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THE LARGEST CIRCULATION of any Cass County Paper.

MARCH came in like a foot-ball game and if it keeps up last night's record, it will go out like a Chicago ward primary.

WHAT has become of Adlai Stevenson's boom? Can it be possible that it has passed to the great beyond in its infancy.

GREATER New York represents over half the number of square miles as that of London, and the consolidation will make it the largest American city and the world's second city.

MELBA, the opera singer, drew a \$5,000 house in Chicago a few nights ago and this is pointed to as an almost startling evidence of the return of confidence.—Fremont Tribune.

Confidence in Melba has never been shaken, that we know of.

It is evident that enough of the American people are in favor of the restoration of James G. Blaine's reciprocity policy to insure the defeat of the democratic party next fall if no other issue were to be considered.

AS AN evidence of the good work of the public schools in the United States it is shown that the per cent of illiterates over the years of age has decreased from 17 per cent in 1890 to 15.3 at the present time. There are yet 6,324,702.

IF MINNESOTA does not soon establish some protection for her forests the state will be as barren as a desert. A correspondent who has been looking over the state asked a timberman what his orders were. "Our orders," said he, "are to strip things clean."

THE scheme of the political bosses and place-hunters to defeat McKinley by getting Harrison out as a candidate falls flat. The Indiana statesman, like most of the good people in the west, is for McKinley and refuses to be used in an effort to defeat the man who has earned the presidency.

THE committee has reported favorably upon the admission of Arizona and New Mexico into statehood. This is a slam on Oklahoma, which has better claims than either of the other two states for such recognition. The favorable reports on these two states should be promptly followed by one in favor of Oklahoma.

CONGRESSMAN HAINES has continued a trifle small for him. He writes home now that he is having such a rush of business holding his seat down that he can't afford to come home and look after his political fences. He will probably utilize Billy Annin's trenchant pen at long range and thus escape the fire and smoke of a close conflict.

THE British people consume every year \$150,000,000 worth more of grain than they produce, and in view of possible war complications it is proposed to keep not less than one year's supply of cereals on hand. When the Briton can sing that he has the men, ships, the money and the corn, he may be considered in good shape for all contingencies.

SENATOR MILLS believes that the United States should take possession of Cuba, without explanations or apologies, and run it according to Hoyle, for the benefit of the inhabitants and civilization. When the fiery Spaniards hear the last specimen of American senate oratory, they will doubtless mob another consul or break a couple of windows.—Ex.

THERE hasn't been much said about the school board ticket, but two better men for the positions than S. A. Davis and R. B. Windham could not be found in the city. Both are extensive patrons of the schools, they are educated men, large tax-payers and not only know the wants of the schools but are practical school men, having taught school themselves.

JOHN UNRUH has had one term as city treasurer; he has held no other office of profit in this city. His ability and integrity and faithful service entitles him to a second term. This is a recognized custom and it is a good one. He ought to be elected by a big majority. His opponent is a clever fellow, but he is young and can wait. As a matter of fairness and right the office has been earned by Mr. Unruh and we violate no confidence when we say we believe he will get it.

QUAY will be about the only favorite son in the St. Louis convention, and the Pennsylvania delegation already shows signs of wanting to break away from him when it becomes possible to make McKinley. As the old dorky said in his prayer, there is serious business before the country now, and it is no time to send boys to do it. The people are clearly of the opinion that they must have McKinley if they are to be rescued from the embrace of the free trade bear.—State Journal.

RECIPROCITY'S REVIVAL.

The democratic journals in the past were wont to sneer at the reciprocity plan formulated and first put into practice by the great republican statesman, James G. Blaine, but they have changed their tune completely now, says the Lincoln News. Recently a committee was appointed by congress to look into the matter with the object of ascertaining what beneficial results formerly obtained under that system, and what advantages accrued to the manufacturers of the country. Luckily this committee has laid aside all political bias and conducted its inquiries on non-partisan lines with the sole object of discovering whether it was a good thing for this country to permanently adopt. The committee has reported the receipt of a good deal of information that shows that a very serious mistake was made by this country in suspending the operation of the reciprocity clause of the McKinley act, and that it is of vital importance to our manufacturing interests that this community of commercial interest with the South American republics be once more renewed.

These nations, like Hawaii and Cuba, are not very desirable to close political acquaintances, but they are naturally tributary to this country in a commercial sense, and there is no good reason why they should not buy their goods here instead of far-away England or Germany. The great mutual gain that a sound reciprocity treaty with these fertile little countries will give is so evident that those in existence should be abrogated arbitrarily. Reciprocity goes hand in hand with the application of the protective principle, and if congress does not enact it this session it will be made a part of the industrial policy of the administration of President McKinley just as soon as it is practicable after his election.

THE present manner of apportionment for national convention in vogue with the republican party is not only contrary to common sense but it is inherently wrong. The number of delegates in the national convention is not based on the republican vote cast, but on the number of congressmen and senators, giving two delegates for each. This gives the democratic state of Texas, which has no republican votes to speak of, more strength in the national convention than Nebraska with her great republican majority. In other words, those who can do nothing towards the election of a republican president may, under the rule, be able to dictate the nomination. There is nothing right about such a plan and it is a wonder that it has not been changed. The disgraceful actions in many of the southern states at their state conventions is caused by this infamous rule. If the Texas delegation was based on the republican vote of Texas they would be out but a slight figure in the national convention and there would be no row over selecting two or three delegates from the entire state.

WHILE the senate hesitates the Cubans are making things so lively for the Spaniards that possibly the latter will be in their turn compelled to solicit recognition of their belligerent rights. Maceo has gained one of the most important victories of the war in Havana province, capturing the artillery ammunition of the enemy and making them exert their best leg power to escape annihilation. The Bermuda that started after much advertisement from New York loaded with guns and munitions estimated at a money value of \$100,000 has safely landed and will be of great assistance to the insurgents. The campaign of General Weyler so far has been the most disastrous to the Spaniards of those fought since the beginning of hostilities and he failed to accomplish any of the results he promised when he succeeded Campos.—State Journal.

THIS paper favors W. H. Newell's election for Mayor and the editor is earnest in his support, and gladly adds his mite toward the desired end. The cheap 2x4 sheet with its democratic owner Geo. B. Mann would be pleased at heart if Judge Newell were defeated. Its high salaried (?) editor indicated that, very plainly by the slurs he throws at others, in a vain effort to drive them to support Mr. Gutsehe. If we have spoken to any man an unfavorable word with reference to Judge Newell's election let him stand up, it is our habit to call a spade a spade and when we go gunning for scamps we make no secret of it.

GEORGE MANN is getting in his feeble kicks toward the defeat of Judge Newell by trying to fight the mayor, by a species of cowardly innuendoes, peculiar to that organ, of which he is chief owner. No one reads it, however, we can say to the credit of the town, and the flings at other people will continue to fall wide of the mark intended.

DAVE MILLER would make a first-class police judge. He is running against the strongest man on the democratic ticket but his friends are legion and with an organized effort he can be elected.

WHAT'S the matter with B. C. Kerr? Nothing. He will succeed himself as city clerk. He deserves the office and the people will give it to him. Now watch our prediction and see.

A VOTE for Judge Newell is a vote for good, conservative city government, which means no "backward strides in municipal affairs."

THE average Nebraska farmer was content to sit by the fire today, with no degree of uneasiness as to his coming crops.

INFORMATION AND OPINION.

A leading American ornithologist says that some of our most desirable birds are threatened with extermination. The common quail and ruffed grouse are becoming very scarce. Wrens and blue birds are driven from their old haunts by sparrows. Terns are slaughtered by thousands for the millinery business, and Florida is similarly despoiled of its herons, ibis, pelicans and smaller birds. The wild pigeon has disappeared. Fashion at present is the greatest enemy of bird life, but collectors of eggs are also responsible for great destruction. Protection of birds must come through the education of the people, especially the rising generation, and by protective legislation sustained by game wardens. Thus far no state legislation has given the subject the attention it deserves, and must soon demand if the present ravages continue.

A Brooklyn inventor brings out the latest space annihilator. It is a new boat shaped like a cigar, with a keel hanging below it something like the runner of a skate. The cigar shaped hull of the boat revolves rapidly upon its own axis. It is fitted with a thin steel flange which goes entirely around the hull three times, making the apparatus somewhat resemble a fat augur. The theory of the inventor is that when he starts the hull of the boat revolving he will bore a hole through the water and carry the whole craft along at an unprecedented rate of speed. He is able to send his model boat across a tank of water two blocks long in just seven seconds. He thinks a big boat can be driven at the rate of about six miles a minute, or across the Atlantic Ocean in about eight hours.—Ex.

A. U. Mayfield, of the Elmwood Echo, has fallen from grace. He made a bill of sale of the office to his wife, and left the first of the week for Oregon to look up a new location. The reports say there is a woman in the case. Mrs. Mayfield will continue the publication of the Echo.—Weeping Water Republican.

The greatest American musical genius, Stephen C. Foster, is to have a monument at Pittsburg, his native city. Subscriptions now exceed \$5,000, and will be augmented at the National Saengerfest to be held in Pittsburg in June, at which a chorus, accompanied by orchestra, will sing "The Old Folks at Home." Some one has said that Foster did more for the American slave than any other man, and in so gentle a manner that his songs were as popular in the south as in the north. Foster wrote both words and melody of his productions, which are simplicity itself and yet inimitable.—Globe-Democrat.

A British ship which has been taking soundings in the South Pacific reports a depth in three places near the Tonga Islands of 30,000 feet, which breaks the record of 3,000 feet. The deepest holes are not in the middle of the ocean, but within 100 miles of land. Their depth is greater than the height of any known mountain. Specimens of the bottom at 30,000 feet proved to be the usual red clay found in all the deepest parts of the ocean.

The Havemeyer sugar refineries on the East River, New York, are now the largest in the world. The Havemeyers have been sugar refiners for many years. Two brothers, William S. and Frederick Charles, started the old refinery in Vanderveer street in 1800. The son of the latter, Frederick C., father of the members of the present firm, continued the business until 1835, when he retired. It 1858 the father went into business again with the boys. Then came the firm of Havemeyer & Elder. The house started with 50 men in its employ, and today employs between three and four thousand men, 3,000 tons of raw sugar a day are unloaded at its wharves.—Ex.

While so many of the monthlies are publishing the pictures and biographies of the painters of the century, Godey's is the only one which is regularly serving up useful and entertaining essays on musical subjects. The twelfth instalment of "Music in America," by Rupert Hughes, appears in the April issue and is devoted to the subject of our local singing societies in general, and the compositions of W. W. Gilchrist in particular. The full page of music which is published in this series each month, is of itself a great attraction to music-lovers. This number includes also stories of Pappenheim and Gerster, under the head of "Great Singers of this Century," by Albert L. Parkes, an operative and theatrical manager of long experience. Robert Coverley has written a "Wheeling Glee" for his bicycle number of Godey's, which is easy to sing, and pleasant to hear. It has an irresistible swing and is sure to become popular among cycle clubs.

The retail dealers of Omaha are putting their heads together to see whether there is any possibility of escape from the clutches of the fire insurance octopus that has wrapped itself around the business interests of this state. The question is a serious one, because the costs of fire insurance is the greatest that is laid upon Nebraska's business interests.—Kearney Hub.

The proper thing to do is for the retailers in every city in the state to organize just as the retailers of Omaha have done. It is not alone insurance rates but many other things need looking after. We should have a good strong state organization of retailers. Such a body would have the power to accomplish something.—Omaha Trade Exhibit.

Lincoln republicans will hold a pri-

mary meeting tonight and a county convention tomorrow night. Business at the capital city has again been suspended, though the town is full of people, some of whom have come long distances to vote.

The North Platte Telegraph has started a daily edition of that enterprising paper. THE NEWS wishes Editor Hall success.

The high kickers at the opera will soon be out of a job since Edison has by use of the X rays discovered means for seeing clear through the human body. Clothing will not be of any value except to keep out the cold when the Wizard gets his new fangled specs on the market.

Judge Archer is quite gallant, but he long ago quit dancing, if he really ever indulged in that sort of pastime. Saturday evening he was called out in town to perform a wedding ceremony, and, of course, like a judge with a well-poised head, he stayed for supper and the dance which followed. Finally the new-made bride chose the judge for a quadrille and absolutely refused to accept any declarations which he offered most vigorously. The city dispenser of legal pabulum was pulled out onto his feet, the music struck up on a lively tune and the fun began. The judge's willowy form swayed to and fro as he kept time with as much agility as a speckled cow could have done. The guests enjoyed the scene immensely, but hereafter dancing don't "go" when Archer ties the knot, though he might with but little solicitation be urged to kiss the bride, but no more dancing.

The people who don't read the newspapers are the dead ones, who never buy anything. Merchants who cater to dead people do not advertise.—Ex.

Theatrical companies would do well to keep away from Lincoln during the Walton divorce case, as the people have all they can attend to now. The court room is crowded to its utmost every day with men and women. It is a bigger drawing card than was the Shedy murder trial some years ago, and the end is not yet in sight.

It costs only \$2.50 to bring a suit for libel in this state, if you have an attorney who has a little crow to pick with a newspaper, but instances are known where newspapers have been so heartless and unfeeling as to prove what was charged. And still libel suits are sometimes begun.—Lincoln News.

Yesterday afternoon a large gray eagle tried to carry off the 2-year-old son of William Stone while the child was playing in his father's front yard near Lackey, in Knott county, Ky. The eagle descended from the top of Jones Fort Mountain, one of the highest in that vicinity, and had alighted on the child when Mr. Stone's large Newfoundland dog grabbed the bird by the neck and almost killed it. The child was badly injured on the left shoulder and one of its eyes was put out. Mr. Stone, who was near by, arrived in time to assist the dog in killing the eagle and loosened the bird's talons from his little boy's clothes. The bird measured 6 1/2 feet from tip to tip. The child will recover.

There is no straddle in the utterance of the New York republican convention on the finance question. It runs thus: "We recognize in the movement for the free coinage of silver an attempt to degrade the long-established standard of our monetary system, and hence a blow to public and private credit, at once costly to the national government and harmful to our domestic and foreign commerce. Until there is a prospect of international agreement as to silver coinage, and while gold remains the standard of the United States and of the civilized world, the republican party of New York declares itself in favor of the firm and honorable maintenance of that standard." This is a strong, unambiguous and courageous utterance and one which the St. Louis convention should copy verbatim.

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EDITORIAL MUSINGS.

If I should die tonight, And "Old Subscriber" came to me to say, "Make out your bill, I'm ready now to pay," I'd show him the tonnage on my chest, And sily winking at my lifeless clay. The old dead-ben should talk to me that way, I'd kick my heels to think that I had died, And long to live to prove the fellow lied.

If I should die tonight, And even as I'm in a state of bliss, Before St. Peter swings the golden gate, I'd show him the tonnage on my chest, And sily winking at my lifeless clay. Your rival prints a piece of news at last, I'd still have hope that I might be revived, The age of miracles would have arrived.

If I should die tonight, Die suddenly, while working in my den, My nerveless fingers still about my pen, I'd show him the tonnage on my chest, And sily winking at my lifeless clay. I'd sweetly smile, I'd be content to die, I'd sweetly smile, I'd be content to die.

FARM NOTES.

There is something wrong when you see the cows afraid of the person milking them. He may be kind in your presence, but has been harsh, or cruel at times when you were not watching.

The "Breeder's Gazette" says that, notwithstanding prices for all kinds of farm animals are low, the fact remains that it is suicidal to attempt to carry on farming operations without live stock.

According to the United States census, the hens of this country average 100 eggs each per year. Some egg-producing contests last year showed that a hen can be induced to lay 180 in a year.

Recently a whole herd of swine belonging to a stockman became sick with supposed cholera, but examination after death showed that the hogs had gorged themselves with pumpkin seeds, which did not digest.

Never guess at anything connected with dairymaking. Use a thermometer, weigh the salt that goes into the butter, and above all, know something of the breeding of the cows used for producing the milk.

It is claimed that any land that will produce corn will be suitable for apples, pears, plums or cherries. Fruit growing has not yet been overdone in this country, as the demand seems to keep pace with the supply.

Where wheat or rye has been thrown up by frost, run the roller over the field if the ground will bear the teams. By so doing loss may be prevented, as a large number of plants thrown out will be established again.

Keep the hogpen well littered with straw, so as to keep it dry. The place where the brood sow and pigs are kept should have a fresh supply of cut straw every day. The straw will aid in keeping the pigs warm by preventing draughts along the floor.

It costs at least one-third more to produce a pound of pork after the first year than before. If a pig does not pay a profit by the time it is ten months old it will hardly do so after it passes that age. Young pork is not only the best and cheapest, but brings the highest price in the market.

A Prize to Writers. The Nebraska club desires to announce cash prizes for articles showing the resources of Nebraska and the advantages it offers to homeseekers as follows: For the best article, \$15; for the second best, \$10; for the third, \$5. Two conditions only are imposed: First—The articles not contain more than 1,000 words.

Second—The articles shall be accompanied by at least \$1 for a subscription to one share of the stock of the club.

The articles shall become the property of the club. They will be submitted to the publication committee who will award the prizes, and they must be filed with the secretary on or before March 1, next.

For a copy of "Stand Up for Nebraska," an address of the president and executive committee, write secretary Nebraska club, Bee building, Omaha, Nebraska.

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