

The hay crop of Nebraska is reported very large this year, the western counties of the state leading in the production.

A "hat" shop was opened in London by the Countess Fabricotti recently. Livered footmen handed around tea and cakes.

Soldiers in France are allowed to cultivate gardens in any spare ground about barracks and to help out their rations by growing vegetables.

It is reported that many Scotch herring fishers and curers are to be brought over to develop the herring fisheries off the British Columbia coast.

The Sultan of Turkey strenuously objects to darkness and his apartments in the palace and the surrounding gardens as well are flooded with light every night.

The ink plant of New Granada is a curiosity. The juice of it can be used as ink without any preparation. At first the writing is red, but after a few hours it changes to black.

The oldest umbrella in the continuous service of one man in Kansas City is the claim made by C. W. Wilson, for the weather stick which he has carried continuously since 1868.

A curious club has been formed by certain women of Berlin. The chief qualification for membership is that the applicant must be deaf. A hundred members meet weekly in Wilhelmstrasse, where they drink tea as they converse in the sign language or with the aid of ear trumpets.

Hand grenades, which have been practically out of date for a century, have been employed by both sides in the Russo-Japanese war so extensively that it seems possible that their use and manipulation may enter into the general curriculum of the soldiers training in our own and other modern European armies. Time was when these deadly missiles were carried by a number of the biggest and strongest soldiers in every infantry regiment.

According to Mr. J. D. Dargan, president of an Atlanta, Ga., insurance company, the life insurance premiums collected in 12 southern states during the calendar year 1904 amounted to \$50,856,667. The states here included are the Confederate States, the large sum paid in premiums, all but a little more than half a million was paid to northern companies. New York companies collected almost 60 per cent. of the total.

Tons of paper are used for building purposes every year. Garments made of paper, spun with cotton, are to be found on sale in every city in the land. Collars, cuffs and shirt bosoms, otherwise known as "dickies," have long been worn at one-tenth the cost of linen. Bonnets and crepe paper hats are made for women. Paper buttons are a part of many pieces of wearing apparel which you buy. Considerable paper is used as stiffening for dresses. Shoes and slippers are also manufactured of paper.

Under the act just passed by the Pennsylvania legislature for the annexation of Allegheny to Pittsburgh the latter will become one of the country's great cities. The annexation idea will have to be ratified by a vote of the people of the two towns before it can become operative, but this aspect seems assured. In 1900 Pittsburgh had 321,616 inhabitants and Allegheny 129,896, a total of 451,512. The cities which had more than that number of people were New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis, Boston and Baltimore.

There is encouraging evidence that the lynching mania is dying out in the South under the pressure of public sentiment and the vigorous action of such men as Gov. Yandaman, of Mississippi. The year thus far has recorded fewer of these cases of mob violence than any similar period for a number of years. Repression of this form of violence and lawlessness will be further promoted by the action of the supreme court of Mississippi, in affirming the sentence of a white man to a life term in the penitentiary for assault upon a black girl.

Within a radius of one hundred and fifty miles from Los Angeles, Cal., more varieties of products from the soil are produced than any one could imagine. And a majority of the products yield handsome returns on the investment. Every year some new experiment is tried in the horticultural line in southern California, and it is only a question of time when the orange crop will be secondary in importance to some crop that will yield more with less outlay and less work. Experiments are now being made with pineapples.

The feat of writing the Lord's Prayer upon a space which a six-pence would cover is so familiar as to cease to be wonderful; but one can not resist a tribute of genuine astonishment to a man who can write the whole of our national anthem along the thin edge of an ordinary visiting card, and who has actually penned biographies of King Edward and several members of his family upon a tiny grain of wheat. Such a microscopic "calligraphist" is M. J. Sofer, a French gentleman, who, we should say, could safely challenge the whole world.

Of all the strange lesser ills to which the human mind is heir, surely one of the commonest is that odd self-delusion known to medical science as folie de doute. One of the most ordinary manifestations of this peculiarity is the unreasonable uncertainty which is often felt on retiring to bed as to whether the lights below have been properly extinguished or the windows and doors securely fastened. This seems to be so general an experience that there are probably few persons responsible for such daily duties who have had this trouble.

UNCLE SAM TO PORTO RICO: "AND TO THINK THAT BAD BOY CAME NEAR BEING YOUR BROTHER!"



PACKERS ESCAPE JAIL. Officials of Big Company Admit Taking Rebates and Are Fined Total of \$25,000.

Chicago, Sept. 22.—Four officials of Schwarzschild & Sulzberger, the packing firm, Thursday pleaded guilty to indictments charging them with conspiracy to accept railroad rebates. The plea was entered before Judge J. Otis Humphrey in the United States district court, by Attorney I. K. Boyesen, of counsel for the company. It was declared that unless at least one of the cases was immediately settled, the life of Samuel Well, 65 years old, vice president of the company, one defendant, was in jeopardy. He is said to be a nervous wreck, and it was feared he would attempt to harm himself if allowed to continue to live under the stigma of an indictment.

This marked the first victory of the government in its prosecution of the packing companies in what are known as the "beef trust cases."

The four men who pleaded guilty, and the fines imposed upon them, are as follows: Samuel Well, vice president of the concern, living in New York; fined \$10,000. Both S. Cusey, traffic manager, formerly indicted for interfering with government witnesses; fined \$5,000. Vance D. Skipworth, assistant traffic manager; fined \$5,000. Chess E. Todd, assistant traffic manager, fined \$5,000.

A certified check for \$25,000 was handed the clerk of the court, and the four defendants were released. The charge of interference with government witnesses, made in a previous indictment returned against Cusey and other Schwarzschild & Sulzberger men.

Well and his business associates were indicted by the famous "beef" grand jury that returned indictments against the other packers, in addition to departmental heads in the packing houses.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE. Important Topics Are to Be Discussed—Will Return to Washington in a Few Days.

Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 25.—President Roosevelt will complete his summer sojourn at Sagamore Hill and return to Washington next Saturday.

Three topics, highly important at this time to the American people, will be discussed by the president in his message. They are the federal regulation and supervision of life insurance, the relations between this country and Venezuela and America's interest in the fiscal affairs of the government of Santo Domingo. Other important subjects naturally will be considered, among them the scandals disclosed in the departments of agriculture and the interior; the work of the department of justice in the beef trust cases; the progress made in the construction of the Panama canal, and the conclusion of peace between Russia and Japan.

Ex-Gov. Hamilton Dead. Chicago, Sept. 25.—John Marshall Hamilton, governor of Illinois from February 6, 1883, to January 30, 1885, died early Saturday morning at his residence, No. 4720 Madison avenue. His wife and children were at his side at the time. His death, which resulted from congestion of various organs of the body, was unexpected. Mr. Hamilton having considered himself on the road to recovery from an illness which came upon him early in July. Mr. Hamilton was 68 years old.

New Forest Reserve. Oyster Bay, N. Y., Sept. 25.—President Roosevelt has signed an executive order creating the Dixie forest reserve in Utah. The new reserve embraces 465,900 acres, 94 per cent. of which is public lands, in Washington and Iron counties, in the southern part of Utah.

Took His Own Life. Aurora, Ind., Sept. 26.—Charles W. Smith, of Aurora, traveling salesman for J. C. Kerr company, wholesale grocers, of Cincinnati, committed suicide by shooting himself at the Campbell hotel Monday.

Hanged. Ardmore, I. T., Sept. 23.—Rufus Binyon (colored), who murdered his step-daughter at Ran, in 1900, was executed here Friday in the rear of the federal jail in a stockade built for the purpose. There were no witnesses. This was the first legal execution ever held in this district.

Ex-Governor Dies. Providence, R. I., Sept. 23.—Henry Howard, formerly governor of Rhode Island and a leading manufacturer, died at his home in Harris Friday night, aged 78 years.

Equals World's Record. Readville, Mass., Sept. 23.—Audubon Boy equaled the world's record for pacing, held by Star Pointer, at the Readville Trotting park Friday afternoon, traveling an exhibition mile in 1:59.4. The pacer went the mile alone, the running horse giving out shortly after the start.

Fatally Burned. Nardin, Okla., Sept. 23.—Mrs. Louisa Chambers, wife of the cashier of the Nardin bank, and her four-months-old child were fatally burned in a gasoline explosion here Friday.

Victim of Heart Disease. Philadelphia, Sept. 26.—Rev. W. W. McKinley, for 16 years editor of the Presbyterian and also pastor of the Chambers Memorial Presbyterian church at Rutledge, Pa., died suddenly Monday from heart disease. Dr. McKinley was 68 years old.

Snow in New Hampshire. Mount Washington, N. H., Sept. 26.—Snow to a depth of six inches on Monday covered the summit of Mount Washington and lay on the ground to a lesser depth as far down as the Half-Way house. The thermometer registered 26.

BANK FAILS. Institution in Kansas City Goes into Voluntary Liquidation—The Cause.

Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 26.—The Kansas City state bank, Wiley O. Cox, president, failed to open its doors Monday, having gone into voluntary liquidation. The bank had loaned \$168,000 to the bank of Salmon & Salmon at Clinton, Mo., which failed last July, catching depositors for several hundred thousand dollars. The Kansas City state bank was organized in 1888 and had a capital of \$200,000. The last statement showed loans of \$1,000,000; deposits, \$4,750,000; surplus, \$14,000. Ever since the failure of the Salmon & Salmon bank at Clinton, Mo., the bank's business has been on a decline. Many large depositors withdrew their accounts because of the fact that the bank had advanced the Salmons more than \$200,000 on collateral that is now said by bankers to be gilt-edged. At that time the value of the collateral was problematical and timid depositors hastened to close their accounts. This caused a heavy drain on the resources of the bank, and in order to avert trouble, the officers of the institution decided upon liquidation as the easiest way out of a perplexing financial tangle. The Kansas City state bank holds \$567,000 of the city's money. Wiley O. Cox, president of the Kansas City state bank, is one of the oldest and best-known men in Missouri. The Fidelity Trust company volunteered to pay the city treasury the amount of the city's funds on deposit in the Kansas City state bank, but the money was not withdrawn.

WILL SEPARATE. Norway and Sweden Reach Agreement for Dissolution and War Is Averted.

Karlstad, Spain, Sept. 25.—An agreement was reached Saturday morning on the terms of the dissolution of the union of Norway and Sweden.

Stockholm, Sept. 26.—The text of the protocol signed at Karlstad Saturday by the Norwegian-Swedish delegates appointed to arrange the terms for the dissolution of the union of Norway and Sweden subject to the ratification of the riksdag and storting has been secured. The historic document, which will become a treaty when ratified by the two parliaments, consists of five main articles and 35 subclauses. The first article deals with arbitration; the second with the neutral zone and the demolition of the fortifications; the third with reindeer pastures, etc.; the fourth with intertraffic, and the fifth with common waterways. The agreement provides for the compulsory arbitration before the Hague court of all disputes except matters of vital interest for the period of a decade with extensions for other periods of ten years unless two years' previous notice is given of an intention to abrogate it.

The treaty provides for a zone on either side of the frontier which shall forever be neutral and for the demolition of the fortresses within that zone with the exception of the old portions of the fortifications of Fredrikstad, Gyldeboe and Overberget, which may remain but which are not to be used as fortifications.

BOMB KILLS FIVE. Outrage in Peking—Twenty Wounded—Wa Ting Fang Among Those Injured.

Peking, Sept. 25.—At the Peking railway station Sunday, as a train carrying one of the four missions ordered abroad to study foreign political methods was leaving, a bomb was exploded inside a private car, killing four minor officials and wounding over 20 other persons. The perpetrator of the outrage, who was in the car, was blown to pieces. The wounded included Prince Tsai Tche, who heads the most important of the missions, and Wu Ting Fang, former minister to the United States, both of whom received slight injuries.

Sherrick Denies Charges. Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 22.—David E. Sherrick, deposed auditor of state, late Thursday night gave out the first public statement he has made since Gov. Hanly forced him to resign his office. The statement, Mr. Sherrick explained, was only preparatory to a more detailed one that he will give out later. Until his complete explanation is made, Mr. Sherrick in his statement asks the people of the state to withhold judgment in the matter of his exposure.

Alleged Slugger Confesses. Chicago, Sept. 21.—George Meller, president of the Carriage and Wagon Workers' union, local No. 4, caused a sensation in the trial of the 12 union officials and alleged sluggers in Judge Chetlain's court Wednesday by pleading guilty. He is expected to turn state's evidence, and lay bare the black secrets of the union's arrangements for hiring and directing "wrecking crews."

Once Ran for Governor. Bridgeport, Conn., Sept. 26.—John A. Norton, once a candidate for governor of the state on the socialist ticket, committed suicide Monday by inhaling gas through a tube which he attached to a jet. Norton was 46 years old and for years had been prominent as a socialist leader.

Komura Soon to Leave. New York, Sept. 26.—Baron Komura, the Japanese peace envoy, has so far recovered from his illness that he will start on his journey to Japan on Wednesday.

Fighting in East Africa. Berlin, Sept. 25.—The government has received information from German East Africa that attacks by the rebels on Mahenge have been successfully repulsed, that the Mrogoro rebels lost 350 killed and the Grawerth column had arrived at Kilwa, after inflicting severe losses on the rebels in six fights.

Sunken Battleship Floated. Tokyo, Sept. 25.—The Russian battleship Retvizan, which was sunk at Port Arthur, was refloated by Japanese engineers Friday.

CUBAN STATESMAN SLAIN. Villuendas, Leader of Liberal Party, Killed in Fight at Cienfuegos—Other Deaths.

Havana, Sept. 23.—Official dispatches received from Cienfuegos announce the killing of Congressman Enrique Villuendas, leader of the liberal party, and the most able orator in the lower house, and the chief of police of Cienfuegos, during a conflict between the two political parties, the liberals and moderates. The government advises that the police had information that within the hotel in which Villuendas resided a quantity of arms had been deposited, and they went to the hotel to investigate the matter. As the police ascended the stairs they were met by a party of liberals, who fired on them, killing Chief of Police Villuendas and wounding several others.

A dispatch from Cienfuegos says that six persons were killed and 25 wounded during the conflict. Dispatches to the government say that, besides Congressman Villuendas and Chief of Police Villuendas, two policemen were killed and a number of policemen and civilians wounded.

Intense excitement prevails at Cienfuegos and Havana. As the news spread throughout Havana the liberals and moderates rapidly gathered in their respective clubs and it is feared that unless the leaders give wise counsel a clash may result.

Acting on the advice of Senator Friar, the government sent a train of five cars loaded with rural guards, the largest number of whom are destined for Cienfuegos, while the others will be distributed in Matanzas and Santa Clara, where advice received by the government indicate serious trouble may occur at any time. The train also carries artillery and the troops are supplied with 12,000 rounds of ammunition.

Havana, Sept. 25.—Cuba has held her first election, the moderates have won a victory and the fears which have been expressed for several weeks that the day would be fraught with great disorder were not realized, though they seemed justified on the occurrence at Cienfuegos of the affray in which Representative Villuendas, Chief of Police Villuendas and four others were killed. The result of the primaries is that President Palma seems certain of reelection on December 1.

MONARCHY FACES CRISIS. Serious Danger of Hungarian Revolution in Austria—Censure for Franz Josef.

London, Sept. 26.—Special dispatches from Budapest to this morning's London newspapers indicate that the excitement consequent on the strained relations between the crown and the united opposition in the Hungarian diet is increasing and that, while the leaders of the coalition parties are counseling the emperor to refrain from violating the law, inflammatory speeches are being made by prominent persons in various circles of the country, and that, probably for the first time, the personal popularity of the king-emperor is being assailed.

The executive committee of the coalition parties, summoned to discuss the situation arising from the ultimatum presented to the Hungarian leaders by the king-emperor, has passed what amounts to a severe vote of censure of his majesty and his advisers. In the resolution the committee expresses the deepest regret that the king-emperor did not listen to the statesmen summoned by him to Vienna, who represent the majority in the Hungarian parliament and constitute the leaders of the nation in its public affairs.

Assets Under the Hammer. Milwaukee, Sept. 26.—A large portion of the remaining assets of the estate of Frank G. Bigelow, the defaulting bank president, were disposed of at public auction Monday to the highest bidders by the Wisconsin Trust company, trustee. The assets, which consist of stocks and bonds in mining and industrial companies, brought approximately about 20 per cent. of their appraised value. With about three-fourths of the list disposed of Monday approximately \$156,000 was realized.

Auto Causes Fatal Accident. Hammond, Ind., Sept. 26.—Asa Bullock, a prominent attorney of northern Indiana, is dead at his home in Hobart, and his daughter, Jessie Bullock, is seriously injured as the result of an automobile accident. While driving on a country road, near here, Monday afternoon the horse became frightened at a passing automobile, and plunged down a steep embankment. Bullock was extricated from beneath the horse and lived only a short time. The girl's body was badly crushed.

Big Building Collapses. Buffalo, N. Y., Sept. 26.—With a crash that could be heard for blocks, a three-story brick building under course of construction on West Ferry street collapsed Monday afternoon, carrying down with it 30 bricklayers and carpenters, who were at work in and on top of the structure. A score of men were injured, eight of them seriously.

Courthouse Burned. New Madrid, Mo., Sept. 25.—The courthouse here was burned at an early hour Sunday morning. The fire is thought to have been incendiary. Many tax and drainage records were destroyed, but the other records were saved. Six murder trials are pending, but all indictments returned at this term were burned, which may make continuances necessary.

Preliminary Peace Signed. Baku, Sept. 25.—A preliminary peace agreement between the Tartars and the Armenians was signed Sunday.

Sad Fate of Two Children. Traverse City, Mich., Sept. 22.—Two young children of Albert Bresthag, Violet, aged 11, and Harry, aged nine years, were smothered to death Wednesday by the cave-in of a playhouse they were digging in the side of a hill on their father's farm near here. Their bodies were not found until night.

Alfonso Signs Treaty. San Sebastian, Spain, Sept. 25.—King Alfonso Thursday signed a treaty of general arbitration between Spain and Belgium.

FLICKERTAIL NUGGETS. Arthur—Tom Burgum lost a barn by fire.

Bowbells—A lot of the wheat around here has been stacked.

Bowbells—An injunction has been served on the blind piggers.

Kenmare—A local man won seventeen prizes on cattle at the state fair.

Casselton—Enos Gray, reports some fine corn on his farm near Absaraka.

Tower—The The City Telephone company has over 100 rural subscribers.

Grand Forks—The brick and stone work on the postoffice has been completed.

Rugby—W. C. McClintock, of the Merchants National bank, may start a bank at Tioga.

Fargo—It is said the potato crop in this state is fairly good outside the Red River Valley.

Bowbells—The Bulletin wants the people to effect more organizations and have fun this winter.

Steele—There is a rush to secure lands in the irrigation districts in the western part of the state.

Devils Lake—Lake Irvine is to be lowered and several thousand acres of hay lands will be created.

Crystal—The Pembina county authorities raided the blind pigs and gathered in a few culprits.

Minot—Some new Asiatic wheat is being raised in Ward county and is said to be exceptionally prolific.

Pengree—A 12-year-old girl was accidentally shot in the abdomen by her uncle near here. She may recover.

Jamestown—Stutsman county has a farmer who raised forty-eight bushels of macaroni wheat per acre. Next.

Jamestown—There are 511 patients enrolled at the state hospital for the insane. Some of these are on parole.

Buford—Duck hunting is reported to be exceptionally fine sport on the Missouri river and adjacent streams.

Dickey—Two men were arrested on charges of blind pigging, one got bonds and the other had to go to jail.

Casselton—A loafer was offered a job at \$2.50 per day and refused it. Deputy Sheriff Ross ordered him out of town.

Windale—S. Glover has been out west, where he purchased 18,000 sheep to be fed on his farm this fall for the eastern markets.

Casselton—The fire department had three fire alarms in four days. The Niles packing house was one of the buildings destroyed.

Bathgate—Frank Myrick, Jr., a well known resident, had his leg broken by the overturning of a water tank on which he was riding.

Casselton—The city council has passed an ordinance limiting the speed of trains to the main part of the city to eight miles an hour.

Minot—The blind piggers of Ward county are getting their places on wheels since State's Attorney McGee has shown so much activity.

Wahpeton—Eugene Schuler "grub staked" a Colorado prospector a few years ago and now has an interest in a fine piece of mining property.

Bismarck—The North Dakota lignite coal is all right for producing heating gas, though it is said not to be particularly good for illuminating purposes.

Rugby—Thrashing returns about here are very satisfactory. Thirty bushels per acre is not an unusual yield here, and yields in the 20's is quite the rule.

Hannah—Some of the people would like to have a village marshal appointed to take care of some of the unruly characters who infest the town during the thrashing season.

Rugby—The land in the northwest part of the state is advancing so rapidly in price that the state school lands are being withheld from the market for another year.

Oberon—The section of the state along the Jamestown and Northern branch of the Northern Pacific is said to have about as fine a crop as is being threshed in any section of the state.

Fargo—The Northwestern Telephone company is putting in extra wires between here and Jamestown. The new line will be used entirely on local business, leaving the old for through business.

Fargo—Within fifty days forty-two banks have been established in the state. The organization of practically a new bank a day for a couple of months is going some and there are places still unoccupied.

MAN'S SMALL ANNOYANCE. Some men only need one match to light their pipes, unless it happens to be the last match.

Isn't it expediting to have the bill collector drop into your office just as a friend is paying back the ten dollars you loaned him six months ago?

Doesn't it make you mad after waiting 20 minutes for your favorite barber to get through shaving a man to have the customer sit up in the chair and order a hair cut and a shampoo?

No sooner does a man swear off smoking than his friends present him with cigars of every description; before swearing off he had a hard time borrowing the "makings" of a "cigarette."

Isn't it annoying to keep your seat in a street car while some woman stands, and when you get to the end of your journey discover that the standing female is an old friend of the family?

Wireless in New Zealand. The New Zealand postmaster general hopes, with the cooperation of Australia, to have wireless telegraphy established across the Tasman sea within 12 months. The cost will be £28,000.

Actually Return. "Did he actually dare to steal a kiss from you?" "Yes; but I made him put it back."—Royal Magazine.

IN THE BEST OF HEALTH SINCE TAKING PE-RU-NA.



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