

ACCORDING to the Kearney Hub, Holcomb says the rumor that Bill Green will be his successor on the bench is a d— lie. This emphatic denial settles Col. Bill's hash.

It has been definitely decided that the election of Holcomb will not be contested. This, we believe, is a wise conclusion on the part of the republican state central committee.

It is given out that in order to get an appointment under Holcomb it will be necessary to have the application endorsed by the editor of the Bee. This gives some color of truth to the report that Silas will be governor, but Edward the power behind the throne.

Down in Kansas they are making an attempt to reorganize the farmers' alliance on a non-partisan basis but the order is in such bad repute that little will come of the effort. The farmers' alliance, if conducted on the original principles, would undoubtedly prove of value to the farmers of any state.

JOHN W. WILSON, of Ogalalla, late candidate for auditor on the pop ticket, is an applicant for commandant of the soldiers' home at Grand Island. The Captain could probably fill the position satisfactorily and THE TRIBUNE would like to see him appointed, but it does not believe he draws sufficient water to secure the plum.

A CABLEGRAM announces that China has indicated her willingness to pay an indemnity of 100,000 taels in addition to a war expense of 150,000,000 taels to Japan. This would amount to about \$175,000,000 of our money. The expense of the war counts up very fast just now and China will have to stir herself lively if it does not double up before she gets terms.

THE republican success in Kansas is driving emigration to Nebraska, where the pops have elected a governor. There is a certain class of people who prefer to live under the populist governor, so long as there is one, and as Nebraska now possesses the relic of this almost extinct species, that particular class is moving this way. As they usually live in tents and covered wagons, they find no difficulty in making the change. — Beatrice Democrat.

In a commercial way Kearney is generally considered to be in the soup, but from the manner in which the people down there are hustling to make the irrigation convention a success it is evidence that they have not altogether lost their old time push and vim. Give the country around Kearney three or four crops successively and the town will resume "The Kearney gait," which at one time was a phrase in every household from Kalama-zoo to Hong Kong.

If the selection of United States senator was left to the republican papers of the state, John M. Thurston would be the unanimous choice. The fact is, the republicans of the state are almost unanimous for Thurston, the only dissenters being the intimate friends of the other candidates who have bobbed up. Thurston's candidacy cut quite a figure in the legislative districts—in fact in some districts it was really an issue—and republican candidates who favored Thurston were elected on that strength.

Up to date neither the Omaha Bee nor the World-Herald has accepted the State Journal's proposition to "show down" on the matter of circulation. The Journal claims to have a large circulation than any other paper in the state, and if the readers of that paper have increased as rapidly in other towns as they have in North Platte, there is no doubt but the Journal's claim is just and correct. The Journal is rapidly displacing the Bee among the republicans of the state.

MR. HARDIN, evidently realizing that the pop party in this county is as good as dead, attempts to infuse new life into the corpse by publishing a letter in last week's Era. In this attempt to resuscitate the party Mr. Hardin has a very large contract on hand, and he will sweat his undergarments in his fruitless efforts. As THE TRIBUNE remarked prior to election, the pop party in the county is dead. It may nominate a ticket next fall but it will suffer ignominious defeat, and after that time there will be but two parties—the republican and the democratic. Chalk down the prediction.

General Irrigation News.

The Kansas irrigation convention held last week at Hutchinson devoted much attention to the application of water by means of wind-power. In discussing this phase of the great irrigation question the Topeka Capital says: The day for the agitation on the great irrigation ditches in Kansas is past. Irrigation has been accomplished and will be practiced by individual farmers on small areas, not to exceed ten acres, with inexpensive plants at a cost of perhaps \$150 to \$200. Wherever this system of small plants has been tried it has rewarded the faith of the experimenter, even in the most arid counties of the state, and Arkansas valley is now dotted all over with pumps irrigating small areas, upon the fruits of which farmers realize a better and more certain living than on an average quarter section of land. The Capital could cite instances almost without number of farmers who have tried this new system in the last two years, and with success that has revolutionized agriculture in the arid region.

A windmill, direct stroke, ten feet in diameter, with proper reservoir, will supply sufficient water to irrigate ten acres of land, handling the water under a total vertical distance of not exceeding twenty feet, or it will furnish enough water to successfully irrigate five acres of ground handling the water a total vertical distance of forty feet, the reservoir in this case having, say, 75,000 cubic feet capacity, or say 150 feet by 100 feet by 5 feet average depth. As the powers of windmills is as the square of their diameters, a wheel 12 feet in diameter will accomplish about one and one-half as much work as a mill 10 feet in diameter and a wheel 14 feet in diameter about twice as much as ten foot, and a 16 foot wheel about two and one-half as much as the 10 foot wheel. In the use of windmills the reservoir for the purpose of distribution of the water upon the land is required to meet a two-fold purpose where the source of the water supply is from wells, one to allow the water to warm, the other to give the necessary volume of water in short time to properly and economically cover the ground, and where the source of supply is from impounded storm water the distributing reservoir is still a necessity for reason just given.—Ex.

The people of a township in Finney county, Kansas, whose land lies high and dry and is cut off from the possibility of securing water from the Arkansas river, the only stream in the vicinity, by an impassable range of sand hills, have under consideration the formation of an irrigation district on a novel plan. The Kansas irrigation law provides for the formation of irrigation districts and the issuance of bonds thereby construct irrigation works. The people in question are scattered over an area six miles square. What they propose to do is to select a single section of land centrally located, lay it off in small tracts, reserving plenty of ground for public parks, etc., and all the people in the district move into this section, the proceeds of the bonds of the district being used to put in a pumping plant and reservoir large enough to irrigate the small tracts settled upon. Thus they will be enabled to enjoy the advantages of irrigated land, a good school and social privileges, using their scattered dry farms to grow such grain and fodder crops as they may produce. The plan is excellent if properly carried out.—Ex.

The irrigation question will be submitted to the Fifty-Fourth Congress, and not improbably to the last session of the Fifty-Third. There is danger lest it be presented by too many persons and in too many forms of application. It may be for the friends of irrigation to get together and unite upon a measure that shall have the support of all congressmen of the states in which there are arid lands. It hardly needs to be said that the topic should be discussed outside of party lines.

The public domain, leaving the arid lands out of consideration, now is very limited; in a few years there will be no tillable land available or homesteads. The area of arid lands still under national or state control is great, but arid lands are worthless as homesteads. Not until large outlays of capital have made them irrigable can they be made productive. When the irritable they are among the most productive lands. The arid lands also lie largely in regions in which the choicest fruits ripen to perfection when artificial moisture is applied. Irrigation regions are regions of small farms, of populations that enjoy at once the advantages of

towns, in that neighbors are near and of the country, in that they are not too near. Irrigated regions are areas that approximate to the suburban condition. Farming by irrigation almost always is diversified farming, so that disaster seldom follows the failure of a single crop. The ideal rural condition of the next half century is likely to be that of the owner of an irrigated farm of from twenty to forty acres.

But in the large outlay demanded for irrigation canals there is danger of the combination of capital for the control of irrigated lands. To obviate this several plans looking to the establishment of irrigation works by the states in whose confines arid lands lie have been proposed. Each plan contemplates the cession of the United States' title to such lands to the states; some of the plans contemplate national loans to the states for the construction of irrigating canals; others contemplate states sale of parts of the lands for raising capital to irrigate the residue; but all as we believe, contemplate such state supervision or ownership as shall prevent capitalistic monopoly either in the water supply or of lands benefited by it.

The problem to be solved is the outlay of capital sufficient for irrigation works, without such interest on the capital as shall raise the price of the irrigated lands beyond the means of the comparatively poor. A late suggestion is that the irrigation work shall be done by the unemployed of the large cities. The project is benevolent but it may be doubted if skilled mechanics or persons born in cities and unaccustomed to the use of spade and shovel and pick will be found to volunteer largely for such work. But no doubt large numbers of Poles, Bohemians, Italians, and other nationalities who have come hither for agricultural districts of Europe, and who now aggravate the congested condition of urban labor, will be found ready to accept good pay for work to which they are accustomed. And specially may this be the case if the wages are so arranged as to insure a small homestead at the expiration of a term of years. It would be easy to do this by holding back a part of the wage as payment for irrigated land, and by this means to benefit objects can be accomplished—the furnishing of present support and provision of a permanent home.—Inter Ocean.

A MAN may die very rich, but when he does he reaches the condition of the poorest beggar the world knows. He doesn't carry with him enough pocket money for ferrage over the first river. There is no blinder man upon the earth than he who looks abroad upon all the poverty and distress and ignorance of the world, then counts the millions to his credit, and he lies down and dies.—Inter Ocean.

Chadron, Nebraska, has just secured a sugar beet factory, a chicory factory and starch factory. These factories represent a capitalization of \$1,200,000, and will give employment to 1,200 men. It is expected that a brewery will be built next spring. As a result of Chadron's enterprise in securing these new enterprises, the Burlington & Missouri, the Milwaukee and the Oregon Short Line are watching for a favorable opportunity to build in the city.

Nichol Nuggets. Bad colds are quite prevalent among the people in this vicinity. Distemper is raging to some extent among the horses in this locality. W. H. and G. E. Sullivan have their new irrigation pump in place and are now erecting the windmill for the same.

The revival meetings which have been in progress for the past two weeks at Hershey will continue this week.

Two or three parties were immersed in the ditch near J. H. Ahlborn's by Rev. Graves on Sunday afternoon.

The larger part of the corn in this part of the valley is in the crib.

A few from North Platte attended church at Hershey Thursday evening last week.

The Patterson & Alexander ditching gang are at work on the west end of their contract at present.

We understand that the old ditch is being fitted up in first class shape for the coming season.

The crossing at this place has been repaired lately but it needs more filling in on the north side yet.

The construction of the Farmers & Merchants' irrigation ditch through this county will stop travel on a number of cross roads.

Misses Emma and Mandane Layton expect to return to their home in Keith county some time this week.

T. J. Winters was recently thrown from a buggy, receiving injuries which will prevent him from start-

ing for Wisconsin as soon as he expected.

Miss Goslee, of the Platte, is stopping with Mrs. J. M. Dwyer at present.

Mr. and Mrs. Disbro, of McPherson county, were the guests of Dug Brown one night last week while on their way home from the Platte, where they had been with a load of poultry.

Coyotes or g.loats rustled about twenty chickens from Oliver Eyerly's hen house a few nights ago.

Frank Cook, who has been attending court at the hub for the past two weeks, returned home Friday evening, where he will remain during the adjournment of the same, when he will have to report for duty again on Dec. 4th.

The Maccabee dance at Hershey on Friday night last was well patronized and all who participated report a pleasant time.

Mrs. F. W. Brooks and Mrs. M. C. Brown returned Saturday evening from a ten days' visit in Sidney. They report a pleasant time.

The spur at this place was repaired the latter part of the week by the section gang.

Will Brooks and D. A. Brown went to the hub Saturday evening to hear the "converted Jew" expound the gospel.

Thanksgiving turkeys will get it in the neck without fail to-morrow if not next day.

Al. Moshier transacted business in Colorado last week.

Mrs. N. B. Spurrier was on the sick list the fore part of the week.

The lump on Edna Terry's neck is said to be growing but she don't seem to feel any inconvenience from it as yet.

The first masquerade ball of the season will take place in the Maccabee hall at Hershey on Friday evening, Dec. 14th. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Archie Strickler, of Hershey, is reported as no better at this writing. He has been under the doctor's care for some time.

C. L. Patterson and A. E. Huntington, of the metropolis, spent Sunday night with the ditching outfit near this place.

On Sunday last the water in the ditch near J. H. Ahlborn's was checked up for the purpose of immersing two or three parties. Soon after the ordinance was performed the water was turned loose and went down the ditch with such rapidity that it broke out on the Paxton & Hershey lands, flooding Al. Moshier's cellar which contained potatoes, cabbage and many other things, and also gave his barn a drenching.

J. M. Dwyer made a flying trip to the hub Monday evening, returning Tuesday morning on his wheel.

H. H. Cook and family were county seat visitors Monday.

Considerable loose hay is being moved to different parts of the country from the valley at present.

J. H. Hershey transacted business at the county metropolis on Tuesday.

Section foreman Erickson, wife and mother will probably go to Omaha soon to give testimony in a case wherein the U. P. Co. is sued by an insurance company for the loss the latter sustained through its policy holders in the prairie fire of April 7th, 1893.

A few from this vicinity went to town Sunday evening to hear Rev. Nathan relate his experience.

Corotes are said to be quite numerous in the vicinity of old O'Fallons, as several large herds have been seen there lately.

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BRADY BREEZES.

Prof. Disraeli was in town Saturday, giving music lessons.

Presiding elder Lenard of North Platte preached in the M. E. church to a large audience.

Wm. Dolan of Maxwell was the guest of Linn Mathewson Saturday.

Cyrus Carson is reported on the sick list.

Tim Keleher and T. C. Patterson were on our streets Monday.

Aaron Scott left for Kearney Monday morning.

G. O. Proctor returned from Omaha Saturday.

Miss Fina Ericson returned home Friday from Sweden, where she had been visiting for the past two years.

Mr. McNut a young man staying at the Globe hotel, has been very sick with inflammation of the brain but is some better at this writing.

The question debated at the literary last Wednesday was "Resolved that we have received more benefit from the printing press than from the steam engine." The affirmative leader being Linn Mathewson the negative Wm. Dolan the affirmative come out ahead.

Messrs. Beatty and Murphy spent Sunday in North Platte.

Nelo Cover started for Lincoln Wednesday to attend the Wesleyan University.

The ladies of the M. E. church will give an entertainment and supper at the church Thanksgiving night. Every one is cordially invited.

WAGGINS.

SUTHERLAND NEWS.

Jno. Danielson has moved into his new residence in the east part of town.

Rev. Hatch has been holding meetings the past week and will continue the balance of this week.

J. M. Dwyer of Hershey on our streets Tuesday.

Judge Hawley and Geo. S. Duffield have been at North Platte on the jury the past week. J. S. Hinckley was drawn but was excused on account of school duties.

J. H. Johnson shipped a car of baled hay to Denver on Tuesday.

Geo. C. Stoddard and Photographer Broach of North Platte spent Sunday in this vicinity making life miserable for the feathered tribe along the North Platte.

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J. W. Bobbett is on the sick list this week. Jno. Pierson and Clarke Ellsworth of Keith county passed down the line on Monday. Walter Beauchamp and Wm. Roberts were in town early Tuesday morning after a lot of German carp from the fisheries. About a dozen houses some frame and some sod are being erected on the Hershey land northeast of town. Henry Coker is about ready to move into his residence west of town. This is a neat little house and will certainly be comfortable when the wintry breezes blow. J. H. Johnson moved back to the homestead on Wednesday and dame rumor names several different tenants for the Streit house. Parties form McCook were purchasing hay in this vicinity on Monday. They secured one car from C. W. Burkland. Messes Park, Iddings and other North Platte gentlemen whose names we did not learn were inspecting the flume under the North Platte river at Keith's ranch on Tuesday. Messes Neilson, Hunter and Conway have taken a contract building a large lateral for Paxton & Hershey near Hunters residence. Joe Weir of Keith county brought in a small bunch of cattle for N. M. Holtry the first of the week. Every man that can strike a nail on the head and is not afraid of water is being given work on the flume east of town as they are in a big rush trying to finish before the water comes down.

Maxwell Notes. The bridge will soon be begun. The men who are to work upon it have already moved to the island and are hauling the timber for the bridge from Maxwell. County commissioners Hammond and Hill were here Monday for the purpose of inspecting the material for the bridge. Miss Jensen, who was visiting Miss Pearl Snyder, went to her home in Wild Horse valley last week. W. Myers, from the Island, was a Maxwell visitor last Monday having stopped on his way from North Platte, where he was spending a few days. Mr. and Mrs. P. Shields, of Brady Island, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geraghty last Sunday. Mrs. C. W. Home went to North Platte last Sunday morning to visit with her parents for a few days. Mrs. E. Plummer returned from North Platte last Friday. She had been visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Smith. Catholic services were held here Saturday, Father O'Toole, of North Platte, officiating. Thos. Hanrahan was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Brodbeck of North Platte Saturday and Sunday. A number of persons met at the school house last Thursday night being called together by Mr. Moore, who organized a singing class of twenty persons, whom he is to teach on Monday and Thursday evening of each week, commencing Dec. 10th. We think many more will join the class after the lessons are begun. Surely no better chance to learn how to sing was ever given in Maxwell and anyone desiring to become a "nightingale" should take advantage of this opportunity. The last meeting of the literary society was well attended, and the question, "Resolved, That the steam engine is more useful than the printing press," was ably debated, and at the conclusion was decided in favor of the affirmative. Several fine speeches were made and two very delightful recitations given. Then the paper, which was the most amusing part of the programme, was read and re-read by George Clark. It contained various jokes on everyone present. The next question for debate is "Resolved, That Ireland has produced better men than England. CLYDE.

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