

A Letter.

From Saturday's Daily.
EDITOR HERALD:—Some weeks ago I promised to give you an account of what I was doing for the sufferers in the drouth stricken region. Before I filled the boxes the freight rates went up. I collected \$1 to pay freight and paid the balance myself. I collected about 300 pounds of clothing and other things and was then taken sick and Mr. Todd kindly took charge and sent the boxes.

I saw by last evening's HERALD that Mr. Todd had given you a letter for publication which he received from Litchfield, Neb., stating they had received goods, which I had sent to the sufferers. That is all right, but I don't claim all the credit. The ladies that I called on were most all willing and anxious to give, although most of them had contributed before. They all, however, found something to send to the unfortunate and a great deal of good, warm clothing was gathered up. I cannot give the names of the donors, but I will name a few of the articles. There were four good bed comforters, twelve good cloaks and wraps and other articles too numerous to mention, all clean and in good condition. The clothing was mostly for women and children. Mrs. Austin sent twelve pounds of dried fruit, and with her help we made quite a number of good new garments for women, and there were at least twelve pairs of good shoes and stockings. And, last but not least was medicine; Mr. Fricke gave at least three dozen bottles of good family medicine, some of which he put up especially for the sufferers. The druggist at Warrick's old stand gave five bottles. I have heard from good authority that they cannot get medicines or doctors out there as the people have no money to pay for either.

Mrs. M. M. Richardson.

County Court.

Petition for appointment of Richard T. Powell administrator with will annexed of estate of W. B. Reynolds, deceased. Prayer of petition granted.

James Irving vs B. L. Miller et al. Continued until Feb. 17, at 10 a. m. Judge Sullivan for plaintiff, Dwyer and Clark for defendants.

Capital National Bank of Lincoln vs F. M. Striplin et al. Judgment by default for \$306.25.

Representative Gale of Brown county, who introduced the resolution Wednesday to recognize Governor Boyd, today received the following threatening letter:

OMAHA, Feb. 5.—[To Traitor.]—Look to those who have preceded you in history. Is gold worth more than one honorable opinion among one's fellows? Those that sell are the laughing stock of the buyers. And those that one betrays look with scorn and contempt on him who forfeits his right to manhood. Every traitor should be without family, so that his deeds may not fall upon them and cause a stigma to be attached to their characters. Omaha's gold secured the votes for Boyd and it looks as though its money would endeavor to foster him as governor of the people, but it will be the means of making our cause stronger in the future. INDEPENDENT.

To this was attached the following postscript:

"There is hemp being raised in Nebraska that I believe will be put to good use in the near future." Mr. Gale said in commenting on this letter, "My opinion is that a coward who dares not acknowledge his own words is too contemptible to notice."

In the house today 10,000 copies of Governor Boyd's message were ordered printed in English.

Free Delivery.

For the year ending February 3rd, 1891 there were issued by the Nebraska City post office 2,515 money orders. For the same period there were issued by the Plattsmouth post office 2,730 money orders or 215 more orders issued by the office of this city than that of Nebraska City. It will be borne in mind that Nebraska City, has the free delivery system. There doesn't seem to be any good reason for the post office department discriminating against this city in the matter of postal service. If Nebraska City is entitled to the free delivery service the office will bear us out in saying that this city is more than equally entitled to it.

Two messages in one week. Is there any wonder the legislature wanted recess for a few days?

Nebraska City is about to inaugurate a sidewalk revolution. Every dilapidated walk is to be displaced by fine broad ones, while many extensions of walks will be made.

It is said Roy R. Young, a compositor on the Enterprise of Grant, made a record of 12,917 lines in eight hours. Young is eighteen years old and has been at the printing business only two years.

A member of the senate received a letter from a constituent saying: "D—n the contest; send us seed and feed." The constituent might have put it in more diplomatic terms, but he was getting right to the core of the matter, and in a vernacular most senators are conversant with.

Sheriff Tighe, is out near Eagle today after an insane woman named Mrs. Mary Holton.

The city is full of farmers today, and the business men all seem to have their hands full.

Mrs. F. A. Murphy, of Cedar Creek, came down this morning to visit relatives a few days in this city.

F. S. White, has shipped two cars of products a week for his trade at the feed store, for the past six months.

County Commissioner A. B. Todd and daughter Lelia will go to Wahoo this evening and spend Sunday with friends in that city.

Rev. Lauer, pastor of the German Methodist church, went over to Hamburg Iowa, this morning where he will hold services tomorrow.

It is said the independent leaders have now decided to dismiss the contest proceedings against all republican state officers Tuesday next. The independents hope to thus gain the favors of republican members in the contest against Boyd.

Sol. V. Pitcher, County Clerk of Sheridan County, after looking in on the legislature and listening to the inaugural address of Governor Boyd, yesterday, came down to the city and is the guest of his father-in-law Jacob Valley Sr.

Uncle Noah Clemmons, of Rock Bluff precinct returned last evening from a three weeks visit with C. W. Curtis, and family of Hampton Hamilton County this state. Mr. Curtis was surprised to find on his return that the ground was bare here, for there was a heavy snow-fall out there.

F. S. White, the ice king, has now safely stored in his ice houses for the use of his many customers during the hot month of next summer, 2000 tons of the frozen liquid, and his countenance seems to indicate a contented mind, for it looked for some time that Plattsmouth would be in for an ice famine the coming summer.

Hon. F. E. White returned from the capital last evening, the legislature having taken a recess till next Tuesday. Mr. White is receiving congratulations on every hand for the splendid record he is making in the legislature, and the HERALD is not as blinded by partisan prejudice as not to be willing to bestow credit where it is due.

The dense fog this morning caused switch engine No. 218 and road engine No. 125 to come in contact in the yards this morning, resulting in the bursting of the water tank of the former engine and painfully crushing the foot of Fireman Hayes. Prompt action of the engineers in reversing their engines, prevented what might otherwise have been a serious wreck.

We are in receipt of a letter from Sidney Minor Esq., who went from this county a few months since to Fresno county, California, in which he expresses satisfaction with his new home, saying among other things that he worked all last week in shirt-sleeves, and had not needed an overcoat any time this winter. He also states that very little rain has fallen there this winter. To show the thrift with which the fruit trees grow there he enclosed a measurement of a peach tree twig of one season's growth, which was 14 feet and 7 inches in length. He also enclosed one of the discomfitures of California life in the way of the skeleton of a large mosquito which he says are annoying at this season of the year. It would be seen from the proportions of his mosquitoeship that not only vegetable life takes on a thrifty growth, but also the animal kingdom is not dwarfed by the salubrious climate of California.

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There is no money in the Arkansas treasury to pay the members of the legislature; but they should be willing, in the interest of the democratic party, to wait for their pay until the state can realize upon the assets turned over by the defaulting treasury.

A MAN by the name of Cameron, who was appointed to a place in the treasury department under the Cleveland administration, and was afterward discharged by Mr. Manning on account of his bad reputation, which the New York Tribune exposed, has just received a judgment against the paper for 6 cents.

A DISPATCH from Texas announces that a quarrel over a calf of the value of \$6 has resulted in the death of both disputants, one being shot by the other and the second falling under the fire of the deputy sheriff who undertook to arrest him. There is one thing to be said of this affair—it was as clean a job as we have ever heard of. At the latest accounts the calf (of the value of \$6) was doing as well as could be expected.

The commissioner of pensions denies the charge made by all the democratic and anti-soldier sheets that the pension list is going to greatly increase this coming year. He estimates that the "first payments will be \$10,000,000 less than last year and says that the effect of the act of June 27 will be to decrease the cost of pensions instead of increasing it. He says that the prediction of a deficiency in next year's appropriations on account of the pension law will not be realized.

The effect of the law according to his calculations is to equalize the pensions and not to increase the aggregate.—Lincoln Journal.

The bill in the legislature, providing that all unimproved land adjoining improved farms or lots shall be listed for purpose of taxation at the same figure as the improved land, would have one good effect if it should become a law. It would lead to the improvement of a large amount of wild land by its present owners or its sale to persons who would improve it, with resulting large material benefit to the state. The amount of such land in the state two years ago was greater than the amount of the improved land, and it is probably not any less at present. At first glance the proposition is likely to appear not exactly just, but why should the owner of unimproved lands be allowed to profit from its appreciation by reason of the improvement of contiguous property without paying for the benefit? Why should the enterprising citizen who cultivates his farm or builds on his property be required to pay more relatively in taxation than the man who expends no capital improvements and simply holds his land for speculation or for an increase in value contingent upon the investments and enterprise of his neighbors? There are many cogent reasons in support of the proposed measure.—Omaha Bee.

THE TARIFF AND THE NEXT CONGRESS.

Globe Democrat.
The republicans who are taking the view that the tariff in any event can not be changed within the next two years forget one or two essential facts in the situation. In the senate the party will have a lead of perhaps half a dozen in the Fifty-second congress. There is a possibility that it may be a little below this figure. In any case, however, the republicans will have a majority of that body. But this majority can not be strictly depended on to assert itself on all partisan questions. It is well known that most of the northwestern republicans in both branches of congress voted for the McKinley law under a sort of mental protest. In the case of some of these republicans the protest took a more pronounced and practical shape. The law has certainly made no proselytes in any part of the west since it went into operation. It is extremely safe, indeed, to say that the economic idea which the act represents is distinctively weaker throughout this portion of the country than it was six or eight months ago. Even the most extreme champions of the measure will now, we presume, concede that it was a blunder, and that it was almost wholly responsible for the disaster which the party met last November at the polls. And very few of them can imagine that sentiment has changed in their direction since the election.

If a moderate and conservative measure of the tariff revision comes from the house in the next congress it is likely to pass the senate, unless that body prepares a measure of its own, in which case the matter will go to the conference committee. In 1888, when the democrats were in control of the house, the senate framed a tariff bill, but congress adjourned before final action could be taken on the question. In 1892 the senate, in all probability, will take the same course. A tariff bill will be prepared in the upper as well as the lower branch, with the probabilities decidedly in favor of legislation in the matter.

An agreement on some kind of a measure is likely to be had in conference. A presidential veto may come, but if the bill proposes no radical or dangerous changes in the existing law the chances, at this distance from the event, seem to be in favor of its obtaining the requisite two thirds vote to override the executive disapproval. The devotion to protection among western republicans is as strong as ever, but it is to the protection with which the party was identified until recent years. They favor the protection which affords a reasonable amount of advantage to the home producer, but they oppose and will strike down the sort which builds up monopolies and trusts and levies a needless and oppressive tribute on the masses of the community.

The county commissioners were engaged yesterday and today in revising the court house plans.

A. B. Todd took a little lay-off from commissioner duties today and is transacting business in Omaha.

Senator Thomas, returned from Lincoln this morning to remain at home during the recess of legislature.

H. C. Macken, has completed his contract of filling the B. & M. Ice House and is now shipping to Council Bluffs and St. Joe. The ice harvest has proved much more satisfactory at this point than was anticipated a few weeks ago.

Happy Hoosiers.

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Cupid vs. Clothes.

When Elizabeth held the fort in England, and Sir Walter Raleigh used to go about with clothes on that if he had got hard up he could have gone around to his uncle's and put them up for thousands of pounds, not to mention a certain pair of shoes of his which were said to be worth 6,000 crowns, then it became the fashion for a man who was in love to neglect his apparel, as if he were too much occupied to bother about such trifles.

There was one mark in particular—his garments were not to be tied. So that when an Elizabethan dude walked down the Mall with these useful appendages hanging on behind him it was equivalent to saying that his heart was gone. Here we have Shakespeare in "As You Like It" putting these words into the mouth of fair Rosalind, "There is none of my uncle's marks upon you; he taught me how to know a man in love. Then your nose should be ungartered, your bonnet unbanded, your sleeves unbuttoned, your shoes untied, and everything about you denoting a careless desolation."—Clothing and Furnisher.

The Personal Pronoun in Conversation.

The inordinate employment of the possessive case is a vulgar solecism, and not used to excess by those of gentle breeding. There are both men and women who are forever talking about "my carriage," "my house," etc., until they disgust their hearers. One is apt to imagine that such persons are the possessors of newly acquired wealth and its appurtenances, when this small, two lettered word slips from their lips with unmeaning frequency.

The pronoun "I" should not be too often repeated, as it gives too personal and egotistic a turn to conversation, and the frequent recurrence of "I said so and so," and "I did so and so," reveals a nature weighed down with a sense of its own importance, and caring little about what other people are doing or thinking. —Jennett-Miller Magazine.

People Who Eat Alone.

In all thoroughly civilized countries the members of a family and their guests partake of meals while collected around a central board, but this is not so with the majority or even a fraction of the semi-civilized and barbarous nations. The Mardivian islanders dine alone, retiring to the most secret parts of their huts for the purpose of eating their food. This custom probably arose among them in an early period of their history, for fear, perhaps, that another with equally as sharp an appetite and more bodily strength would deprive the feaster of his meal.—St. Louis Republic.

Declaration of War Not Necessary.

Wars are often engaged in without any set declaration. This is the case in Europe, and has been so here. The United States made a pronouncement of this sort when it entered into the contest with Great Britain in 1812, but no such formality was observed by us in the contest with Mexico or in the civil struggle of 1861-5. In each case the government recognized that a state of war existed and acted accordingly.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Canine Intelligence.

One of the intelligent dogs lives in Bar Harbor, Me. He was carrying a paper the other day when several canine companions began to bother him. He put the paper down on the ground, and when a dog attempted to touch it sprang on him and gave him a good shaking. These tactics he repeated several times, till at last he could not get any dog to touch the paper, and then he quickly picked it up and walked away.—Kennebec Journal.

A "Hello" Rate.

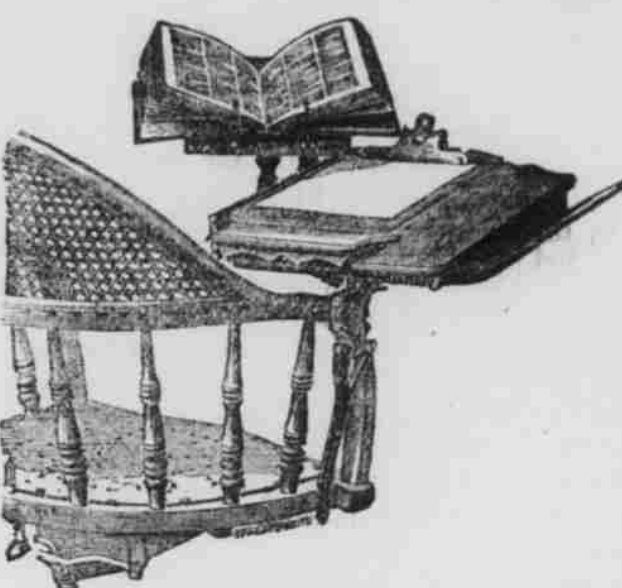
One telephone was put in at a small town in Kansas, and the owner of a house to rent immediately raised the price \$5 per month. Then he went over and called up a sawmill half a mile away, and burst a blood vessel trying to keep up a conversation over the wire.—Detroit Free Press.

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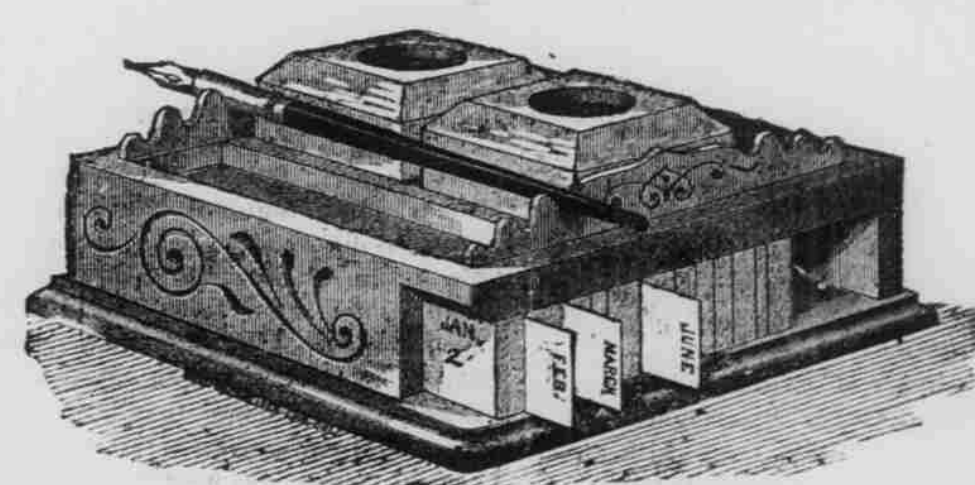
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