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IT TAKES 510,000,000 bushels of wheat annually to feed the people of Great Britain or 5.65 bushels per capita. Of this amount over one-half is imported from foreign countries.

BILL NYE has written an opera. It is called "The Singed Cat." There is music in a singed cat, but likely our operatic managers will not consider it of the classical type. We fear Bill's opera will not be a success.

A CASE of leprosy has been discovered in a Kansas town near Wichita. The victim is said to be a man who invested heavily in Wichita real estate when it was flush and is real to sell after the bottom had dropped out.

IT IS said that the average Chinaman in his native land spends less than \$1.50 a month for food. If our delinquents don't pay up better than they have in the past this office will be sold and the proceeds applied toward purchasing a ticket for the Fowry Kingdom.

AFTER a somewhat prolonged season of quietude, the train robbers got in their work the other night and carried off \$40,000 in cash from an express train on the St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas road. The scene of action was laid in the immoral state of Arkansas.

SENATOR MANBERSON has introduced a bill granting a pension to every soldier who served in the army during the late rebellion who is physically incapacitated from the performance of manual labor. He introduced this bill at the unanimous request of the National Encampment G. A. R. There is small probability of its passing, but if it should, Grover blocks the way.

THE long continued trial of Arndt for the murder of Rev. Hendrick at Sioux City came to a termination on Saturday last, the jury bringing in a verdict of not guilty. From fragmentary newspaper reports it is impossible to follow the testimony but it is likely the verdict was justified by the evidence. The fact that Hendrick was killed, and if Arndt is not the guilty person he was evidently connected with the plot which resulted in the commutation of the deed.

EVIA and anon a war cloud appears in Europe, to which the Kings and princes invite the attention of the people. These war clouds are convenient things for the rulers and serve a double purpose—they arouse the patriotism and national pride of the people of the respective kingdoms, and draw their attention from the consideration of domestic affairs. When this is fully accomplished, the cloud is dissipated by the same hands that caused it to gather, to appear again when required.

SENATOR FARWELL of Illinois is credited with taking the first step to reduce the surplus revenue. He proposes to repeal the internal tax on tobacco in all forms and import duties on sugar and tobacco. If the senator had confined his bill to tobacco there might be some show of its becoming a law, but the sugar handicap strikes us as a heavier load than it can carry. Let the duty on sugar stand for a while. He might take the bull by the horns however by adding a clause repealing the tax on spirits.

MISS COMMENT.
Mrs. Harper, wife of the Fidelity bank crook, after it had been decided useless to produce further evidence for the defense, came into court with her little child and sitting down at a table held up her babe in full view of the jury as the last plea for mercy for her husband. It was well planned and tenderly executed, but fears are expressed that it is a hard thing to tackle.—State Journal.

The German Government, theoretically menaced on two frontiers, has a military service bill to pass which will provide 500,000 fighting men in case of mobilization. President Cleveland proposes a tariff bill that will leave us menaced on all frontiers. When it is passed the mobilized merchants of the world will march in and do our business for us. Are we ready for that kind of home defense?—Inter-Ocean.

There was no reason why E. Rosewater should have become homestead while in Washington. He had been there but a few hours when a gentleman solicited the pleasure of hammering a portion of his head off. There is some pleasure in going abroad when the joys of home may be experienced just as though we were at our own glowing hearths. Mr. Rosewater has no difficulty in securing a slugging no matter where he may pitch his moving tent.—Journal Topics.

W. C. Lemon and wife of North Platte, were guests at the Wallace House Sunday.

Frank Wallace has gone to Hastings on a visit.
Our friend Hofmeister returned from Woodriver Sunday where he has been for some time past.

I over heard a gentleman remark a few days since that any one of our stores here were doing more business than any store in the booming town of Holyoke. This speaks well of our village and vicinity.

School closed Friday and the boys settled all old grudges according to back-woods style; other than that the exercises were good.

The question for discussion at our debating society next Saturday evening is one of importance. Resolved: "That the signs of times indicate the downfall of this republic." The principals are, A. H. J. W. Nation; Neg., D. B. Willis.

Another town well is being dug; we expect waterworks soon.
Our matter has taken a lay-off, as we only received mail once last week. It is a shame and a disgrace on the part of the head of government affairs that citizens of the United States are treated as the citizens of Nebraska are in regard to mail. Here we have had regular trains running for nearly six months, and the mail route has been established for over two months, and all that is necessary is a few minutes work, and we could be accommodated with daily mail, yet the mail is carried twelve miles beyond us, and then we must depend upon the kindness of some one, or send a special carrier for our mail, in order that we get it at all. But then this is a democratic administration and the democrats are running things on an economical style and must save the sheet of paper necessary to fill out a P. M. appointment.

WELLFLEET.
Wellfleet is not having a boom like some of her sister towns along the B. & M., but she is doing a little in the way of building and trade. The railroad company is putting down a large well here and have already unloaded over fifty cars of stone. I do not know what they intend to do with all the stone, as it will only take about twenty car-loads to wall the well. A large depot, double section house, two side-tracks 2,000 feet each and two hand-car houses is the extent of the railroad improvements at present. We have a general store owned and managed by A. H. Davis who does a good business. Wm. Lock, our contractor, is building a residence 26x36, hip roof, for John A. Davis. I. Smith & Son have a splendid lumber yard here under the management of Henry Stumpewhart. Our blacksmith shop is controlled by ex-squire H. W. Davis. The section house is the only hotel we have as yet, but Mr. Davenport the proprietor manages to feed all that come along.

Our schools are prospering nicely. The houses in districts 22 and 23 have been provided with new seats. A. J. Blougher is the efficient teacher in district 22.
Thos. McLaughlin is back from Monument, Colo., and will return to that place in a few days.
Frank Welborne has been laid up for several days with an ugly cut made with a knife while skinning a beef.

M. W. Davis has purchased a team, wagon and harness. Morgan says he is tired of playing horse.
The young people of Wellfleet will have a Christmas tree at the residence of J. A. Davis.
C. G. Lock proved up on his homestead Wednesday.
Dancing is the order of the day, averaging about two dances per week in this neighborhood.
A. H. Davis shipped a car of fine wheat last Saturday. He pays forty-five cents per bushel to the farmers.
Wm. McMichael lost a valuable horse last Thursday by the discharge of an "unloaded" gun. It is always a gun that is not loaded that hurts someone.

John Auchman is busy nowadays building his brewery one-half mile above town.
We heard some one say they saw the railroad surveyors a half mile above town running a route from North Platte to Curtis and thence down into Texas. Curtis and all the towns along the proposed line claim a division station. We do not expect it to strike our town, as we are not on an air line from the Platte to McCook.

ARGUS.
Dec 13, 1887.
The coal famine in this part of the country this year has been the most serious one on record lasting a month or more, during which time not a pound could be had for any purpose. During the last few days a car load of fine coal, coal and dust mixed, was received at Maxwell, thus affording a partial relief. This apparent negligence or mismanagement on the part of the railroad officials is certainly censurable and ought to meet with the rebuke it properly deserves.

The dancing season has opened. The first one was given by Mr. E. Murphy and the next by Mr. Morley. The young people enjoyed themselves " hugely."

Mr. Murphy has come in possession of the DeWolf property. He has a splendid ranch and will no doubt make it pay. He has been a resident of this county for a number of years and is much respected.

Two years ago realizing that it was not good to be alone, he went to Fremont the most delightful town in the state and selected from among her fairest ones the bride that now adorns his mansion.

During the winter season when snow covers the ground hunger often haunts the habitations of wild beasts making it dangerous to come in contact with them. It has been reported for several months that mountain lions have been seen in the county and that they have been getting in their work on young stock killing and devouring them. The people here have been on the look out for them. Tracks have been seen which were thought to be those of this ferocious animal and fear often haunted the lonely dweller in his cabin. The mystery was solved last week. A gentleman from Germany had taken a claim in a lonely valley north of the river and for several days had been living in constant dread. On Thursday afternoon last while he was at his cabin he saw a strange looking animal; it's wailing cries indicated that it was about to perish of hunger. Time was precious. He made a desperate leap for life and landed on the top of his cabin. The hideous noise of the animal continued and he was expecting every moment to be devoured alive. Oh! how he longed to be in fatherland where no lions live and where he could dwell in peace and safety. He remained on the house almost frightened to death until night when the animal disappeared in the misty darkness. He hastened down and made his way rapidly to the nearest inhabitant and reported the news. It spread like fire in the hills on a windy day. A gentleman here has a fine telescope rifle that will kill at long range. He hastened to the scene accompanied by the cabin dweller and both secured a fine position inside of the house watching the door so as to close it instantly if the animal rushed upon them. The hunter had prepared his gun for close action and was ready for any emergency. All at once the gentleman from the Rhine rushed to the door and slammed it shut. The animal was upon them. It was the same he had seen the evening before. He could not be mistaken in that sound. The hunter clutched his rifle more firmly and prepared to cover himself with immortal glory by killing the ferocious mountain lion that had come so near precipitating the innocent Dutchman into the Sweet "By and by." The door was slightly ajar. Our nimrod glanced out and O! horrors—a mountain lion? no,—a panther? no, no, but only a plain hearse-splitter hog; a victim of the recent blizzard that had been trying to save his life by grubbing for a few grains of corn. The hunter was disgusted but the Dutchman was glad. They fired a few shots and these being heard by another nimrod who immediately left his work seized his gun, mounted a fleet horse and made a "Sheridan's Ride" as he thought to rescue the perishing men, but he too was doomed to bitter disappointment. Thus endeth our chapter. OCCASIONAL
Dec. 15, 1887.

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31.
EIS TRIBUNE:
The first term in our new school district closed Friday, Dec. 2. We all feel justly proud of our neat and comfortable school house, and the regular and prompt attendance, and good work of the scholars have indicated that both parents and school have appreciated having a good school.

The term was closed with a rhetorical exercise the program being: Song by the school. Concert recitation, "Daybreak." School Recitation, "Welcome," Ida Bobbitt. Recitation, "Little Birdie," Annie and Sophie Bobbitt. Recitation, "Shoe or Stocking?" George Campbell. Concert recitation, "Robert of Lincoln." School. Song by the School. Recitations: "I like little pussy," Lizzie Eshleman; "Thank you, Mrs. Cow," Annie Eshleman; "Coo, Coo, says the Dove," Jennie Campbell. Composition, "The Flats," Ida Bobbitt. Recitation, "Twenty Frogs," Johnnie Connelly. Recitation, "John Burns at Gettysburg," Willie Campbell. Dialogue, "The Rehearsal," Marion Campbell, Ida Bobbitt, and Maggie Bateman. Song by the school. Recitations: "The Duck and the Hen," Johnnie Connelly and Alta Brown; "The Merry Brown Thrush," Primer Class; "Paul Revere's Ride," Marion Campbell. Song by the School. Concert Recitation, "The Bugle Song," School.
After this exercise a bountiful treat was served by the ladies of the district to which all present did ample justice. A sabbath school was organized in the district this fall, and has been well attended. On account of the weather and the distance that most have to come, it was voted last Sunday to discontinue it until the second Sunday in April. An organ fund has been started, and we hope that before many months we shall be able to get a good instrument.

ADDITIONAL LOCAL.
At a meeting held Wednesday afternoon a company was organized for the purpose of erecting the creamery referred to in these columns, for several weeks past. The stockholders are Messrs. Otten, Patterson, Baker, Idings, Hubbard, Foley, Belton, Stamp, Laip, Bratt, Hershey, & Co., Walker and Peale. It is expected to have the creamery running by the first of April.

At a meeting of the executive committee held yesterday it was decided to postpone the Apollo Club dance one month and hold it some time during the holidays, the exact date of which will be given next week.

Charley Smith came down from Denver Thursday evening where he has been since getting hurt. He says: "I don't think my ankle is broken, only a very bad sprain." It will be six weeks or two months before he can use that foot.

The hay business is one of growing importance, the shipments from Lincoln county being greater each year. W. A. Dikeman, residing twelve miles east of the city recently received a new hay press from Quincy, Ill., and will proceed to bale all the hay he can secure.

RELATING TO NEBRASKA.
Church Howe has been named by the chairman of the national republican committee as a member of the committee of preparations to arrange for the national convention at Chicago next June.

Mugwumpary doesn't flourish in western Nebraska. The new county of Perkins has formed a regular republican organization, preferring to fall in with the party of life and progress rather than be lost from view under a "citizens" ticket. The party once fairly organized, the new county will be in shape to be represented when the votes are counted next fall.—State-Journal.

A hand car, with four section men on board, was run down by a wild engine near Arlington, on the F. E. & M. V. railroad during the storm Saturday night. Sam Potts was instantly killed. Frank Figg was badly bruised and the others escaped by jumping. Potts' body was taken to Fremont.

We learn that the hog cholera is playing havoc among the porkers in the northern part of the county, and that in the past few weeks a great many have died. Si Drake informs us that in the past six or seven weeks he has lost fully seventy-five head, and that nearly all his neighbors have also sustained losses. The man who will furnish a medicine that will prevent or cure this disease in hogs can surely make a fortune. So far, it would appear, no one has yet discovered a remedy.—Plum Creek Pioneer.

On still nights the noise made by the Kearney Roller Mills can be heard in the central part of town. In order to fill orders the mill is run night and day. At the end of each twenty-four-hour 200 barrels of as good flour as was ever put into a baker's trough is the result of the day's work. Such institutions as this are a benefit to Kearney. Eighteen men are given constant employment, and the demand for good wheat has increased so that farmers have a good market. The profits on the manufacturing of it into flour being expended in this city.—New Era.

The Hon. C. J. Jones, of Garden City, Kas., is a great man in his way, and had much to do with the phenomenal growth of that young town. Mr. Jones is now engaged in a new enterprise, which is attracting considerable attention. On a large ranch near Garden City he has thirty-nine head of buffalo heifers and is trying the experiment of cross breeding with Galloguay cattle. Much interest is manifested by stock raisers as to what the result will be. Mr. Jones expects his first returns next spring.

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Notice is hereby given that on Monday the 13th day of September, A. D. 1887, at the Court House in North Platte Precinct No. 1 at Keith's block on Front street.
Precinct No. 2 at court house.
Precinct No. 3 at office of George Russell.
Precinct No. 4 at residence of E. Schickel's house.
Precinct No. 5 at residence of Wm. Lock's house.
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