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THE LARGEST CIRCULATION Of any Cass County Paper.

It seems a great pity that the Holt county vigilants did not get Joe Bartley the same time they got Barrett Scott, Nebraska taxpayers would have been half a million dollars better off had they done so.

The Greek war is playing out, so we may now soon expect to hear from Cuba again with its trocha and machetes. The Cuban war correspondent has been forced to the rear seats while the bellicose Turks hold the public ear, but Mr. Turk must soon subside, and the Weyler band will play its old familiar air.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY has not been making many displays for the benefit of the grand stand, but it is told on good authority that unless some measures are taken by the Spaniards very soon to put an end to the cruelties practiced upon Americans in Cuba the liveliest kind of an international complication will be uncorked.—Ex.

THERE will be no more heroic Greek epics. The brave chivalrous Greek is a fact of so long ago that the present seems to have no connection with him. There are no Thermopylae possible today, since the memory of the Spartan band has faded till the descendants of those gallant fighters now act like craven cowards and run for cover at very sight of the armed enemy.

DR. FALL, superintendent of the Beatrice asylum for the feeble-minded, refuses to be pried loose from his grip on the state pocket book and has barred the doors and fortified himself against the officers who are expected to place Dr. Fall's successor in the position. Fall was one of the great reformers whom Holcomb elevated two years ago, but the governor has concluded to replace him with another hungry popocrat, but so far Fall refuses to give up the job.

JERRY SIMPSON persisted in monkeying with the buzz saw and now he wanders around the chamber of the house carrying his head under his arm. Only half the combined forces of populism and popocracy could be gathered under his banner to fight for the "immediate appointment of the committees" by Speaker Reed. All the rest of the house voted tumultuously to sustain the common sense decision of the czar that nothing should be done during the present session but to pass the tariff measure for which congress was called together.—State Journal.

THE Blair-Republican (populist and organ of the State Grange) defends the pass with the same courage that Leonidas defended it at Thermopylae. It says that Governor Holcomb did not solicit his special train of Pullmans for his trip to the south, but that the railroads sought and persuaded him to accept. But it cannot be denied that the governor has arrived at the age and size of consent and the blame should not rest on the poor down-trodden railroads. It makes a vast difference whether special Pullman equipment are placed at the disposal of a populist statesman or a republican statesman.—Ex.

DR. FALL, under whose regime a helpless child was scalded to death, gives it out cold that he will not be pried loose from the feeble minded youth. Dr. Fall courts an investigation, so did Dr. Mackay some time since. The details of the testimony adduced at Dr. Mackay's trial were such as to condemn him as entirely unfit for the position he held, but Si and the gang did not propose to let such a small matter as testimony and facts out any figure, and so they retained the doctor. The business men and attorneys of sporting proclivities should ascertain how the doctor stands with the gang before placing their estates on the result of this investigation.

HULL of Harlan introduced two bills—one to prevent the adulteration of cider and another to prevent the adulteration of vinegar, which provide adequate penalties for those who ignore the law. Both are excellent measures, and we were greatly surprised that Hull should have originated them. The facts have leaked out, however, that Hon. E. M. Pollard of this county drew the bills, and knowing they could not get through if advocated by republicans, he secured Mr. Hull to father his measures—with good results. Mr. Pollard should, therefore, be congratulated on getting two good laws on the statute books, as great fines had to be resorted to on his part to secure anything of that sort with the crowd that he had to work with.

Have You Had the Grip? If you have, you probably need a reliable medicine like Foley's Honey and Tar to heal your lungs and stop the racking cough incidentally to this disease. For sale at Smith & Parmele.

THE WATER COMPANY CASE. From definite data it is now learned that the recent decision in the case of the Water Company vs. Plattsmouth City, in no wise touched the merits of the question in controversy, and a brief statement of the status of the matter may not be at this time devoid of interest to the taxpayers. The suit was first brought in federal court at Omaha. On motion of attorney for city the case was dismissed from court on the jurisdictional question, the Plattsmouth Water company being a local corporation. The costs up to this time, were, of course, taxed to the water company. In order to get into the federal court, the water company was thrown into the hands of a receiver at the instance of the Boston Safety Deposit company, which is a non-resident, and which claims to be the owner of the bonds of the water company, though, as a matter of fact, it is the real owner of all the stock and the receivership business was only a trick to get into the federal court. The case was then tried and a judgment was awarded the water company for the full amount of their claim. From this judgment the city took an appeal to the U. S. circuit court of appeals, which court was in session at St. Paul this week. The water company claimed the circuit court of appeals had no jurisdiction in the matter, as the case should have gone to the supreme court of the United States for final review. A motion to that effect was argued Tuesday to the court and the motion was sustained which makes the city liable for the costs. The matter now stands just as it did after judgment was rendered in Omaha, and the city can perfect its appeal to the United States supreme court if it so desires. The water company has achieved no signal victory over the city, as the merits of the case were not even considered. So far as legal honors are concerned they are even, each side having been in turn thrown out of court on a jurisdictional question. THE NEWS is of the opinion that the matter should be compromised if anything like a fair deal can be had. If not, then an appeal to the court of last resort should be taken and prosecuted without delay. We believe the supreme court will remand the case back to the district court here for trial, where it rightly belongs and where substantial justice can be obtained. The costs are piling up, and the steps to be taken must be guarded and the best of legal ability is none too good at this stage of the proceeding, as every taxpayer is personally interested in the result. We have never entirely agreed with the contention of the city in the matter, but there is little doubt but what, if appeal is prosecuted, the case will come here for final hearing.

W. J. Bryan, whose heart bleeds at so much per bleed for the great common people and those living in small towns, is about to tour Mexico and Europe. Billy can not bear to see those made idlers by his tariff bill put to work under the beneficent workings of the Dingley bill. Our namesake at Nebraska City objects to the annexation of the Sandwich Islands, but fails to give any reason for such a belief. The only objection we can think of is that this country ought never to have taken the Louisiana purchase, and Texas ought not to grow and prosper and become the greatest nation on the globe. If a fellow takes no pride in the growth, development and wealth of the country he will not care about annexation of rich islands. James Skiles, of Tipton precinct, who is attending the Lincoln High school, had a sore heel from which lockjaw developed, and he is now reported in a critical condition. Paradvventure it would be well for old Altgeld, the anarchists' friend, to issue a card explaining his connection with the defalcations which have compelled the Globe savings bank to suspend, says the Fremont Tribune. He should do it soon or Mr. Bryan will have to go through his new book and do the Jehoshaphat act of cutting out the tributes paid to him. It will never do to have the virgin pages of a reformer's book sullied with encumbrances on a bank-wrecker. In the interests of the great common people of which Altgeld is one, we demand that he prove an alibi, if possible. Dr. Dougherty, rector of Brownell hall, has resigned. This will be a severe loss to that excellent institution. G. Cleveland, esq., appreciates the value of advertising. That speech, the other evening, wherein Grover proclaims that the only hope of the country is sound currency, yoked to free trade, was evidently intended to give the people an eye-opener that those two qualities could only be found in the person of the only surviving democratic ex-president. Columbus, this state, has advertised to the world that it has just received two car loads of stone for the use and benefit of the Weary Willies who visit that city. Nebraska City attempted to adopt the same scheme, but 'twas a failure.—Nebraska City News.

William Allen of this city having purchased the blacksmith shop of T. B. Brown on Washington avenue, wishes to state to those needing any work in that line that he is prepared to give them the best of service at the right kind of prices. Mr. J. Q. Churchill, a blacksmith of wide experience, is in Mr. Allen's employ.

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A MAN OF APPETITE. AN AWFUL ORDEAL FOR A DYSPPEPTIC LITTLE LAWYER.

Went into the Restaurant Just to Have a Few Oysters—Met Mr. Grump, the Brewer, Who Was Lunching a Little Before Going Home to Supper. "There used to be a famous place for these things down in Atlanta," remarked the portly gentleman as he cautiously eyed the Welsh rabbit and sipped his musty ale. "Why, don't these suit you?" asked the man who had never traveled. "Oh, yes, fine, but I was just thinking of a little incident that occurred there. A story, is it? Well, let's have it." "It's not much of a story, but I will tell it the best I can. You see, the place I spoke of was kept by a man named Beirmister and was not only famous for its Welsh rabbits, but for its oysters and hard crabs as well. Delicious they were too. "There was a dyspeptic little lawyer around town, sharp and shrewd, but a martyr to the stomach. He used to go around with the boys until some one would suggest going over to Beirmister's and getting some crab and beer; and you could count on the lawyer on it. The boys would try to persuade him by telling him how delightful were the crabs, how succulent the oysters, but the lawyer would flee from them in terror at the thought. "About 5 o'clock one fine afternoon in the early spring a friend and myself were journeying toward Beirmister's when we met the dyspeptic lawyer. As usual, he stopped us for a little chat, and we walked down the street together. In a few moments we were in front of Beirmister's, and my friend, taking a different tack, persuaded the little lawyer to enter with us on the plea that we would find no one in at this time of day and that we were only going to eat a few oysters. "Once inside, we found the place crowded. The seats at the tables were all occupied, except at one table, over in a far corner of the room, at which there were three vacant chairs, the fourth being occupied by a fat German brewer named Grump. We knew Grump, and so went to this table. I introduced the lawyer—Blakely, I believe his name was—to the brewer and ordered beer for the crowd. The lawyer protested, so we left him out. "Mr. Grump, I remarked, 'we are about to have a few oysters. Won't you join us?' "Well, you see, I have already something ordered." "Oh, that's all right," I insisted. 'A few oysters will give you an appetite.' "Is dot so? Yab, I take me a few—chust von luttel dozen." "My friend had been engaged in an earnest conversation with the lawyer while I was talking to the jolly old German, and when the waiter came with the beers he told him to bring some crabs, 2 1/2 dozen oysters on the shell and a glass of hot water. He had persuaded Blakely to try some oysters. "At Beirmister's when an order was given for crabs they invariably brought a dozen, and you paid for as many as you consumed out of that number. The waiter soon returned with oysters, crabs and hot water. In the meantime Grump, who was a great talker, had struck up a conversation with the lawyer, and they were cracking jokes at a great rate. "Blakely's courage fell when the oysters were placed before him. He manfully drank the hot water and commenced to imitate Grump's heroic style of eating oysters. He managed to down two and then laid his fork gently by his plate and fastened his eyes on Grump. With the aid of a few glassfuls of beer the brewer's oysters had vanished. My friend had managed to get away with two crabs and insisted that Grump help him dispose of the remainder. I was still lousy with my dozen oysters. "Well, I help you some," said Grump, and picking up a knife he went at those crabs like a darky slucking oysters. The dyspeptic watched him as if fascinated and remarked in a seething tone that came straight from the stomach: "You have a good appetite, Mr. Grump." "Yab, I t'ink pretty good," and he actively went for another crab. The dish was cleared in a few moments, and I made a mental note that Grump had eaten nine crabs, a dozen large oysters, and drank ten glasses of beer. When the crabs were no more, Grump called to a waiter: "Here, Franz, I am waiting." "Franz disappeared, and in a few moments brought in a large Welsh rabbit and deposited it before Grump. I could see the little lawyer shrink from the odor wafted across the table, but he was game and would have staid at that table until he died. Grump insisted that we share the dish with him, but all hands refused. "With apparent relish and a fresh glass of beer he attacked the rabbit, and in an incredibly short time the dish was clear of the least particle. Grump wiped his mouth, folded his napkin, and called for another round of beers. "If I had not had a reputation to sustain, I would have refused, but as it was we drained the glasses. "Now, I must be going," remarked Grump, rising. "What's your hurry?" asked the dyspeptic lawyer in his most sarcastic tones. Do stay and have something else." "Nein, I must to mein supper go," answered the German. "The dyspeptic wilted. Now, if you are looking for a fight, just tell that little lawyer that Grump wants him to eat supper with him. You'll get it quick and strong."—Washington Post.

RECKLESS NAT GOODWIN. An Illustration of How the Comedian Earns Money to Burn. A story I have just heard about Nat Goodwin is but another instance of his reckless generosity and constant desire to burn money upon all possible occasions. Nat had been in the habit of passing part of his time at a certain hotel— that is all the description necessary of the place—presided over by a fat, good natured German. They had known each other well and were on excellent terms. It came about one day, during the broaching of a bill, that Mr. Goodwin was morally certain that the indebtedness was not his. Mine host was equally sure on his side of the contrary. The dispute waxed hot and heavy. "See here," said Goodwin, "I don't care for a trifling amount like \$50. It's the principle of the thing, that's all. Just the principle of the thing." "Der same yab mit me," retorted the landlord. "I don't care me for \$100,000." "Perhaps not," doubted the comedian. "But I'd sooner throw the money away than burn it than give it to you when I don't owe it to you." "Ah," exclaimed the German sarcastically. "You had money to burn, eh? Well, I don't believe me dot." "Is that so?" returned Nat. "Well, now, I'll tell you what I'll do with you. I'll burn \$50 right here before your eyes if you'll accept the bill." "By Chiminy!" said the best. "I'll joost go you yonce." Without another word Nat Goodwin took his checkbook out of his pocket, filled out a check for \$50, tore it out, applied a lighted match to it, and held it until it was reduced to ashes. The German, who had watched the process with bulging eyes, banged a rubber stamp on the disputed bill, scrawled his signature across it and said with a sigh: "Chumping dividends! You can't get ahead chf deseater fellows no-how."—New York Journal.

SHAKING WITH 60,000. The "God Bless You" of Honest Hearted People a Benediction. In an article describing "The Social Life of the President" in the Ladies' Home Journal ex-President Harrison tells of the fatigues of handshaking and also of the benefits of being brought in contact with the good, honest hearted people of the country. "In the first two weeks of an administration," he says, "the president shakes hands with from 40,000 to 60,000 persons. The physical drain of this is very great, and if the president is not an instructed handshaker a lame arm and a swollen hand soon result. This may be largely or entirely avoided by using President Hayes' method—take the hand extended to you and grip it before your hand is gripped. It is the passive hand that gets hurt. It has been suggested that a nod or bow should be substituted for the handshake, but it would be quite as admissible to suggest a revision of the Declaration of Independence. "The interest which multitudes attach to a handshake with the president is so great that people will endure the greatest discomfort and not a little peril to life or limb to attain it. These are not the office seekers, but the good, honest hearted, patriotic people whose 'God bless you' is a prayer and a benediction. They came to Washington for the inauguration, and later with excursions, but they are mostly to be found near their own homes. They come out to meet the president when he takes a journey, and his contact with them and their unselfish and even affectionate interest in him revive his courage and elevate his purposes. Mr. Lincoln is said to have called these popular receptions his 'public opinion baths.'"

Gladstone and the Queen. Gladstone is the one living man whose political experience stretches beyond that of the queen. His is the one figure that for a longer period than that of the queen has filled the political stage. That is a remarkable position for any public man to hold. To all others the queen represents knowledge, experience and training which none of them can possibly possess. She knows more about politics, mostly to be found near their own homes. They come out to meet the president when he takes a journey, and his contact with them and their unselfish and even affectionate interest in him revive his courage and elevate his purposes. Mr. Lincoln is said to have called these popular receptions his 'public opinion baths.'"

PERSONAL—The gentleman who annoyed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing will find instant relief by use One Minute Cough Cure, a speedy and harmless remedy for throat and lung troubles. F. G. Fricke & Co. SEMI-WEEKLY NEWS-HERALD—\$1 per year, payable in advance.

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AMONG THE EXCHANGES. Miss Marie Paulson, who threw herself into the river on Monday evening and was rescued by young Rakes and a companion, it is feared is going to lose her reason. She has not been rational since the rescue from the water.—Nebraska City News. Ellen Beach Yaw, assisted by Georgiella Lay, pianist, and Maximilian Dick, violinist, will be heard in concert next Friday night at the Creighton. Miss Yaw has sung in this city before, and memories of her performance, combined with the uniformly favorable press notices she has received in all parts of the country, are expected to attract a large audience.—Omaha Bee. Joseph Houtz, of Cass county, died last night of paralysis, aged nearly eighty-four years. He leaves one daughter, Mrs. Everett. The funeral will take place tomorrow at the Union cemetery.—Nebraska City News. The department of buildings and grounds of the exposition has entered into a contract with L. G. Nebergall for the sinking of the artesian well on the grounds and the machinery is being put in place. Work will be commenced at once and it is thought the job will be done in two months.—Ex. As yet nothing has been done to recover the B. & M. switch engine that went into the rough at the head of the island during the high water. The company is waiting for the water to go down sufficiently to enable them to build a track around it so that a steam derrick can be used in raising the same. It will be quite a job to raise it.—Nebraska City News. H. D. Aggar, the popular agent for the Missouri Pacific railroad at this position, yesterday was tendered a position with the Iron Mountain & Southern railroad at Monro, La., and accepted the same. The change is in the nature of a promotion and is one well earned. He will leave about the first of June, and as yet his successor has not been named.—Nebraska City News. Congress Relieved at Once. And every bit of relief is a part of a cure that will stay a cure. Use Ballard's Horehound Syrup and note how quickly you are cured and how well you feel afterward. Specific also for whooping cough and croup. John Coffin, Kirwin, Kans., says: "When I began to use Ballard's Horehound Syrup for consumption the doctor had said that I would die in a few days. Am now up and around. Have no more pain in chest or lungs." Price 25 and 50 Cts. No benefit, no pay. Sold by F. G. Fricke & Co. The Episcopal Entertainment. A splendid entertainment will be given at White's opera house on the evening of May 10 to secure funds for roofing the Episcopal church. Frank Lea Short and Miss Belle Kimball of Omaha, assisted by the best of our local talent, will present one of the best comedies extant. Cast of characters and extended mention will be made. You may expect the best entertainment of the year and not be disappointed. The State Pharmaceutical Convention. Great preparation is being made for the entertainment of the delegates to the convention of the State Pharmaceutical association, which meets in this city June 7, 8 and 9. Henry R. Goering is head pusher in the matter, which means that it will be a success in every detail. He has sent out 1,500 invitations and has reason to expect at least 350 people. Men of national prominence will be present from the east to address the meetings. It will be the largest gathering in convention ever held in this city. Dr. Marshall, Graduate Dentist. Dr. Marshall, fine gold work. Dr. Marshall, gold and porcelain crowns. Dr. Marshall, crown and bridge work. Dr. Marshall, teeth without plates. Dr. Marshall, all kinds of fillings. Dr. Marshall, all kinds of plates. Dr. Marshall, perfect fitting plates. Dr. Marshall, all work warranted. All the latest appliances for first class dental work. When the spring time comes, "Gentle Annie," like all other sensible persons, will cleanse the liver and renovate the system with DeWitt's Little Early Risers, famous little pills for the stomach all the year round. F. G. Fricke & Co. Kidney Diseases. Are the most fatal of all diseases. Foley's Kidney Cure a guaranteed remedy or money refunded. For sale at Smith & Parmele.

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