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WHAT CONCERNS US MOST.

We have arranged for a regular correspondence from Washington, and also from Paris. We trust our selections from these letters, or if we copy the letters in full, will prove of interest and profit to our readers. The Paris letter last week treats on the subject of religious thought, in a way that shows conclusively that the editor of the CHIEF is not the only person whose mind is engaged, or interested in the subject of religion. And it does seem to the writer, that the mind that cannot discern that the greatest and most important concern of men is that which pertains to his eternal nature, rather than those things which effect only his present, temporal, apparent interest. We can not, if we could, and would not, if we could, banish from our mind, thoughts relative to the great eternal future in which our entities are destined to exist, and participate. We can but concur in the sentiment of that writer who wrote that "the proper study of man is man" and the eternal man, being of vastly more consequecne than the temporal man, his eternal nature, and mission, wisely claims our first and highest consideration.

Red Cloud's Manufactoring Chances.

We understand there is talk of organizing a manufacturing company here, by several of our leading business men. Such a movement as that we consider would be one of the most sensible, and practical steps that could be taken by the individuals who engage in it, and at the same time the most important to the interest of our town at large. Our business men are selling thousands of dollars worth of manufactures which might just as well be made here as anywhere, and thus secure for our own use at home, a large amount of money that now is paid out to laborers in other manufacturing towns east of us, and we pay an extra tax in the way of increased freight on manufactured goods. Our new prospective foundery, by one our newly arrived, and energetic townsman, Mr. Daney, who has already nearly completed a temporary, or winter work shop is a big step in this direction. Mr. Daney has secured a site, and will erect in the spring a foundry on it, between the creamery and Mrs. Kaley's residence. We understand by those who claim to know whoreof they speak, that Mr. D. is a workman well skilled in his chosen arts. Besides being a foundryman and molder, he is an experienced and practical gunsmith and general machinist. Not the least shadow of a doubt but that both he and our entire community will be largely, and mutually benefitted by his location among us. The other enterprise to which we first alluded will doubtless take more tangible form within the next thirty or sixty days. We do not claim the honor of originating this movement, but we do take to ourselves the credit of having suggested the feasibility of the thing some time ago, and shall watch with a large share of interest the future progress of its development.

OUR WASHINGTON LETTER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18, 1882.

Wonders will never cease. Another Saturday has been devoted by Congress to a diligent days work. Democrats as well as republicans seem to be possessed of the working mania, and so the two parties, acting together, have made a great stride with the regular business of the session.

A caucus of the republicans was held Saturday for the purpose of taking counsel upon the civil service reform bill now under consideration in the senate and it was decided to push the bill in that body. In pursuance of this decision, the senate proceeded early on Saturday to take up this bill, and considerable discussion followed from senators of both parties. Senator Ingalls, of Kansas, expressed himself as not being a very ardent civil service apostle, and that he had no admiration for the bill. He farther said it was an effort of each party to cheat the other, and the end would be that both would be cheated. Senator Voorhees, of Indiana, renewed his attack upon the bill. He said he believed that a change in the offices once in awhile from top to bottom purified the public service; he would not keep any trained band of officials in office, but would muster them out by brigades. He felt confident that the democratic party contained plenty of men and women competent to fill the offices. He quoted the examples of presidents Jefferson and Jackson, and contended that they were perfectly right in turning out men from office who would use their positions against the policy of the administration. The remarks of this last gentleman voices the opinions of the majority of his democratic colleagues; yet it seems strange to hear such opinions from gentlemen who were before the elections such ardent followers of George William Curtis, the Pioneer Civil Service Reformer. On the Republican side of the question, was tersely stated by Senator Hawley, of connecticut, when he said he wanted a law that would relieve persons in government service of the necessity of running around every time a change was made in the head of a department, or bureau to seek influence in keeping them in office.

The house has had under consideration for several days the Post Office Appropriation Bill, in which the clause relating to the reduction of postage is developing some opposition. But discussion on the bill will be ended to-day when probably the bill will be passed. Last session the Senate openly blamed the house for the long session for the reason, as it said that the house purposely held back the appropriation bills, and the speeches made in the senate on this subject were circulated as campaign documents by the democrats. So, in view of this accusation the house has left the subjects of civil service reform and reduction of taxation for the senate to debate over, and applied themselves to the regular appropriation bills. When the senate passes the civil service bill, (which will be the early part of this week) that subject will receive the elaborate consideration in the House, and a great diversity of opinions and prejudices will be expressed.

There is considerable difference of opinion in the two halls of Congress relative to the holliday recess question. It has been the custom to adjourn from the 23rd. to the first week in January, but the Senate this year opposes such a long recess, and many senator, say that Congress can adjourn over Christmas and New Year's day, and this will be enough. But the members of the house and especially those who were "left" at the late elections and who are consequently now "disinterested spectators," will not consider this "enough," as many of them have made preparations to visit their homes and if both houses agree to the proposition of the senate, they will be compelled to stay in Washington unti they are released by the adjournment of Congress on the 4th of March.

This city without an investigation in progress is like the omission of Hamlet from the play. At present an investigation is being carried on by a citizen's viligence committee relative to the too close and confidential business relations of thieves, and government detectives. A number of citizens who had been robbed by thieves and burglars, and have since recovered their property by paying heavy reward through the agency of detectives, have asked themselves why these thieves were never heard of or punished. Accordingly an investigation has been instituted to see if policemen and detectives are good for anything but petty go-betweens the street bandatti and the citizens who have been dispoiled of their goods. The investigation promises to be rank in developments, and, with the Star Route cases now on second trial, and the Dickson bribery case, to say nothing of Congress, will urnish something to write about.

Christmas has come and gone again, and we are left to reflect on the various influences which clustered around its coming and going. We are frank to confess that our deepest, and most sacred emotions were reached and stirred after the celebration of the eventful day is passed by perusal of a Christmas letter, by a miss of town, less than fifteen years age, to her parents, and we craved and gained the privilege of publishing for the edification and benefit of our readers. The following is a true copy of the wording, save one, the autograph, including the external address which ran "thusly." A Thrice Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to my dear papa and mama.

In the left upper corner of the letter was a beautiful picture of a "coach and four." At the right of, and beneath which, were inscribed these words in beautiful characters, nicely written, Merry Christmas.

Then came the letter, and we are sorry we cannot produce it in (facimile script,) for we deem the hand writing—not to speak of the tender age of the writer,—beautiful.

My Dear Parents:

The great sacrifice I have had to make during these past few months, is forgotten in the joy of being with you at this happy christmas time, and the absence has taught me many lessons, especially to appreciate more truly my cherished parents and what more suitable occasion to thank you for all that you have done for me, than this happy Christmas time which seems to fill our hearts with gratitude for all that our Savior has done for us. One thought troubles me, and that is, that at times I have been so wayward. But as I grow older I hope to grow better and to be a comfort to you both. You know there is no gift so costly I could not wish to offer. But I have only my love and gratitude, however I feel assured that these and the goodness your child will strive to acquire will be more highly prized by you than the most costly gifts. I will ask our Savior to bestow His choicest gifts on my loved parents and grant them a thrice happy Christmas and New Year.

Your Grateful Daughter.

It was our happy lot to press the youthful writer's hand and assure her that "gold is not to be compared therewith."

STATE ITEMS.

Pawnee county employs 63 district school teachers.

The Seward schools have 420 pupils on the rolls.

The Nebraska blizzard is the latest. It will make Decatur howl.

Falls city is beginning to talk up the prospect of a district fair.

Wayne has a population of about 600, and wants to be incorporated.

Burt county holds a Sunday school convention at Tekamah this week.

Kearney has lots of measles, and the schools are thinning out thereby.

The Presbyterian church at Wayne will be occupied for the first time on the 31st.

The Franklin academy has begun its second year under favorable auspices.

Much of the poultry grown in southern Nebraska finds its way to the Denver market.

The new school house at Summer Hill, Douglas county, will be occupied this week.

The new Methodist church at Papillion was dedicated on the 10th. It cost nearly $2,000.

District No. 7, Gosper county, has just completed a new school house. It is made of sod.

The Crete Standard will publish an illustrated review of that city in a few weeks.

Judge Gaslin fixed John Cazad's bail at $50,000. Cozad is indicted for attempt to murder.

Sunday school at Ainsworth is held in the depot building for want of better accommadations.

Cholera is killing the hogs in York county. One raiser has lost sixty and another thirty.

The county of patriots—Holt—has a new post office named after the new lieutenant-governor.

The district school house a few miles north of Glenville, Clay county, was burned on the 11th.

Fremont voted by a large majority on the 13th to bond the city for $7,000 to buy a fire steamer.

The skeleton of Dick Belmont, the Minden murderer, has been articulated by a Lincoln surgeon.

B. L. Castor, of Wilber, has invented and patented a compound that will preserve eggs for over a year.

A Loup City man is bringing from England sturdy youth who desire to learn all about stock.

A Tekamah man, who evidently knows where there is money to get, is planning to build a number of tenemant houses.

During a recent cold snap at Grand Island the school board hired vehicles to carry the teachers and scholars home.

The Presbyterian church at Hooper has received a fine communion service from the ladies of the Central church of Rochester N. Y.

The grand jury that indicted Peppercorn at Blair was illegally drawn and Pep. will have to stay in jail till the next term of court.

A large number of mills in the state are substituting steel rollers for the old time burrs, and making a better article of flour.

R. T. Stacy, of Ord, was skinning a beef on the 11th, when the knife slipped and cut a bad gash in a calf. It was the calf of his leg.

The druggist who sold the Henry boy at Burnett a drink of whiskey that briled him, has been sued for $10,000 by the boy's father.

The amount of grain handled and other business transacted at Elk Creek, Johnson county, necessitates a bank, and one is to be established there.

Nance county girls must be peculiar. The Journal tells of "two young ladies in their jeans who together pick 100 bushels of corn a day."

George Bull and wife, of Osceola, celebrated their golden wedding on the 6th. These anniversaries are becoming more frequent as the state fills up.

I. W. Beckwith, of Humboldt, has discovered an inexhaustible supply of potter's clay on his farm and will make arrangements to go into its manufacture.

A new lumber yard was started at Ulysses last week and thirty seven carloads were received with which to stock it. The same day the old established yard dropped prices $7 a thousand.

A Kearney man recently sold his half interest in a sheep ranch for $17,500 cash.

Wayne has been declared the county seat of Wayne county by a large majority.

The wool growers of the Republican valley are organizing for mutual benefit and protection.

Kearney grain buyers got into a row last week and on Tuesday night wheat was worth there $1.05.

Confirmation was administered to 200 Catholic children at Lincoln by Bishop O'Connor on the 10th.

Kearney has a new coal dealer, handling the Colorado article, and the Press says the coal monopoly there is given end.

A Pittsburg man is expected daily at Wymore to look over the ground for a steam mill, and if it will pay he will build one.

Thomas Jefferey and Freeman Heslegrave are under arrest at Kearney on the charge of burning a stable about four years ago.

The Baptist church in Read precinct Butler county, was dedicated on the 3d After paying all claims the society has a surplus of $55.

The Wayne County Review and the Logan Valley Courier have been consolidated into the Logan Valley Herald, a mammoth quarto, which bears evidence of the progress of Wayne.

It is reported that the settlers of the Loup in Custer county have notified Ira W. Olive that he must get a new set of herders, or leave the country. Shis is the probable result of the late shooting scrimmage.

Jack Marian, who killed a man in Gage county ten years ago, has been arrested in Kansas and the sheriff of Gage has gone after him. He is also suspected of committing murder near Beatrice two years ago.

A little child of J. Brickey, of Arizona, Burt county, while sitting at a table a few days ago, pulled the cloth and upset a lighted lamp. The oil spread and caught fire, burning the child to death. Its mother was almost fatally burned in trying to rescue it.

Maj. Moriarity, of Platte centre, was arrested on the 5th, charged with attempting to commit rape on Mrs. Reilly, a widow, while he was intoxicated. He went to her house and she claims he would have succeeded if her scream had not called in the neighbors. He admits laying violent hands upon her but says it was to prevent her from going for a constable.