

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

THE NEW SURGEON.—Among the recent changes which have taken place on the Union Pacific road, says the Omaha Republican, is that occasioned by the resignation, sixty days ago, of Dr. S. D. Mercer, chief surgeon of the medical department. His successor has now arrived and will assume his new duties on the 15th inst., the date on which Mr. Mercer's resignation was to take effect. The new chief surgeon is Dr. Oscar J. Pfeiffer, of Boston, a young man between 25 and 30 years of age, a graduate of the Harvard medical school and for two years in the Massachusetts general hospital at Boston. It is designed within a very short time to remove the headquarters of this department to Denver, but being considered the most advantageous location from which to operate the various branches of the road, as it is about equidistant from Omaha, Ogden and Kansas City, and the central point of the Colorado system.

A BAD OHIO MAN.—R. H. Franklin, who for twelve months past has been keeping a boarding house at Sixteenth and Mason streets, is reported missing. In addition to his boarding house Franklin also had a meat market and grocery store. He is said to be heavily indebted to Omaha merchants, and has forgotten to leave any tangible assets behind him. Franklin came here from Ohio. Where he has gone to is another matter. He is a widower, and when he left town a few days ago said he was going off to get married. During Franklin's absence his family sold off all the stock, closed up the house, and Tuesday night, in answer to a telegram, made a quick exit. There is great mourning among the creditors, and many anxious inquiries about the missing man. It looks like another instance of an Ohio man going wrong.—Omaha Herald.

GENERAL STATE NOTES.

The gobblers are now fattening all along the line. Dodge county this year polled thirty-four hundred votes. Wayne county voted at the late election to build a new jail.

The new night patrol service on the B. & M. will go into operation in a few days. A sweeping change of superintendents of divisions on the Union Pacific was made last week.

Brown county polled 1,000 votes. Two years ago there were less than 100 settlers in the county.

A disastrous fire was prevented recently at Pawnee by prompt and effective action of its citizens.

W. B. Nelson, of Lincoln, Neb., suicided at Sioux City last week by shooting himself in the head.

The state's exhibit of field products at New Orleans will require fifteen cars for its transportation.

A workman in Her's distillery at Omaha had his arm badly crushed by being caught in a cog wheel.

Omaha is called upon to confront numerous suits for damages by reason of changing the grades of streets.

Judge Brewer, in the U. S. court at Omaha, in the Brighton ranch case, has decided that the fences must go.

The weather for corn husking is all that could be desired and farmers are improving it to the fullest extent.

John Green, an old resident of Omaha, was badly hurt a few days ago, by being run over by a B. & M. locomotive.

Diphtheria has again broken out in Kearney, and the Courier advises parents to keep their children out of school.

More new houses are being erected in Kearney now than has ever been known in any previous year since its existence.

Ex-Marshal Guthrie serving a term in the penitentiary, was taken to Omaha a few days ago to testify in the case of ex-Mayor Chase.

Prof. White has resigned his position with the Hastings college. He does this with the intention of preparing himself for the ministry.

Wm. Lunzman, son of Fred Lunzman, of Auburn, while carelessly handling a revolver, shot himself through the hand, making a bad wound.

Captain Phillips, the victim of the Cedar county desperado, is getting worse, and the opinion of the physicians is that he cannot recover.

One Norris, a former Union Pacific brakeman, is under arrest at Omaha for stealing a hundred dollars' worth of tickets from the company.

Nearly all the towns in the northern part of the state cast a larger vote this year than ever before, which indicates a good growth in population.

By accident Colonel Morrow, of Harvard, swallowed some aqua ammonia, which, but for the timely skill of the doctor, might have proved serious.

The tailor shop of M. Goldberg, Omaha, was obliged on election night, three overcoats, three pairs of pants and a piece of suiting being carried off.

A Junata doctor locked up his office, placarded the door "Gene to dinner," and the next seen of him he appeared fresh from Indiana with a new wife.

The section house at Hartington, valued at \$700, was burned last week. The fire was caused by a defective flue. The goods it contained were mostly saved.

A Methodist church costing \$40,000, a Congregational church costing \$30,000, and a Presbyterian church costing \$25,000, are approaching completion at Lincoln.

The Omaha refining works, recently destroyed by fire, have been rebuilt and commenced operations. The manufactory is now double its former capacity.

The college of the United Brethren will be located at Homer, Dakota county. A sixty acre farm near town has been selected for the site. The building will cost not less than \$20,000.

W. J. Nelson, who defrauded Lincoln creditors, was captured at Sioux City and shot himself dead soon after his arrest. The unfortunate man left property enough in Lincoln, it is thought, to settle his liabilities.

contract, it was closed and will not be opened until the matter is settled.

The Wakefield Republican says the present low price of corn makes the problem of corn for fuel a question of practical value. It is generally estimated, by those who have tried it, that corn is worth about the same for fuel as Iowa coal, ton for ton.

Mrs. Mary Dittmar, of Oakland, received her little children from Toronto, Canada. They were taken by Dittmar when he left that section three years ago, and upon hearing of his recent suicide at Toronto, the children were sent for and have just arrived.

Lewis Anguish, the two-year-old son of E. Anguish, of Arapahoe, was thrown out of a buggy and instantly killed. The mother of the boy was also thrown out and severely injured. The accident occurred early in the morning while driving to town.

Bentico has sixteen different manufacturing establishments, employing \$80,000 capital, and 198 men. The amount of wages paid per year is \$50,000; value of raw material used, \$106,200, and the amount realized for the manufactured products, \$230,500.

The residence of Wesley N. Kerns, of Table Rock, burned to the ground on the 7th between 2 and 3 o'clock. Everything was lost; nothing saved whatever. The origin of the fire is a mystery. Mr. Kerns met with a narrow escape, being nearly suffocated.

Charles Schleger, of Omaha, went hunting last Sunday, and in returning home used his gun as a walking-stick. In this manner one barrel was exploded, the contents entering the young man's head and killing him instantly. He was 25 years old and leaves a widowed mother.

A disastrous prairie fire, says the Valentine Reporter, swept over the table land north of town last week, destroying a large amount of property. David Cogswell is the greatest sufferer, losing his stable, hay, six head of horses, and being himself burned so badly that his life is despaired of.

The St. Helena Nonpareil has no sympathy with the petition which is being circulated asking that the commissioners of Cedar county offer a reward for the apprehension of the men who lynched the man who shot Captain Phillips. The latter is still alive, but his recovery is considered doubtful.

Last week an engine was bringing a freight train down the hill from the Summit, near Omaha, when all at once there was a loud report and the engine lost all control of the train. It was soon found that the steam chests had been blown off from both sides of the engine. No one was hurt.

The jury in the bribery case of ex-Mayor Chase, on trial at Omaha, rendered a verdict of acquittal without leaving their seats. Ex-Marshal Guthrie, serving out a term in the penitentiary, was the main witness in the case, and he refused to answer questions on the ground that it would criminate himself.

There is at length an end to the efforts of the Episcopal council of Nebraska to secure a successor to the late lamented Bishop Clarkson. The end has been reached by the consent of the Rev. Dr. Worthington, of Detroit, to accept the position. He will probably enter upon his duties about the first of the year.

The Y. M. C. A. convention at Omaha elected the following as members of the state executive committee: S. D. Fitch, Weeping Water; George F. Work, Hastings; B. L. Paine, John Miller, C. C. Pierce, J. A. Dummett, Lincoln; H. H. Chaplin, York; C. F. Harrison, O. S. Wood, J. S. Detwiler, Omaha; Leavitt Burnham, chairman; George A. Joplin, secretary; J. L. Kennedy, treasurer.

There was a meeting of citizens of Lincoln the other evening to revive the town clock project and consider what measures should be taken to secure the funds necessary to purchase a first class clock to furnish perfect and standard time for the benefit of everybody who cares to read and hear. A committee to solicit subscriptions for the enter prize was appointed.

A horse stolen from W. G. Welshans, of Omaha, was found by a detective in the southern part of Sarpy county, and along with it were taken twelve or fourteen others, all believed to have been stolen. It is the theory of several who have had occasion to investigate the matter that two bands of these thieves, one in Kansas and the other in Nebraska, are constantly plying their nefarious business.

The rapid development of the western part of Nebraska makes the organization of new counties necessary at short intervals. The proclamation of Governor Dawes relative to the organization of Hayes county has just been published in the Lincoln Journal. Secretary Roggen also has in his office a petition for the organization of a new county, bearing the name of Keya Paha, out of a portion of Brown county.

Secretary Roggen tells the Lincoln Journal that both the proposed amendments to the state laws are defeated. That providing for a railroad commission is badly snuffed under and the other will lack ten or fifteen thousand votes of being carried. The latter is the amendment extending the length of the session of the legislature to sixty days and fixing the compensation of members at three hundred dollars for the session.

John C. Gass, of Pennsylvania, went to bed in Omaha a few nights ago in apparently good health. Shortly after, Mr. Sargent, with whom he was making his home, heard strange and unusual noises in his room. Going in he discovered Gass in the throes of epileptic convulsions. A doctor was hastily summoned, but could afford no relief. The violence of the convulsions caused a lesion of the blood vessels, hemorrhage ensued, and shortly afterwards the sufferer passed away.

A young man from Omaha went out to Millard to visit his brother, who works for a farmer named Allen. The young man arrived at the farm house about 9 o'clock, and found the family had retired. All in sport he rapped loudly on the door, and in reply to Mr. Allen's query, "Who's there, and what do you want?" replied that he wanted his (Allen's) money, or his life. Allen told him to go around to the back-door, and seizing a shotgun, opened the door and shot the young man in the neck, inflicting probably fatal wounds. Allen was greatly shocked on learning who the supposed robber was.

Joseph Cook was arrested at St. Joseph, Mo., on the 12th, for the murder of Leonard Roll, near Blue Hill, Neb., on the night of November 1. The arrest was made by Deputy Sheriff Blagg, of Nodaway county, Missouri, and the prisoner was turned over to Sheriff Warren, of Webster county, Nebraska, who arrived half an hour before Cook was taken in custody. The prisoner admits that he left Blue Hill on the night of the murder but claims that he did not know of Roll's death until after he was arrested. The roll which was stolen from Roll has not yet been discovered but the officers are on the trail of it. The prisoner was brought to Nebraska.

The Fullerton Journal records the following fatal accident: Mrs. Brady had gone out near the barn to see her husband, who was going to town. Lariated near by was a pet calf. The calf, being large and strong, in his playful mood succeeded in winding the rope around Mrs. B. This so entangled her that she fell to

the ground. It proved a fatal fall. Her husband, who was only a few rods on his way to town, went to her assistance, and with his aid she walked to the house. Neither were aware that any serious injury had been sustained. A doctor was sent for. On his arrival it was found that there was no pulse at the wrist and but a feeble flutter at the temple. Every possible effort was made to arouse the vital forces, but all proved of no avail. She lingered from 1 o'clock, the time she was injured, until 5, when she called for her husband and told him she was dying. In a few minutes her spirit had taken its flight and had gone to God.

CAPITAL BRIEFS.

According to the figures compiled by Secretary McPherson the next house of congress will have a democratic majority of forty-one.

The president has modified Rule 19, of the Civil Service Regulations, specifying officers exempt from examination, so as to include in the list disbursing officers having the custody of money, which have given bonds.

Agricultural department reports for the November returns of the rate of yield of corn indicate the product somewhat in excess of 1,600,000 bushels, or an average rate of a small fraction above 25 bushels per acre.

The total values of domestic breadstuffs exported during October was \$11,511,112, against \$14,740,994 for the corresponding month of 1883. For the ten months ended October 31st it was \$120,998,947, and \$145,125,351 for the corresponding period of 1883.

The annual report of Major General Schofield, commanding the division of the Missouri, treats of the operations in that division during the past year. The roster of the troops in that division shows seven regiments and two companies of cavalry, nineteen regiments and one company of infantry, and four batteries of field artillery. The report urges the necessity for liberal appropriations to provide permanent shelter and barracks for the troops in the division.

The Washington monument has reached a greater height than that of any other structure in the world, being 520 feet and ten inches above the floor of the monument. The next highest structure is the spire of the Cologne cathedral, which towers 515 feet above the floor of the building. It is estimated that it will take but twenty-five working days to complete the monument, so there is no doubt of its being finished in time for dedication on the 22d of February.

The annual report of Hon. Walter Evans, commissioner of internal revenue, for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1884, has been submitted to the secretary of the treasury. The total receipts from all the sources of internal revenue taxation for the year is \$121,500,039, as compared with \$144,533,344 for the year 1883, \$146,223,273 for the year 1882, and \$125,229,912 for the year 1881. It is estimated that \$115,000,000 will be collected for the present fiscal year. The payment of tax on the large production of spirits for 1881 was a material factor in the collections during the past year and the commissioner says that the falling off anticipated for the present year will follow from the diminished quantity of bourbon and rye whiskeys produced in 1882, on which the tax will mature during the current fiscal year. Another cause contributing to the reduced receipts will be the largely increased exportation of spirits in bond, on which, for various reasons, owners cannot pay the tax. Something like 10,000,000 gallons have already been forced abroad during the current calendar year, because of stagnation in the trade and the refusal of congress to extend the bonded period. A comparative statement of the receipts for the fiscal years 1883 and 1884 shows a decrease of \$16,041,850 from tobacco; an increase of \$2,536,610 from spirits; an increase of \$1,184,338 from fermented liquors, and a decrease of \$10,642,404 from taxes, under the repealed laws and penalties; making a total decrease of \$21,963,335.

BRIEFLY TOLD.

The national grange opened a session in Nashville on the 11th. Proceedings were with closed doors.

Gov. Hoadley refuses to order the militia into the Hooking Valley until convinced that the sheriffs have done all in their power and failed.

August Taxhorn, a farmer near McPherson, Kansas, set fire to his house, barn and granary and then blew out his brains with a shotgun. The buildings were destroyed, together with \$1,000 in money in the house.

Kiernan's agency gives the following as rates to brokers to Chicago: New York Central and Erie, \$1.00 to \$1.15; West Shore, \$1.20; Lackawanna, \$1.50. The New York Central is expected to make a further reduction.

Wolf Bros., wholesale dealers of hats and caps, Chicago, confessed judgment for a total amount of \$50,000, and the place is closed by the sheriff. Liabilities estimated at \$165,000; assets \$115,000, of which \$50,000 is in outstanding accounts.

In the case of Ah Ky, the Chinaman arrested at Albany, N. Y., for the murder of Wee Kee, the jury found a verdict of manslaughter in the third degree. Justice Peckham sentenced the prisoner to twenty years at hard labor in Clinton prison.

Police Officer Michael Ryan, St. Louis, made a desperate attempt to kill his wife the other night and the probabilities are that the woman will die. The circumstances show that the policeman, in a fit of rage, drew his knife and plunged it into his wife's abdomen.

Maggie Quinlan, residing near Sinsinawa Mountain, Wis., committed suicide by shooting herself with a revolver. Ill health is supposed to have been the cause of the rash act. She had recently returned from Montana, where she had been to recover her health.

A reporter interviewed fifteen manufacturers in the largest manufacturing towns of northern New York on the effect of politics in their industry. Republicans and democrats agreed that the election of Cleveland would have little effect on any of the manufacturing industries.

Secretary Teller, upon the order of the supreme court of the District of Columbia, directed Colonel Burnside, late disbursing clerk of the postoffice department, now under indictment for embezzling government funds, to be placed in the government insane asylum at Washington.

Rev. James McLeod, pastor of the Second Presbyterian church of Indianapolis and who formerly occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church at Buffalo, New York, says he has it on good authority that Governor Cleveland will shortly be united in marriage to a young lady of Buffalo.

Robert Sturding and wife were discovered dead in their house on their ranch, seven miles from Pine Grove, a small station on the South Park (Col.) road. The circumstances indicate murder for money. Sturding was one of Colorado's pioneers, wealthy and widely known. He was an ordained preacher in the anti-polygamy branch of the Mormon church.

FOREIGN NOTES.

The tribunal has condemned Patti to pay the costs of her divorce suit.

President Grovy has issued a decree stating

that the Universal exhibition in Paris will open May 5, 1889.

In the house of commons Hartington, secretary of war, moved an appropriation of one million pounds for the Nile expedition.

The Swiss government forbids railway cars from Paris to cross the frontier until the passengers have been subjected to a thorough medical inspection.

The minister of foreign affairs has announced the conclusion of the treaty of commerce between America and the Spanish West Indies. A few unimportant questions pertaining to sugar and cereals are still open, but they are not likely to interfere with the final adoption of the treaty.

The celebration at London of the entrance to office of the new lord mayor took place on the 10th. The streets through which the procession passed were thronged with enormous crowds. A fine display was made by the various ancient guilds. Among the most prominent features of the procession were several white boats fully manned, a herd of camels with Soudanese attendants and a drove of elephants.

Great excitement prevailed in the lobbies of the French chambers owing to the confirmation of the report published in the Liberte that the cabinet council on Saturday decided to forego demanding indemnity from China. Much discontent prevails on account of this in the Tonquin committee of the chamber of deputies. Charreau, chairman of the committee, has resigned, and the committee has resolved to postpone presenting its report until Ferry has made an explanation.

POLITICAL NOTES.

Blaine's plurality in Pennsylvania is about 80,000. The official vote of Mississippi is—Cleveland 78,477, Blaine 42,774.

Late, but incomplete figures place the First congressional district of California in doubt. Corothers, republican, leads by 120.

The official vote of the state of Delaware gives Cleveland 17,054, Blaine 12,778, St. John 55, Butler 6. The temperance legislative vote is 1,549.

Monsignor Capel delivered before the Young Men's Hebrew club at New York an address on his address on "Patriotism" as given at the cathedral. In the course of his remarks he said it was a bad side of our election that it showed our attempts to pull down the character of men who were to rule us.

The election is still doubtful in Washington territory, but the chances favor Voorhees, democrat, for delegate to congress. The only issue between the parties was that of railroads. The democrats and disaffected republicans demanded the forfeiture of the land grant which lapsed over seven years ago. Voorhees' estimated majority is about 3,000.

The present estimate as to the complexion of the Illinois state legislature is that it will be a tie on joint ballot, the senate having a majority of one republican, and the house a majority of one democrat. Contests are likely to ensue in three districts, which may reverse this condition of affairs. The situation is made more interesting from the fact that a successor to Gen. Logan is to be selected.

Forty-three of the eighty counties in Michigan report official Blaine pluralities of 13,333, and fusion pluralities of 6,370. The remaining counties are evenly divided between the fusionists and republicans. The plurality given in figures so far reported will be cut down to between 4,000 and 5,000. The congressional delegation stands seven fusionists and one republican.

CRIMINAL.

Charles R. Parker, cashier of the Fifth avenue hotel, New York, shot and killed himself. His mind was deranged by overwork.

A. D. Sly, who robbed the American Express company a year ago of \$10,800, on trial at St Joseph, Mo., pleaded guilty and was sentenced to four years in the penitentiary.

A reward of \$500 is offered by citizens of Huron, D. T., endorsed by the mayor, for the apprehension and conviction of the parties who set the incendiary fires at that place last week.

At Palestine, Texas, during a political jollification City Marsha Chris Rogers shot and killed John Childs. Childs persisted in attacking Rogers until the marshal killed him. Rogers was released on \$1,000 bail.

A mob prevented the ex-priest, Father Chiniqy, from lecturing at Montreal. They broke the windows of the hall and demolished the lamps and furniture. Aided by the police, Chiniqy and a few friends escaped in carriages.

E. Poppelhower, doing business under the firm name of the Boston Diamond Cutting company at Boston, is said to be missing with diamonds belonging to various Boston firms and private customers valued at a large sum. He was trusted implicitly by jewelers of that city. His custom was to request a loan of diamonds, which he said he could sell at good advantage.

STANDING OF THE ARMY.

As Set Forth in the Annual Report of Lieut.-Gen. Sheridan.

The annual report of Lieutenant General Sheridan has been made, covering the period from his appointment to the command of the army, November 1st, 1883, to November 1st, 1884. He says during this time the entire territory under the supervision of troops has been unusually free from collisions, resulting in loss of either life or property, but the services of the military in the west cannot be safely dispensed with for many years to come. The lieutenant general expresses great interest in the national guard of the states, and thinks congress should designate the number of men each state should have, and provide for them arms and camps and garrison equipment, under some wise method of accountability for this property, whenever the state governments themselves appropriate substantial sums of money for the support of their respective military systems, in such a manner that these sums cannot be effected by party legislation. Excepting for our ocean commerce and for our seaboard cities, he does not think we should be much alarmed about the probability of wars with foreign powers, since it would require more than a million and a half of men to make a campaign upon land against us. To transport from beyond the ocean that number of soldiers, with all their munitions of war, their cavalry, artillery and infantry, even if not molested by a hostile in transit, would demand a large part of the shipping of all Europe. He earnestly invites immediate attention to the defenceless condition of the seaboard cities, and urgently recommends the early beginning of a general system of sea coast fortifications to be constructed in accordance with the requirements involved by the latest improvements in heavy artillery. "This nation," he says, "is growing so rapidly that there are signs of other troubles which I do not molest by mentioning. 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