HELBIG AFTER BIG MONEY

Expert Accountant Wants the State to Pay Him $3,796.20.

HIS BILL FOR EXAMINING THE RECORDS

Representative Moran, in Charge of the Examination, Makes a Statement—Likely to Prove an Expensive Luxury.

LINCOLN, Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Some interesting developments may soon be looked for in the quarrel between the legislative investigating committee and Expert Helbig. The latter yesterday applied in the district court for a peremptory writ of mandamus to compel the governor to approve his bill for $3,796.20 extra compensation for his work in making an expert examination of the books of the state treasurer's office. Auditor Cornell was also named in the application for the writ. Judge Holmes set December 14 as the date for the hearing on the application.

The expert, in making the application, states that he was engaged on the books 187½ days, and that his services were worth $25 per day, making a total of $4,687.50. Of this he admits that he has received $937.50, but he thinks he is entitled to $3,750.00 for his services and an additional sum for extra help employed by him and other expenses, and hence he desires the auditor to issue a voucher for $3,796.20 balance due.

Representative Moran, who has charge of the office of the committee, said today he did not understand what Helbig was trying to do, as there would be no chance for him to recover anything in a lawsuit. Helbig, he said, had agreed, in a written contract, to examine the records of the treasurer's office at a compensation of $5 per day from the beginning of the official term in 1893 to the beginning of the official term in 1897, eight hours to constitute a day's work and that the work should at all times be under the supervision of the committee. Mr. Moran said that Helbig's work had been entirely confined to the examination of the books and records in the treasurer's office, and to the giving of testimony in the Bartley trial. For the latter work he had received additional pay. After the work on the treasurer's books was well under way Mr. Helbig made a written proposition to the committee proposing to audit the four years of the state auditor's office, ending January 12, 1897; the four years of the state treasurer's office, ending January 12, 1897; the last four terms of the office of the secretary of state, ending January 6, 1897, and eight years of the state librarian and clerk of the supreme court's office, ending the day on which the examination is commenced, for $2,600. Helbig, in his written proposition, offered to complete the work in the treasurer's office for $150.

By his own statement Mr. Helbig has received from the state about $1,500 for his work on the books and testimony in the Bartley trial since the 20th day of April. Now if he can by law collect $3,796 more there is no reason why the other experts cannot come in and each collect a like amount. In that case the investigating scheme will prove more of an expensive luxury than was at first promised.

HOLCOMB MAKES A STATEMENT.

Governor Holcomb gave the following statement to the press today:

"The reports from Gering in yesterday's Bee regarding a decision by Judge Grimes of the district court under the irrigation law, saying in substance that the court's decision upheld an opinion rendered by Mr. Akers when he was secretary of the Board of Irrigation, which opinion was afterward reversed by the present board, are entirely erroneous and misleading. The opinion referred to, rendered by Secretary Akers, in effect undertook to exclude from one irrigation ditch and give to another land which might be watered by both. The board reversed this decision of the secretary and rendered an opinion which left the matter entirely with the landowner by private contract to secure water wherever he could to the best advantage. The following is a copy of the board's finding referred to in these articles: 'The board holds that Secretary W. R. Akers in his opinion rendered February 27, 1895, and April 2, 1895, modifying his previous opinion of January 7, 1895, acted without jurisdiction insofar as he denied the right of the Castle Rock Irrigation Canal and Water Power company to water any lands included in their original filing that are susceptible of irrigation from this canal and that all proceedings in this case subsequent to January 7, 1895, when first opinion was rendered, are null and void.

"Opinion of January 7, 1895, affirmed.

"Concerning the rights of Philip Jarish et al to have their lands watered by the Steamboat Ditch company the board makes no finding."

The secretaries of the State Board of Transportation state that there was an error in the order of the railroad companies to go back to the old schedule of charges for freight in carload lots. The date fixed by the order was December 5, but it has been discovered that the law contemplates the giving of ten days' notice. December 5 being within the ten days an extension has been made to December 7, and the companies have been duly notified of the change.

Secretary Silver, of the investigating committee, is much worried because of the condition of his report on the examination of the books at the Kearney home. He says that there are two or three sheets of his abstract missing and that the committee ought not to have made public the report until after the missing parts were supplied.

The following notaries were commissioned today: R. W. Cowan, Florence; A. N. Dafoe, Tecumseh; J. S. Good, Cozad; P. E. McKillip, Humphrey; N. P. Bergers, George A. Spangler, Lincoln.

Omaha people at the hotels: At the Lindell—H. H. Roth, M. P. Server. At the Lincoln—J. E. Riley, C. D. Parmalee, S. C. Ayer.

Two Farmers in Trouble.

TEKAMAH, Neb., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Homer Noel and Joseph Wittemeyer, two citizens of this county living near the north line, are in the custody of the sheriff charged with burglary. Sunday night, it is charged, they went to the granary of Thomas Connor, a farmer living in their neighborhood, and loaded a load of wheat, which they took to Oakland and sold for $28, upon which they proceeded to get drunk. The evidence against them is direct. Snow had fallen and covered the ground lightly before they started on their expedition and the next morning a son of Connor's took the back track from the granary and followed it to their home. He then followed the forward track and tracked them directly to Oakland. When they sold the grain they gave fictitious names and were paid with a check which they indorsed with the same fictitious names. They were first arrested for petty larceny, which charge was dismissed and one for burglary substituted.

Convicted of Bastardy.

HARTINGTON, Neb., Dec. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—In the district court the jury, after being out a few hours, returned a verdict finding Frank Ankeny guilty of the charge of bastardy in the case of Violet Rawhuser against Ankeny. In the case of the State against Hildebrand on the charge of incest, the case was ordered continued until the next term of court on account of the main witness, Blanche Hildebrand, having so mysteriously disappeared. The girl has not yet been located.

JAMES LINVILLE HELD FOR TRIAL.

Must Answer for the Killing of Henry Carpenter.

DAKOTA CITY, Neb., Dec. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—James Linville's second preliminary examination for the murder of Henry Carpenter, at Goodwin, on the morning of August 28, before Justice Joyce today resulted in the prisoner being held to the district court without bail. Linville's first examination was held before Judge Ryan last Saturday and resulted in his discharge. The evidence for the prosecution in the judgment of the court not being sufficient to overbalance the plea of self-defense. County Attorney Warner, assisted by Attorneys J. T. Spencer and J. J. McCarthy, conducted the prosecution and Attorneys McKay and J. J. McAllister appeared for the defense. The prosecution presented about a dozen witnesses, Albert Carpenter, a brother of the dead man, and Martin Sullivan both being eye-witnesses to the affair and the remainder except Sheriff Borowsky, who testified as to Linville's arrest, and Dr. B. J. Leahy, who conducted the post mortem examination, were in attendance at the dance and testified as to Linville's actions during the evening. The defendant presented three witnesses who helped to sustain the plea of self-defense.

Secret Society Officers.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Lodge No. 1, Ancient Order United Workmen of this city elected the following officers at its meeting last night: P. M. W., John Nicholson; M. W., Barney Kolbeck; foreman, Lou Geer; overseer, R. A. Odeon; recorder, S. E. Sinke; guide, Louis Cougar; financier, J. F. McAllister; receiver, W. A. Heimberger; I. W., Jesse Keeley; O. W., J. Harrison; trustee, W. A. Hirschberg. All of the officers were elected by acclamation.

The Independent Order Odd Fellows' lodge has elected the following officers for the ensuing year: F. N. Wright, N. G.; G. W. Stepsel, V. G.; L. S. Moore, P. S.; Chris Kelm, R. S.; H. C. Clifford, treasurer; John Alexander, W. R. McAllister and Henry Reese, trustees. The other officers will be appointed at the time of the installation, in January.

Harmony Lodge, Ancient Order United Workmen, elected the following officers for the ensuing year: P. M. W., R. Goehring; M. W., Paul Weinholdt; foreman, William Cornelius; overseer, Theo. Sievers; recorder, Charles Roebl; financier, Herman Hehnke, sr.; receiver, Louis Veit; guide, John Hauck; I. W., E. Gumprecht; O. W., Fritz Bebernitz; trustee, August Meyer.

Loss of Feeders.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—There have been a number of cases of loss reported lately by feeders who have found some of their cattle dead in the stalk fields. This is met with nearly every fall and the cause is not readily understood by many of the feeders. Some of the stomachs of the cattle have been opened and have been found to be packed solid with dry husks. It is believed that the snow will now moisten the husks sufficiently to prevent any further trouble.

Reception to Bride and Groom.

PENDER, Neb., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Ranely gave a reception last evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. George Downs, who were recently married in Wisconsin and who arrived in Pender yesterday. Mr. Downs is an employe at the insane asylum at Norfolk, where he has been for years and Mrs. Downs is a niece of Mrs. Ranely. About 200 guests were present.

Corn Husking Not Finished.

FARNAM, Neb., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Much thrashing remains to be done and not one farmer in twenty has finished husking corn. About 20,000 bushels of new corn have been cribbed here the price being 14 to 15 cents per bushel for seventy pounds in the ear. A few farmers south of here were engaged in finishing the sowing of their fall wheat when interrupted by the storm.

Sells Liquor to Indians.

DAKOTA CITY, Neb., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—James T. Willis was arrested last evening by Deputy United States Marshal Allan and taken before United States Commissioner T. L. Sloan of Pender, charged with disposing of liquor to Indians. The case was continued until December 9, Willis furnishing bonds of $300.

Valley County Mortgage Record.

ORD, Neb., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—The mortgage record of Valley county for the month of November is as follows: Ten farm mortgages filed amounting to $6,120; two satisfied, $12,563.63; eight town mortgages filed, $2,222.08; one satisfied, $1,200; sixty-four chattel mortgages filed, $22,673.22; ninety-six satisfied, $16,782.54.

Attempted Suicide.

PENDER, Neb., Nov. 3.—(Special.)—Miss Millie Dee, a young woman of this place, about nineteen years of age, made an unsuccessful attempt at taking her own life in a fit of anger caused by an altercation with her mother over domestic matters, night before last, by taking carbolic acid. Doctors saved her.

Laid to Rest.

COLUMBUS, Neb., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—The funeral of Miss Anna Griffin, who died at St. Mary's hospital Wednesday morning, was held today. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Griffin and had been engaged in teaching school.

New Postmaster at Duncan.

DUNCAN, Neb., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—M. A. Twardowski has received the appointment of postmaster at Duncan to succeed P. Kozlowski. His bond has been sent for approval by the Postoffice department at Washington.

Revival Meetings at Berlin.

BERLIN, Neb., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Rev. George W. Hawley of this place and Rev. Lampton of Union, Neb., are holding a series of revival meetings this week.

Burglars at Geneva.

GENEVA, Neb., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Petty burglarizing is annoying the merchants. The saloon and the candy factory were both entered on Sunday last.

Epworth League Convention.

FARNAM, Neb., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—The Epworth league district convention is in session here. About sixty delegates are present.

Nebraska News Notes.

The Bloomfield Monitor completed its seventh year this week.

Pawnee people are talking of organizing a local telephone system.

The safe in the postoffice at Madison was cracked and $200 taken therefrom.

Judge Norris, who left Ponca and went to Spokane, Wash., has returned and located at Wayne.

W. L. Knotts, formerly of the Beatrice Times, has started a new paper which he has named the Record.

The $6.00 bonds of the Broken Bow school district have recently been sold to Stull Brothers of Omaha.

S. C. Rurup of Seward paid fine and costs to the amount of $50 for the doubtful pleasure of thrashing one of his neighbors.

A little child of Simon Stowell of Paxton fell against a red hot stove and suffered burns from which it died in a few hours.

John Bowman of Seward put too heavy a charge in his shotgun and when he blazed away at a rabbit the little animal received less injury than the boy.

An Overton farmer left a wagon loaded with lumber in his yard when he went to bed, but when he got up the next morning both wagon and lumber were gone.

The station on the Fremont, Elkhorn & Missouri Valley known as Foster, which has been abandoned for some time past on account of lack of business, was reopened December 1.

A boy near York tried to go with a girl after her father had filed objections and he now knows just what is meant by "punting," having been "kicked off" for about fifteen yards.

Max Huxmann of Grand Island raised five acres of mother beets this year, which, upon test, proved to be high in quantity of sugar and quality. He will slice these and replant them in the spring for seed.

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In all the world there is no other treatment so pure, so sweet, so safe, so speedy, for preserving, purifying, and beautifying the skin, scalp, and hair, and eradicating every humor, as warm baths with CUTICURA SOAP, and gentle anointings with CUTICURA (ointment), the great skin cure.

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DINSMORE DEMANDS RELEASE

Threats from the President of the State Board of Agriculture.

WILL REMOVE STATE FAIR FROM OMAHA

Unless Conditions Named Are Complied With the Contract with Local Association Will Be Abrogated.

A meeting of the board of managers of the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture has been called at the Millard hotel in this city December 7. The chief interest of the session is connected with a recent threat of the board to repudiate the contract with the Omaha Fair and Speed association and President W. R. Bennett of the association has been notified that the matter will be taken up at that time. The first notice that the members of the Fair and Speed association received of the intention of the state board to begin hostilities was contained in a letter from J. B. Dinsmore, which was received by President Bennett about three weeks ago. This sets forth the position of the board at length, and is as follows:

SUTTON, Neb., Nov. 8, 1897.—W. R. Bennett, Esq., President Omaha Fair and Speed Association, Omaha: Dear Sir—The fair has now been held in Omaha for three years. There has at all times been more or less complaint on the part of patrons that the facilities to get back and forth from the grounds were poor. The proposition submitted on the part of Omaha at the time the fair was located on its present site stated ample facilities, street car and steam car, would be afforded for the conveyance of 100,000 people per day to the grounds, that a rate of fare upon street and steam railways should be 5 cents each way; both of these propositions have failed in compliance. During the fair that has been held in your city in the last three years at no time have there been 300,000 people all told on the grounds, and for the handling of these in five days the transportation facilities have been inadequate. Further, there has never been on the part of the city of Omaha a sufficiently liberal patronage to justify the statements made at the time of the location of the fair as to what might be expected from the people of that city. When the fair was located in Omaha our treasury had a balance of $4,188 in it. Expenditures were made on the part of the board that they were not expecting to have been called upon to make and which reduced the balance on hand at the close of the first year to $1,093.95. The weather during the time of holding the first and second fairs was unpropitious in the extreme and the people failed to respond as liberally during the second fair as they did during the first and it resulted in a debtor balance at the close of the second year of $1,667.45. It is true that our reports as published to the world showed that we had a cash balance of $332.95, but you will remember that yourself and others took up and carried for the board $2,000 of warrants, which were still a claim against the association, leaving the real balance as I have stated. The third year the fair was a most magnificent one, so far as the showing made is concerned. The weather could not have been better under any circumstances, but the people failed to attend, the attendance being less than on either of the two years preceding. We are confronted with a debtor balance of $4,224.54. It is true to offset this balance we have bonds of the Omaha Fair and Speed association for $2,000, but so far as I am able to learn these bonds have no fixed value.

DINSMORE'S DEMANDS.

This compels our board to face a very unpleasant state of affairs. We are thoroughly convinced that a successful fair cannot be held upon the grounds now occupied. It is an "open secret" the facilities for reaching the grounds are so inadequate that people from the city, as well as the country, will not attempt the crush, annoyance and the unusual expenditure of time getting to and from the grounds. Since the last fair I have been repeatedly told by people from over the state that they were in Omaha and would gladly have attended had the facilities for reaching the grounds been such that they could have done it in fifteen or twenty minutes and without subjecting themselves to dangerous crushing while in transit.

We are fully aware that no street railway company would be justified in extending its tracks the distance necessarily required to have another line reach the grounds for the traffic that would be thereon during the fair, hence we are compelled to adopt the view that no further or better facilities for reaching the grounds will be had during the time remaining covered by our present contract, to-wit: the years 1898 and 1899. We are further confronted with the exposition to be held in 1898; to hold a fair that year would be a financial loss and one in '99 must suffer in its receipts from the effects of the exposition held the year previous. With these facts staring us in the face I am compelled to submit for the consideration of yourself and your board of directors the following:

There must be an agreement in writing on the part of your board of directors to release the State Board of Agriculture from holding its fair on the present site during the year 1898; the Omaha Fair and Speed association to find a purchaser for the bonds of your association, held by the Nebraska State Board of Agriculture, at their par value, that the funds may be used to reduce the present deficit. A failure to place in my hands a written release as to the fair for '98 without other conditions and a cash sale at par of the bonds before the 1st day of December of the present year will compel me as chairman of the board to call the board of managers together and submit to them the question of declaring forfeited the contract now held with your people. I dislike to be thus pointed in my correspondence, but duty compels it. Awaiting your answer, I am, respectfully yours,

J. B. DINSMORE.

REGARD IT AS RIDICULOUS.

This letter was discussed by the members of the board of directors of the Fair and Speed association, who decided that inasmuch as the question of holding a state fair in Omaha in 1898 would more directly concern the new board of directors, which will be elected December 13, the matter should be turned over to them. Mr. Dinsmore was so notified, and his reply was a curt statement that the board of managers would meet in Omaha on the date mentioned and suggested that if any of the directors of the Fair and Speed association wanted to be heard they would be accorded that privilege.

This being the situation, it is not regarded as probable that a split between the two organizations can be averted. The members of the Fair and Speed association regard the proposition in regard to the bonds as too ridiculous to be considered. The state board accepted the bonds of its own volition and without any guaranty that they would be redeemed at par or any other figure. As far as a fair in 1898 is concerned, there is no difficulty, as the members of the local organization are perfectly willing to give the release asked for. They will probably insist, however, that as an offset the board shall hold the state fair of 1899 in Omaha.

PORTLAND WILL GIVE SUPPLIES.

Ready to Open the Larder for Relief of Klondike Miners.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Secretary Alger received a telegram this morning in regard to the destitute miners in the Klondike country from W. S. Mason and H. R. Lewis representing the Portland Chamber of Commerce and the Klondike relief committee of that chamber. It reads:

It has been most gratifying to the citizens of this great country that the president and yourself enlisted in the cause of our threatened citizens in the far north and that your responses to our efforts to obtain government aid for the relief expedition which we prayed for have been prompt and full of encouragement.

As we are at the terminus of one of the greatest Alaskan line of steamers, and having many of our fellow citizens in all the northern ports, our facilities for obtaining reliable reports as to the condition of the people on the banks of the Yukon could not be surpassed, and we foresaw the terrible condition of affairs which has been made manifested to the world by the handful of miners who have escaped from the icy prisons of the far north. Our people are united and thoroughly in earnest and Portland has undertaken to gather at our wharves the food products necessary for the relief of the destitute gold seekers.

We will assemble a store of food as great as the government will transport, and the largest vessel which they may have at their disposal can be filled if necessary, unless we totally misinterpret the spirit of the people of the northwest. Inasmuch as Portland is the railroad center of the northwest and that the carriage of all donations to the relief committee coming from the surrounding country has been guaranteed, we desire that the point of departure of the expedition shall be from this city and trust that so soon as you may be authorized to undertake the expedition prayed for you will promulgate orders to this effect. With the utmost consideration and respect, we have the honor, etc.

The secretary replied at once, saying that the suggestion would receive due consideration and that he would communicate with the Klondike relief committee when congress shall have made the necessary provision for the relief of the miners and some definite arrangements shall have been made for the proposed expedition.

CAN DO IT IN TWO YEARS

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court martial is appointed to meet at Savannah, Ga., on Wednesday, January 5, or as soon thereafter as practicable, for the trial of Captain Oberlin M. Carter, corps of engineers, and such other persons as may be brought before it.

By direction of the president, retirement from active service, this date, of Lieutenant Colonel Clarence E. Bennett, Eleventh infantry, under provisions of act of congress approved June 30, 1882, is announced.

The resignation of First Lieutenant Michael J. O'Brien, Fifth infantry, has been accepted by the president.

Private Fred U. Rex, company H, Twenty-second infantry, now at Fort Crook, Neb., will be discharged from the service of the United States on receipt of this order by the commanding officer of the station. This soldier is entitled to travel pay.

MAY DELAY OPENING CONGRESS.

Complications Arising from Illness of President's Mother.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The advices received at the White House today regarding the condition of the president's mother indicate that she has not rallied and can hardly survive more than a few days at the most. It is the president's intention to return to Washington for the opening of congress on Monday, if his mother's condition will permit.

In the event of his being detained at Canton there may be some delay in the regular program at the opening of congress. Several presidents have sent special communications to congress while absent from Washington, but at the opening of a session of congress the formalities are such as to require under ordinary circumstances the personal presence of the president in Washington. Each house appoints a committee to wait on the executive and inform him that congress is organized and ready to receive any communication he may desire to transmit. It is in response to this invitation that the president transmits to congress the annual message containing his recommendations. Should the president be absent these formalities, which are courtesies between the executive and legislative branches of the government rather than legal or constitutional requirements, might simply direct the transmission of his message through the regular White House channels. It is more likely, however, if the president is detained at Canton on so sad a mission that congress will adjourn and wait his return. Should Mr. McKinley, however, desire not to delay congress the written message, which is now at the White House, could be sent to Canton for his signatures and be transmitted to both houses at the opening Monday. The message has been printed at the government printing office with the usual precautions against disclosures as to its contents, and it is understood Mr. McKinley took a proof with him for correction when he left for Canton last night.

REPORT ON THE PANAMA CANAL.

Costly Machinery Awaiting Money to Put it in Motion.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Consul General Gudger, at Panama, has made a report to the State department on the condition of the Panama canal. He says that it is whispered that England is doing all in its power to obtain control of the canal. France may not push the work forward, but some other nation or some other company will surely do so if those in charge forfeit their rights.

The canal when completed will extend from Colon on the Atlantic to Panama on the Pacific, fifty-four miles. All along the route are sheds full of new and costly machinery. It is estimated the latter has cost $100,000,000, and that there has been expended on the canal a total of $275,000,000. A conservative estimate is that the canal is about one-third finished, but with the new machinery on hand, it is said the remainder of the work can be completed for $150,000,000. The report is that a force adequate to finish the project in from seven to ten years will be put to work. During the next sixty days a committee is to investigate the progress of affairs, and an effort will be made to get more money to continue operations. The canal is practically completed from Colon to Bajeo, fourteen miles, but this is the least expensive part. The great difficulty is in passing the Calebria ridge. The width of the canal will be 160 feet wide at the top and seventy-two feet at the bottom, except through the ridge, where it will be seventy-eight feet wide at the top and twenty-nine feet at the bottom.

Patents for Western Inventors.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Patents have been issued as follows: Nebraska—Trueman B. Barnes, Omaha, shingling gauge; Joseph E. Brown, Hubbard, combined corn harvester and shucker; Thomas C. Fleming, Ayr, folding harrow; Hans Jensen, Omaha, starching machine.

Iowa—Frederick Austin, Center Point, device for loosening well drills; George H. Blanchard, Clinton, cushioned horseshoe; James M. Bolton, Sioux City, window sash; Henry J. Fourtner, Hamleton, band cutter and self-feeder; George Hiles, Des Moines, car coupling; George A. Hill, Messena, weather strip; Gotlieb F. Knorr, Fontanelle, milk can loader; John McCormick, Spencer, sprocket chain; Lyman H. McNett, Eldora, trolley guard; Simon D. S. Narber, Le Grande, metallic railway tie; John P. Nugent, Dubuque, fodder binder; Peter J. Quirk, Des Moines, apparatus for weighing and dumping coal; Thomas A. Reynolds, Bunch, support for sheep while being sheared; Robert M. Skiles, Atlantic, ball bearing for scales; John E. Swanson, Stratford, wind motor and power transmitter; Benjamin F. Wood, Des Moines, automatic kitchen ventilator and stovepipe attachment.

South Dakota—Thomas H. Williams, Huron, potato planter.

Wyoming—John F. Webber, Sheridan, bait holder.

INCREASE OF WAGES IN JAPAN

Prices of All Commodities Have Also Been Raised.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Vice Consul Sharp at Hiogo has sent to the State department some clippings from papers in Japan, relating to prices and labor in that country. The Kokumin Shimbun says the rise in the price of commodities becomes greater and greater every day. Compared with ten years ago prices have risen 45 per cent, while wages have increased 39.2 per cent. The high price of rice has been severe on the poor.

The Kobe Herald gives some statistics regarding Japanese laborers abroad. In 1896 there were 20,036 males and 2,263 females. Hawaii and Russia have the bulk of these laborers. In 1896 the United States had 1,025 males and seventy-two females. Hawaii in 1895 had 1,612 males and 42 females, and in 1896, 7,560 males and 1,653 females.

Pertaining to Postoffices.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—(Special Telegram.)—Nathan E. Trego has been appointed postmaster at Lilac, McPherson county, Neb., vice John Popham, resigned.

R. A. Carpenter has been made postmaster at Wright, Mahaska county, Iowa.

South Dakota Postoffice Appointments—Fleur de Lis, Custer county, Mrs. H. W. Hazen, vice Mrs. S. L. Bassford, resigned; Mound City, Campbell county, Charles H. Mewing, vice F. E. Devan, removed.

No Invasion of Indian Lands.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Commissioner of Indian Affairs W. A. Jones, who is in the west making a tour of agencies, has made an investigation that repudiates the reported project of men in Oklahoma, Kan., and elsewhere to take possession of the Wichita Indian reservation in Oklahoma and thus force upon congress the early opening of those lands to white settlement. He says there is no foundation for the rumor of invasion.

Counterfeit Silver Certificates.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The discovery of a new counterfeit $5 silver certificate of the series of 1891, with a portrait of Grant, is announced by the treasury secret service. The note is neither as long nor as wide as the genuine. Apparently it is printed from plates made by the photo-mechanical process and is well executed, especially the lettering, seal and entire back of the note. General Grant's portrait is different in some details from that in the genuine, and on the whole has a flat appearance.

CUBANS ELECT THEIR OFFICIALS.

Formal Inauguration Occurs in Puerto Principe Province.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Consul General Lee has informed the State department that the insurgents in Cuba elected and installed at Yaza, Porto Principe, on October 20, the following officers: President, Bartolo Masso; vice president, Domingo Mendez Capote; secretary of war, Jose B. Aleman; secretary of the treasury, Earnesto Font Stearling; secretary of foreign affairs, Andreas Moreno de la Torre; secretary of the interior, Manuel R. Silva; general-in-chief, Maximo Gomez; lieutenant general, Calixto Garcia.

Senator Allison's Position.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Senator Allison, who arrived in the city last night for the congressional session, said in an interview: "There will be determined opposition in the senate to the annexation of Hawaii and it will come from men whose ability is not to be gainsaid." The senator says that Hawaii will be taken up before Cuba, if Cuba is discussed at all; that he is willing to follow the president's lead in the Cuban question, that practical currency legislation is impossible in the senate, and that the appropriations will be kept down to the lowest point.

Trouble in Bavarian Chamber.

MUNICH, Dec. 3.—During an altercation in the Chamber here today between Herr Helm, centrist, and Herr Gasselmann, liberal, the house was twice compelled to call the latter to order. Herr Gasselmann appealed to the house, which decided that the president's action was not warranted, the centrists voting in the minority. The president then tendered his resignation, which created a sensation.

Oregon Going Into Dry Dock.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The battleship Oregon has sailed from San Francisco for Puget sound, where it is going to the new dry dock at Bremerton, to be fitted with its bulge keels. It was measured for these when in the dock last summer and they have been so far completed in the shops that little remains to be done but attach them to the sides of the ship.

Justice Brewer Favors Union.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—The local society of the Sons of the Revolution, at its annual meeting tonight, adopted almost unanimously the basis of union approved at the recent meeting at Cincinnati of representatives of the Society of the American Revolution and the Sons of the Revolution for a union of the two bodies. Justice Brewer of the supreme court presided and made a speech strongly favoring the proposition.

Inspecting Automatic Gun.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—By direction of the secretary of the navy a special board of officers at Indian Head made a final test and inspection of the new six-pounder automatic gun. This weapon has been fired at the rate of forty-one rounds a minute, and in use dispenses with the services of a man at each gun.

Major Handy Improving.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Major Moses P. Handy, who has been seriously ill here, was better today. Though still unable to leave his bed he continues to improve slowly, and as soon as he is stronger will be taken to some place in the south where the climate is more favorable.

Nicaragua Bars the Chinese.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Consul O'Hara has sent to the State department a copy of the law of Nicaragua, prohibiting the immigration of Chinese. The officer who infringes on the law is subjected to a fine of from $25 to $500.

Daily Treasury Statement.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balances, $220,176,122; gold reserve, $157,454,038.

Business Men Organize.

SHENANDOAH, Ia., Dec. 3.—(Special.)—Last evening forty of Shenandoah's citizens organized an association to be known as "The Shenandoah Improvement association." P. H. Mentzer was elected president, E. R. Ferguson secretary and C. R. Babcock treasurer.

Getting Ready for Christmas Trade . . . .

Clearing out in a number of departments to make room for our Holiday Goods—This is an opportunity to secure goods at the lowest prices ever quoted in Omaha—Every item quoted is a bargain of the biggest kind—A determined effort on our part to force the selling will prove Saturday to be your best buying day.

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Axminster Carpets — 87c YARD

The $1.25 and $1.35 kind on sale Saturday again—Our entire wholesale stock of new, perfect goods at less than cost of making—Borders and stair carpets to match....

Christmas Lamps

Lamps for light and lamps for beauty. One set of thirteen different patterns, large bowl base, opal globe to match complete 3.00

Beautifully decorated large low bowl lamp with globe to match 6.00

Many very choice and desirable shapes in Dresden, Balearic, Romanesque, with globes to match—Our lamp stock represents values that cannot be duplicated, not only in Omaha, but in lamp stores in any city in America.

Carpet Sweepers

Bissell's Crown Jewel 2.00
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Coco Mud Door Mats 20c

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FORECAST FOR TODAY'S WEATHER.

Fair and Warmer, with Variable Winds.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3.—Forecast for Saturday:

For Nebraska—Fair, warmer; variable winds.

For Iowa—Fair, preceded by snow in southeastern portion; warmer in northwestern portion; northwesterly winds.

For Kansas—Partly cloudy; warmer, southwesterly winds, becoming variable.

For Missouri—Snow or rain in southeast portion; threatening weather in northwest portion; colder in extreme eastern portion; northwesterly winds.

For South Dakota—Fair, warmer; southwesterly winds.

For Wyoming—Fair, warmer; variable winds.

Local Record.

OFFICE OF THE WEATHER BUREAU, OMAHA, Dec. 3.—Omaha record of rainfall and temperature compared with the corresponding day of the last three years:

	1897.	1896.	1895.	1894.
Maximum temperature	12	28	21	46
Minimum temperature	6	16	4	39
Average temperature	9	22	18	22
Rainfall	.51	.00	T	.00

Record of temperature and precipitation at Omaha for this day and since March 1, 1897:

Normal for the day	30
Deficiency for the day	21
Accumulated excess since March 1	402
Normal rainfall for the day	.04 inch
Excess for the day	.47 inch
Total rainfall since March 1	18.87 inches
Deficiency since March 1	10.78 inches
Excess corresp'g period 1896	5.29 inches
Deficiency corresp'g period 1895	10.22 inches

Reports from Stations at 8 p. m.,

Seventy-fifth meridian time.

STATIONS AND STATE OF WEATHER.	Temperature at 8 p. m.	Maximum Temperature for day	Precipitation
Omaha, snowing	12	12	.36
North Platte, clear	4	4	.02
Salt Lake City, clear	26	32	.00
Cheyenne, clear	14	16	.00
Rapid City, clear	2	28	.00
Huron, clear	-8	4	.00
Chicago, cloudy	22	22	T
Williston, clear	4	10	.00
St. Louis, raining	34	36	.54
St. Paul, clear	10	14	.00
Davenport, snowing	22	22	.14
Helena, cloudy	14	14	.00
Kansas City, cloudy	18	20	.18
Havre, cloudy	22	22	.00
Bismarck, clear	6	10	.00
Galveston, cloudy	26	46	.76

T indicates trace of precipitation.

L. A. WELSH, Local Forecast Official.

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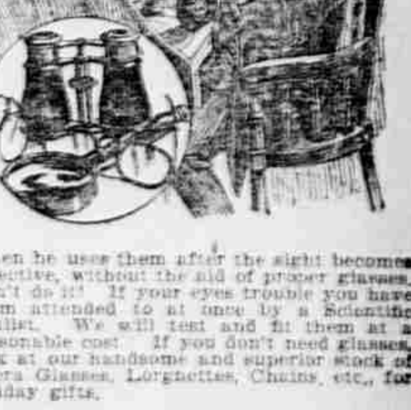

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