

NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

NEBRASKA SCHOOLS.—The Exposition Daily, published at New Orleans, has the following about the educational wealth of Nebraska:

When Nebraska laid the foundation of a state, whose products to-day are not excelled by any other in the west or in the world, whose future, the most sanguine hesitate to predict, she raised her hand and said in words not to be misunderstood, "A solid education is the birthright of every one of my children."

The man coming from the eastern states seeking a wider agricultural field to combine stock raising and carry out his improved ideas of skilled farming, never fails to ask about churches and schools, and finds everywhere in the state our educational system in perfect order with excellent modern buildings which number 3,785.

In passing along the railway lines will be seen, prominently located, fine two and three-story buildings of modern architecture and supplied with heating and ventilating apparatus and skilled instructors. To the elder citizen it may bring up the contrast of forty years ago—the old red wood-house—the fire place and green elm school where the three "E's" were taught. The world's advance left them behind and only their memories remain.

The whole west is made up of progress, of reading and thinking men, and while their profession may be agriculture, the grand subject, education of the masses, is uppermost.

The original grant of lands to Nebraska by the general government was for:

Table with 2 columns: Item and Acres. Includes Common schools (20,000,000), University (40,000), Agricultural college (80,000), etc.

THE STATE IN BRIEF.

A census of Blair, just completed, shows a population of a little over 2,900.

During a recent storm seven cows froze to death in the vicinity of Harvard.

The people of Coleridge threaten to round up the professional claim-jumpers.

Mr. Kerr, of Filley, Gage county, has lost \$2,000 worth of hogs the past winter.

Houses are in great demand in Arapahoe. The only vacant room is the calaboose.

Douglas county during the month of February fifty permits to marry were issued.

The Swedish Lutheran mission of Tekama are raising money to build a \$2,000 church.

The bricklayers' union of Lincoln have established wages for the year—\$4.50 per day.

The protracted meeting has laid hold of Alexandria and good results are anticipated.

The bricklayers of Crete have organized a union and established wages at \$4.50 per day.

Mr. George Wilcox, of Nebraska City, had the misfortune to break his leg a few days ago.

A brutal Italian in Omaha became enraged at his nephew and nearly choked off the boy's check.

Arapahoe's opera house is now about ready for the reception of first class traveling troupes.

House thieves have been operating in Burt county. Isaac Thorndike lost a span and a set of harness.

The house of Roland Frantz, Adams county, was totally destroyed by fire. The loss is \$900; fully insured.

The spring immigration has commenced. Two car-loads of immigrants reached Lincoln a new night ago.

Nebraska continues to remain at the front in New Orleans. To her all the other states concede the honor.

The revival meeting in Kearsaw closed with the ordinance of baptism being administered to eight persons.

Those who have paid the five per cent penalty for non-payment of taxes can have the same refunded.

The governor has signed the bill prohibiting the selling or giving of tobacco to infants under 15 years of age.

An inauguration ball was given at Tekama on the evening of the 4th, many prominent people being in attendance.

A committee from Nebraska will attend the meeting of Northwestern Dairyman's association at Algona, Iowa, on the 10th.

Quite a number of Omahans have gone to Washington to attend inauguration exercises and others will leave at an early day.

The Dorchester Star says the grain dealers of that place have almost concluded to go out of business, as they cannot get cars.

Notwithstanding the dull times the upward growth of Exeter is steady and rapid. The town has not less than 1,000 inhabitants.

The Ord Quiz complains because in that town of a thousand inhabitants the church audiences will not average over thirty-five.

W. G. R. Davis, the defaulting justice of the peace at Dunbar, was arrested at St. Joseph and taken to Nebraska City for safe keeping.

Eight states of the union and twenty-three counties of Nebraska are represented every morning "at the altar" in the Crete university. Ex-Senator Tipton, of Brownville, has gone to Washington to witness the inauguration, and will remain several weeks at the national capital.

There has been more and continuous sleighing in the vicinity of Valentine the past winter than was ever known in that part of Nebraska before.

Henry Kunold, from Omaha, who was temporarily working in Hastings, fell dead in that city last week from heart disease. He leaves a large family in Omaha.

A sleek looking man put in an appearance at Wayne a few days ago, remaining about forty-eight hours, during which he "took in" a number of business men for small sums.

The Presbyterian societies in the two northern tiers of counties have been annexed to the western portion of the state, and will hereafter be known as the Niobrara synod.

An Omaha barber took up with a bad woman, and after living with her for awhile they quarreled. A physician sewed up his cuts and it is thought he will be around again in a few weeks.

At Hastings a man named L. H. Redus, a sewing machine agent, made an attempt to commit suicide by cutting his throat with a razor. He was suffering from a bad case of domestic trouble.

From Exeter it is reported the hog cholera is still raging, and the damage to the farmers of that vicinity by reason of its ravages has been immense, and the worst of it is no one can tell when it will end.

The West Nebraska Methodist Episcopal conference committee will locate a classical seminary at Kearney, provided the citizens of that town will donate for the object forty acres of land and \$10,000 cash.

The second trial of Jackson Martin, for the murder of John Cameron in May, 1872, was concluded on the 4th at Beatrice. The jury was out one hour and brought in a verdict of guilty, with the penalty of death.

Citizens of Crete were troubled a good deal by an Indian band running from house to house logging. The local paper recommends that the ladies freely use the broomstick, thus making them seek more genial quarters.

Frank Grabbe, on trial at Omaha for the murder of John Knuss, was adjudged guilty in the second degree. The prisoner, who supposed he would have to hang, felt greatly relieved when he heard the verdict of the jury.

Rev. Dr. Worthington, the newly consecrated bishop of Nebraska, will be present at Trinity church, Omaha, on the 15th inst. Enthronement of the bishop will take place soon after Easter, which comes on the first Sunday in April.

The Alexandria Herald says that Byron Beitel, who is well known in that community, committed suicide by shooting himself. He has been of unsound mind for the past few months. The deceased was about thirty-three years of age and unmarried.

A case of assault and battery took place at Omaha a few days ago, in which a journalist was the victim. P. H. Gavin, of the Times Dispatch, was severely beaten by an attorney named Kyle, who had been referred to in Gavin's paper in not very flattering terms.

The Fullerton Journal thinks the assessors of Nance county ought to agree upon a lower rate of assessment. That county, it says, has of late contributed a great deal too much to the state, where if assessment were lower, the state tax would be decreased without affecting the county.

Ex-Governor Furnas, who has been working for some time to secure free transportation to New Orleans for the legislative and state officers whom he desired to have visit the exposition as nearly in a body as possible, telegraphed that he has been unable to get what he long has sought.

A Hastings special says: L. H. Redus, a local sewing machine agent here, cut his neck from ear to ear. The cause of the act is attributed to domestic infelicity. He may possibly recover. One Frank Strausser, a gambler, is charged with criminal intimacy with the victim's wife.

Fine-stock breeders in session at Lincoln elected the following officers: President, Claudius Jones, of Seward; vice-presidents, Henry Frye of York, Mr. Eaton of Sarusac, M. L. Trester of Lincoln, W. H. Barstow of Crete, and S. C. Bassett of Gibbon; secretary, Col. E. P. Savage, of Lincoln.

Robert Hopkins, of Ashland, a few days ago, sent a copy of the Weekly New England Journal, a paper published in Boston in 1728, to ex-Governor Furnas at New Orleans, to be placed on exhibition there. This paper was once the property of Stephen Hopkins, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, who was a great uncle of Mr. Hopkins of Ashland.

A farmer named Tim Sharp fell through the elevator hatchway at the Nebraska City pork packery, breaking his left arm and hip. During the past year Mr. Sharp and his family have been peculiarly unlucky from accidents. His father was killed by falling from a wagon; his son had an arm broken by being kicked by a horse, and now Tim has an arm and leg broken.

The Valentine Reporter says it is believed that the immigration into the upper country the coming season will far exceed that of last year. Already the tide is commencing to flow, and it will be hard to find a vacant claim without a settler in that country three months hence. With the advance of the railroad new and thrifty towns will spring up, and the rapidity with which the country will develop can hardly be estimated at this time.

An Omaha paper says that the Union elevators there have been full to the roofs, owing to the difficulty of getting cars for shipment to the seaboard, and on Monday 200 cars of corn were standing on the tracks at that city. Recently about 100 empty cars arrived from the east, and at this rate the accumulation of grain will soon be relieved. There are about 1,500 and 2,000 car-loads of corn under roof at that place.

Mr. Wilson, of Beatrice, runs a water cart, which is a large tank balanced upon two wheels, and drawn by one horse. As he was coming down street a few days ago, the wheels of his cart struck a street crossing and sent the water with a rush to the back end of the tank, broke the belly band, and lifted the horse high in the air, where he hung from the shafts of the cart. It took two or three men to balance down the shafts and put the horse on the ground.

Ell Holt, of the firm of Holt & Gascoigne, says the Beatrice Republican, brought to this office two geological specimens that deserve mention in these columns. At a depth of twenty-five feet, while digging a well in the north part of town, he came upon a strata of blue clay, which he removed in powder. The strata is at least three inches thick, and deserves investigation. After this they came upon a one-foot strata of white sand, and then a strata of clay or mud, and there they found a bone nearly in a state of perfect preservation. It is undoubtedly a bone of some animal, and has not gone through the state of petrification.

One year ago last Friday, says the Genoa Enterprise, was the birthday of the Indian school at that place and the anniversary of that day, a day which was to many of the dusky lads and lasses of the plains the beginning of a new era in their lives, was appropriately celebrated in the spacious chapel of the Indian school building. The entertainment consisted of tableaux, recitations, reading and writing; in short, it was simply an exhibition of the accomplishments acquired in one short year of study and attempt to forget one's own way and adopt one's self to the ways of another. The entertainment was given entirely by the Indians, under the supervision of teachers, and was creditable throughout.

BRIEFLY TOLD.

Dr. Glösen was hanged at Philadelphia on the 6th for murder.

President Cleveland has appointed General John C. Black, of Danville, Ill., commissioner of pensions.

Fire losses throughout the country foot up \$10,000,000—50 per cent more than the average loss in February during ten years past.

Edwin Booth has firmly resolved on leaving the stage. He will play a series of farewell engagements in the larger cities of the country.

By an accident on the Illinois Central railroad, near Grenada, Miss., two engines were totally wrecked and two firemen instantly killed.

Many Americans in the City of Mexico participated in an excursion to the crater of Mount Popocatepetl, to celebrate the inauguration of Cleveland.

The Irish-American club of Chicago will hold its St. Patrick banquet at the Palmer house, and has invited Gov. Oglesby, Gen. Schofield and Bishop Peckham.

The Methodist Episcopal church at Fremont, Ohio, of which ex-President Hayes is a member, was dedicated recently, and Mr. Hayes gave \$6,000 toward lifting the debt.

Rumors are afloat in London that the recent calling out of the reserves means that high officials regard the prospects of a war with Russia as something more than a mere possibility.

A million dollars has been sent by the Italian government to Massowah for the purchase of camels. This is thought to indicate that Italy proposes take steps for the relief of Kassala.

The legislature of British Columbia has passed a bill, to take effect within two weeks, imposing upon Chinamen attempting to enter that province a fine of \$50 or imprisonment for six months.

Josiah Locke dropped dead in the Indianapolis Journal office of heart disease. He was editor and proprietor of the Journal a number of years ago and later business manager of the Chicago Advance.

Mr. D. Downs, of Henderson, Sibley county introduced a bill in the Minnesota house that males and females shall not be allowed to occupy the floor of any roller skating rink at that state at the same time. The bill also provides for licensing rinks.

The New York Daily Commercial Bulletin estimates the aggregate fire loss for February at \$10,000,000—56 per cent more than the average loss for February for years past. Including January, some \$18,000,000 worth of property burned up thus far in 1885.

The house committee on military affairs reports that Gen. B. F. Butler's accounts as one of the managers of the Soldiers' Home show a shortage of \$240,000. As he lately mortgaged his Washington house for \$90,000, there are rumors that he is financially embarrassed.

The Susquehanna river is frozen to the bottom and is one solid mass of ice from Tunkhannock to Nanticoke, a distance of forty miles. Great fears are entertained that there will be a great freshet this spring, and that much damage will be done among the low lands of the Susquehanna.

The latest regarding Grant is thus stated: Dr. Douglas says that General Grant has had a red-letter day for him. He has eaten heartily, been out riding, and seems considerably improved. The condition of his throat is no better, however, and the progress of his diarrhoea has not been checked.

The Utah church organs and local authorities urge the brethren to renewed diligence in boycotting "our enemies." Some of their mutual improvement associations, under the lead of the bishops, have passed resolutions not to further patronize Gentiles until the polygamy prosecutions cease. In speaking of this the church organ demands that the action be made unanimous.

Agent Gasman, at Mitchell, Dakota, received orders from the interior department not to allow the Indians to interfere with settlers. The tribes now understand the situation and are said to be satisfied. Land entries are being made in great numbers, and "squatter rights" are coming in by thousands. As yet, however, there is no plot in the Mitchell land office. Much good land in the Crow Creek valley is still untaken. "Shacks" are springing up rapidly.

An Atchison (Kansas) dispatch says: T. A. Clark and eight surveyors from the Union Pacific office at Omaha went west on the Central Branch to survey an extension of that road to a connection with the Kansas Pacific either at Monument or Gilmore. Lines will be run from Bull City to Lenora, and the route offering the best inducement will be adopted in case the extension is agreed upon by the Union Pacific company. There is no positive assurance that a connection with the Kansas Pacific will be made, but the fact of the surveying party being sent out is evidence that it is contemplated. Monument is eight miles southwest of Lenora, and the nearest point on the Kansas Pacific to Bull City is 100 miles distant.

CAPITAL BRIEFS.

The house committee on foreign affairs, by a vote of six to four, adopted Phelps's resolution relative to the Congo conference.

President Arthur has issued a proclamation convening the senate in extra session on the 4th of March to act upon appointments and such other business as may come before it.

Benjamin Butterworth, commissioner of patents, handed his resignation to Secretary Teller, who accepted it and complimented him on his energetic administration of the office.

The grand jury returned an indictment for embezzlement against D. W. Middleton and S. E. Middleton, late of the firm of Middleton & Co., bankers of Washington. The same jury found a number of indictments against Daniel Carrigan, late chief clerk of the bureau of medicine and surgery in the navy department, for making and using false vouchers.

The president has ordered a general court martial to convene at the city of Washington on the 11th inst. for the trial of Brigadier General W. B. Hazen, chief signal officer of the army, on charge of conduct prejudicial to good order and military discipline in having officially and publicly criticized the action of the secretary of war for not following his recommendation to send an expedition to the relief of Lieutenant Greey in September, 1883.

Senator Wilson, of Iowa, seized the opportunity on Saturday, when Senator McMillan was in the committee room, to call up the Sioux City and St. Paul freighter. Mr. Plumb made a long and strong speech in favor of throwing the whole question of title to the disputed lands in northwestern Iowa into the United States courts. He then went about the senate coaching Morgan of Alabama, Brown of Georgia, and other senators who were in favor of forfeiture and desired to speak on it. The bill went over.

The senate bill introduced by Mr. Dawes to create the office of assistant chief signal officer, the design of which was to provide for the promotion of Lieut. Greely, having been referred by the military committee to the secretary of war, the latter has made a reply in which he gives his views on signal service generally. He holds that there is no good reason why the signal service should be part of the military force of the country, but that it should be made purely civil, and subject to the civil service rules, from which it is now exempt.

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POLITICAL NOTES.

Municipal elections were held in Iowa on the 2d with varying political results.

On the 2d the president sent the following nominations to the senate and they were confirmed: O. H. Mills, of Iowa, agent of the Indians at the Sic and Fox agency in Iowa; James B. Fletcher, postmaster at Seward, Neb.

Following is the list of United States senators sworn in on the 4th: J. S. C. Blackburn, Kentucky; James B. Eustis, Louisiana; James K. Jones, Arkansas; Ephraim Wilson, Maryland; William M. Everts, New York; Henry B. Payne, Ohio; Leland Stanford, California.

At the close of business hours at Washington on the 2d, the principal officers of the postoffice department assembled in the postmaster-general's room to take leave of Mr. Hatton. The retiring head of the department thanked them for their faithful discharge of duty and received from them in return expressions of their good will. In accordance with the usual custom, the members of the cabinet placed their resignations in the hands of President Arthur.

The friends of silver in the house of representatives held a conference and decided to make a formal reply to the letter of President-elect Cleveland. They deny that the continued collapse of \$25,000,000 per annum in standard silver will force gold to a premium or drive it out of circulation. They contend that, in order to preserve a stable ratio between the money volume and population, an annual increase of \$40,000,000 in currency of some kind is required.

President-elect Cleveland's start for Washington, thus described in an Albany dispatch: At 6:25 four carriages drove to the Church street siding of the West Shore railroad depot, half a mile below the regular passenger station. In the first carriage were Mr. Cleveland, his two sisters (Mrs. Hoyt and Miss Cleveland) and his niece, Miss Ha-Hings. In the second, Rev. L. Cleveland, brother of the president-elect, wife and child. In the third, Mr. and Mrs. Manning. In the fourth, Mr. and Mrs. Lamont and two children. The train consisted of an engine, baggage car and two sleepers. It left sharp at 6:45. The only persons present were Dr. Ward, Colonel E. T. Chamberlain, Henry Teneyck, one policeman and several small boys. Mr. Cleveland was in excellent spirits. Mr. Manning looked cheerful and Mr. Lamont was bright and busy getting things in order on the train and looking after the pile of baggage. The train slipped off quietly, without a tooth or bell, and stopped only for water between two Albany and Washington.

The committee on penitentiary reported that the institution is being well kept and made recommendations for needed improvements in and about the premises.

A large number of bills were ordered to a third reading. A large number of bills still remain in the hands of committees and on general file, which will not be reached until well into the session.

This being the last day in which bills will be ordered to a third reading, there was a struggle among members to get bills on the list. After much confusion and wrangling the regular order was taken up, which was bills on third reading. A large number were passed, among others relating to constitutional amendments; amending compiled statutes in relation to schools; providing for drawing petit and grand juries; pertaining to cities of the second class and villages; providing for the issuance of certificates and restraining orders relating to corporations; locating a hospital for the insane at Norfolk and appropriating \$75,000 for its erection; house roll 97, making May 24 a legal holiday; relating to hygiene and physiology.

SENATE.—In the senate on the 3rd bills were passed: Relating to real estate mortgages; pertaining to the removal of county seats; amending law relative to appeals; relating to the organization, government and powers of cities and villages; an act to prevent grave robbing; relating to county seats; providing for the suppression of houses of prostitution.

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Several amendments were offered and rejected. The bill was ordered engrossed for third reading.

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It was moved to amend section 2 by adding a provision empowering the commissioners to fix schedule of rates for railways from time to time for the government of the various railways in the state. Rejected. Section 2 was then adopted, after which section 3 was read and adopted.

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STATE LEGISLATIVE DOINGS.

As Forshaded in a Condensed Report of the Nebraska Legislature.

SENATE.—In the senate on the 28th the bill amending the city charter of Omaha was taken up and passed without opposition, with the amendments adopted. Second Assistant Clerk Russell was presented with an ink-stand.

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The senate amendment to the house roll relative to the sale of liquors was discussed. The opponents of the amendments claimed that they were in conflict with the Stoucklaw law. Rilev, Troup and Holmes favored the amendments, and King, Emerson, Nettleton, Daily and Howard opposed them. A non-concurrence was recorded.

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