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COMING DRAMATIC EVENTS

"The Prisoner of Zenda" comes to the Crawford tomorrow for a matinee and night performance.

Despite the crying of the devotees of the "curate" or "fireside" realists, the public's demand for romance the past year or so has so overwhelmingly swept the sands from under their feet that such an apostle of romancers as Anthony Hope must stand aghast in wonderment at the phenomenal triumph of his principles, for the great success of his greatest of all great fables, "The Prisoner of Zenda," has not only established him as the foremost romancer of this decade, but inaugurated a demand for that style of literature that has set both novelists and dramatists to writing and thinking of nothing but highly imaginative creations and idealistic consequences. In presenting "The Prisoner of Zenda" this season the management has spared neither time, labor nor expense in organizing a company that for completeness and merit equals any heretofore engaged to give life to this splendid romance, among whom are Vaughan Glaser, Charlotte Tittell, W. M. Wadsworth, Robert Conness, Ellen Strickland, Cecil Owen, Marion Daniels, W. L. Buchanan, Luke Conness, and others. The scenic equipment is of such magnitude that a car is required for its transportation.

The announcement of the coming of Mr. Robert Downing and his company is welcome news to theater-goers. Mr. Downing is this season surrounded by a company composed of such artists as Miss Alberta Converse, whom the press agent says bears a strong resemblance to Mary Anderson in beauty of face and form as well as in her finished acting. Chas. D. Herman, who last season was leading man with Frederick Warde, and for five years previous with Mme. Modjeska in the same capacity, will fill the same position with Mr. Downing this season. Mr. Downing's repertoire consists of "The Gladiator," "Othello," "Ingomar," "Richard the Lion-hearted," and "Damon and Pythias." For his engagement here he has selected "Ingomar" for the matinee New Year's day at the Grand, and "Richard the Lion-hearted" for the night performance.

"A Man of Mystery" will be the attraction at the New Crawford opera house New Years, matinee and night. Messrs. Leary and Hagen, theatrical managers, present this melodrama with the original cast, and the thrilling and sensational effects. Despite its sensationalism the play is said to be as pure in theme as water from a crystal spring, not a detail is slighted or overlooked, and the comedy element is a sunburst of wit and humor, producing a freshet of rippling laughter and merriment. In "A Man of Mystery," as in "Trilby," the science of hypnotism has been correctly and successfully used. Of all the depraved monsters the stage has given, Richard Glenwood, known as "the shadow," is the worst. A hypnotist who uses his baleful power for wicked ends, an advanced criminal of the fin de siecle school, who robs his friend, not by entering his house at night by the flash of a dark lantern and blowing open his safe, but by clasping his hand in friendship and looking him in the eye. The play is built upon his last crime, the robbery of his own uncle and sister. The sister is loved by Ned Keene, a detective, who is tracing the criminal, and who because of his love hesitates to do his duty and expose the scoundrel. The sister herself discovers the crimes of her brother, and the subsequent events, including a beautiful heart story, form the material for this most wonderful play. The characters are all well drawn and true to life. The comedy and dialogue are bright, crisp and sparkling. There is none of the old-fashioned claptrap and bombast in either the language or action.

Came to Kansas Early.

Wichita, Dec. 28.—Col. Montgomery Bryant, formerly of the Thirteenth infantry, had two separate strokes of paralysis this week, and his condition is serious. He was the first white man born in Kansas, at Leavenworth in 1832, and has had a remarkable history. Among his friends were Kit Carson and Jim Bridges. He participated in a great many Indian battles. He was retired in 1894 and makes his home here.

Holiday Rates.

The Missouri Pacific will sell tickets December 22, 23, 24, 25, 31 and January 1, between all points within 200 miles distance, at rate of one fare for the round trip, with minimum of 50 cents. Children between 5 and 12 years half fare. Tickets limited for return to January 2.

SPORTING NEWS.

Kid McCoy Says He Will Marry Marguerite Corneille.

To Return to England in the Spring For That Purpose.

IS A CHARMING WOMAN

Hoosier Pugilist Praises His Divorced Wife Also.

Will Sail For South Africa Soon on Business.

New York, Dec. 28.—"I was willing to box anybody in the business while in England," says Kid McCoy, "but there was no one to meet me. I then directed my attention to racing and made $25,000, which was more than I could have earned here at the track. Charley Mitchell was my friend over there. He will be here next month and I intend to tour the country with him. He has more money than any fighter in the ring, and, what is more, he is a good fellow. I was awfuly seasick coming over and that accounts why I look so pale. I weighed nearly 194 pounds when I left the other side. I guess I don't weigh more than 188 now."

"Is it true that you are going to marry Marguerite Corneille, the music hall singer?" he was asked.

"Yes, it is a fact," was McCoy's reply. "I fell in love with her and we are engaged. I will return to England next spring and marry her. She is a clever woman and very charming. I am glad to learn that my late wife, from whom I am divorced, is getting along so well. She is a good woman and I still think of her. I was not the sort of a fellow to make a good husband for her, because my habits are irregular and I am compelled to travel a great deal."

"Why did you leave America without letting anyone know of your whereabouts?" he was asked.

"I was tired, bored and annoyed to death by persons who pestered me with questions as to my family affairs, my fight with Corbett, etc." was the reply. "So in order to avoid them I sailed to England under an assumed name. I know I did wrong, but it can not be helped. It was said that when I sailed for England I left a lot of gambling debts behind me. I never welched in my life and I do not owe Eddie Burke or anyone else money."

McCoy further said that when he returns to the other side he will sail for South Africa and look after some mining property which he has there.

FAMOUS SIRE AUCTIONED.

Hamburg Will Be Sold at Madison Square Garden Next Month.

New York, Dec. 28.—Hamburg, son of Hanover, considered by many the best colt that ever raced in this country, is to be sold at auction. The brown horse will be the star of the breaking-up sale of the famous Bitter Root stock farm, the property of the estate of the late Marcus Daly, to begin on January 30 at Madison Square Garden.

Hamburg was foaled in 1885, and as a yearling was bought by John E. Madden. In Madden's colors he won the great Tidal, Flash, Swift, and Realization stakes and other races to the value of $64,525. In 1898 Madden sold Hamburg to Marcus Daly for $35,000.

Besides Hamburg eight other famous sires will be sold, including Tammany, Ogden, Inverness, Bathampton, Isodore, The Pepper, Bute, and Scottish Chieftain. Probably the greatest lot of high-class brood mares ever offered for sale in this country will be disposed of during the sale. Thirty-one of them have been bred to Hamburg.

In addition, 12 horses in training, including Frankfort, brother to Hamburg, and 75 foals of 1899—2 years old in 1901—will be disposed of. It is expected Hamburg will bring more than $50,000.

WADDELL WILL NOT BE SOLD.

Pittsburg Pitcher Declares He Will Refuse to Play Elsewhere.

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 28.—"Rube" Waddell, the eccentric pitcher whom the Pittsburg club has been trying to sell, personally notified Treasurer W. W. Kerr today that he would not be sold. Rube's stand is an indication of the growing independence among baseball players.

"I want to pitch for Pittsburg next season," said Waddell to Mr. Kerr, "but I won't be traded to another league town. I have a good offer from a semi-professional team and will pitch for them unless I can stay on the Pittsburg roll. Under no circumstances will I submit to any attempt to 'sell' me to another club."

KENNEDY TO GO TO 'FRISCO.

He and Charley White Will Try to Elevate Pugilism on the Coast.

New York, Dec. 28.—Jim Kennedy, the well known promoter of sports of this city, is to reform and uplift pugilism in San Francisco. Kennedy will have with him to assist in the reformation Charley White, the famous referee, whose reputation as a fair and square official is international.

The boxing game in the city of the golden gate has gone from bad to worse, owing to the blundering of managers and the unfair and often worse decisions of "fixed" referees and frequently the collusion of the fighters themselves.

The better class of sporting men on the Pacific coast came to the conclusion that the fistic game there needed some such men as Jim Kennedy to put it on its feet again and make it as popular and profitable as in earlier days, when Frisco was the Mecca of fighters the world over. When Kennedy was asked to take charge of the game by the Frisco sports he wired back:

"Can I bring my own referee?"

"Yes" was the immediate answer flashed back.

With such a famous pair as Kennedy and White at the head there is no reason why all the laudable desires of reform should not be accomplished. Patrons of pugilism on the coast who have lost confidence in the management of the affairs there of late will doubtless regain their faith in the game after Kennedy stamps his personality on the contests he will "pull off."

It is Kennedy's intention to bring together all the big heavyweights. Jeffries, Corbett, Ruhlin and Maher have already been named as probable principals in the proposed fistic battles.

WALCOTT AND JACKSON.

Black Welter Weights to Fight in 'Frisco in February.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—Young Mitchell, the retired middleweight champion of the Pacific coast, wired to Biddy Bishop today that he had signed articles of agreement which call for a twenty-four round glove contest at 145 pounds at 3 o'clock between his man, young Peter Jackson, the welterweight champion of the Pacific coast, and Joe Walcott, the match to take place the last week in February at San Francisco. Bishop is Jackson's manager and trainer, and Young Mitchell represents him out in California.

This contest will decide the supremacy between the two premier colored welterweights, and that it will be a hurricane battle there is but little doubt. Both men are rushing, boring in, ding-dong fighters, and never keep an assemblage waiting for an exciting round. Both are heavy hitters and capable of taking more than ordinary punishment, and both have been tried thoroughly and found to be game to the core. Jackson has never been defeated. It will be remembered that it was this same Young Peter who last June at Denver trained down to 133 pounds and succeeded in knocking out the hitherto invincible Kid Parker. This defeat and the terrific body punching administered by Jackson put Parker on the down-grade run and also put him in bed for several weeks.

RUHLIN'S NEW BLOW.

Billy Madden Teaching His Man the "Scissors" Punch.

New York, Dec. 28.—Al Smith's duties as stakeholder in the Jeffries-Ruhlin match have ended. He has returned the $22,500 forfeits to both Ruhlin and Jeffries, including several other details in connection with the championship battle scheduled to be fought at Cincinnati Feb. 15.

According to the articles of agreement signed by both fighters recently the Bank of Cincinnati is the final stakeholder. The forfeits will be sent there as soon as possible.

"Ruhlin will surprise a lot of people when he meets Jeffries," says Madden. "I am teaching him a blow called the 'scissors' punch. I can not tell you exactly how it is delivered, but I can say that if it lands on Jeffries' jaw he will go out in a hurry and double up like a pair of scissors."

RYAN WILL FIGHT M'COY.

"Last Call For the Dining Car" For the Kid.

New York, Dec. 28.—Kid McCoy may be matched to fight Tommy Ryan in a limited-round "go" in Cincinnati shortly before or after the Jeffries-Ruhlin championship battle. The Kid can have this match if he wants it, and it is believed he will accept it, now that all the "heavies" have side-stepped him. The big fellows don't want any part of McCoy, so the "Kid" seems to be in a position to take a long rest from his pugilistic labors.

He issued his "defi, making it broad enough to take in anybody who might think himself a fighter, but as yet there has been no response.

W. A. Brady, manager of Champion Jeffries, said: "Jeffries will not fight McCoy under any circumstances. I don't know what any other heavyweight will do, but we will pass him up."

BIG PURSE FOR TROTTERS.

Large Stake Given at Buffalo Track Many Years Ago.

[From the Chicago Inter-Ocean.]

The largest purse ever offered for 2:30 trotters was over the once famous Buffalo track, August 10, 1870, nearly thirty-one years ago. It was for $20,000 with straight ten per cent entrance fee. Ten horses scored down for the word, entrance money enough to pay the purse. They were: Harry Harley, Prince, Anthony Wayne, Kansas Maid, Lady Augusta, Bay Harbor Derby, General Love, Purity and Albatross. Messrs. W. Brown, M. Roden, J. Jennings, J. W. Spratley, J. L. Doty, Graves & Loomis, A. Gillespie, John Horter, W. H. Woodruff and A. W. Richmond made the entries, and the horses finished the race in the order named. Prince, a chestnut gelding, driven by M. Roden, won the first heat in 2:29½, and Harry Harley, driven by W. Brown and Dan Mace, the next three in 2:27½, 2:27, 2:29¼.

Think of 2:27 being the fastest heat in a $20,000 race. Truly, times have changed since 1870. It would require three heats in 2:09, and perhaps one a couple of seconds faster, to land such a plum nowadays.

ONE-EYED" CONNOLLY IS SICK.

Noted Character in Sporting World Now in Kings County Hospital.

New York, Dec. 28.—James Connolly, best known to hundreds of sports as "One-Eyed" Connolly, is spending his Christmas in the Kings county hospital in a strait-jacket. He was gathered in by the police of Flatbush yesterday when they found him wandering about aimlessly and trying to ward off the vicious attacks of pink monkeys and spotted hippopotami. The surgeons say Connolly may recover enough in a few days to be let out, but that he will never be his old self again.

In his more lucid moments today Connolly sent this morose word to his friends: "Tell 'em I've fit my last fight; I'm down and they're counting me out."

If Connolly does "go out" the sporting world will lose one of its most unique figures. He is known from Gotham to 'Frisco, while New Orleans nods to him and Chicago has its name on its visiting list. Connolly has been rich and has seen every important sporting event in the United States since the Ryan-Sullivan fight, and without paying a cent for it all. He went on baggage cars, freight cars, cattle cars, on trucks or afoot, but he always "got there" and was always smiling.

McGovern and Lavigne.

Chicago, Dec. 28.—It is said the Cadillac Athletic club of Detroit will be doing business again after the new year opens, and a possible attraction is Lavigne and McGovern for 15 rounds. The pair were to have met in Chicago on February 12, but as there will be no more boxing here a new place will have to be found. The Detroit club will offer a good inducement. Lavigne is willing, although 15 rounds is perhaps a long distance for him to attempt.

Tanforan Races.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—Golden Age, favorite in the fourth race, was left at the post after receding in the betting. The affair left a bad impression on the spectators and Bullman, who rode Hildreth's colt, was loudly hissed. Starter Dwyer said Golden Age bolted across the track. Articulate, a greatly improved colt, won the last race by a neck from Bard of Avon.

The hurdle event resulted in a complete upset, May Boy, a 60 to 1 shot, winning from Lomo, the second choice. Eva Moe, the favorite, tired badly and finished last. Slap Dash took the last race by a head from Tola, the favorite. Two first choices won. The weather was fine and track fast. Results:

First race—1 1-16 miles; purse. Opponent, 7 to 5, won; Walkenshaw, 5 to 1, second; Free Lance, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:48.

Second race—1 mile; purse. MacGyle, 3½ to 1, won; Parmenion, 8 to 5, second; Spike, 30 to 1, third. Time, 1:42¼.

Third race—Hurdle handicap; 1¾ miles. May Boy, 60 to 1, won; Lomo, 8 to 5, second; Mike Rice, 9 to 1, third. Time, 3:22.

Fourth race—6 furlongs. Articulate, 4½ to 1, won; Bard of Avon, 10 to 1, second; Cilurian, 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:13½.

New Orleans Races.

New Orleans, Dec. 28.—Weather fine; track fast. Sir Florian was the only favorite to win. Results:

First race—Selling; 1 mile. Blocker, 12 to 1 and 4 to 1, won; Sun Locks, 5 to 2 and 4 to 5, second; Petit Maitre, 9 to 5, third. Time, 1:43.

Second race—Selling; 6 furlongs. Syncopated Sandy, 4 to 1 and 6 to 5, won; Main, 6 to 1 and 2 to 1, second; CaHear, 60 to 1, third. Time, 1:15½.

Third race—Selling 6 furlongs. Cogswell, 10 to 1 and 4 to 1, won; Shut Up, 5 to 2 and 4 to 5, second; Boemerack, even, third. Time, 1:16.

Fourth race—Handicap; 6½ furlongs. Sir Florian, 4 to 5 and 1 to 3, won; Annoy, 4 to 1 and even, second; Moroni, 7 to 2, third. Time, 1:21¾.

Fifth race—Selling; 6 furlongs. Command, 15 to 1 and 5 to 1, won; Junaetta, 25 to 1 and 8 to 1, second; Horseshoe Tobacco, 13 to 5, third. Time, 1:15½.

Sixth race—Selling; 1 1-16 miles. Dick Furber, 4 to 1 and 8 to 5, won; Spurs, 3 to 1 and even, second; Phidias, 8 to 5, third. Time, 1:49¾.

Gans vs. O'Brien.

New York, Dec. 28.—Joe Gans, the colored fighter, and Jack O'Brien, the lightweight slugger of New York, will in all probability be matched to fight in a 20 round bout shortly. Al Herford, manager of the Eureka Athletic club of Baltimore, is anxious to bring these two prominent fighters together, and has offered them a purse of $1,500 to fight the latter part of next month. Herford is also willing to hang up a purse of $750 for a 20 round go between Harry Lyons and "Kid" Broad.

Corrigan's Horses Start East.

San Francisco, Dec. 28.—Ed Corrigan's horses started on their journey for England yesterday. As previously announced, the string consisted of nine, mostly 2 year olds, and they occupied one car. At Chicago they will be given a short rest and then shipped to New York, whence they will sail January 5. Keyes is in charge of the stable.

Elliott Defeats Crosby.

Kansas City, Dec. 28.—J. A. R. Elliott, the local wingshot, successfully defended the Castiron championship medal against W. R. Crosby, at Washington park yesterday afternoon, winning by a score of 96 to Crosby's 91.

Horse Notes.

One of the two horses to earn more than $1,000 on the New England half-mile circuit this year is the bay mare, Martha Marshall, 2:14¼. Martha started in ten races, and won six of them, and twice was behind the money, once at Worcester and once at Nashua, but each of these times she was drawn on account of sickness. Martha Marshall was once sold for $140. She was raced in 1899, starting out as a green pacer, and went into winter quarters with a record of 2:19. Speaking of the sum Martha Marshall once passed hands for brings to mind that, as a rule, trotting-bred youngsters with enough speed eventually to enable them to become money winners do not sell for a song, but once in a while good ones are not estimated at their proper value when young, and are sold for a small part of their value.

The season has been notable for illustrations of this fact. The pacing filly, Sophia, 2:09¾, by Anderson Wilkes, is the fastest 4-year-old pacing mare of the year, and she was sold at auction last fall for $155. Charley Hayt, 2:07¾, winner of the fastest heat ever won by a horse in his first winning race, sold last November for $450. The trotter, Joe Watts, 2:10¾, by Electioneer, one of the big money winners of this year, was sold for $28 when he was a yearling. Early Reaper, 2:09¾, one of the sensational trotting stallions of the year, brought only $225 when he was a 2-year-old. John T., 2:09½, a money-winning pacer, sold for $137 after he had passed the age of colthood. Bird Eye, 2:14¼, one of the real good trotters of the year, was sold for $39 when he was a yearling.

KAISER MAY RISK HIS ELDEST SON'S LIFE.

Crown Prince Frederick Goes to Palestine Only at His Peril.

His Imperial Highness Frederick is to visit the Holy Land shortly, and it is more than probable he will be in great danger during every hour of his sojourn there. The Turkish Ambassador at Berlin has just "solemnly warned" Emperor Wilhelm that "the Sublime Porte will not be responsible for any anti-German feeling that may be manifested during the proposed visit of the Crown Prince to Palestine."

KANSAS NEWS.

Wichita Cats and Dogs Considered Epidemic Breeders.

Sanitary Commission Orders Death of All Strays.

SPREAD THE SMALLPOX

Claimed That the Disease Is Carried In Their Fur.

Animals Run In Yards of Quarantined Homes.

Wichita, Kas., Dec. 28.—Chairman of Sanitary Commission A. J. Burr has issued orders to kill all cats and dogs caught loose on the streets of Wichita. The reason for this, he claims, is that these animals are spreading smallpox in Wichita, numerous complaints having come to the sanitary and health officers that these animals were going into quarantined houses and then running into yards and on porches where the smallpox was carried and caught by people of the house. It is claimed that the disease is carried in their fur.

MAY COME TO TOPEKA.

Mrs. Nation, Saloon Fixtures Smasher Threatens to Continue Her Work.

Wichita, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Nation was removed to the county jail last night, whence she issued a manifesto to the "friends of temperance everywhere," in which she acknowledges there was "method in the apparent madness."

"I came to the governor's home town," she continues, "to destroy the finest saloon in it, hoping thus to attract public attention to the flagrant violation of a Kansas law under the very eye of the chief executive of the state."

The damage to the saloon is hard to estimate. It was finished with stucco secured from the world's fair buildings, and many blocks of it are shattered. The painting of Cleopatra cost Mr. Noble, its author, nine months' time painting it, and was still his property, being rented by the saloon. It has been seen at nearly all the street fairs from Canada to the gulf.

Mrs. Nation's husband is a lawyer at Medicine Lodge, an intimate friend of Jerry Simpson and a politician. Mrs. Nation practices osteopathy and was on her way to Missouri to visit an osteopathic school. Before she left home, however, she stated that she intended to raid every saloon in Kansas and rid the state of the joints.

After her arrest Mrs. Nation sent two demands to the sick bed of Governor Stanley for him, as governor of the state, to come to the city jail and take charge of her defense. On Mr. Stanley's refusal, she telegraphed for Jerry Simpson, her old neighbor, at Medicine Lodge.

A formal charge of malicious destruction of property was filed against Mrs. Nation late yesterday afternoon by Mahan Bros., proprietors of the saloon. A band of local W. C. T. U. women called upon her in the evening and held a prayer meeting in the cell. They then entered into consultation, after which a note asking the governor's assistance was taken to his residence and delivered to him personally, but the governor refused to act.

Mrs. Brown, president of the local union, stated that now that the crusade against the liquor traffic had been inaugurated, the members of the W. C. T. U. would take up the work and fight it to a finish. She said that they intended to test the law and ascertain to what extent the public officials intended to uphold the same.

Mrs. Nation said last night:

"I wish to give my reasons for doing this. It is in defense of humanity. These murder shops are grinding up 100,000 boys every year, and we women must protect the boys.

"I am determined to rid this state of the joints. We have a law here that prohibits the sale of intoxicants, and if the authorities do not enforce it I will do so myself. The same law that prohibits the sale also gives every citizen the right to enforce it, if the officers do not do so. I cleaned Kiowa of its joints and I will do as much for Wichita if I am given the chance.

"I stopped off at Wichita on purpose to destroy the fixtures of these saloons, and would not have stopped in my work by simply destroying the bar at the Carey had not the officer interfered with me. I defy them to formally arrest me or to try me. I'll make it so hot for the officials that they will be glad to let me alone. They know that they are not enforcing the law and also know that I have a right to do so. My husband is not a lawyer for nothing. He has posted me on the law in this matter and I am only acting according to the law. I am the president of the Barber county W. C. T. U., and in going about raiding joints as I do I am only doing the work of the order. I was also arrested in Kiowa, when I raided the places there, but they soon released me. From Wichita I will go to another joint city, perhaps Topeka, but I will keep my movements under cover."

TO THE ROCKEFELLER RANCH.

Junction City Man Will Be Assistant Manager.

Junction City, Dec. 28.—Christmas night Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Wright left via Abilene for the Frank Rockefeller ranch at Belvidere, 120 miles out from Wichita. This is a magnificent ranch of 14,000 acres, and probably the best improved estate in Kansas. Among the stock on the ranch are 500 registered Herefords, some of them costing $5,000 each. There are just as good Shorthorns and 50 standard-bred horses, some of them being as good as America has produced.

Charlie goes to share the responsibilities of the present manager. Everything is furnished, even to a furnished house.

BRYAN AT ABILENE.

Lectures For the Benefit of the Ladies' Library Association.

Abilene, Kan., Dec. 28.—William Jennings Bryan lectured here last night in the opera house, under the auspices of the Ladies' Library association of this city, of which Mrs. J. M. Geisser is president and Miss Mace King secretary. He is en route to Galveston, Tex. The proceeds of the lecture are for the benefit of the public library fund.

The opera house was nearly filled with an audience representing all parts of the county. The Rev. Dr. Blayney, a former friend of Bryan, presided. Mr. Bryan discussed equality before the law, taxation, currency, trusts and imperialism, making a Democratic argument on each topic. The nation, he said, is drifting away from its old landmarks in its recent attitude on these questions. He devoted much time to imperialism, and said: "I deny the right of Spain to sell us the Filipinos, or of the Filipinos to sell us themselves. Their rights are indeniable. We are not expanding with territory to be settled by Americans or to make American states. If we govern and tax these foreign people without their consent, we must be prepared to maintain our position by force. Whenever this government goes out to govern people without their consent, it will depart from one of its ancient landmarks."

Mr. Bryan and his son, who accompanied him, left at night for Texas.

AN ANCIENT RELIC.

Sabetha Man Has a Commission Issued by King George in 1717.

Sabetha, Kan., Dec. 28.—Allen Taylor, living seven miles southwest of this city, although not a firm believer in Edward Bellamy's theory, can look back to an early period in Colonial days, over 188 years ago. He has in his possession a commission issued during the reign of King George to Lieutenant John Serry, September 2, 1717. The commission was handed down by Mr. Taylor's grandfather, and if put in the hands of the proper parties might bring a fortune. Following is the commission identical as issued:

Province of the Massachusetts Bay.

SAMUEL SHUTE, Esqr., Captain General and GOVERNOUR in Chief in & over His Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts-Bay in New-England, &c.

To JOHN SERRY, Gent. Greeting:

BY Vertue of the Power and Authority, in and by His Majesty's Royal Commission to Me Granted to Captain General, &c., over this His Majesty's Province of the Massachusetts-Bay Aforesaid. I do (by these presents) Reposing especial Trust and Confidence in your Loyalty, Courage and good Conduct, Constitute and appoint you the said John Serry, to be Lieutenant of the Second Foot Company in the Town of Springfield, whereof is Luke Hitchcock, Esqr., Captain.

You are therefore carefully and diligently to discharge the duty of a Lieutenant in Leading, Ordering and Exercising said Foot Company in Arms, both Inferior Officers and Soldiers; and to keep in good order and Discipline; hereby commanding them to obey you as their Lieutenant and your Self to observe and follow such Orders and Instructions, as you shall from time to time receive from Me, or the Commander in Chief for the time being or other of your Superior Officers, for His Majesty's Service, according to Military Rules and Discipline, Pursuant to the Trust reposed in you.

Given under my Hand and Seal at Arms, at Boston, the Second Day of September the Fourth Year of the Reign of his Majesty KING GEORGE.

Annoque Do 1717.

SAMUEL SHUTE.

By His Excellency's Command,
JOHN BOYDELL, His Sec'ty.

WAS AN OTTAWA BOY.

Sergeant Crane, Who Enlisted With the Twentieth, Killed in Luzon.

Ottawa, Dec. 28.—Gen. MacArthur's latest casualty list announces the death of Sergeant Charles C. Crane, troop A, Eleventh volunteer cavalry, which occurred on December 15.

Crane was an Ottawa boy, and was among the first to respond to the call for troops at the outbreak of the Spanish war, in 1898. He enlisted in company K, Twentieth Kansas, and when that regiment was sent home, he, in company with a number of Kansas boys, re-enlisted in troop A, Eleventh volunteer cavalry. He was about to be discharged and had written that he would be home soon.

Crane was a member of the Ottawa high school when he enlisted, and had many friends here. His father is dead, and his mother holds a position in the Rice Station Indian school in Arizona. His sister, Mrs. St. John, lives at Emporia. Crane was only 16 years old when he enlisted, and developed into a good soldier. He passed through 16 battles and engagements unharmed.

POISONED BY CORN.

Ex-Sheriff of Dickinson County Loses Four Valuable Horses.

Abilene, Dec. 28.—N. B. Robson, ex-county sheriff, had the bad luck to lose four fine animals—two ponies and two large horses the latter part of last week. They died from being poisoned by eating a fungus growth contained in the corn fodder fed them at Mr. Robson's farm ten miles south of town. The loss is a heavy one to Mr. Robson as the animals were the most valuable he possessed.

Wilson Still Missing.

Wichita, Dec. 28.—John Wilson, who mysteriously disappeared from his home Christmas night, the eve of his wedding, has not been heard from. The bride to be, Miss Asenith Varner, of Cottonwood Falls, is in Wichita nearly prostrated. It is now supposed that Wilson is temporarily deranged and that he has wandered away.

Becomes an Elk at 92.

Parsons, Dec. 28.—R. R. Brown, father of J. R. Brown, one of the most prominent men in Parsons, was initiated into the Parsons lodge Order of Elks here last night. Mr. Brown is an old New Yorker and is the oldest known member of the order. He is now in his 92nd year. Five other members were taken in at the same time.

Concordia Newspaper Change.

Concordia, Dec. 28.—The publishers of the Empire-Daylight dissolved partnership today. T. A. Sawhill bought the interest of his partner, J. A. Marshall, and is now sole proprietor.

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COLORADO FLYER.

Via "Great Rock Island Route."

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