

THE TRIBUNE.

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NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

SHEENUCKER SMITH.—"Smith has gone!" was the word passed around town Sunday night. The Smiths had come and gone in countless numbers before without creating any commotion, but the news of the departure of this particular Smith seemed to set people wild. Ostensibly Smith was a nice young man. He came to Omaha about eight months ago and opened an extensive dry-goods store in the McCormick block. Shortly afterward he rented an adjoining store in the Creighton block, and cutting away the partition blossomed out with a double establishment. Then came an era of loud advertising and cheap prices, and people began to inquire, "Who is Smith?" The question was asked on every hand, but never answered. Smith himself said he used to be a clerk in Chicago but had made \$30,000 on the board of trade, and wanted to build up a big business in Omaha. This story caught the merchants and bankers, and Smith's good looks and smooth ways caught the girls. He boarded at the Paxton, lived in good style, and paid his help and local bills promptly. It was noticed that for a man who had gambled so successfully Smith evinced but little interest in the market quotations, and had no particular liking for the national game of poker, other reports to the contrary notwithstanding. Occasionally he would take part in a four-handed game of old sledge for fifty cents a corner, but that was the extent of his gambling. A quiet spin on the avenue with a friend seemed to give him all the recreation he required, and it was what the sports call "a cold night," when he was not in bed by 10 o'clock. Smith's extravagance run to special excursion trains and brass band concerts in giving which he was a master. Everybody that visited his store was induced to buy something at some price and pay cash for it. It made no difference to Smith what he parted with so long as he got the money for it. His recklessness in cutting prices aroused the other merchants, who, while trying to meet his figures, in order to protect themselves, were always asserting that he was sure to go under. And so he did, and his going brought joy to the hearts of those who had been losing money all winter in trying to keep pace with him. To make a long story short Smith sold his goods to a Chicago man, paid off his help, and took the train for nobody seems to know where. As near as can be figured out, he left debts to the amount of \$150,000 with no assets. Many Omahans are numbered among his victims.—Omaha Herald.

THE STATE IN BRIEF.

late Herald material, which will be made to do duty.

JOHN MOORE of Pawnee City, had both eyes ruined by the explosion of a cartridge while hunting last week.

ALBION has a population of 900 according to the census returns.

A train drawn by 120 oxen passed through Rushville, westward bound.

MR. JACOB WELLES, who was stopping at the Palace hotel in Hastings for two days, was robbed by his room-mate, Raimond Tojo, a notorious St. Louis crook, of \$130 and a valuable watch. Tojo escaped.

The subject of water works is under discussion in Hastings, and it is probable that the enterprise will be inaugurated at an early day.

NUCKOLLS COUNTY thus far has escaped any depredations from wind storms.

The thieves and pickpockets flocked to Lincoln sengerfest week and many strangers and citizens of the town were made victims to their operations.

The drug store of C. F. Goodman, Omaha, caught fire last week and there came near being a great conflagration.

WASHINGTON special: Mr. Markley, of Niobrara, has assurances that he will be appointed to that land office as soon as the change is made.

A colored cavalryman who endeavored to paint the town of Hastings was shot last week by the marshal of that place. He is seriously wounded but will probably recover.

A **WASHINGTON** special says: The following information is furnished by the post-office department: Changes in star route mail schedules—Route 34127, Waverly to Palmyra, Neb.; leave Waverly Tuesdays and Fridays and Fridays at 1 p. m., arrive at Andrusville by 5 p. m.; leave Andrusville Tuesdays and Fridays at 8 a. m., arrive at Waverly at 12 m.; leave Andrusville Wednesdays and Saturdays at 1 p. m.; arrive at Palmyra by 4 p. m.; leave Palmyra Wednesdays and Saturdays at 4:30 p. m.; arrive at Andrusville by 7 p. m. Postmaster commissioned—A. P. Sharp, McCook, Neb. Mail messenger service discontinued—Route 102091, Meserveville, Gage county, from Courtland, route 34378.

A **CHICKEN-THIEF**, Ed. Bink, was last week treated to a coat of New Orleans molasses and chicken feathers near Indianola. This light punishment was inflicted in absence of tar and fine goose feathers.

The editor of the Seward Reporter, in a residence of eleven years in Nebraska, has never seen a better prospect for all kinds of crops than at present.

The plan of the new court house at Auburn has been changed so as to add two more rooms.

RED CLOUD special: C. H. Tanner, a jack-knife lawyer of Hastings, made a cowardly attack upon the local editor of the Journal, John Creeth, this evening. Tanner crept behind him at the boarding-house while he was seated at the supper table, caught him by the coat, floored him and kicked him in the head, bruising him to a considerable extent. The timely interference of Creeth's friends saved his life. The affair grew out of an article that appeared in the Journal relative to one of Tanner's daily drunks. Public indignation runs high. "The Thirty-three" talk of ordering Tanner out of the city inside of twenty-four hours.

The postoffice at Holdrege, Neb., is raised to a presidential grade at a salary of twelve hundred dollars, owing to the increase in business.

CHRIS. DOHL, a Norwegian, working with the bridge company on the railroad at Oakland, was drowned in Logan creek near that place. His body was recovered some two hours later. There were several of the party in bathing and it is supposed Dohl was taken with cramps and sank before help could reach him.

It is becoming generally known about town, says the Omaha Herald, that General Manager Holdrege, of the Burlington and Missouri railway, acting for a powerful local syndicate in which he is heavily interested, has purchased 33,000 acres of land in Lincoln county from the Union Pacific railway. This is said by railway men to mean the immediate extension (until now in doubt) to a junction with the Union Pacific at Ogallala of the B. & M. branch now being built from Holdrege, Phelps county, to Elwood.

THOMAS P. McPHERSON has been appointed postmaster at Arapahoe, vice Woodward, resigned.

TAJO, the thief who robbed his roommate at the Palace hotel, Hastings, was captured at Fairchild. He admits his guilt.

CONGRESSMAN LAIRD has returned from a trip to New Mexico.

The Hall county Agricultural society has engaged the services of the ladies' silver cornet band of Ord to play for them during the fair this fall.

The tenth annual fair of the Jefferson County Agricultural society will be held September 1 to 4 inclusive.

A school-house in Gage county was struck by lightning and burned.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Milisen, of Grand Island, died a few days ago from supposed poisoning. Some fly-poison paper had been left on the floor, and it is supposed that the child partook of it.

DIPHTHERIA has of late prevailed quite extensively among children in the vicinity of Kenesaw, but no fatal cases are reported.

The census gives Ashland a population of thirteen hundred.

TWENTY-FIVE thousand people are said to have witnessed the sengerfest parade at Lincoln.

The Omaha rowing association is out in a circular saying that active operations of the club will begin July 1.

FRED NYE, of the Omaha Republican, has brought suit against James Creighton, of that city, claiming \$10,000 damages.

GAGE COUNTY is to have two fairs this year. The county fair will be held at Beatrice and the district fair will be held between Blue Springs and Wymore.

The militia company at Beatrice now number forty-five members, and are drilling to become proficient in the use of arms. They have sent for new uniforms that are expected to arrive at an early day.

The first car load of wool ever shipped from Atkinson went out a few days ago. It weighed 3,000 pounds.

In the recent adjustment of the salaries of Nebraska postoffices that at Neligh was increased one hundred dollars.

A new law went into effect on the 1st, providing that county treasurers shall not be allowed more than \$2,500 per annum for services for assistants.

NELSON has a poultry association, with some of the most prominent business men at its head. They have pure bred chickens of most all kinds.

There is an opening at Hastings for a good hotel man, the new hotel being about completed and waiting for a tenant.

The census returns of Hastings is expected to show a population of about 7,000.

A **CORRESPONDENT** writes the Lincoln Journal concerning bee and other stings as follows: "In a recent issue you make mention of a person who suffered severely from a bee sting. Similar cases are quite common at this season of the year. If all persons who are liable to be stung would provide themselves with a small bottle of tincture of iodine and immediately on being stung would apply a few drops on and around the puncture, first removing the sting if it remained in the skin, they would procure instantaneous relief from the effects of the poison."

MRS. J. V. BOWLIN, the colored woman of Beatrice, says the Express of that place, is at present in Lincoln, where she is regarded as a living curiosity. Three eminent physicians of Lincoln and Judge O. P. Mason made an examination of this curious case, and state that she is turning white, fairer than the usual Caucasian. When the matter was given notice several months ago, some were loth to believe it, but now the statement is backed by high medical and judicial authority.

The Omaha Oil company is preparing to develop its interest in the Wyoming oil basins.

The Valentine postoffice has been made a presidential office of the third class with a salary of \$1,000 per annum.

At the recent sale of town lots in Gordon the business locations were rapidly taken at their appraised values, from \$175 to \$225 cash.

MRS. M. B. STONE, living near Edgar, was trampled on by a horse, receiving severe injuries. Besides being badly bruised her right leg was broken.

Bombs for water works were carried at the election in Blair by a large majority. The works are to be put up and owned by the city. Plans and specifications are to be prepared immediately and the contract let, to be completed as soon as practicable.

The eleventh annual tournament of the Nebraska Sportsmen's association at Seward, was a decided success.

ASHLAND has now five secret societies and an equal number of churches.

Last Friday afternoon, says the Orleans Sentinel, a team ran away with W. Olin and Mrs. Bonfoie in Lewisburg. He was driving a blind mare and a pony, when the team came to the bridge that crosses the mill pond the team went overboard, and as they went down the wagon turned up side down and took a summersault over the

team. Mr. Olin and Mrs. Bonfoie jumped as the wagon turned and landed some distance from the wagon in the water away from danger. One of the horses was drowned.

The enumeration of school children in the 138 school districts of Gage county for 1885 shows the following result: Males 4,263, females 4,051; total, 8,314.

The census shows that Grand Island has about six thousand people. At the rate of increase 10,000 is counted upon two years hence.

C. W. SMITH, of Grand Island, narrowly escaped being fatally injured by being thrown from the rear platform of a car by a sudden lurch of the train. He saved himself by holding on to the railing, but was dragged on the ties some distance before he was relieved from his perilous position.

A new postoffice building is to be erected at once at Kearney to be occupied by a (new) democratic postmaster.

DAVID CITY looks up with a population of 1,491.

The house of R. Keener, of Table Rock, was recently struck by lightning. Mr. Dolmand, living therein, was rendered senseless for some time, but has since fully recovered.

On all sides farmers are warned to look out for lightning-rod men and all the sorts of peddlers who are overrunning the state from one end to the other.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT BUREAU.

His Letter Declining to Resign When Requested to Do So.

The following is the text of the letter of Mr. Burchard declining to resign when requested to do so by Secretary Manning:

Sir:—Respectfully acknowledging your request for my resignation communicated to me on the 15th inst., I have the honor to state that after careful consideration I am not satisfied that duty or propriety require me at this time to resign my office.

Were any malfeasance or misconduct alleged or believed to exist, I am sure you would have done me the justice to have an impartial examination and given a full opportunity of defense before demanding my resignation. Nor do I understand from you that the request is made for such reason, but is because you deem the relations of my office to be so intimately connected with your administration of the treasury department that you should have the privilege of selecting the officer to be in charge of this bureau. Were this the case and the intention of the law, it might be proper to become for me a part of another. I am conscious of no crime, with an exception to the policy of the law should now be made or why I ought not to continue the performance of my official duty until the expiration of my term. Very respectfully, DANIEL MANNING, secretary of the treasury.

The length of the term—five years—the conditions upon which the removal is authorized, and the conditions and restrictions preceding the passage of the act indicate the intent that the director of the mint should not be changed on account of a change in administration or in the head of the department or for personal or political reasons. My predecessor, appointed by President Grant, although of opposite politics, continued in office under five successive secretaries of the treasury until his death. As to myself, having served with acceptance for a full term, and upon reappointment and confirmation a part of another, I am conscious of no crime, with an exception to the policy of the law should now be made or why I ought not to continue the performance of my official duty until the expiration of my term. Very respectfully, DANIEL MANNING, secretary of the treasury.

THE OHIO PROHIBITIONISTS.

They Hold a Convention and Place a Full Ticket in the Field.

The Ohio state prohibition convention in session at Columbus nominated Rev. A. B. Leonard, D. D., of Springfield, for governor. The ticket was completed as follows: Lieutenant-governor, Prof. W. G. Frost, of Lorain county; supreme judge, Gideon S. Hart, of Huron county; treasurer, John H. Danner, of Stark county; attorney-general, A. T. Cleveland, of Clinton county; board of public works, J. T. Neville, of Hardin county. The platform demands a prohibition amendment and opposes the license, tax or regulation of the liquor traffic. It says the friends of prohibition should not be controlled by either of the old parties, but should have shown themselves subservient to the liquor interest. It declares that the rum power must be vanquished by a new party, devoted expressly to that purpose. It describes the two wings of the great liquor party, one advocating a license and the other a tax on and regulation of the liquor traffic, leaving no loyal citizens any alternative except to join the prohibition party. It favors moral suasion as a means of reform, favors civil service reform, full protection to ballot, and a divorce based on dividing law, expresses sympathy for negro race, opposes violent changes of the tariff, endorses the voters' union memorial, favors the christian Sabbath and recognizes the christian government as ordained by God. A resolution of sympathy with Gen. Grant was adopted.

RIGHTS OF THE INDIANS.

Herbert Welsh's Views as to the True Policy Regarding Them.

Herbert Welsh, of Philadelphia, secretary of the Indian Rights association, lectured recently at Newport, in the course of which he showed the increase of the Indians, advancing the theory that their great needs are law, and education, neither of which they now possess in any considerable degree, and claiming the granting of these things to be the only solution of the Indian question. Mr. Welsh gave illustrations from his own experience of the faculty and willingness of the Indians to be educated, of the injustice of the agents, of the lack of law in behalf of the red man, their stagnant condition and the difficulty of securing legislation in their behalf. The work of the association in distributing facts affecting the question, and bringing them to bear upon the authorities at Washington, was explained, with an extended history of the order issued by the last administration, allowing the whites to settle upon the Sioux lands, and the repeal of the order by the new administration. The lecturer advocated an earnest and eloquent appeal for the formation of a branch of his association at Newport, urging the grounds of utility, economy, patriotism and religion.

ZEBRAS are very stylish; they wear striped stockings up to their necks.

THE WHEAT-GROWING COUNTRY.

A Summarization of Crop Prospects in the Northwest—The Outlook Not So Discouraging.

The St. Paul Pioneer-Press prints a complete compilation of northwestern crop reports. The one thousand different parts heard from may be thus summarized: The weather during the past two weeks has been generally favorable, and wheat has advanced rapidly in the north. The danger from two much rain in the Red river and James river valleys is over for the present. The cool weather which followed the last heavy rains saved thousands of acres which would have been ruined under hot sun, and on high ground caused the plant to stool well. The condition of the crop in Minnesota, taken as a whole, is not as favorable as it was last year at this time. In the southern counties the ground was very dry in some places and very wet in others, and the result is a very uneven and ragged crop. The weather has not been favorable until during the past few days, and the plant is very thin and light. In some places it is heading out a foot high, and the yield will not be an average one. Out of 410 reports received, covering fifty-three counties, 243 say the outlook for a full crop is good, and 167 say the yield will not be from 50 to 90 per cent of what it was last year. From all detailed reports received the present condition of the crop in the state does not justify the belief that more than 85 per cent of last year's yield will be raised. The total acreage in the state will be 2,515,000, making a total yield of about 32,695,000 bushels, but with the most favorable weather from this till harvest it will not be possible to get a full crop. The damage is confined almost entirely to the southern and eastern portions of the state. In the north the crop was sown earlier, and the weather has been favorable since. All reports from that section are of the most encouraging character. The counties reporting damage are Big Stone, Chippewa, Chicago, Dodge, Fairbault, Freeborn, Kandiyohi, Meeker, Renneville, Stearns, Sherburne, Wright, Yellow Medicine. In all of these counties the wheat is reported as being spotted and thin, and in many places heading out very low to the ground. In the northern portion of the state harvest will begin about the same time as last year, or perhaps a week earlier.

Out of the 265 reports from every wheat-growing county in Dakota only seventy-six report a damaged crop, and these put at less than 85 per cent. The condition of the crop is excellent. The danger from too much rain, which was seriously felt ten days ago, is now over, as the cool weather immediately following caused the water on the low lands to dry up without cooking the plant, and wheat on high ground was benefited by the moisture. Aside from the slightly decreased acreage the crop would turn out as much as last year. Harvest will begin ten days earlier in the northern portion of the territory unless the weather from this time on should prove backward. Reports from Iowa and Wisconsin are more favorable than those received two weeks ago. The weather has been cool and frequent rains have fallen, causing the plant to stool well. The growth has been well and the outlook much better than what was last reported. The damage by storms in Iowa is much less than was at first supposed. Corn is still backward in the northwest and the cold weather which has been so favorable to wheat has checked the growth of corn, and the crop in Minnesota has not recovered from the effects of the frost. The outlook at present is not favorable and there will not be more than three-fourths as much raised as last year. In Southern Dakota the crop is doing fairly well, but the yield will not be as large as last year. The weather has been unfavorable until recently, and the plant is not as vigorous as it should be at this time. The reports from Iowa are of a more favorable character. The weather has been settled. While not as warm as could be desired by farmers it has been fairly good for the growing crop. The same conditions exist in Wisconsin, although the crop there is more backward owing to wet weather at planting time. Oats promise an abundant crop in both Minnesota and Dakota.

DUEL IN A THEATRE.
A Conflict Between Two Law-Makers That Was the Cause of Much Consternation.
The following is told in a dispatch from Laredo, Texas: During the session of the last legislature Senator E. F. Hall bitterly attacked the efficiency and integrity of the state ranger force, which for years has guarded the frontier. The senator was particularly severe in denunciation of those troops in his district which were under the immediate command of Captain Joseph Sheely. These attacks resulted in the final abandonment of Captain Sheely's command. Sheely had long been known as one of the bravest men on the frontier, and his departure was the cause of much regret. For ten months past every male inhabitant along the border has taken sides for or against the rangers. The feeling between Hall and Sheely became intensely bitter. About 11 o'clock last night Sheely sauntered into the gallery of Holland's theatre. Seeing Senator Hall sitting in the front row near an aisle, Sheely approached and struck him on the face with a cane which he had open hand. He repeated this blow, when Hall succeeded in getting to his feet instantly. Both men drew their revolvers and began firing. Sheely retreating backward. A panic ensued in the theatre and people rushed wildly out on the streets to escape the flying bullets. Bystanders momentarily expected Hall to drop with a bullet in his heart, Sheely being famous as a dead shot. The senator, however, faced his dangerous antagonist in the most desperate fashion, stopping forward and firing every time Sheely fired. As Sheely reached the foot of the stairs Hall ran to the top and fired the last bullet in his pistol. Sheely gave no signs of being hit, but pulled off his coat, and his shirt was red with blood. This explained why the senator escaped with his life. In the fearful duel Sheely had been wounded by the first bullet from Hall's pistol, thus rendering his aim uncertain. The ball entered the right shoulder, coming out just beneath the right shoulder joint. Seniors Hall believes he wounded Sheely on the last instead of the first fire, but Sheely does not agree with him. It was a remarkable duel. Six shots on each side were exchanged. Hall's clothing is perforated, while a bullet grazed Sheely's temple. The feud will undoubtedly be renewed as soon as Sheely recovers sufficiently. No arrests have been made. Other encounters, as the outgrowth of this difficulty, are likely to occur at any moment between the friends of the combatants. Nothing on the frontier in a long time has created such intense partisan feeling.

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Great excitement was created at North Vernon, Indiana, the other day, by the capture of a wild man named Samuel Melvin, of Kentucky, who became suddenly ferocious and, at a place on Greenbush street, held at bay all farm wagons that were coming into town. He had a long bowie knife and threatened to kill all

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GENERAL NEWS AND NOTES.

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The trial of Mrs. Dudley for shooting O'Donovan Rossa commenced in New York on the 20th ult. Rossa, who was the first witness, stated that his business was a journalist. In relating the circumstances of the shooting he said Mrs. Dudley asked him to sign a certain receipt which he refused to do. Mrs. Dudley lent her voice to making things lively asking O'Donovan where he got the name of Rossa, said he was a dynamite, called him a liar, and told the jury he was a dangerous man—that he was never struck by a bullet, but fell through fright.

A. D. Green, a prominent young attorney, was shot and probably mortally wounded by James H. Pratt, also a lawyer, at St. Joseph, Mo., a few days ago. The men had some trouble and Pratt was roughly handled by Green. Both men were placed under arrest and in the police court, the case against Pratt was dismissed. This incensed Green, and he threatened to cut Pratt's throat unless he signed a statement to the effect that Pratt, Green, was justified in the attack. Pratt signed the paper and then drew a revolver and fired at Green. The ball took effect in the left arm, shattering the bone, and the limb was amputated at the shoulder. Green is at death's door, while Pratt is out on bail.

Francis Josef Petemky, who was convicted of the murder of Mrs. Fritzhelm at Auburn, N. Y., on May 29, 1883, and had his case carried to the court of appeals, a new trial having been refused, was sentenced to be hanged on August 21, next. Petemky stood unmoved during the proceedings and was taken back to Auburn.

A fire at Antigo, near Milwaukee, destroyed \$300,000 worth of lumber, belonging to parties in Milwaukee and Oshkosh.

Andre J. Dumont, who resigned his position as naval officer in the New Orleans custom house a few days ago, committed suicide by blowing out his brains. Domestic trouble is said to have been the cause.

A fire a few nights ago destroyed an immense quantity of oil at the New Orleans shop of the Illinois Central railroad. The loss is beyond computation.

In Cumminsville, Ohio, two colored men named Parks and Thompson, became engaged in an altercation, when Parks shot Thompson, killing him instantly and then escaped.

Henry Caspar Deahart committed suicide at his home in South Baltimore, Md., because he could not pay the taxes on his house.

Fourteen cars of a special freight train laden with lumber fell through a forty foot bridge near Delhi, Ind., and were wrecked. Two brakemen, Goodwin and Hurley, both of Lafayette, were injured. The former was buried in the ruins.

Four small children, playing with matches, set fire to a barn at Grand Rapids, Mich., and a little 3-year old daughter of J. H. Strickland, was fatally burned.

Patrick Bliff and James Miller, tramps, were struck by a railroad train near Pittsburg. Miller was instantly killed and Bliff fatally injured.

The Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific mail cars at Trenton, Mo., burned a few nights ago.

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