

HORSETHIEF UNSAFE.

PROPERTY INTERESTS GUARDED IN TWO TERRITORIES.

Organized Bands of Desperadoes, That Were a Menace in the Old Days, Now Find Best Pickings.

Ogden, Okla.—In the two territories, soon to be united as one state under the name of Oklahoma, the Anti-Horse Thief association has grown in numbers and importance, and to-day James S. Kirkwood, of Guthrie, is the head of an army of 40,000 men, all residents of Oklahoma and Indian Territory, each man of whom is subject to immediate service at any time to take the trail and aid in the capture of the festive horse thief.

With the advance of civilization across the western prairies the horse thief and his band have been buffeted and beaten until they bid fair to take their places in obscurity with the buffalo, deer and antelope. Instead of the vast expanses of prairies which afforded ample avenue of escape for the horse thief and his gang of marauders, the plains are now dotted with towns, in each of which is located a telegraph instrument, a device which has done more to eradicate the horse thief and his methods than any other agent.

The passing of the horse thief in Oklahoma can be credited largely to the efforts of the Anti-Horse Thief association, which now has close to 1,000 lodges in Oklahoma and Indian Territory. The National Anti-Horse Thief association was organized in northern Missouri 43 years ago, and it ultimately extended its membership into all of the middle and western states and territories.

During the past year in Oklahoma alone there were organized 131 new lodges, with a membership of 14,000. In this county 17 new lodges were or-



JAMES S. KIRKWOOD.
(Commander of the Horse-Thief Hunting Army of Two Territories.)

ganized during the year, with over 700 members. Throughout Indian Territory the increase has been even greater. In the territorial divisions of the national association there is one anti-horse thief lodge to every 60 square miles; in Kansas, one to every 216 square miles; in Oklahoma alone, one to every 120 square miles; Pawnee county has a lodge to every 26 square miles; Lincoln and Pottawatomie county, one to every 35 square miles; Logan one to every 38, and Greer county one to every 140.

During the past year the association has aided in the capture of 137 horse thieves and the recovery of \$12,000 worth of stolen animals. There were 124 horses stolen and 136 recovered some of them being stolen during the previous year. Out of the 137 thieves captured 117 have been convicted.

Great part of the prominence attained by Kirkwood as president of the association and as the most intrapud leader in the two territories is due to "Traveler," a black stallion which has been in Kirkwood's possession for many years. He is said to be able to scent a horse thief for several miles, and he is more widely known in Oklahoma than any other animal in the territory. The horse has carried Kirkwood all day and all night without rest except for food and water. "Traveler" is now 18 years old, but he is still able to catch the air of excitement in a man hunt, and on an occasion of that kind he sprints over country roads and fields as if he were still a colt.

Criminal Education Society.

The academy of crime, of which Dickson Inimifiable Fagin was the head professor, has lost its prestige since details of a similar institution in Italy have come to light. This organization, called the "Malaria," was situated at Foggia and aimed at committing all sorts of crime, from highway robbery to kidnaping. There were two schools, one to teach the use of the knife and the other for pickpockets. A few francs were charged for admission, and the pupils graduated according to the proficiency they attained. If any of the members were arrested the other members volunteered to give perjured testimony in his behalf, while a few more took charge of the witnesses for the prosecution, whom they scared by threats into refusing to testify.

Jews in the World.

It is estimated the total Jewish population of the world is 10,671,332. The United States has 1,127,268; Austria-Hungary, 3,071,254; Germany, 636,948; Russia, 5,189,401; Turkey, 350,000; the British empire, 235,034; Norway, 150,000; Abyssinia, 120,000; and other nations less numbers. France has only 20,000, against Germany's population of nearly 600,000; Norway and Sweden together have only 2,403, and, strange to say, Spain has only 402 Jews within her boundaries.

FEARS A GRAB BY RUSSIA.

Gen. L'Orange, of Norway, Who Asserts the Ocean Plans to Invade Scandinavia.

Christiania, Norway.—The Scandinavian people are still earnestly discussing the recent remarkable article by Gen. H. P. L'Orange, published in the Affonposten. The perils therein pointed out apparently are so manifest that belief exists in certain quarters that European chancelleries have been asked to consider the situation.

Gen. L'Orange stated positively that prior to the breaking out of the war with Japan, Russia had made all military and



GEN. L'ORANGE.
(Who Prophecies a Russian Invasion of the Scandinavian Peninsula.)

naval preparations to invade Sweden and Norway.

The purpose of the expedition was alleged to be the seizure of Norwegian territory on the North sea, and the creation thereon of an open port for the czar's navy. While Gen. L'Orange did not specifically indicate the section of country coveted, the impression remains that Muscovite eyes gaze longingly on the coast at some point between the Naze and Bergen.

A more sensational part of the article, if that were possible, is the positive declaration that Russia is backed in her daring scheme of invasion and spoliation by Germany, who, as stated, is to be given a free hand to seize Denmark and turn that kingdom into a vassalage of the kaiser. The base ingratitude of such project is disclosed by the fact—if Gen. L'Orange's assertions be true—that Czar Nicholas is ready to sacrifice national and domestic honor to procure the coveted territory, for his mother is a daughter of the venerable Danish king, Christian IX.

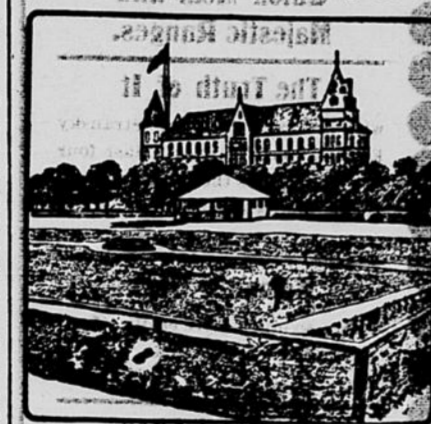
Gen. L'Orange, who is a descendant of a noble French family, is considered to be one of the ablest military critics in Europe. Until recently he was commander-in-chief of the Norwegian army. In 1894 he was made chief of the general staff, and in 1897 was given the baton of commander-in-chief. He also is a member of the Royal Swedish war academy.

It is considered significant that the publishing of the article evoked an official protest from the Russian government.

WILL ENLARGE UNION HOME.

Printers to Add to Their Already Large Institution at Colorado Springs, Col.

Denver.—Enlargement of the Union Printers' home at Colorado Springs, one of the finest and most complete institutions of its kind, is being arranged for, and the plan is to erect the new addition as a memorial to the late Congressman Amos J. Cummings, who was known as "The Printers' Friend." Although the members of the International Typographical union have expended more than \$500,000 on the home, and have shown unparalleled generosity in its



UNION PRINTERS' HOME.
(Located at Colorado Springs, Col., and is to be Enlarged.)

equipment, they are continually adding to its resources.

The home occupies a fine tract of 60 acres, one mile east of the city of Colorado Springs, in the shadow of Pike's Peak. The group of handsome buildings and well-kept surroundings are one of the attractions of that region. All this has come as a result of an unconditional gift of \$10,000 from the late George W. Childs and A. J. Drexel, of Philadelphia, to the union in 1886. The printers increased the sum to \$70,000, and the Colorado site was selected in 1889.

The main building is a beautiful structure of white lava stone with red sandstone trimmings, 144 feet long and 44 feet wide, with a wing at the rear of the north end 20x40 feet. The building contains 75 rooms.

In the plans of the proposed Cummings memorial addition a fine library hall is provided, as Mrs. Cummings has spoken of her intention to donate the library of the late congressman to the home. The cost of the new building will be from \$20,000 to \$30,000. A special committee of 11 members is now actively engaged in obtaining the funds for the addition, which will consist of an extension of the northeast wing of the main building about 65 feet, the plans for which have been approved. Michael Colbert, of Chicago, is chairman of this committee.

CONGRER TO RETURN.

UNITED STATES MINISTER TO CHINA COMING HOME.

Has Had Wide Experience in Diplomatic Field Both in the Orient and in South American Countries.

Des Moines, Ia.—Announcement is made that on January 1 Edwin H. Conger, United States minister to China, will resign his diplomatic post and return, with his family, to this city. Few diplomatic careers of recent years have been as adventurous and picturesque as Maj. Conger's. Few women of any rank or station of recent years have played as important a part in shaping the destinies of an empire as Mrs. Conger. No less an authority than William E. Curtis, on his return from a tour of the world, declared to the Chicago Women's club that Mrs. Conger is directly responsible for the recent action of the dowager empress establishing 11 universities in the largest cities of China. That was but one example of the wonderful influence which Mrs. Conger exerts over the real ruler of the celestial empire.

Maj. and Mrs. Conger have now been stationed at Peking for six years, says a special from this city to the Chicago Chronicle. There they were throughout the siege consequent upon the "boxer" uprising. Imprisoned in the legation, they remained until the allied troops, with Gen. Chaffee in command of the United States forces, made their historic march to the relief of the beleaguered diplomats.

It was in 1898 that Maj. Conger was sent to the Peking post, transferred from Brazil, where he had served two terms, from 1891 to 1893, and again in 1897 and 1898. An interesting story is told of his appointment to the Brazilian mission. When he was a young



MAJ. CONGRER.
(United States Minister to China, Who is to Retire Soon.)

man Conger had attended the law school at Albany, N. Y. Among the students in his class, and one with whom he became well acquainted, until the acquaintance grew into a true friendship, was William McKinley. A quarter of a century later Maj. Conger and Maj. McKinley served together in congress, and the friendship of early days was renewed. When the Brazilian post became vacant President McKinley remembered his friend Conger and the appointment was promptly made. Later, when the Peking post became vacant and the administration needed a thorough diplomat, a tactful, careful statesman, Maj. Conger was transferred. The Peking post is an important one; the past six years have found grave questions of commerce as well as of international law, arising. Maj. Conger has fulfilled his mission. During the diplomatic conferences following the capture of Peking he represented this government, and, while there are some to-day who maintain that he was too forgiving and lenient, and granted concessions to China, which should never have been made, he acted throughout for what he considered the highest and greatest justice to all.

It was some time after the "boxer" uprising that Maj. Conger returned to Des Moines, his lifetime home, on a short leave of absence. A great mass meeting was held at the Auditorium to welcome him. It was attended by thousands. When Maj. Conger had departed for China, a few years before, the Grand Army post of which he was an honored member had held a smoker in his honor. One of the features of that farewell had been the singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" by one of the sweet-voiced singers of the city.

"Many and many a time during the darkest days, when death seemed only a few hours removed, did I remember those words, 'God be with you till we meet again,' and utter them over and over and think of the comrades and friends and folks at home," declared Maj. Conger, with the tears streaming down his face, as he responded to the addresses in his honor.

The Petroleum Production.

It is not yet half a century since Col. Drake discovered petroleum on the waters of Oil creek, near Titusville, Pa. The total production of crude petroleum from 1859 to 1902-43 years—has been no less than 1,165,280,727 barrels. Of this output Pennsylvania and New York contributed 53.9 per cent.; Ohio, 24.3 per cent.; West Virginia, 11.3 per cent.; Indiana, 2.9 per cent.; California, 2.6 per cent., and Texas, 2.1 per cent.

Football Aids Police.

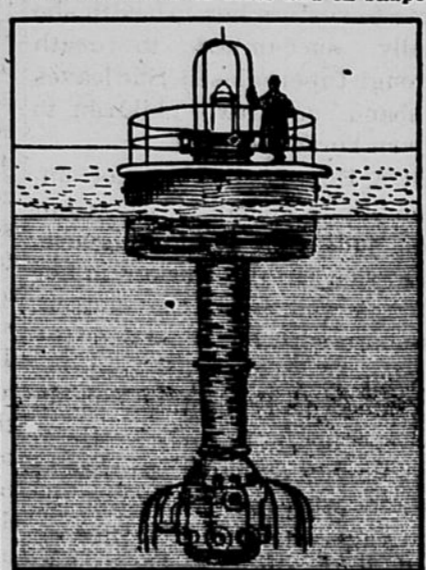
The Australian detectives find football useful. Criminals will be six days in the week, but they have to come out on Saturdays to see the football game, and the police are on hand.

TO VIEW BOTTOM OF SEA.

A New Invention That Will Be of Great Value in Ocean Research.

London.—A clever instrument has been devised by Cavaliere Giuseppe Pino, an Italian inventor, by which the bottom of the sea can be examined with a clearness that has hitherto been impossible. This invention and one to raise objects are in daily use, the operations being supervised by the inventor.

The hydroscope—such is the name given to the instrument for seeing objects in the sea or on the sea bottom—is constructed of steel and in shape



THE HYDROSCOPE.
(View Showing the Instrument as it Appears in the Water.)

is like a huge telescope pointed downward into coral caverns or sunken ships instead of upward at the sun or the stars. Its complex system of lenses, 12 in number, answers to the objective glass of a celestial telescope. By the internal mirrors they produce a clear picture of the sea bottom, the rays of light passing up the tube to a sort of camera-obscura house at the top, which floats above the surface and is capable of holding four people.

The amount of light under the surface is considerably greater than is generally imagined. The inventor of the hydroscope has himself been able to read a newspaper lying on the sea bottom at a depth of 300 feet from the surface by the ordinary daylight penetrating the water. The area viewed by the lenses at the bottom of the tube varies according to the amount of light.

The hydroscope is also likely to prove of considerable use on war vessels. A tube can be fitted into the center of a vessel, one end of which will lead to the captain's bridge and the other will penetrate the bottom of the vessel and have an extension that can be thrust out and drawn back as occasion requires. When the hydroscope lenses, which will be somewhat different from the apparatus illustrated, are drawn up flush with the bottom of the vessel the water beneath the ship can be viewed to a distance of 60 to 90 feet.

A PECULIAR MAPLE TREE.

It Is Growing in Canada and Has the Habits of the Vine.

Toronto, Canada.—A curiosity in nature's realm that has attracted the notice of students of forestry is a soft maple tree, which has grown in such form as to defy all precedents. It has completely entwined itself around a beech, and mingled its branches with that of its companion. This odd phenomenon is to be seen at Havelock, Ontario, Canada.

No one knows just how the maple got its unusual start, as there are no trees of its kind in the immediate vicinity.



ODD FREAK OF NATURE.
(A Canadian Maple Tree that has Entwined a Big Beech.)

James E. Kennard, who owns the property on which it is located, first observed the maple as a small twig growing beside the beech. The twig flourished with such persistency that his attention was attracted to it, and he refrained from cutting it down. Completely overshadowed by its neighbor, it began to work its way around the beech in search of the sunlight. For several years it continued its peculiar method of reaching upward, until it made its way among the branches of the beech, acting more like a vine than a tree.

In some places the maple bugs the beech so closely that the bark of the two has almost grown together. At the same time the separate identity has been preserved, and both trees are in a perfectly healthy condition. Naturalists who have examined the maple say that they have never seen another instance of a similar nature.

A Natural Bridge.

One petrified tree trunk in Arizona forms a natural bridge over a canyon.

NORTH DAKOTA NEWS.

Sad Death.

Claude Foley the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Foley of Minto, met with a frightful accident which caused the little one's death. The mother had taken a pan of hot water from the store and set it on the kitchen floor, and then stepped out in the yard where the child was at play. Unnoticed by her the child entered the house, and as the mother approached it turned and stumbled backward, sitting down in pan of hot water. The mother rushed frantically to its relief, but before she could get the child out and its wrapping removed, it was badly scalded. The injuries were fatal. This is a particularly sad blow to the bereaved parents, inasmuch as it is the sixth child they have laid beneath the sod, and but one remains.

Robbery.

Manager Brown of the Hunter store at Wheatland, was surprised upon entering his store one night about 8 o'clock to find the door ajar. He immediately got busy and discovered none of the clerks about, but 63 bolts of high priced silk valued at \$300, had been removed from the shelves. Some one had evidently picked the lock or had a key and were probably pressed for time when they were frightened away from the store, leaving the door wide open. This is the second time this fall the company has been the victim of burglars and as yet no clue to the identity has been reported, nor any of the goods found. This time Mr. Brown suspects local parties and nothing will be left undone to unravel the mystery and bring the perpetrators to justice.

Charge Wheat Smuggling.

Joe Catherwood, a prominent real estate dealer at Hannah, and an employee named Michael Young, were arrested on a charge of smuggling 850 bushels of Canadian wheat to an elevator at Hannah. Catherwood claims that he did not intend to defraud the government, but that he expected to make a settlement with the customs officer, paying 25 cents per bushel for the wheat as soon as he found out how much there was.

The difference in the price of wheat in Canada and this country has led many to take long chances, and there have been numerous arrests on smuggling charges within the last month. Half a dozen or more cases of this character will be brought to the attention of the federal grand jury.

Smart Horse.

Peter Marsolek, of Courtenay, has a horse which is 21 years old and his intelligence seems to have increased as he advanced in years. Peter lives several miles west of town and drives in every morning in time to go to work on the section. One morning he hitched up the horse a few minutes later than usual, and before he could get into the buggy the animal started for town and Peter after him. The horse came at about his usual gait and walked up to the post where he had been in the habit of being tied and waited for his master to catch up with him. This may be an example of the force of habit, but the horse seemed to know what he was doing.

Dead Body.

At Churches Ferry, the body of a unknown man was found in a Great Northern freight car. An empty bottle lay beside the body which had contained carbolic acid. Doctors assert that the man had been dead for a week.

The box car in which the body was found came from Minneapolis and was sidetracked, later being hauled to Churches Ferry. Coroner Nimo held an inquest, the jury returning a verdict of death from carbolic acid either at the hand of the dead man or unknown persons.

The dead man was about twenty-five years of age; weighed 170 pounds; had light-red hair, and probably was a Swede.

Struck a Pole.

A Wells county farmer collided at night with a telegraph pole set in the road and was thrown from his rig and rendered unconscious for some time. When discovered his nose was found torn off and bent down over his mouth, while the eyelid of the left eye was torn and hung over his cheek. A physician did some good work on him and it is expected he will save the nose. How he was so horribly mutilated is a mystery.

News Notes.

Binford is now doing his talking by long distance phone.

Several carloads of flour have been shipped from Bathgate to Brazil.

There seems to have been many more holdups in the northwest this season than usual.

The Fifth district seems to be the only one in the state that elected a democratic senator this year.

The treasury department at Washington has authorized the collector of customs at Toronto to accept Canadian wheat on board cars at Sherwood.

There is still a good deal of threatening to be done in the northern portion of the state. Threshers have boosted their prices because of the abundance of work and the scarcity of machines. In Ramsey county a bootlegger shipped in three barrels of beer and the people of the town decided that the best way to save the place from disgrace was to destroy the beer. They drank it up—at the expense of the stranger.

Asa Patterson was elected state attorney of Berleigh county by over 100 votes more than his opponent, Allen.

THE NEWS IN BRIEF.

For the Week Ending Nov. 10. The Lettice academy at Cairo, Ill., burned, loss, \$20,000.

A run on the Berlin national bank at Berlin, Wis., caused the institution to close its doors.

Fire in the Arcade department store and the Decatur hotel at Decatur, Ill., caused a total loss of \$125,000.

James Cooney, ex-congressman of the Seventh Missouri district, died at his home in Marshall, Mo., of pneumonia.

Turkey has ordered 100 new batteries of artillery from German, French and English factories at a cost of \$10,000,000.

The malt house of the Frank Jones Brewing company's immense plant at Portsmouth, N. H., was ruined by fire, entailing a loss of \$150,000.

State Representative Henry Burbaum was held for the grand jury by the municipal court in Boston on a charge of embezzling \$3,000.

A dispatch from Constantinople says that negotiations have been resumed for raising the American legation to the rank of an embassy.

A note just issued thanks those in America, Great Britain and India whose good wishes have helped Lady Curzon much during her terrible illness.

Prince Fushimi, of Japan, visited Mount Vernon, placed a wreath on the tomb of Washington and planted a tree on the old estate of the first president.

A Santa Fe passenger train jumped the track in the yards at Ardmore, Tex. Engineer H. E. Bemis, of Clerburne, was caught under the engine and scalded to death.

Burglars wrecked the safe in William H. Hillard's store at North Stonington, Conn., and obtained booty valued at nearly \$6,000, principally in bonds and stocks.

The Hotel Olympia, at Olympia, Wash., one of the largest frame hotel buildings in the state, has been burned to the ground. The loss will aggregate \$160,000.

The entire business district of the town of Dublin, Miss., with the exception of one building, was wiped out by fire Wednesday. The loss is estimated at \$50,000.

Three hundred cottages on the Urbana Chataqua camp grounds, 12 miles north of Springfield, O., were destroyed by fire. Loss, over \$100,000, and no insurance.

The big freight steamer Mohawk, of the Central Vermont railroad's fleet, burned to the water's edge off Horton's Point in Long Island sound. One life was lost.

W. C. Rugh was arrested at Muskogee, I. T., charged with embezzlement of \$3,000 four years ago from a publishing firm for which he was manager at St. Louis.

The monument erected by the state of Maine in memory of its soldiers who died during the civil war in prison at Andersonville, Ga., was unveiled with appropriate ceremonies.

Taylor Delk, a white convict sent up for life as a result of one of the most famous murder trials in the state, is dead at the state prison farm at Milledgeville, Ga.

John G. Hecksher, father-in-law of Mayor McClellan, of New York, was knocked down and trampled upon by a team of horses during the New York horse show. He was badly hurt.

Secretary Shaw has announced a call upon national banks holding government deposits to the amount of 25 per cent. of their holdings. This, the secretary estimates, will bring into the treasury about \$25,000,000.

With a capital stock of \$25,000,000 a company has been incorporated for the purpose of building a model oriental city on the bay shore at South San Francisco, Cal., and moving the Chinese quarters to that place.

John A. Fagg, former clerk in the registry division of the post office at Kansas City, Mo., found guilty of stealing a package containing \$8,000, was sentenced to four years at hard labor in the state penitentiary.

An automobile plunged over a high bank at Los Angeles, Cal., and Humphrey Praed, assistant general manager of the San Jacinto Land company, of Riverside, Cal., was instantly killed and Miss Mina Rudolph, leading lady of the "San Toy" opera company, and C. S. Fry, chauffeur, seriously hurt.

THE MARKETS.

New York, Nov. 10.

Table with market data for various commodities including LIVE STOCK, SHEEP, FLOUR, WHEAT, CORN, etc.

CHICAGO.

Table with market data for various commodities including CATTLE, HOGS, SHEEP, BUTTER, etc.

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