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The census of the official returns of the state of Nebraska shows the following vote on the proposed amendment...

An eastern exchange says: "Of the 15,000 immigrants who arrived in New York during October to become American citizens more than one-third of them could neither read or write."

EVERY country in Europe is suffering worse than the United States in a business sense. There are "dull times" all over the world.

At a luncheon given in honor of Governor McKinley by a number of New York gentlemen last week, Samuel Barton, a prominent manufacturer in that city, said: "I am a democrat, but I am a protectionist."

ENGLISH butchers have been slightly overreaching themselves in their opposition to American beef. They have been accustomed to sell the choice cuts of American beef...

REPRESENTATIVE CHAS. O'NEILL, of Pennsylvania, who died a few days ago, served longer in the house of representatives than any other member of the present congress...

The continued low prices of wheat in the face of a shortage of the world's crop have led prominent farmers of the northwest to try the "hold-your-wheat" circular once more.

The secretary of agriculture, in his annual report to congress, says: "There are in the United States more than six million farms, upon which dwell about 100,000,000 people...

UNDER date of November 24th Henry Clews, of New York, writes the Chicago Inter Ocean as follows: "The reorganization of the Union Pacific Railroad Company, whereof a settlement with the government will be a part, will be an important factor in Wall street, no less so than the settlement of the West Shore in 1895, which at that time started the boom in Wall street."

financial world is not overestimated. They deserve better treatment both at the hands of their friends and the public than they have had, and if they can be honestly reorganized in the interests of the people, instead of the interest of the speculators, they will get better treatment."

The new democratic tariff bill was given to the public Monday and its provisions fulfill every expectation of those who have predicted that it would be a radical measure of reform. In many respects it is a surprise even to the democratic members of congress, says a Washington dispatch, as it is unprecedented in many of its provisions.

Wealth of Farmers. Last Saturday's issue of the American Agriculturist, the leading farm journal of the country, published the following important article on farm mortgages, prepared by Herbert Myrick:

"Nine-tenths of our farms are mortgaged for all they are worth." This statement has been made so often that the general impression among all classes of people is that it represents the facts. Nothing could be further from the real truth. But not until the census of farms, homes and mortgages was taken in 1890 was it possible to get at the truth on this subject.

The total real estate mortgage debt that existed in the United States in 1880 is estimated at two and one-half billions of dollars, equally divided between lots and acre tracts. In 1890 the total amount of such incumbrance had more than doubled, but only 34 per cent of it was on acres and 66 per cent on urban property.

THE BEST PLASTER.—Dampen a piece of flannel with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and bind it on over the seat of pain. It is better than any plaster. When the lungs are sore such an application on the chest and another on the back, between shoulder blades, will often prevent pneumonia.

The Sun fails to follow up its showing of the status of the labor market, after pointing at the facts. The conclusion is however irresistible that the way to assist the laborer and provide employment for all that are willing to work is not to make laws for the encouragement of "trade" with foreign nations in the way of buying all our manufactured articles from them because they have cheaper labor than we have, but to make a market for everything produced in America among Americans.

We have confessedly the best market in the world and the only thing the government has to do in the premises is to follow the lines of protection until everything that can be produced or manufactured at home shall be bought from the home producers in preference to sending abroad for them.

A MOVEMENT is starting in Iowa to induce the legislature to authorize the payment of a bounty of one and one-half cents for each pound of sugar produced in Iowa. The success of the sugar industry in Nebraska acts as a stimulus to similar undertakings across the Missouri river.

THE pessimists tell us we are to have a comparatively giftless Christmas; but the pessimists have ceased to be prophets. A world without Christmas would be a dull place indeed, and a Christmas without gifts would be no Christmas at all.

Myrtle Leaves. The entertainment at the Myrtle school house last Friday night was a grand success. The room was filled to overflowing. The Myrtle and White Plains schools joined in this affair.

What a Prominent Insurance Man Says. H. M. Blossom, senior member of H. M. Blossom & Co., 217 N. 3d St., St. Louis, writes: "I had been afflicted with a very distressing cough, the result of influenza, which nothing seemed to relieve, until I took Ballard's Horehound Syrup. The bottle completely cured me."

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The new cruiser Columbia has made its final trip with great success. It has developed a speed of 22.87 knots, and as her contract calls for only twenty-one knots, the builders of this magnificent steamer are according to contract entitled to a premium of almost \$400,000.

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SOCIETY WOMEN BURGLARS. A Woman and Her Daughter, Both of Excellent Reputation, Arrested For Stealing. In an Adrian justice court sat two well dressed ladies. Both were comely and apparently refined. The air and dress of the women indicated that they belonged to the upper walks of life and were people of quality.

No one unacquainted with the circumstances would have suspected for a moment that these ladies were a pair of burglars whose work rivals that of some of the best men of the profession. But such was the case. They were mother and daughter—Mrs. Alice Church, a widow of excellent repute, residing in Tecumseh, a village of 2,000, 16 miles from St. Joseph, and Miss Besse Church. They were under arrest charged with breaking into the residence of Editor S. C. Stacy of the Tecumseh Herald during the absence of the family and taking therefrom a feather bed, bedclothing, a big job lot of ladies' underwear, several pairs of shoes, a quantity of groceries, etc.

Entrance was effected in the night. Saturday morning the man about the premises noticed that a window had been forced, and investigating he found that the house had been ransacked and the front door key taken. Officers were notified, and as the absence of the key defied an intended return of the burglars two men were stationed in the house that night. Near 11 o'clock the key softly turned in the lock, and the forms of two persons, apparently men, as they wore men's clothing, appeared. There was a sudden rush, a clashing of the intruders in strong arms and a terrific squabble, embellished with female screams. Astonishment caused one of the officers to let one of the burglars slip, and she fled. The other fought like a tigress and laid about right and left with what proved to be an insect powder spray loaded with cayenne pepper. One of her captors, Almer Wilson, "got it in the eye," but held his girl, and the prisoner was secured. Then she confessed her identity and "gave away" her daughter Besse as the other burglar. Besse was followed to her home and arrested.

"What do you plead?" asked the court as he took off his glasses after receiving the information. "We waive examination, sir," was the firm, clear and businesslike response of the elder prisoner. "I will make your bonds \$500 each," rejoined the court. "Your honor, that is too high; it is excessive," again spoke the elder lady. "I must make it \$500," said the court. "Very well, sir, but it is too high; I cannot get it; we must go to jail." The prisoners then signified to the officer that they were ready, and the rustle of the silk skirts of the burglars was heard moving down the stairs. They are in jail awaiting trial.

German papers give detailed descriptions of six states recently unearthed in a crypt under the sanctity of the "Pater-Paul Kirche" at Liegnitz, in Silesia. The statues, which are all connected with one another, are supposed to represent apostles, and to date from the twelfth century.

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