

# THE TRIBUNE.

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## NEBRASKA ITEMS.

**Hastings Journal:** With four lines of railroad centering at this point, each of which passes through rich coal fields, or has direct connection with the great coal-beds of the west, we are having a coal famine of huge proportions. There is not now a ton of soft coal in this market and our dealers do not give any encouragement of soon having a supply—nor are we alone in this matter. All through the state the same complaint is made.

Thirty-five men passed through Hastings the other day, via the B. & M., bound for the B. & M. cut-off from Minden west. Seven car-loads of horses and plows passed through for the same locality. It is the intention of the contractor to put on a large force of men and rush the work through.

On the evening of the 15th a man was brought into Omaha from Florence by some of the men engaged in the government work of constructing rip-raps. He had one leg broken in two places and was in a very bad shape. He was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, where the bones were set and at last accounts he was getting along as well as could be expected under the circumstances.

A farmer by the name of Dohlefs, while driving his team along about six miles south of Omaha, fell from the wagon and the wheel passed over his head. He was very badly hurt but not dangerously.

**O'Neill Banner:** There is a large section of country lying directly south of O'Neill about twenty-five miles, on the head of Cache creek, which has received a wonderful immigration this season, filling up with a class of sober, industrious and well-to-do eastern farmers, who have come west with plenty of money, in the hopes of still further bettering their condition, and are principally engaged in the stock business.

A tremendous amount of lumber is leaving O'Neill for all parts of Holt county. Notwithstanding cold weather is now at hand building goes forward with unabated vigor.

Judge Wakeley, of Omaha, arrived at Papillion at noon Friday, the 19th, opened the special session of court; empaneled a jury, disposed of a horse-stealing case and sentenced the thief to two years in the penitentiary, granted a divorce, disposed of three other cases, and adjourned the session of court at 4:30 o'clock—about three hours' session.

The Leader says: What Grafton needs, and is really suffering for at this time, in order to promote her growth and develop her resources, is a competent undertaker and some half dozen first-class funerals. Contrary to our rule, lengthy obituary notices will be published free in such cases, and a mournful poem thrown in.

**Sidney Plaindealer:** The whereabouts of the little Conley boy who was lost at the Water Holes station is still a mystery. The pond has been dragged and it is reasonably certain that he did not fall into the water and drown. Some search has been made in the country around the station, but ground has not been gone over as thoroughly as it should have been, and there are those who have remarked that because the woman was a poor person and unknown, no one felt any interest in her loss. Mrs. Conley herself entertains the idea that her husband, from whom she parted some time ago, kidnapped the child and made good his escape.

**Cedar Rapids Era:** Last Saturday, Mr. Scouton's little boy got hold of a bottle of poisonous medicine, prepared for his sister, and drank the contents, enough for ten doses; but for the timely arrival of the doctor, who happened to be near, the little fellow would have died.

**Genoa Enterprise:** The Indian school building is rapidly approaching completion. The old original part of it will be ready for occupancy by December 1st. The order has just been received to build and additional building, 18x75 feet, three stories high, at an expense of about \$6,000. This is to be used for laundry and bath rooms. The laundry will be supplied with all the modern improvements in steam heating and drying apparatus.

Nuckolls county is rapidly settling up with a splendid class of settlers.

The new Presbyterian church at Superior is nearly completed.

Corn husking is in full blast, and the weather has been very favorable for gathering the crop.

**Fairfield Herald:** Wm. Stuff met with a painful accident on the 10th. While on his way to Nuckolls county with a load of lumber, while walking beside the wagon, the wind blew the skirt of his overcoat into the wheel, which fastened some way, and without timely warning was drawn under, the wheel passing over his left leg between the knee and ankle, badly crushing the bones and so lacerating the flesh that one of the bones protruded through.

**Hastings Journal:** Jacob Smith, the merchant at Hansen, on last Thursday left home, taking with him his three little children, and leaving his wife in a very destitute condition. He was arrested in Ogden and will be brought back. No cause is known for the sudden departure of Smith. He was evidently prospering in business, as he had been selling out his stock of merchandise very rapidly at low figures. It is understood he took with him about thirty-five hundred dollars.

Erastus Benson, of Davenport, Iowa,

representing a syndicate of Iowa land speculators, has recently purchased between thirty and forty thousand acres of land lying in Dawson, Gosper and Furness counties, and intends holding this land for a rise in price. The purchase was made of the Union Pacific company, and includes all the lands that company owns in these counties.

A large amount of building is being done in Hastings, and the improvements are for the most part of the better class.

Holdrege has no saloons and there is a disposition among the people that none shall be given a foothold there.

Grafton's building boom is still on, with prospects of greater improvements than ever next spring.

Frank Busboon, a wealthy German farmer, living four miles south of Millford, was found dead in his bed on the 14th. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict of death by apoplexy.

**Broken Bow Republican:** D. F. Weimer last Saturday passed through town on his way up to his claim, with one wagon loaded with black walnuts and a wagon load of apples. The walnuts are to be planted on the claims of R. W., S. A. and D. F. Weimer. They intend, also, to plant largely with cottonwoods and ash, besides walnuts.

The people of Holdrege are expecting the iron horse at an early day.

**Hastings Journal:** Hastings has the champion water drinker. A young fellow in this town drank a little over two quarts of water yesterday on a wager and he said he was still thirsty. He then went to one of our grocery stores and drank three glasses of hard cider, and was still thirsty, drank some more water, and at last accounts was hunting for more drinks.

### The Army of Hicks Pasha Wiped Out by False Prophet.

A dispatch from the Reuter's telegraph company, dated Cairo, November 22d, says: The army of Hicks Pasha, which was destroyed by the forces of Elmahdi, the false prophet. The intelligence of the disaster was brought to Khartoum by a Coptic official. Fighting is said to have continued from the 3d to the 5th inst., and have resulted in the complete annihilation of the Egyptian troops. It is stated that a European artist was the only person to escape. The forces of Elmahdi comprised, it is estimated, 300,000 men and included Dervishes, Bedouins, mulattoes and regulars. The battle was fought near Elobeld. Elmahdi first sent forward the Dervishes, declaring they would vanquish the enemy by divine aid. Subsequently the regulars joined in the attack, and later the engagement became general. The army under Hicks Pasha, which early in the battle was divided into two bodies, but subsequently reunited and formed into squares, which the forces of the false prophet broke after three days' desperate fighting. A council of ministers has been held, and it has been decided to concentrate at Khartoum what Egyptian troops remain at Duem, Goba and other places in Soudan. The force under Hicks Pasha comprised 25,000 men. He had with him ten British officers. O'Donovan, of the London Daily News, and an artist connected with a German illustrated paper, also accompanied the army. Evelyn Baring has advised the Egyptian government to abandon Soudan and establish a strong frontier line from Khartoum, in North Sennar province, to Soakim, on the Red Sea. It is reported that the recent orders for the evacuation of Egypt by British troops have been countermanded.

### An Umbrella for a City.

Two German mechanical engineers have sent to the municipality of Buenos Ayres the following proposal to cover the city with an umbrella:

"Mr. Intendent—Aware of the spirit of progress of the Intendent of the Municipality of Buenos Ayres, we propose to construct what will undoubtedly be a convenience—an umbrella of immense size, to cover this honorable capital, with the object of protecting it during rain—an umbrella of every profit to it and that will make this city the most remarkable in the universe.

"The base or foot of the umbrella will be placed in the Plaza de Lorea, and thence it will extend eastward to the pier, westward to Almagro, northward to Palermo, and southward to the Plaza Constitution.

"The foot or base of the said umbrella will be 670 feet in diameter and have the height of 1,500 feet; the ribs will be of cast-iron and thirty-one inches in circumference, and be placed eight feet apart. It will hoist upward upon the system of Harsihentinsburc. The lining will be made of wrought iron one and one-half inches thick, of the best make—that is, of the iron made by Herr Artimbotskin, of Prussia.

"When hoisted, the umbrella will be over a mile and a half wide, and around it will be a canal communicating with the River Plate, to carry away the water that might inundate the city."

The proponents, Messrs. W. Bournhofer and John Fluckigen, offer to do the work for \$5,750,000, and to hand it over ready within thirty months.

**ROCK HILL, S. C.**—Rev. J. S. White, says: "I used Brown's Iron Bitters for general debility. It restored me to strength and vigor."

An English bride, Miss Jessel, had a wonderful wedding cake. On top, done in sugar, was a representation of the meeting of Rebekah and Abraham's servant at the well, the grouping modeled after Vernet's celebrated picture. The cake was four feet high, and weighed 227 pounds. The cover or top lifted off, so that the cake could be cut.

## NEWS OF THE WEEK

### GENERAL.

The dominion finance department has forwarded to the Canadian Pacific railroad company a receipt for eight million dollars, the amount deposited with the Bank of Montreal to the credit of the receiver-general on account of the stock guarantee.

Excitement prevails at Wheeling, Va. because of the announcement that Samuel B. McCulloch, clerk in the circuit court, has mysteriously disappeared. He left for his home a few miles in the country about 10 o'clock on the night of the 15th.

The new standard time generally went into effect on the 18th.

Owing to the continued decline in iron the Pottstown, Pa., Iron company, employing several hundred hands, announce a reduction in wages of ten per cent, beginning December 1st. Other mills in the Schuylkill valley contemplate similar action.

Seven frame tenements, thickly peopled, were burned at South Chicago on the 17th, and there were a number of narrow escapes, as the flames spread very rapidly.

The committee of forty appointed by the people of Danville, Va., invites all persons having information about the disturbances there on the 3d inst., and the conduct of white people from that date to the close of the day of election, to give their testimony.

Mrs. Zoe Hayward, of Philadelphia, wife of the opera singer, attempted suicide at the Mason house, Baltimore. She fired seven shots, one of which took effect in her left breast. The wound is serious. Deserion was the cause.

The ship Portland, a lumber laden schooner, and two brigantines, bound for France, were driven upon the reefs and wrecked near St. Johns. Several vessels were driven from their anchorage and partially wrecked. Tepassey advises report that several bodies have come ashore there and at St. Shotts. No identity as yet. All were mutilated about the heads, and the arms and legs being severed from the trunk. At St. Shotts a large vessel drove by and looked to be abandoned. The steamer Caspian was detained four days by the hurricane.

In pursuance to a resolution adopted by the last annual meeting of the Grand Army of the Republic of Kansas, Captain W. Shockey, chairman of the committee appointed for the purpose, has sent circulars to all points of the G. A. R. in Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas, Nebraska, Colorado, New Mexico and Indian Territory, asking the signatures of all comrades to a memorial to congress praying for the establishment of a soldiers' and sailors' home in Kansas.

Articles of incorporation for the Freeport & Mississippi river railroad company were filed at Freeport, Ia., on the 20th, capital \$3,000,000. It is to run from Freeport to Galena with a branch to Fulton, on the Northwestern road. The incorporators are Northwestern officials, which road, it is understood, will be the constructors of the line.

The sawing season on the Chippewa and Eau Claire rivers virtually closed on the 20th. The sawing season has been a long and prosperous one for the Chippewa valley lumbermen, and they have reaped their rewards.

There is a general wish among republican members of the next house that ex-Speaker Keifer should refuse to be a candidate for the empty honor of a renomination.

The supreme court of Wisconsin sustains the Washburn bill. This cuts off the widow, except that the executors are authorized to set aside a sum for her support.

The fat stock show in Chicago was very largely attended.

Workmen at the Ludington (Mich.) mine joined the Chapin mine strikers at Iron Mountain on the 19th and paraded the streets with a brass band, 800 to 1,000 strong, till forced to disperse by the cold. Four hundred men then surrounded Superintendent Stockbridge, of the Ludington mine, and upon his refusal to yield to their demands, kicked and beat him till he promised them anything they wanted.

An overproduction of knit goods seems to have made a regular standstill in that line of articles.

Patrick William O'Brien, the Irish giant, and Christians D. Dunz, the German giantess, were married in Pittsburg on the 20th. The bride was dressed in white satin. In her hand she held a bouquet of enormous size. The wedding cake was nine feet in circumference and three feet thick. The combined height of the bridal pair is fifteen feet and three inches, and they tip the beam at 649 pounds.

Strong probability now is that the steamer Manistee was lost with all on board. She left Duluth on the 10th, but owing to the great storm she did not leave Ashland for Ontonagon until Friday the 15th, which was before the storm had fully abated. The last ever seen of her was when leaving Ashland.

The verdict of the coroner's jury in the case of the recent Wisconsin capitol disaster holds Contractor Knowland guilty of gross negligence in causing the central pier to be improperly repaired, and Supervising Architect Jones and Consulting Architect H. C. Koch for designing the internal construction without due regard to its safety during the erection, thereby contributing to its falling on November 8th.

Congressmen Guenther and Deuster, of Wisconsin, have been at San Francisco

investigating the Chinese question, both having voted in favor of the restriction act.

All the compositors except five in the office of the Boston Post struck against the contractor, who supplies the Post's compositorial force through the consent of the union at the price of about 35 cents per 1,000 ems.

Advices have been received of the granting of the exclusive privilege of laying a cable between the United States and Brazil to Messrs. Henry Cummings, George D. Roberts and Byron Somes, of New York. This is the grant formerly held by Jay Gould and afterward turned over by him to John Pender.

Excitement prevails at Charlottesville, Va., over the warlike attitude of the negroes. A most desperate and murderous affray occurred on the 17th between two negroes, in which one of them was literally hacked to pieces.

John Chisholm, for murdering his wife, was hanged in the Essex county (N. J.) jail, on the 22d.

John V. Isaacson, merchant of Kansas City, was arrested at Nashville. He is charged with obtaining a large stock of goods from firms in Chicago and St. Louis, ranging in amounts from \$500 to \$5,000, and fraudulently putting them beyond reach of the owners by making assignments.

There are no indications of an early adjustment of the differences between the widow glass manufacturers and the blowers at Pittsburg.

Dr. Wilson, curate of St. George's cathedral, Ontario, and a leading evangelical clergyman, created a sensation by attending an all-night prayer meeting of the salvation army and taking part in the holy communion. The rector of the cathedral requested an explanation. Dr. Wilson defended himself and takes the full responsibility.

At Birmingham, Ala., a negro named Louis Houston was arrested, charged with attempted outrage of a respectable widow lady in that city. The victim was taken to the residence of the intended victim, identified and jailed. On the 25th a mob of 150 masked men overpowered the jailer, took Houston to the negro settlement in the suburb of the city and hanged him.

A circular has been issued asking the consent of bondholders to the plan for the reorganization of the Toledo, Cincinnati & St. Louis railroad company, which provides for the issue of sufficient new bonds to cancel all outstanding debts.

The governor of Khartoum telegraphs that two chiefs state the defeat of Hicks Pasha is false. Hicks Pasha is at Elobeld, and the El Mahdi has been killed. It is believed at Cairo the report sent by the two chiefs that Hicks Pasha had not been defeated refers to the state of affairs at the close of the first day's fighting with the forces of El Mahdi. The slaughter occurred on the 4th inst.

### CRIME.

At Swanton, Ohio, on the 19th, Samuel Hemay shot his wife, nee Widow Stevens, tried to kill her daughter, Mrs. Liba, and then shot himself. Both died. They had been married about a year and quarreled.

On the 19th, P. H. White, a civil engineer of the Denver, South Park and Pacific railway, was murdered by a tie-cutter at Robinson, Colorado.

A serious row occurred in Victoria music hall, Ontario, on the 19th. An ex-member of the salvation army, intoxicated, entered the hall and struck several individuals. Captain Thompson, aide-de-camp to Major Moore, undertook to quiet the disturber and was knocked over and choked on a bench. Then four police entered and arrested the man. A small riot followed and the crowd surged and pushed about the hall. The officers of the peace and the salvation army were surrounded and kicked. One was knocked down in the scuffle.

At Rushville, Indiana, on the morning of the 21st, Edward Payne, cashier of the Rushville national bank, was awakened by a noise in the kitchen and started down stairs. He met a burglar coming up, who ordered him to go back threatening to shoot. Payne hurled a vessel at him, whereupon the burglar fired, the shot taking effect in Payne's right lung. It is thought he cannot live.

Postoffice Inspectors Brown and Herriek, at Cleveland, arrested Geo. D. Bauer, of Portsmouth, clerk on the line between Columbus, O., and Ashland, Ky., charged with embezzling and rifling letters.

Grant Sells, of Indianapolis, charged with embezzling \$5,000 from an Indianapolis firm, was arrested on the train going to Louisville, and taken to jail in that city.

A Jackson (Mich.) telegram of the 22d says: Four persons, Jacob D. Crouch, aged 74, a widower, Henry White, aged 38, son-in-law of Crouch, Eunice White, aged 33, daughter of Crouch, all of Summit township, Jackson county, and Moses Polley, aged 26, of Transfer, Mercer county, Pennsylvania, were found murdered in their beds, all having been shot through the head behind the ear. It is supposed they were chloroformed first, as no signs of a struggle appeared, each victim lying as if asleep, and an odor of chloroform was noticeable when the bodies were discovered. Mrs. White was also shot through the left arm. No clue as yet has been discovered, although tracks around the house indicate that a guard was placed while the murder was perpetrated. Crouch is a wealthy farmer, living seven miles southeast of Jackson, and owner of an extensive sheep ranch in Texas. It is rumored that he had just received about \$50,000 from Texas in payment of sales

made on the ranch. The bankers here state that no money was deposited by Crouch and it is presumed the money was in Crouch's hands.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean's Lincoln, Ill., special of the 23d says: The father of the murdered girl, Zora Burns, arrived here this afternoon. If he had a lot of tough characters with him, as reported from another point, they left him before reaching here, as he came alone. He says he came to bring the authorities some letters bearing on the case, having found the mails untrustworthy, but it is generally understood that the real object was to consult a clairvoyant. It is intimated that the old man's mind is unbalanced.

A Hickman, Ky., special gives an account of the horrible double murder of Hillman King and wife, an old and respected couple. Their son Arthur on the 23d visited the house and found his mother dead in a pool of clotted blood. He gave the alarm and the neighbors found the father in the barn covered with shucks and partly eaten by rats. A German peddler is suspected. The house was robbed of \$2,000.

At Laconia, N. H., on the morning of the 25th, a woman's screams were heard from the house of James Ruddy, aged 40, employed in the Laconia car works. Mrs. Ruddy was found lying on the ground beneath the front window through which she had leaped. She was bleeding profusely. The door of the house was forced open and flames burst forth. An alarm was sounded, the flames extinguished, and the bodies of Ruddy and an only child, one and a half years old, found on the kitchen floor, both cut in a terrible manner and covered with the contents of a feather bed, which had been saturated with kerosene and then fired. The bodies were so disfigured by the flames as to be nearly past recognition. In the bedroom was found the lifeless body of Mrs. Ford, which was identified by her husband. One of her limbs had been chopped off and the detached member and remaining leg bound to the woman's body with a clothes line. The bed clothes had been saturated with oil and piled upon the body and an attempt made to set them on fire, which failed. Mr. Ruddy said the crime was committed by Thomas Samon, an Englishman and an acquaintance of the family, cook by profession, 38 years of age, with a hatchet.

### A Seventh Sense.

British Medical Journal.  
Sir William Thomson, the eminent professor of mathematics in the University of Glasgow, in his inaugural address delivered last week as president of the Midland institute, at Birmingham, broached the idea of the existence of a magnetic sense. This sense he called the seventh sense, to distinguish it from our other six senses—namely, those sight, hearing, taste, smell, heat and force. He said that, in speaking of a possible magnetic sense, he in no way supposed that wretched, groveling superstition of animal magnetism, spiritualism, mesmerism or clairvoyance, of which they had heard so much. There was no seventh sense of a mystic kind. Clairvoyance, and so on, was the result of bad observation chiefly, mixed up with the effects of willful imposture, acting on an innocent and trusting mind. If there was no distinct magnetic sense, it was a very great wonder there was not. The study of magnetism was a very reconite subject. One very wonderful discovery that was made in electric magnetism was made by Faraday, and worked out very admirably by Foucauld, an excellent French experimenter, showing that a piece of copper or a piece of silver let fall between the poles of a magnet would fall down slowly, as if through mud. Was it conceivable that, if a piece of copper could scarcely move through the air between the poles of an electric magnet, a human being or living creature in the same position would experience no effect? Lord Lindsay got an enormous magnet, so large that the head of any person wishing to try the experiment could get well between the poles, and the result of the experiment was marvelous, the marvel being that nothing was perceived. Sir William Thomson, however, was not willing to admit that the investigation was complete. He could not think that the quality of matter in the air, which produced such a prodigious effect on a piece of metal, could be absolutely without any perceptible effect whatever on a living body. He thought the experiment was worth repeating; and it was worth examining whether or not an exceedingly powerful magnetic force was without perceptible effect on a living vegetable or animal body. His own speculations had led him to conclude that there might be a seventh or magnetic sense, and that it was possible an exceedingly powerful magnetic effect might be produced on living bodies that could not be explained by heat, force or any other sensation.

### The Deacon and the Farmer.

New York Diary.  
"Good morning, Farmer Furrow," said the deacon as he leaned over the fence to have a friendly chat. "Morning, deacon," nodded the farmer. "How is that sick pig this morning?" "Oh, that's gettin' along right smart, I reckon," cheerfully answered the granger. "And how is the rest of your folks?" continued the deacon. The farmer said nothing, but reached down, picked up an overripe melon and fired it at the deacon's head. "There!" he exclaimed, "by the time ye git them 'ere seeds out o' yer ha'r ye'll find out how my folks is."

A genial exchange tells us that Boston girls never giggle. They merely express their delight by a dreamy, far-away north pole smile.