefit of this decree.

THE VOTE FOR REGENTS.

What Returns From 76 of the 90 Counties Show. LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 18.—The vote on regents so far as heard from, (76 of the 90 counties) including the duplicates of official returns received at the secretary of state's office, is as follows:

Table with columns: COUNTY, REGENT, and VOTE. Lists 76 counties and their respective votes for regents.

CONTRIBUTORS BEING NOTIFIED.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 18.—Following is a copy of the communication that is being sent from the governor's office to contributors to the First Regiment transportation fund, who are entitled to have their money refunded:

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER, LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 13, 1899.—Dear Sir: After paying all expenses incurred in returning the First Regiment Nebraska volunteers from San Francisco to its points of enlistment out of the fund raised by voluntary contributions for that purpose I find that a surplus remains. Had I known at the time how much would be required I would have declined to accept contributions after the required amount was reached.

I have concluded to return this surplus to the individual donors, commencing with the one received last and continuing until the surplus is exhausted. If you desire the return of your contribution of \$— at this time a check for the amount will be mailed to you on return of the receipt issued to you dated August 21, 1899.

FALL OF 150 FEET.

FREMONT, Neb., Nov. 18.—Peter Trainor, who lives on the bluffs of the Platte river three miles southwest of the city, lost a team in a rather unusual manner through the carelessness of a farm hand. The man was picking corn near a deep gulch, and backing his wagon too close to the edge of the bluff, it went over and carried the team with it. To the first landing was forty-eight feet, and the team and wagon landed in a heap, only to topple over the edge for another fall of 100 feet; a total fall of 150 feet. One horse was killed, the other hopelessly injured and the wagon demolished. William Freeman, the hired man, who was standing on the ground at the time, has not been seen since the accident.

BREEDERS OF LIVE STOCK.

LINCOLN, Nov. 18.—The next annual meeting of the Nebraska Improved Live Stock Breeders' association will be held in the chapel of the state university beginning December 19. Three sessions will be held the following day and a business meeting will be held in the forenoon of the next day, December 21. In addition to the regular discussions and business meetings the matter of holding a live-stock show and sale in the autumn of 1900 will be considered. The leading stockmen of Nebraska have spoken in favor of holding such a sale. The attendance at the annual meeting will probably be larger than last year.

FORT SIDNEY SALE COMPLETED.

SIDNEY, Neb., Nov. 18.—The sale of the military reserve here brought \$5,333, which now cleans up all that is left of the old fort. This post was established in 1871 and was always considered one of the prettiest garrisons in the department of the Platte. The last troops to occupy the place was the Twenty-first United States infantry. The tract of land containing the officers' quarters was sold to Edgar M. Westervelt of Lincoln for \$3,689. The balance went to the Union Pacific and a resident of Sidney.

SCHOOLS OF NEBRASKA

A Good Showing is Expected to Be Made at the Paris Exposition.

SUPT. JACKSON IS INTERESTED.

Preliminary Steps to Get Together a Fine Exhibit—Official Returns From the Late Election Nearly All In—Miscellaneous Matters in Nebraska.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 20.—Even if the agricultural resources and business interests of the state are not represented there will be on exhibition at the Paris exposition in 1900 examples of the work done by the public school children of Nebraska. There is a great deal of sameness in all public school exhibits and in view of this fact an attempt will be made to emphasize the remarkable growth of the Nebraska schools and to give an accurate idea of the high standard of education in the west.

There will also be comparative statements showing the condition of the schools at different periods and from one of these the following figures are taken:

Table with columns: Category and Value. Lists statistics for Number counties, Number school districts, Number school houses, etc.

SURETY COMPANY SUES HIM.

AMES, Neb., Nov. 20.—The state's evidence in the case against J. G. Gingles, who is charged with obtaining over \$5,000 from the Kansas City & St. Paul Grain company under false pretenses during the last five years, while acting as the company's agent at Collins, Ia., is nearly in.

Heavy Court Docket at Stockville. STOCKVILLE, Neb., Nov. 20.—Judge C. W. Morris opened court here with 253 cases on the docket, of which nine are criminal, eight of the nine being for selling intoxicating liquor in violation of law. These persons pleaded guilty to selling liquors unlawfully and were fined \$100 and costs each: Philip F. Hess, William J. Hurtle, Henry P. Hughes, Reece Heaton, John Hill and William Hughes. In the case of the state against Evan T. Jay, for compounding a crime, receiving money to suppress a prosecution at Eustis, the jury returned a verdict of guilty. The amount of money received by him was \$30.

STOCK INDUSTRY'S RECORD.

CHADRON, Neb., Nov. 20.—The tremendous shipment of stock of the season just closed was equalled only by the stupendous shipments from the northwest two years ago, yet the number of range stock has increased in Dawes county. Particularly noticeable in the increased number of stock is the sheep husbandry, which has grown in three years from the number of a flock to equal in number the number of cattle. Already sheep are getting so thick as to menace the range, and Dr. Romine, the pioneer stockmaster of Dawes county, is moving his entire sheep interest in to Scotts Bluff county.

PAIR TWICE DIVORCED.

OSCEOLA, Neb., Nov. 20.—A divorce was given to Mrs. Maryetta Cox from her husband, whom she twice married. She received a divorce from the same gentleman last year, was remarried again and now has received the second divorce and both Maryetta Cox and William O. Cox are free to wed again. Mr. Cox agreed to give her \$200 in the property as alimony, and has already given her a mortgage on the home.

BIG CATTLE FEEDER.

CENTRAL CITY, Neb., Nov. 20.—Merrick county boasts of having the largest cattle feeder in the United States in the person of T. B. Ford, a resident of Central City, and who, at the present time has 20,000 cattle on full feed in the county and all within a radius of ten miles of this city. As a result of this Central City is a big market for corn and hay. Corn is quoted at 23 to 25 cents, hay at \$3 and \$4.50, baled.

HUSH A SICK MAN'S CORN.

TOBIAS, Neb., Nov. 20.—William Pratt of this place has been confined to his bed for several weeks with typhoid fever. Last Wednesday the men of Tobias and vicinity turned out and husked about 1,400 bushels of corn for him.

SAW SCHLEY RIDE THE GOAT.

CHADRON, Neb., Nov. 20.—Dr. C. G. Elmore of Chadron, who recently visited in the east, visited the Masonic lodge in Washington and witnessed Admiral Schley take his first three degrees in Masonry. The grand master on his occasion wore the masters' apron worn by George Washington when master of Alexandria lodge. Attorney C. Dana Sayers of this city is a member of Alexandria lodge, where he was made a Mason, and he sat in that historic lodge room with his father and grandfather.

THAT INSURANCE CONTROVERSY

The Test Case Before the Supreme Court Likely to Be Hotly Contested.

LINCOLN, Neb., Nov. 17.—The legal controversy as to the liability to the state of the insurance companies that paid fees to Eugene Moore as auditor is becoming more complicated and the test case now pending before the supreme court promises to be hotly contested on both sides before a decision is allowed to stand. In the brief and argument of the defendant in the case of the State of Nebraska against the Home Insurance company, filed in the supreme court, three points are raised by which it is hoped to relieve the insurance companies of all further liability.

The argument opens with the assertion that the brief of the state contained no positive argument in support of its claim and that the attorney general proceeded upon the assumption that because Moore was not convicted under section 124 of the criminal code, as auditor of public accounts, of embezzlement of the insurance fees in question, and because the surties upon his official bond are not liable to the state for his defalcation with regard to money which he, as auditor, had no right to receive.

The first of the three points raised by the Home Insurance company is that under the constitution of Nebraska the auditor had no right to perform services for the defendant and other insurance companies unless the fees therefor were paid in advance into the state treasury. The second point is that the state is estopped to claim from the defendant insurance company compensation for services of the auditor which he could not legally perform unless the fees therefor were paid in advance into the state treasury.

STATE HOUSE NOTES.

The Gage county bonds, which the county commissioners some time ago agreed to sell to the state for an investment for the permanent school fund, were turned over, a delegation of Gage county officials coming up to attend to the details.

The state board of public lands and buildings appointed W. B. Hester of Lincoln to be superintendent of the new building at the Nebraska hospital for the insane. The legislature appropriated \$40,000 for this building and the superintendent of the building will act as the representative of the board in supervising the construction.

D. W. Barnes of Valparaiso has been appointed a member of the state fish commission to succeed J. P. Rouse of Cass County, resigned. Barnes' term expires June 1, 1902.

GOOD PROFIT FOR FARMERS.

FREMONT, Neb., Nov. 17.—The Standard Beet Sugar company has made arrangements with the Norfolk company by which a considerable portion of the beets raised around here are to be sent to Norfolk, the Standard company paying the farmers the same price that they were to pay for delivery at Ames. The Standard Cattle company has shipped to Norfolk a good many beets and will ship the beets of one 400-acre tract. The larger part of the beets are being sliced, the sugar company paying for the slicing of those beets the time for delivery of which has expired. Work on the factory is progressing as rapidly as possible, but it will not be finished before December. The yield of beets per acre is not as large as was expected, but there is a good profit on them for the farmers.

YOUNG BUSINESS MAN MISSING.

BEATRICE, Neb., Nov. 17.—Seven or eight months ago a change took place in the business of the Beatrice Electric Light company. G. D. Roberts being sent here to take charge of it. He was last seen here Monday evening. When it was discovered that he had left town a message was sent to J. E. Sullivan at Omaha, receiver of the company, who came to Beatrice as soon as possible.

Rumors are rife on the streets regarding his sudden disappearance, some being of the opinion that he will return, while others believe he has gone for good. Mr. Sullivan reports the affairs of the company in good shape, whatever the outcome of the disappearance proves to be.

GOES TO JAIL FOR STEALING HAY.

FREMONT, Neb., Nov. 17.—David Etherton was arrested here on a charge of stealing hay from P. H. Sweet, a farmer residing northwest of the city. He was found guilty by Police Judge Coman and sentenced to pay a fine of \$100 and costs. He will go to jail. Etherton has served two terms in the penitentiary for grand larceny and is thought to have been implicated in a good many small thefts from farmers near the city.

ACQUITTED OF HORSE STEALING.

SIDNEY, Neb., Nov. 17.—Albert Verner, who was tried for horse stealing in the district court, was acquitted by a jury.

No clow has yet been obtained to the perpetrators of the fire at Fort Sidney and the tract is being thoroughly guarded. Many believe it was done in a spirit of spite work. These grounds were formerly the attractive feature of this city.

HOG CHOLERA IN BURT COUNTY.

TEKAMAH, Neb., Nov. 17.—Hog cholera is becoming quite prevalent in this part of Burt county. An insurance company that insures swine against disease has several herds in charge and is treating them and reports some success.

RED HOT TELEPHONE WAR.

FAIRBURY, Neb., Nov. 17.—A telephone war is in progress here. The Nebraska Telephone company has reduced the rate from \$3 to 50 cents a month. The Fairbury Telephone company, a new organization, will have their system ready for operation in a few days. The stockholders of the new company, including nearly all the business men, have signed an agreement not to use or permit in their places of business the instruments of the Nebraska Telephone company and will make a rate of one-half of that charged previously by the Nebraska Telephone company.

PATTI IS A DAGGER COLLECTOR.

Mme. Patti possesses a queer fad, which she has kept secret for many years from the public. It is only a few years since the peculiar fad or hobby became known. It is the passion she has for daggers and similar weapons. They are very small in size and many of them historical.

GUILTY IS A GOLFER.

Mr. Gully, the speaker of the house of commons, is an expert golfer, but takes no interest in pugilism, the sport at which his ancestor was so distinguished.

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A few days later, Engineer John Hagerty was oiling his engine at Connellsville, while waiting for the passengers to alight. He heard another train coming and believed that it was not under proper control. He sprang into his cab, opened the throttle and started his train. The other engine struck the rear car but it was not a hard blow and Hagerty's promptness saved ten or a dozen lives. The Company has ordered a handsome gold watch, suitably inscribed, and a gold chain for Engineer Hagerty, as a reward for his devotion to duty and "using his brains" in time of emergency.



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