

CONDENSED WESTERN NEWS.

Briefs of Important Events in Nebraska, Iowa and the Dakotas.

GLIMPSES OF WESTERN LIFE.

Stole From a Poor Widow's Ranch When She was Scared Away by Indians—Crimes and Casualties—Progress and Hopes of It.

Nebraska.

Springfield needs fire protection.

Blue Springs' new iron bridge is nearly finished.

Weeping Water Methodists are holding revival meetings.

Near Burr in Otoe county is a camp of Indians who go by day.

Over \$2,000 has been subscribed for a Catholic college at Fremont.

Madison complains of the mail service between that place and Omaha.

One new company and two old ones are waiting to harvest ice at Hastings.

William Conner, an old timer, died at Fremont, six days after his ninetieth birthday.

Thayer county farmers sowed more wheat last fall than any previous season for twenty years.

J. W. Wolf has been appointed receiver for Lewis hardware and implement company of Lincoln.

Leola Veltz had his right hip broken by the overturning of his carriage while driving home from church at Green Garden, Madison county.

Johnson county farmers will meet shortly to organize a mutual home farm insurance company.

The planting mill at Kearney, which was burned, will be rebuilt and refitted with new machinery.

A committee from Perkins county went to Denver to interest capital in the proposed irrigating ditch.

Hastings citizens weighed the coal bought of a local dealer and found that he had been selling 1,000 for a ton.

Beatrice ministers passed resolutions calling on the council to remove show bills with pictures of girls in abbreviated skirts.

Schuyler citizens petitioned the council to order a special election to vote \$25,000 bonds for a water system. The election will be held today.

William Davenport's house, south of Creighton, was totally destroyed by fire. Insurance in the Phoenix company covered the loss.

Evening shipped eighty-five car loads of stock, hay and grain in December. Shipments would have been larger had not prices gone down.

Thomas Springs' council asks for proposals till February 3 for \$4,000 of waterworks bonds which run for twenty years and bear 6 per cent interest.

The Hastings board appointed a committee to see about building a club house and establishing permanent grounds. It wants to locate on the driving park if it can.

Madison school children had their vacation extended another week on account of the prevalence of diphtheria. This was merely a precautionary measure as the disease seems to have run its course.

Next Sunday the United Presbyterians of Kearney will dedicate their new church, Rev. J. A. Duff of Minden will preach at the morning service and in the afternoon the pastors of other churches in Kearney will preach.

Edward Haney of Syracuse was elected superintendent of the Otoe county poor farm. He offers to take the job for \$700 a year, which is \$400 less than was paid last year. One of the numerous candidates was willing to work for \$500.

Only \$200 were cast at the special election held in Norfolk on Wednesday on the question of issuing \$15,000 bonds. The proposition was defeated, a majority voting that the bonds are not the requisite two-thirds being secured.

Peter J. Voegel, a plasterer, was taken back to Seaward from Crawford county, Iowa, for forcing William J. Pennington to sign a check for \$7,000 on the First National bank there last month. He was remanded to jail in default of \$900 bail.

Walter Henry's son, Arthur, fifteen years old, of Rose Valley, Cass county, was thrown to the ground and his horse fell on him while herding cattle. One arm was broken and a shoulder dislocated. The boy was unconscious eight hours.

When Mrs. Henry Hartz woke the other morning at her home near Tecumseh she found her six-year-old boy dead by her side. Arousing her husband she found him immediately for his mother's horseback. The horse slipped and fell on a bridge and Mr. Hartz left her dead.

Frank Krick, a laborer, was slugged and robbed of \$2.50 by two men at Seventh and O streets in Lincoln, Wednesday afternoon. He was found unconscious with his face covered with blood. Two fellows who had been seen in his company were arrested. One giving the name of Charles H. Smith had three children and four silk handkerchiefs in his possession.

Grand Island people are indignant at the low amount of bail—\$500—fixed in the case of Henck Bedford, who was held for trial on the charge of incest. At the examination of Bedford his wife and fourteen-year-old daughter—the victim—testified against him. If the prisoner gets bail it is supposed he will skip, as the penalty for the crime of which he is accused is twenty years' imprisonment.

Roseland is said to be one of the toughest places in Adams county. A young farmer living near there went to Hastings to try to have some of his neighbors arrested for mobbing him. He was chosen stakeholder in a horse race and \$2 put in his hands. When it came to turning over the money the winner demanded \$1 and that amount was put up. When the stakeholder refused to pay he was jumped on and \$7, all the money he had, taken from him.

Great curiosity was excited by a secret council at the German Evangelical church and council at the German Evangelical church in Fremont. It was attended by twenty ministers and prominent lay members from different parts of the state, as the State name is withheld is said to have been tried for "immoral actions towards members of his congregation." Commenting on it one of the local papers says that a man who was given this information refused to state as to whether the members referred to were male or female. It is hinted that the accused was disciplined in some way.

Iowa.

Deon organized an Oddfellows' lodge Wednesday night.

The State Savings bank at Des Moines has doubled its capital to \$100,000.

The Weis paper box factory is to be moved from Burlington to Waterloo.

The Iowa Horticultural society will hold its twenty-fifth annual meeting at the capital in Des Moines January 21 and 22.

There are 300 miles of the laid in Story county. There are also 125 windmills and from twenty to thirty flowing wells in the county.

The Farmers' loan and trust company of Sioux City will be a small bank, the State Bank of Iowa, with a capital of \$300,000 and surplus of \$50,000.

Mrs. Mary F. Kelson, aged ninety-six years and sixteen days, died at Burlington, Iowa, which city she is said to have been the oldest woman. She had lived in Burlington many years and had been a domestic in the family of Rev. Mr. Blair thirty-one years.

Mrs. C. J. Ives, wife of the president of the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern road, had a narrow escape in a runaway accident near Cedar Rapids. The horses attached to a cutter became unmanageable and threw on Mrs. Ives and the driver, who suffered only slight bruises.

City Marshal Miller and Deputy Williams got into a fight on the street in Marshalltown. A night watchman separated them and they went before the mayor, where the fight was renewed. Miller, who is the larger, was knocked down and badly scarred. Both officers were suspended for three months.

Barlow & Lawrence, who have been doing business at Thornton on a small scale, have bought five elevators built by Granger & Son along the line of the Mason City & Fort Dodge road. The purchase includes those at Lehigh, Vincent, Meosway and Clarion. Possession will be taken at once and Barlow

& Lawrence will immediately begin buying grain on a large scale.

Natural gas has been struck in Louisa county, near Lettsville. Four gas wells have been struck within about a mile of each other, at depths varying from 116 to 129 feet. The supply is supposed to be permanent steps will be taken to pipe the gas to Muscatine and Columbus Junction. The pressure at the wells is twelve pounds to the square inch.

Frank Shulte, head clerk for J. H. Ast & Co., drug dealers, at Fort Madison, took a lantern with him when he went to the cellar to draw some wood alcohol. The lantern ignited and an explosion followed. Young Shulte's clothing was nearly burned off and his body from the waist down frightfully burned. Finally surgeons saved his life and prevented a conflagration.

The Dakotas.

Rapid creek was never before known to have so little water in it as now.

Some men have relocated the famous Northwestern company's ground within the town limits of Carbonate and are doing work on it.

The B. & M. track was laid to within twenty miles of the Missouri river. Night work is being laid at the rate of a mile a day and it is expected that by February 1 trains will run into Deadwood.

Nearly a ton and a quarter of powder was used in a blast Tuesday on the Elkhead grade, on Deadwood gulch. It did very effective work, in loosening up thousands of yards of rock, gravel and earth.

The Hermon Flat road is a rumor about that the Harney Peak company proposes to at once build a narrow gauge railroad from Hill City to Hermon, and that the surveys are now in the field making the survey.

The Sioux Falls Press says an old German has discovered that a plant cultivated in Germany and used in tanning hides and in the vicinity of Sioux Falls. There is talk of a tannery and shoe factory in Sioux Falls in consequence.

Machinery are overhauling the Richmond mill with a view to starting it up in the spring. This will greatly benefit Genoa, as there is a large amount of milling ore in the dumps there that is too low grade to pay the expenses of shipping and smelting.

All the saloons in Rochford are closed in consequence of an intimation of a B. & M. detective that they did so they would be prosecuted. The tracklayers' boarding cars are still at Rochford, and it was to insure the safety of the iron gang that the action was taken.

Ranchers in the vicinity of Vale and Empire are seriously alarmed by the movements of Indians in the vicinity, and the section is being patrolled by soldiers and militia. The men will remain to defend themselves from loss of property, and are preparing to fight if a conflict becomes necessary.

The Eastern Enterprise has reported on the condition of the sixty-five incorporated banks in South Dakota. He shows their aggregates for the state: Total assets, \$9,980,914; total liabilities, \$2,912,131; total capital stock paid in, \$1,755,388.65; surplus, \$77,650.84; deposits subject to check, \$97,094.36; certificate deposit, \$708,388.58.

Thomas Neise, a pioneer in the Black Hills, was found dead in his room at a hotel in Deadwood on Tuesday. He was an old soldier and suffered from rheumatism and had just returned from a tour of duty at home at Hot Springs. Neise worked as an engineer and machinist, was fifty years old and was a son who is in the marine corps.

In Deadwood on Monday a blast on the B. & M. grade threw a rock weighing over fifty pounds about one hundred feet in the air. It came down through the roof of a house on Sherman street, passed through the second and ground floor to the ground underneath, leaving a hole through the roof and floors large enough to pass a man through. The hole is occupied by Mrs. Samuels as a landing house. A dozen people were in the building at the time, but fortunately no one was hurt.

A poor widow with six children and an aged mother lived on a ranch on the Box Elder, twenty-five miles from Rapid City. She had a cow and a horse and a few chickens. She was all alone, leaving fifty tons of hay which the mother and her oldest daughter, fourteen years of age, had out and stacked for her. The mother and daughter were Sunday for a load they failed to find enough for a feed for their team, and found a neighbor in the act of hauling off their last load of hay.

Nebraska, Iowa and Dakota Pensions.

Special Pension. The following names were granted the following Nebraska pensions: Original—George W. Cooper, Nebraska City; John F. Gordon, Wabasha; James W. Horton, Blair; John Aberton, Tekamah; Samuel H. Corlis, Victory; Additional—Harry B. Shepherd, Omaha; Thomas Reed, Waterloo; John H. Rogers, Omaha; Charles D. Cramer, Indianola; Reissus—James Muller, Sheldon; Original widows—Anna, widow of Nathan H. Hays; Elizabeth, widow of Solomon Snyder; Edgar, Elizabeth J. Cooper, former widow of J. L. Brown, Plattsmouth; Mrs. H. M. Grant, former widow of J. L. Brown, Plattsmouth; Mrs. H. M. Grant, former widow of J. L. Brown, Plattsmouth; Original—Eugene Chilson, Decatur; Henry M. Grant, Horton; Frank M. Devel, Decatur; Kookuk; Hollis Deyers, Corns; Arnold, Casselberry; Reuben Gross, Cherokee; George W. Hoso, East Des Moines; Levi S. Goddard, Harlan; William H. Hardman, Glenwood; John W. Donnelly, Mount Ayr; Lewis B. Brown, Orient; Increase—Hiram Haer, Ionia; Walter Brown, Kookuk; George M. 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