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We wonder if W. J. Bryan is lending his powerful aid to the exposition bill.

Why does not some enterprising gentleman inaugurate the spring campaign.

It seems to us that somewhere in the statutes it is said that the county attorney shall keep his office at the county seat. Is it going to be done?

The populist legislature seems to have done away with leaders, that is men who had the ability to take an honest lead on the legislative floors in the face of the people. King Caucus and the head of scheming mediocrity seem to have complete control, not only over appointments, but over legislation.

Hitchcock says his Omaha exposition will attract capital to the state. The only investment it has ever made in this part of the country is in farm loans. God forbid any more attraction in that direction.

We have decided to remain in Red Cloud until FEBRUARY FIRST. We will continue to make the popular Cabinet picture for \$1.50 per dozen, and we guarantee all work first class in every particular.

We invite your attention to the new Carbon picture; the effects are very pleasing. We copy and enlarge old pictures to any size. Bring the picture you wish copied with you and get an estimate. Remember, we stay here until February 1st only. Yours truly,

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Photographs!

We have had the commissioner system for nearly a month now and the county does not seem to have suffered.

The time seems to be near when the old competition of water freights with railroad tariffs will be re-inaugurated. Galveston is reported to be the shipping point of a large share of western produce during the past year. Then how long will it be until there is another pooling of rates?

We note that two things are necessary to constitute a good member of the so-called "independent" party in this neighborhood. One is to subscribe and pay for a paper which is probably of no earthly use, the other is never to "bolt" any candidate, the most preposterous, presented by the caucus.

The row over the Pacific railroads recalls the fact that in the near future congress will be asked to pay its attention to the Nicaraguan canal. Americans should take care that the fiasco of the roads is not repeated in the case of the canal. Better no canal at all than one bought by the government and belonging to another Oates Ames.

It is a curious fact to note that Populist Hitchcock, whose paper is the exponent of "equal rights to all, special privileges to none," is found in Lincoln lobbying—mark the word—for an appropriation of \$350,000 for the benefit of Omaha financially, and the rest of the state will say in the way in which the peacock gains most delight. And there is another incidental special privilege, probably \$20,000 will go for lobbying purposes.

WASHINGTON NOTES.

There is a wide difference of opinion in congress as to the wisdom of choosing Senator Sherman to be secretary of state under the coming administration. Mr. Sherman's temperament is such that he has never been and could not be a popular man, in the common acceptance of the term "popular." While everybody admits his extensive knowledge and experience, there are many men; even among his party associates who doubt his success in handling our foreign relations, which of late years have seemed to grow more complicated and difficult all the time. His enemies, and he has many, say that he has made a failure as chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations, and point out that only the other day that committee was criticised in an executive session of the senate—an almost unheard of thing—for the manner it had handled the Cuban question. The belief, which is general, that Mr. Sherman was virtually forced into becoming secretary of state by the exigencies of Ohio politics, will not add anything to his prestige.

Senator Chandler, acting for Senator Wolcott, chairman of the republican caucus committee, has introduced the bill prepared by that committee, authorizing the president, after March 4, 1897, to appoint representatives to any international conference, called by the U. S. or any other country, "with a view to securing by international agreement, a fixity of relative value between gold and silver as money, by means of a common ratio between these metals, with free mintage at such ratio." It will pass without opposition.

Few harsher criticisms against an individual have appeared in a report from a congressional committee than that in a report made by the senate naval committee several days ago, on the cost of making armor plates. This report says: "The evil consequences likely to result from allowing navy officers to be interested in patents, or employed by the owners thereof, are well illustrated by the facts which appeared to the committee concerning Commander Wm. M. Fogler, late chief of the bureau of ordnance, navy department, and his connection from beginning to end with what is known as the Harvey process for face hardening armor for naval vessels, and the various patents issued therefor." The report recites the assistance given the Harvey company by Fogler in his official capacity, and says in plain words that it was given to get the lucrative employment from the company, which Fogler has had since he resigned from the navy. It also gives other instances of Fogler's having been in private employ while in the navy. In 1874 he went to Europe as agent for the Gatling Gun company, and drew a salary as such for two years. Later he was employed by the Simonds Rolling Machine company, receiving as pay both money and stock in the company, and afterwards by the American Projectile company.

Congressional interest is greater in the settlement of the Pacific Railroads question than it was before the house defeated the funding bill, but it is doubtful whether the conflicting opinions can be sufficiently reconciled to get any legislation. It all depends upon the house. The senate committee has unanimously agreed to Senator Gear's bill, providing for a commission of members of the cabinet to settle the indebtedness of the Pacific Railroads, and determine how it shall be paid, with an amendment, offered by Senator Morgan, reserving to congress the right to regulate and prescribe charges made by those roads and all other

rights it has under existing laws. This bill has been reported to the senate, but no effort will be made to push it until the house acts upon a similar bill now in committee. If the house does nothing, the matter will be left for the executive branch of the government to deal with. The attorney general is now working on the papers that will be needed in the proceedings for foreclosure of the government mortgage.

If the free homestead bill, which was last week passed by the senate, is killed in the house committee on public lands, where it now is, its friends will blame Speaker Reed, and accuse him of being in sympathy with the eastern opposition to the bill. When the bill was originally reported from the house committee on public lands, it only provided for free homesteads in Oklahoma, and it required hard work to get the favorable report, which had only a majority of one in the committee. The house passed the bill as it was reported, but the senate has added amendments extending the free homesteads to all lands acquired from Indians. When the bill went back to the house, Speaker Reed referred it to the committee on public lands for consideration of the senate amendments.

Is it "overwork" that has filled this country with nervous dyspeptics?—that takes the flesh off their bones, makes them feeble, emaciated? No. It is bad cooking, overeating of indigestible stuff, and other health-destroying habits.

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METHODIST.
Preaching at 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school at 11:30.
Junior League at 4 p.m.
Senior League at 6:30.
Evening service at 7:30.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.
Chapel Sunday school at 3 p.m. each Sunday.
The public is invited to all these services.

REV. J. M. DARBY, Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL.
Rev. S. Williams, the popular minister of Riverton will preach in this church next Sunday morning and evening. The morning subject will be "The Drawing Power." Evening, "Short Beds and Narrow Spreads."
Morning service at 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school 11:45 a.m.
Junior Society of C. E. 4 p.m.
Y. P. S. C. E. 6:30 p.m.
Evening services 7:30 p.m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.
All are invited to these services. Young men especially invited to the Sunday evening service.

O. E. TICKNOR, Pastor.

BAPTIST.
Preaching at 10:30 a.m.
Sunday school 11:30 a.m.
Young People's society at 6:30. Subject, "The Call of Matthew—Follow Me." This is to be a special service of the young people. Music will be furnished by the male quartet and ladies quartet.

Following this meeting at 7:30, the pastor will preach to the young people, taking as his subject the motto of the society, "Loyalty to Christ at All Times in All Things." All young men and young women are especially invited to this service.
Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30.
C. R. WELDEN, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL.
Services Sunday morning at 11 o'clock.
Sunday school at 10 o'clock.
Services in the evening at 7:30.

The progressive ladies of Westfield, Ind., issued a "Woman's Edition," of the Westfield News, bearing the date of April 3, 1896. The paper is filled with matter of interest to women, and we notice the following from a correspondent, which the editors printed, realizing that it treats upon a matter of vital importance to their sex: "The best remedy for croup, colds and bronchitis that I have been able to find is Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. For family use it has no equal. I gladly recommend it." 25 and 50 cent bottles for sale by H. E. Grice, Druggist.

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SCHOOL NOTES.

Room 7 has No 8 this week.
The Kindergarten has the banner.
Mr. Yeiser called Friday afternoon.
Gracie Frisbie was a pleasant little visitor last Friday.
Alta Smelser an old time pupil visited in the 6th and 7th room Tuesday.
Mr. Overing is a teacher of art as well as science. One boy's lesson was a study in black (the corner).
Otto Pope came up to say good bye Wednesday. He has a position as traveling man. We cannot afford to lose any more of our already few senior boys.

The literature class has taken up the study of Washington Irving's works. This author becomes more popular with the pupils as they learn more of his character.
The Cicero class have taken up the Philippines. This is only a sample of the Latin work done in our school and shows great progress on the part of the Seniors. We are proud of them.

The Geometry figures present quite a complicated meshwork, but the seniors seem to disentangle them in their minds and win the knowledge gained thereby into their fast enlarging reasoning powers.
Irene Miner brought quite a curiosity Tuesday in the shape of a small porous jar which was filled with water. On the outside adhered blue grass seed which were growing by the moisture conducted through the jar.

Miss McClelland has been reading Conan Doyle to the seventh room pupils in place of singing. These are stories to which one must pay the strictest attention in order to get and enjoy the philosophizing and proceedings of the chief character, Sherlock Holmes.

The philosophy class is taking sound. One division treats of musical instruments. Tuesday the organ was brought in and taken apart to find out whether or not there were pipes in common organs, also to demonstrate more accurately the principles of vibration of sound.

Thursday morning the chemistry class performed an experiment of decomposing water by means of metallic sodium. An explosion was the result of the oxygen and hydrogen coming in contact. VENIRA.

Farmers' Institute.
There will be a meeting of the Farmers' institute held at Cowles Thursday, January 22nd, 1897. A large attendance is desired—D. J. MYERS, Sec.

BATIN.

Mrs. Peter Jensen is very sick.

O. E. Ramey sold his steers Monday. Hank Wisecarver was in this vicinity Sunday.

Otto Jensen was transacting business in Hastings the other day.

Miss Eva Matkin was the guest of Miss Grace Bean Sunday.

Anna Gensen is visiting friends in the north part of the state.

William and J. Bretthauer were visiting at J. Beau's last Monday.

Morris Sharp of Superior was here last week shaking hands with old friends.

A. Phillips bought forty-five head of hogs and a horse from A. N. Wilson the other day.

Peter and Ellis Jesperson from Ellis county Kansas were here visiting among old neighbors last week.

Mrs. Anna Gage, wife of Ex-Deputy U. S. Marshal,

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| Loans and Discounts | \$31,326.94 |
| Real estate, secured and unsecured | 16.30 |
| County and city warrants | 1291.65 |
| Banking house furniture and fixtures | 944.36 |
| Checks and other cash items | 109.89 |
| Due from other national, state and private banks and bankers | \$13,706.44 |
| Specie | 2,272.50 |
| Notes and coins | 13.60 |
| Bills of other banks | 1,810.00 |
| Legal tender notes | 1,000.00 |
| Total cash on hand | 18,802.54 |
| Total | \$62,491.58 |
| Capital stock paid in | \$15,000.00 |
| Undivided profits | 6,677.82 |
| Individual deposits subject to check | 20,884.67 |
| Demanded certificates of deposit | 3,644.00 |
| Time certificates of deposit | 6,325.00 |
| Total | \$62,491.58 |

STATE OF NEBRASKA, ss: County of Webster, ss: I, W. A. Sherwood, cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief. W. A. SHERWOOD, Cashier. J. L. MINER, President. C. H. MINER, Director. Subscribed and sworn to before me this 6th day of January, 1897. RANDOLPH SHERMAN, Notary Public. My commission expires May 15, 1897.

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