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FALLS OUT OF WINDOW.

Consul Adelbert Hay Dies in New Haven.

New Haven, Conn., June 23.—Adelbert Hay, son of Secretary Hay, was found dead at 2:30 this morning in front of the New Haven house.

He was found by a policeman and an ambulance surgeon's examination showed his skull to have been fractured. He is supposed to have fallen or jumped from a window.

He was a graduate of the class of '98, Yale, and has been here two days to attend the commencement exercises.

Young Hay's principal claim to public notice was from the fact that he was appointed to the consulship at Pretoria during the English-Boer war and represented the United States during the active phases of that struggle.

Consul Marcum became involved in a struggle with the English government owing to the Boer sympathies and charged that the English violated the sanctity of the American consulate's mail at Cape Town. The state department refused to countenance the charges and Marcum started home to substantiate them. When he arrived at Washington the state department did not support his position and Marcum left the consular service.

Adelbert Hay then came into public notice for the first time by being appointed to the consulship at the seat of the Boer government, the English even prior to the war maintaining control of the foreign affairs of the Transvaal and allowing no foreign power to maintain a greater representation than consul at the seat of the Boer government.

SMALL POX SPREADING.

A More Rigid Quarantine Needed on The Flathead Reservation.

Major Smead, Flathead reservation agent, states that the condition of smallpox existing on the reservation is creating much fear among the officials that the epidemic may assume more serious proportions than were calculated upon.

WOULD RESERVE REVENUE.

Engineers Propose a Plan for Reclaiming Arid Lands.

Cheyenne, Wyo., June 22.—At a joint meeting of the state engineers and senators and representatives of western states held in this city a bill was prepared by a committee embodying a scheme for governmental aid in the reclamation of the arid region. A meeting of the western states' delegation is to be held in Washington just prior to the next session of congress, when this bill will be considered for introduction in congress and a plan of action decided upon to secure its passage.

It is proposed that all money received from the sale of public lands in western states, beginning June 30, 1902, shall be reserved for the benefit of the state or territory in which the lands are sold, to be kept in a special fund known as the arid land reclamation fund.

To Release Luzon Prisoners.

Manila, June 24.—In consequence of the surrender of General Cailles, all the insurgent prisoners on Luzon island will be released. Information from native sources confirms the reports that General Malvar will soon surrender.

GREAT RAIN.

Three Inches of Rainfall in About Seven Hours at Culbertson.

Reports have been received that the greatest rain storm in thirteen years occurred the first of the first of the week in Valley county, extending west almost to Havre.

The Culbertson, the weather observer reported, the unprecedented precipitation of three inches in seven hours.

The storm was accompanied by much lightning and it is feared that considerable damage may have been done, but it is not yet possible to get reports.

Trains on that division of the Great Northern were delayed by small washouts and telegraph wires were down, but there was no great damage done to the track.

New Passenger Depot.

Havre, June 23.—Word has been received here from St. Paul that the Great Northern Railroad company has decided to build a handsome new passenger station at Havre. The company is increasing its facilities here as a division headquarters, this being the junction point with the Montana Central railroad.

WATER SPOUT.

One Boy is Drowned at Miles City and Many Narrow Escapes.

Miles City, June 22.—While a fishing party, composed of A. T. Martin, Joseph Jordan and Mrs. Sam Weaver with children belonging to themselves and others, were fording Paddy creek, a small tributary on the west side of the Tongue river, between 3 and 4 this afternoon a big wave resulting from a cloud burst in the hills, came down and swamped Martin's wagon, which was in the stream, drowning the team and carrying them off and the wagon.

There were about eighteen children on the wagon, but all were saved except Arthur Weaver, the 14 year-old son of Sam Weaver, who disappeared and has not been found.

McKinley Will Come West Again.

New York, June 22.—In an interview today with ex-Senator Carter, of Montana, the president told him he would make a trip to the Pacific coast and west in July next year provided the session of congress does not extend beyond the first of that month.

If the congress session should be unusually long the trip will be made in the summer of 1903. The objective point of the tour will be the Puget sound region of Washington and points in Montana, but the visit to the Yellowstone park and other places which were to have been made this summer will not be included in the journey.

AFTER THE LOCO WEED.

Botanical Experts Investigating Peculiarities of Poisonous Plants.

Dr. M. E. Knowles, state veterinarian, Prof. V. K. Chestnut, who is investigating poisonous plants for the government, and Dr. Hunt, who is acting in a like capacity for the agricultural college, will leave tomorrow night for Big Coulee, about forty miles north of Merrill, where they will make a careful investigation of characteristics of the loco weed and, which works such disaster with sheep and horses on the range.

The party will be in the field for several days and will conduct what will be the first scientific investigation of its kind instituted in this state. The weed has long been a menace to stockmen and an effort is to be made to discover its active principle that in the future precautionary measures may be prescribed that will enable the stockmen in a measure to overcome its effects and eradicate it from the ranges.

The state and federal authorities are co-operating in their efforts to learn more of the character of loco, and Dr. Knowles stated today that he expected that it would not be a great while until he would be able to announce an analysis of the plant. Emil Starz, who is accredited with being one of the most thorough and resourceful chemists in the northwest has been engaged in a like capacity in connection with the investigation of other poisonous plants.

The weed grows about eight inches in height and blossoms in June. As yet it is not known whether the weed is dangerous before or after it blossoms, but the supposition is that it is poisonous at all times. It is to determine these facts that an investigation is now being made.—Helena Herald.

Dates of County Institutes.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction Welch has announced the dates for holding the county institutes. Among them are the following: Great Falls, October 1 to 4; Choteau, October 3 to 5; Kalispell, October 8 to 11; Fort Benton, October 10 to 12.

A Terrific Storm.

Glendive, June 21.—A terrific thunder storm swept through the eastern part of Dawson county this afternoon. Several hundred sheep were killed. Lightning struck many places. A large crowd had just dispersed from Gus Sun's show when lightning struck the tent pole and tore the top of it into shreds. No one was seriously injured.

QUITE A BATTLE

In Which the Boers Seem to Have Had the Best of It.

Gradock, Cape Colony, June 22.—In the engagement at Waterkloof June 20, the British lost twenty men killed and two mortally wounded. In addition sixty-six men of the Cape mounted rifles were captured. The captain of the Boer squadron is reported to have been wounded and one Boer was killed.

COLORED REGIMENTS.

Arrive From the Philippines and Will Be Mustered Out.

San Francisco, June 24.—The army transport Grant arrived from Manila today with the Forty-eighth and Forty-ninth volunteer infantry. The regiments are colored and were recruited in the south and have been for nearly two years in the Philippines. The regiments will be mustered out of the service within two weeks. There were seventy-six cabin passengers on the Grant, mostly army officers at liberty on furlough.

The transport Hancock will sail for Manila tomorrow.

Adjutant General Corbin will take passage for the islands on this steamer. He will arrive here from Washington tonight.

Combination on Foot.

London, June 24.—This morning's Times has a Vienna special saying there is a Pan-European combination against the United States on foot.

Good Position for Webster.

Internal Revenue Collector Charles M. Webster, who will be succeeded by E. H. Callister, of Salt Lake, July 1, was Monday appointed collector of customs for the district of Montana, to succeed David G. Browne, with headquarters at Great Falls. It is probable that Mr. Webster will take charge of the office of collector of customs July 1, though he has not yet received instructions to that effect.

Mr. Webster's term as collector of internal revenue will expire with the end of the fiscal year, July 1, at which time he will turn over the office to his successor.

The stamp office will be retained in Helena and Mrs. Freuch, who has been Mr. Webster's chief deputy, will have charge of it. She will also probably go to Salt Lake to assist in the opening of the new office.

MUCH WIDER RANGE

In the Values of Beef Cattle in Chicago at This Time Last Year.

Comparison of values for cattle today with one year ago show a much wider range than at that time, says the Chicago Drovers' Journal. The best beef grades are selling close to 50 cents higher than at that time, while the lower grades are close to 25 cents lower. Common steers and feeders are selling close to 75 cents lower than one year ago, while the best grades of young cattle are selling at almost the same level as at this time last year.

Fat cows and heifers are a big 25 cents higher than one year ago, and the common grades 25 cents or more cheaper, while calves and bulls are selling right at the level values at this time last year. Heavy hogs today are about \$1, and the light close to \$1.10 higher than one year ago, while sheep are 75 cents to \$1 and spring lambs close to \$2 lower than at this time last year.

This condition of trade in cattle and hogs should be very satisfactory to farmers and feeders, and the prices for sheep and lambs are not so discouragingly low except as compared with the inflated prices that were paid the first half of last year.

Brought a Good Price.

The recent sale of the Baldwin Seep and Land company's wool clip, of Hay Creek, Ore., including that of 1900 and 1901, aggregating nearly 1,000,000 pounds, is spoken of by our Oregon exchanges as the leading event in wool circles in their state. The wool was put up at auction and sold to the highest bidder, bringing 12 1/2 cents per pound. Nearly all the great wool firms of the United States were represented on the occasion, names of many of the representatives present being familiar to the wool-growers of this section.

Wreck on Great Northern.

Glasgow, Mont., June 24.—The westbound passenger train collided with a box car on the main line of the Great Northern at White Earth, N. D., early this morning and derailed the train, killing one tramp and badly injuring another. Both men were riding on the blind baggage. The body of the dead man was sent to Minot and the injured one taken there for medical attention. Nothing on the body served to identify the man who was killed.

GO AND MINE SAPPHIRES.

Deer Lodge Paper's Advice to Owners of Idle Dredges.

The two dredges operating near the mouth of the Alter gulch canyon, near Virginia City, have suspended operations temporarily, the reason assigned being a disagreement among the stockholders, says the Deer Lodge Silver State. While they are resting if they will bring them over to Dry Cottonwood, southwest of Deer Lodge, and put them to work on the Pike County Placer company's ground, they'll get all kinds of best grade sapphires, besides the yellow.

This ground has been exploited and judged to yield \$750 to \$100 to the man, produced under a pipe but it is more suitable for dredging.

IS UNITED STATES TERRITORY.

Mistake Made in Survey of Line Between U. S. and Canada.

George E. Wieher, of Portland, a surveyor in the employ of the United States government, was in the city yesterday, says the Great Falls Tribune, and left over the Great Falls & Canada to join at Coult's a surveying crew that will spend several months in determining the line of the international boundary along nearly the entire northern boundary of the state. The survey that was made several years ago was incomplete, and while monuments to designate the boundary were placed, many of them were not correctly located and some are known to be too far south.

If the survey shows what it is expected to reveal, it is apt to lead to an international controversy, as it is believed that a considerable area of valuable territory that is now, and for years has been, supposed to belong to Canada will be found to be a portion of Montana.

The discrepancies between the old survey and the position of several monuments along the international boundary were called to the attention of the government by railroad surveyors who worked in that vicinity last season, and the variance is so much in instances that it is considered extremely probable that Cardston and other Mormon settlements in that section will be found to be in United States territory. All the land in that vicinity has been occupied by virtue of Canadian grants, and the great canal of the Canadian Northwest Irrigation company traverses a portion of the territory that may be in dispute.

According to the reports made by the surveyors, some of the monuments that mark the boundary are forty miles south of the places where they should be. At one place there is no monument at the place where it should be, in order to be properly aligned with the others, but it is found about six miles south of that place.

It seems almost incredible that such serious mistakes should have been made, but the matter has been considered of sufficient importance by the government to justify the ordering of a new survey, especially in view of the fact that, if the boundary monuments should be found to be as much out of line as is reported, that fact would have a great effect upon the plans for diverting the waters of St. Mary's river to Milk river, upon which the geological survey is again at work.

To Cancel Patents.

Suit has been commenced in the United States district court by District Attorney W. B. Rodgers, for the department of justice of the United States, against Senator William A. Clark to set aside patents issued under the timber and stone act and assigned to him, for government lands in this state. The suit involves nearly 10,000 acres of timber lands, valued at many thousands of dollars.

Great Strike on Snake River.

Discoveries of placer gold at the great Bend of the Snake river, near Ontario, Idaho, have caused a stampede to that vicinity. A shaft sunk to the depth of 85 feet through a false bedrock four feet thick into a conglomerate which is rich in gold. This deposit has been penetrated for twenty-five feet and is said to carry as much as \$25 a yard in gold, with unknown possibilities of further depth.

Invasion is Serious.

London, June 22.—Lord Kitchener has sent no report of the Waterkloof mishap. Recent events in Cape Colony seem to prove the Boer invasion of that country to be serious.

A letter to the Daily Mail dated Cape Town, June 5, confirms the previous Boer report and says the invaders number anywhere from 7,000 to 10,000; that they are "swarming all over the eastern and midland districts and getting recruits and horses." The Daily Mail remarks that confirmation of these assertions is needed, but if this information is correct, the country has been entirely misled regarding the extent of the invasion.