Governor Johnston of Alabama has just granted a unique pardon to John Boston, a negro, of Russell county. Boston was serving a term for stealing chickens and the governor granted him a pardon upon condition that for twelve months he should not buy, steal or eat another chicken or any portion thereof.

In France advertising posters must bear revenue stamps, varying in value according to the size of the paper. A man who affixed a 15-centime stamp on a poster which should have had only a 6-centime stamp has just been fined 125 francs, or $25, for the offense.

New Inventions.

The U. S. Patent Office issued 379 patents to American inventors the past week, and of this number 88 were able to sell the whole or a part of their inventions befort the patent was issued.

Amongst the prominent firms to purchase patents were the following:

New Britain Machine Co., New Brit ain, Conn.

Syracuse Chilled Plow Co., Syracuse, N. Y.

Ellwood City Gas Engine Co., Ellwood City, Pa.

Dietrich Gear Co., New York, N. Y.

Winslow Bros. Co., Chicago, Ill.

Eastman Kodak Co. of New York.

General Electric Co. of New York, and the Manhattan Brass Co., New York.

Inventors desiring a free list of manufacturers of a certain line of goods may obtain the same in addressing Sues & Co., Patent Lawyers and Solicitors, Bee Bldg., Omaha, Neb.

When a miner gets down to business he lowers himself in the world.

$118 buys new upright piano. Schmoller & Mueller, 1313 Farnam St., Omaha.

If all flesh is grass a mummy must be a load of hay.

If all our wishes were gratified life would soon become monotonous.

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THIS STATE IN BRIEF

Bloodhounds Follow the Trail.

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Sept. 21.—The Lincoln bloodhounds which were secured to follow the trail of the escaped prisoners of the county jail did excellent work. Notwithstanding that the prisoners had thrown pepper in the beds in order to make it difficult to give the dogs a scent, they secured the same and led the trainer through cornfields, along railroads and over wagon roads until thirty feet from the depot platform at Doniphan, twelve miles south of this city. Here they repeatedly threw up the scent, and it is evident that the prisoners boarded the St. Joe passenger at Doniphan. Deputy Sheriff McCashland was very favorably impressed with the work of the animals and there is some talk of securing a pair in this city, there being quite a number of petty depredations which it is believed would be discontinued were bloodhounds on the spot to take up the trails.

No Cause Found for the Wreck.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Sept. 21.—The inquest held by Coroner Karstens upon the body of Thomas Gillian, the Missouri Pacific engineer who was killed in the wreck near here, was concluded. Evidence of the conductor and rear brakeman on the wrecked train, several section men and farmers living in the immediate vicinity, failed to disclose the cause of the wreck.

The jury rendered a verdict that "Thomas Gillian, engineer; J. M. Rouse, fireman; William Foster, head brakeman, and J. S. Martin came to their death by being crushed and burned in a wreck, by reason of the breaking down of a bridge from a cause unknown to the jury."

Bellevue College.

BELLEVUE, Neb., Sept. 21.—Bellevue college opened with an increased attendance and bright prospects for the year. There are several changes in the faculty. Prof. C. K. Hoyt of Auburn, N. Y., takes charge of the department of English and literature; Prof. George S. Fisher of Maryville, Tenn., of the department of science and mathematics; Miss Florence Van Hoorebeke is teacher of French, Miss Lizzie Connor preceptress and A. Delmore Cheney instructor in vocal music. Miss Delta Jones resumes her work after a year's post-graduate work in the east.

Two Go to the Pen.

FALLS CITY, Neb., Sept. 21.—George Wilson, who committed an assault on the 5-year-old daughter of A. W. Burchard a few weeks ago, and who was severely dealt with by a mob the same night, pleaded guilty and was sentenced to seven years in the penitentiary by Judge Stull.

John L. Bloomer, an aged farmer who has borne a good reputation, pleaded guilty to forgery and was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary. Bloomer, being in straightened circumstances, forged his brother-in-law's name to two notes, one for $150 on the Richardson County bank and the other for $500 on the First National.

Four Lives Lost in the Wreck.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Sept. 21.—The work of cleaning the wreck on the Missouri Pacific near here has proceeded so far that trains are running regularly again. It developed that the fourth man, Toll Martin, lost his life in the wreck. He was a friend of Fireman Rouse and was riding on the engine. His body and the dead fireman's were found under the engine, charred and blackened beyond recognition. They were identified by their watches and key rings.

The Usual Corn Carnival.

BEATRICE, Neb., Sept. 21.—In response to numerous letters of inquiry this city,'s annual corn carnival will be held October 20. Owing to the fair, in which everybody felt an interest, no action was taken in the matter until that event was over. Now committees are at work preparing for the carnival and the date was settled upon today. Some new features will be added this year, and as there will be no lack of corn a good time is promised all who come.

Ice Forms at Creighton.

CREIGHTON, Neb., Sept. 21.—The government thermometer took a tumble here Saturday night and fell to 30 degrees above zero, giving a heavy frost and freezing considerable ice in the watering troughs. It did not seem to effect vegetation very much. Corn is all out of the way of frost, and there is nothing it can hurt now, unless it would be here and there a patch of sugar cane and a little late garden truck.

Loses His Life Between Cars.

WYMORE, Neb., Sept. 21.—Conductor Eadus of this city was killed at Table Rock while making a coupling on a ballast train, which he has had charge of for several months. Eadus was one of the Burlington's most competent trainmen. The news of his death is a severe shock to his family and friends here. He leaves a widow and four children.

Bondsmen Settle Shortage.

ASHLAND, Neb., Sept. 21.—When John W. Moon, city treasurer of Ashland, ran away on the 26th of June he owed the city $1,894 and the school district $642, making a total shortage of $2,536. A complete settlement has been obtained on the following basis: The friends of Mr. Moon paid in $1,000 and the bondsmen paid $1,090, the city and school district losing the balance.

Three Youthful Runaways.

FAIRMONT, Neb., Sept. 21.—Saturday night three boys, whose ages range from 12 to 14 years, with three fine horses, stopped at the farm of James Little, three miles south of town, and asked for supper. Mr. Little gave them supper and, feeling suspicious of them and not being able to learn anything about their business brought them to town. It was learned they had run away from home and lived near Benedict. The mayor telephoned to the postmaster at that place and received an answer to hold the boys. The father of one of the boys came and took them home.

Western Nebraska Methodists.

BROKEN BOW, Neb., Sept. 22.—The Western Nebraska Methodist conference concluded a very successful meeting here. The attendance was unusually large and the sessions interesting and profitable throughout. Sunday the audience was too large for the new church, which will accommodate about 600, and over-flow meetings were held in the Baptist and Presbyterian churches, both morning and evening. Among the distinguished speakers from abroad were Dr. Reese of Iowa, secretary of the Freedman's educational society; Dr. M. S. Hord, assistant secretary of the church extension society of Philadelphia; Mrs. Edholm, W. C. T. U. lecturer of California; Rev. Mr. Gamhell, specialist on Sabbeth question of Kansas, and Rev. D. W. C. Huntington, chancellor of the Wesleyan university of Lincoln. Bishop Warren appointed as presiding elders Rev. W. E. Hardaway for the Holdrege district, Rev. C. A. Masten for the Kearney district and Rev. R. S. Moore for the North Platte district.

Golden Wedding at Seward.

SEWARD, Neb., Sept. 22.—The golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Slonecker here was a social event of more than usual note; it was an ovation to one of Seward's pioneers. For thirty years this couple has been among the most highly respected citizens of Seward county, and over 200 people turned out to show by their presence and presents the esteem with which they hold the vanguard of civilization. It was a band of strong, honest yeomanry who came here before the '70s. The impulse that made Seward county what it is today came from the integrity, intelligence and industry of these hardy pioneers. One of the very first, if not the first, frame house in this county was built by Mr. Slonacker, every stick of which was hauled from Nebraska City, then the nearest railroad point.

Will Apply the Wheat Rate.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 22.—It was stated at Burlington headquarters that that road would soon apply the rates granted on wheat to Chicago to the potato crop, in the hope of moving the heavy crop in Nebraska and Kansas to the east. It was stated that this change would not make much difference in the rate from Lincoln, but that it would be quite an object to potato growers in the western part of the state. One thing that will cause the potato crop to move slowly is the price at which the crop is held by the growers. While potatoes are selling for 15 cents in many places in Iowa, the Nebraska farmer is holding his product at 25 cents. He may get it, but the railroad people do not believe that he will.

Auditor and Governor at Outs.

LINCOLN, Neb., Sept. 22.—State Auditor Cornell began quo warranto proceedings in the supreme court to prevent Governor Poynter from acting as head of the state insurance department. At present there are two insurance departments, a condition growing out of the enactment by the last legislature of a law taking the department out of the hands of the auditor and making the governor the head. Auditor Cornell contends that the law is unconstitutional, and has refused to deliver office documents and furniture. Attorney General Smyth declines to appear for the governor, leaning, it is said, to the auditor's side of the case.

Big Feeder Shipments

SOUTH OMAHA, Sept. 22.—The recent marked advance in the price of fat cattle and hogs has greatly stimulated feeding and farmers are now buying everything they can put their hands on and shipping into the interior where feeding has already commenced. The late summer and early fall feeding of live stock is now the largest ever known at this time of the year. Especially is this true in the lower Missouri valley, where a short time ago feeders would not look at new corn at 15 cents a bushel. Big shipments of feeders to Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri points are being made daily from this market and the demand continues with prices high for good stuff.

John Neill, Soldier of Fortune.

FREMONT, Neb., Sept. 22.—John W. Neill has enlisted in the Forty-second infantry at Omaha. Neill served in the Second Nebraska as sergeant of Company H and had previously served nine years in the regular army and two years in the British army. He was in the Soudan campaign of 1882 and received the Victoria Cross for gallant services. He was also an aspirant for a commission, but evidently concluding he stood no chance of getting one, enlisted.

Farmer Locke to be Tried.

BEATRICE, Neb., Sept. 22.—W. S. Locke, an old and well known farmer of this county, was bound over to the district court in the sum of $500 on the charge of shooting at Thomas Cox with intent to kill. Severral weeks ago Cox received a charge of shot in his person while in the melon patch on Locke's premises. He claimed, however, that he was not there as a marauder, and swore out a warrant for Locke. Locke gave bail.

Pawnee City Schools Open.

PAWNEE CITY, Neb., Sept. 22.—The public school opened with the largest attendance ever known. There are over fifty enrolled in the high school who are not residents of this district, this being the direct result of the new high school laws. The new building is commodiously arranged. Prof. Fulmer is assisted by an able corps of teachers and all promise an excellent year's work.

Urge Return of Pastor.

NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Sept. 22.—At the quarterly meeting of the Eleventh street M. E. church resolutions of approval of the work of Pastor C. M. Shepherd and presiding Elder P. Van Fleet were passed, also a request to the bishop to return each to their present position. An invitation was extended to the conference to meet in this city next year. Andrew Huckins was elected lay delegate to the conference, and the name of J. J. Hochstetler will be presented as a delegate to the national conference.

A woman named Annie Winnington was buried on July 21 at Northwitch. She died at the age of 44 years, and had been the mother of twenty-five children, of whom it was stated that three are living, aged 20, 18 and 8 years, so that twenty-two of this number have died. She was married at 21 years and had twins three times.

A platform car recently completed at the Boston & Maine railroad shops, in Salem, Mass., has a carrying capacity of 100,000 pounds, 40,000 pounds more than any other car on the road. It is thirty-two feet long.

NEBRASKA'S GREAT CORN CROP

300,000,000 Bushels Is the Estimate and It May Be More.

A conservative estimate of Nebraska's corn crop, which is now safe from frost, is 300,000,000 bushels. It is hard for the mind to grasp what these figures mean.

Counting 60 bushels of shelled corn to the load, it would take five million teams to haul the crop to market, a caravan that would reach around the world. It will take an army of 80,000 men over two months to husk it if they husk 60 bushels a day each. If loaded into cars of 30,000 capacity it would take 600,000 cars to haul the crop, a train over 4,000 miles long. At no time within the past ten years has there been such a tendency on the part of farmers to look for new locations, either to better themselves or to provide homes for their children. Many sections in the East are overcrowded, while thousands of acres of rich, well watered lands can still be had in Nebraska and Northern Kansas at comparatively low prices. Thousands will visit that country this fall, as the railroads have announced cheap-rate harvest excursions for Oct. 3 and 17.

U. S. Patent Office.

In the list of 397 patents this week 9 were for Iowa inventors; 3 for Nebraska; 11 for Minnesota; 5 for Kansas; 16 for Missouri; 37 for Illinois, 50 for New York.

Patents have been allowed our clients but not yet issued as follows: To J. M. Callander, of Des Moines, for a cabinet for holding and displaying packages. A hinged glass covered front is provided with vertically arranged compartments for packages, such as spices. The lower one of any column of these packages may be removed without opening the cabinet.

To H. Willis, of Des Moines, for a separable collar button and necktie holder specially adapted to facilitate securing collars to shirts and maintaining neckties in proper position relative thereto as required to prevent the annoyances incident to neckties becoming loose and displaced on the wearer's neck.

Consultation and advice for inventors, free.

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Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 16, '99.

The improvements that are being made to the Baltimore and Ohio South Western railroad between Parkersburg and East St. Louis are being pushed rapidly to completion. Seventeen thousand tons of 85 pound steel rails have been placed in the track, and there are still 25,000 tons to come, delivery being delayed on account of rush of orders at the mills. The company has also put in 125 miles of gravel ballast and expects to get out 200 miles more during the season, and it is hoped by Fall that the track will rank as the best in the west. A great many grade reductions and changes in line are also being made between Cincinnati and St. Louis. The purpose is to make a uniform one-half of one per cent grade between Cincinnati and St. Louis, as well as to eliminate a large amount of objectionable curvature. At one point, for instance, the line is to be shortened a mile and a half, 360 degrees of curvature eliminated and seven bridges abandoned.

Oklahoma.

Its wonderful resources and superior advantages to homeseekers are set forth in a handsome illustrated pamphlet just issued by the Frisco Line Passenger Department. Copy will be mailed free on application to Bryan Snyder, General Passenger Agent, St. Louis, Mo.

There's probably no success so sweet as that achieved by acting contrary to the advice of our knowing friends.

A woman, to say the least—but, then, it isn't a woman's nature to say the least.

I believe my prompt use of Piso's Cure prevented quick consumption.—Mrs. Lucy Wallace, Marquette, Kan., Dec. 12, '95.

The father who walks the floor with a crying boy baby is a sub male-carrier.

The North American Review for September is in close touch with the leading interests of the day, and in the quality of its contents it more than fulfills the promises made by the new editor when he undertook the management of the Review—which indeed, have been most generously redeemed by every issue that has come from his hands. The number opens with the late Colonel Ingersoll's famous rply late Colonel Ingersoll's famous reply was published originally in the Review in November, 1897, and which is republished now in consideration of the keen and widespread interest awakened by Colonel Ingersoll's death in his views on religion and religious dogma. This paper contains what is in all probability the fullest, strongest and most eloquent statement of his position which the brilliant agnostic ever penned.

Husband—I have just been talking with the new clergyman and find we agree. Wife—Why, I didn't know that you didn't believe in the Bible.—Brooklyn Life.

Through the big telescope of the Lick Observatory it has been discovered that Polaris, or the North star, is really a system of three stars, which revolve around each other. These three bodies cannot be seen even with the Lick telescope. Their existence is determined by observations made with the spectroscope.

A Sullivan (Ind.) man has refused to pay a note for $150, which he gave to a church some years ago on the grounds that the paper was drawn on a Sunday, and was, therefore, of no value.

A tea party was held at Bass Point, Boone county, Ia., a few days ago, at which the combined ages of the five ladies present were 410 years. Grandma Goetzman, aged 89, was the oldest; Grandma Klinedob, second in point of age, is 87; Grandma Zimbelman is 82, Grandma Switzer is 81 and Grandma Bennett 71. All are widows. They have been friends for half a century and frequently meet at these little tea parties.

The new umbrella and the unloaded gun are liable to go off without warning.

The man who sells his vote probably gets what he wants, but not what he ought to get.

It is effort rather than achievement that counts with God.

The stage prompter might be appropriately termed a theatrical poster.

A policeman is supposed to be always looking for trouble.

A man's fiery resolutions are apt to go up in smoke.