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NOTWITHSTANDING the verdict of the people, Ex-President Harrison insists that the constitution follows the flag. But the ex-president knows that a reelection don't always follow a term in the presidential chair. There is no arguing this point.

WHEN the United States was suddenly called upon to move a vast army it was found that the war department was without a single vessel fit for usage. In three months a fleet of transports had been created which became the wonder of the civilized world. And George Meiklejohn was its creator.—Brooklyn Times.

THE York Republican invites Edward Rosewater and D. E. Thompson to step down and out of the race for United States senators. But of course the editor of the Republican will not be surprised if neither of them act on his suggestion; for neither of them is built that way. Both are factors in the contest and will have to be reckoned with.

"SAVE the Forests and Store the Floods" proved a popular motto at the Chicago Irrigation congress. Its sessions bore a marked atmosphere of thoughtful consideration of how these great objects could be accomplished and a general spirit of harmony and co-operation pervaded the atmosphere. Much satisfaction was expressed at the growth of the national irrigation sentiment in the east and the interest and active co-operation afforded by eastern business men.

GREAT as is Chicago, with her people equaling in numbers a third of the entire population of the western half of the United States, yet the National Irrigation congress was recognized as the exponent of a national movement, and caused no little local and general comment. Chicago newspapers devoted their columns to its meetings and Chicago's largest business men attended them. The great problem of the reclamation of the millions of arid acres was recognized as its true value and the incalculable benefits to result, appreciated. The national standing of the national irrigation question is an assured fact.

ABBOTT RAISES THE ANTE.

Shortgrass Editor Sees Denver Post's \$10,000 and Goes One Better.

M. J. Abbott, the sarcastic editor of the Hayes Center Republican, which is published at the jumping off-place out west, has sent the following telegram to W. J. Bryan:

HAYES CENTER, Nov. 15.—Hon. W. J. Bryan, Lincoln: Noting that you decline an offer of \$10,000 a year to become an editorial writer on the Denver Post, as it would necessitate your removal to Colorado, I hereby tender you a position as local editor of the Hayes County Republican at \$12,000 a year, and you can remain in Nebraska. M. J. ABBOTT.

Abbott, in his paper guarantees that if Bryan will come the town windmill will be chained so he will have no competition from that source, and that all McKinley pictures in the town will be destroyed, and that Bryan can run for county attorney, by petition, two years hence.

Hayes Center is on a star route, and it requires nearly two weeks to get the election returns from Hayes county.—Geneva Signal.

Advertised Letters.

The following letters were advertised by the McCook post-office, Dec. 16th: Olive Cline, Laura Huffman, Chas. Carr, E. J. Stark, J. F. Ford, Henry Burnett, Frank Kraft, Wm. Cheney, May Holton, J. Harbeck, Chas. Randal, W. H. Holmes, Hiram Cooley, Harry C. Steers, Sam Powell, A. R. Kinney, Mitchell Young, A. L. Miller, Richard Macklin, Bessie R. Smith, Alice Benjamin, R. D. S. Padget, W. J. Kolleck, Homer T. Bruce, C. M. Seamans, Mrs. M. C. Miller, Claude Arlington (2).

In calling for any of these letters, please say that they are advertised.

F. M. KIMMELL, Postmaster.
Straw for Sale.

Wheat and rye straw for sale. \$3 a load. Leave word at THE TRIBUNE office or write N. J. JOHNSON, Box 66. 21s

For holiday goods S. M. Cochran & Co. certainly excel anything in the west, this year. It is a real pleasure to see their holiday display and what a joy to possess some of them!

Sutton, the jeweler, has a superb display of Christmas novelties in jewelry. A richer, more varied assortment cannot be found outside the large cities. Just step in and see.

Are you thinking about a holiday turkey? An order at Church & Marsh's will do the business. Better order early and get a choice fowl.

The McCook Circle No. 33, Ladies of G. A. R., meet the first Saturday of every month in Odd Fellows hall.

COAL
It's an old adage that "when the days begin to lengthen, the coal begins to strengthen."
Today is the shortest day of the year. Better fill up the coal house and be prepared. That's a cold wave coming. This fine weather can't last always.
Remember, we sell the best for the least money.
BARNETT LUMBER CO.

CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

SOUTH McCOOK M. E.—Sunday-school at 3 p. m. Preaching, Sunday evening, at 7:30. Prayer-meeting, every Thursday evening. T. G. GODWIN, Pastor.

CATHOLIC—Mass at 8 o'clock a. m. High mass and sermon at 10:30 a. m., with choir. Sunday-school at 2:30 p. m. All are cordially welcome.
REV. J. W. HICKEY, Pastor.

EPISCOPAL—Services during summer: Sunday-school at 10. Evening prayer and sermon every Sunday at 8 o'clock. Sunday morning service, also Friday evening Litany, discontinued until further notice. Holy communion to be announced.
HOWARD STOV, Rector.

CONGREGATIONAL—Sunday-school at 10. Preaching at 11. Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:45. Preaching at 7:30. Prayer-meeting, Wednesday evening, at 7:30. All are welcome. Morning subject, "The Hope of the World." Evening subject, "The Heart of Christmas."
W. J. TURNER, Pastor.

METHODIST—Sunday-school at 10. Preaching at 11. Junior League at 7:45. Prayer-meeting on Wednesday evening at 7:30. All are welcome. There will be special sermons and music appropriate to the Christmas occasion at both the morning and evening services. At the Junior League hour the pastor will preach a special sermon to the children. The Sunday-school will give an entertainment at the church on Christmas eve, December 24th. A pleasant surprise is being provided, and an enjoyable evening is promised.
L. M. GRIGSBY, Pastor.

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And this means something from the elegant stock in Sutton's. His varied lines meet every requirement of taste and limit of pocket-book. Whether your investment be in a sparkling solitaire or a simple Christmas novelty, it will be worth while—worth giving—worth having.

Testing Lights.
The B. & M. company has placed electric head-lights on engines 15 and 74 and will give a thorough test of same before placing them on all passenger trains. The new lights are modern and certainly the most wonderful head-light ever introduced. Engine 74 pulled No. 3 from Lincoln to McCook, Tuesday evening, and some good stories are being told today. The agent at Fairmont saw the train coming into that town, but saw the light so far away that he telegraphed the chief dispatcher, asking what was running ahead of No. 3. The answer told him nothing, and not until the agent looked again did he know why he was so badly deceived.
The train was fully two miles away when he first saw it and his idea was that it was a very short distance from the depot. In this city the man who opens and closes the street gates, closed them fully five minutes before it was necessary, thinking the train was at the G. I. crossing, when it was fully half way to Inland.—Hastings Record.

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A. McMILLEN, Druggist.

ADDITIONAL RAILROAD NEWS.

Flagman Neubauer and Teddy went over to Beaver City, this morning, on a short visit.

Foreman M. E. Wells has been confined to bed, most of the week, with a threatened attack of fever, but it is thought that he will be at his position in a few days.

Last Friday morning, while passenger train No. 3 was making the run from Wray to Yuma, a baby was born on the chair car. Mother and child were taken care of tenderly as facilities available would allow.

A Few Sugar Beet Items.

Over 1,600 Utah farmers are raising sugar beets.

With abundant sunshine, long season and splendid fall weather for harvesting, we should be in the lead in the production of sugar beets.

The prize sugar beet raiser in Illinois, this year, is John Bennett of Fulton county. He made a record of 25 tons per acre.

Beet sugar factories will be built to take care of next season's crops at: Loveland, Colo., Charlestown, Mass., Mason City, Iowa, Salisbury, Mich., Fort Dodge, Iowa, Menominee, Wis. McCook ought to get in line.

Clerical Permits—1901.

Applications for clergymen's half-fare permits for 1901 should be filed at the earliest possible date with the local agent of the B. & M. R. R. R.
J. FRANCIS, G. P. A.

Married

At Stratton, Hitchcock county, Neb., on the 17th day of Dec. 1900, by Rev. Geo. Scott of McCook, James F. Nance and Miss Rachel A. Hanks, both of Hitchcock county.

If you want a good Shirt you can get it at Morgan's by buying the "Eclipse" or "Monarch."

SCALE BOOKS—For sale at THE TRIBUNE office. Best in the market.

Don't fail to see the bargains in Wallpaper at Loar's.

Some Reasons
Why You Should Insist on Having
EUREKA HARNESS OIL
Unequaled by any other.
Keeps leather soft.
Respecially prepared.
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An excellent preservative.
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Is sold in all Localities
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If you want a rich and elegant present; if you want a simple, tasteful gift; don't fail to see the large and varied stock displayed by H. P. Sutton, the leading jeweler. He has the unapproachable stock in this section of the state.

There will be the usual Christmas exercises in the several churches of the city, Christmas eve.

Overcoats at DeGroff & Co.'s.
It's sure—McMillen's Cough Cure.

McCormick's Fast Ride.

The McCormick special train from Omaha to Billings via the Burlington, finished its remarkable run at 6:48, mountain time, at Billings, yesterday morning. The run of 893 miles was made in 1,081 minutes, including stops and delays. The train left Omaha at 1:47, Thursday afternoon, and at 6:48 the next morning was 893 miles away, the run consuming eighteen hours and one minute.

Paul McCormick was in Omaha. He is a wealthy ranchman. At noon, Thursday, he received a telegram saying that his son was dying in Billings. He chartered a special train to carry him home as rapidly as possible. At Newcastle reassuring telegrams were received concerning the son's condition, and an order was given to slacken speed. Nevertheless the special made remarkable time from that place to Billings.

The greatest burst of speed was made between Ravenna and Seneca. The distance is 130 miles. The run was made in 123 minutes, including an eight minute delay at Anselmo. Excluding the delay the run of 130 miles was made in 115 minutes.

An official account of the run says: "The special with one car left Omaha at 1:47 p. m. It arrived at Ravenna at 5:04 p. m. Exclusive of delays the running time was 175 minutes for 178.4 miles."

Superintendent Phelan made the following report of the performance of the train on the Wyoming division:

"Special left Ravenna at 5:15. It was delayed there seven minutes through changing engines and oiling. A delay of seven minutes occurred at Anselmo to secure water and oil. Left Seneca at 7:22 p. m., arriving at Alliance at 9:43 p. m. Delayed nine minutes changing and oiling. Lost twenty-six minutes account of poor tank coal. Engine 205 left Alliance at 8:46, mountain time, with special. Arrived at Newcastle at 11:42 p. m. with engine 24. Delayed three minutes at Crawford for water, one minute at Ardmore for coal, one minute at Edgemont on account of passenger, two minutes at Clifton for water. Changed conductors and left Newcastle at 11:46, arriving at Gillette at 1:15 a. m., departed at 1:21, arrived at Sheridan at 3:20, changed engineers and departed at 3:23, arrived at Billings at 6:48. Average speed of 48.79 miles per hour, Ravenna to Billings, including all stops. Train slowed up west of Newcastle on account of favorable reports from sick son. Remarkable part of run was from Ravenna to Seneca, 130 miles in 123 minutes, including eight minutes delay at Anselmo, making the actual run in 115 minutes."
—Lincoln Journal, Friday.

BOX ELDER.

Mrs. Daniel Doyle is on the sick list.

Wm. Doyle has lost several head of cattle from corn stalk poison.

Our popular county superintendent was visiting the school in this part of the county the first of the week.

Mr. Thompson of Maywood has been engaged to finish the term of school in Osburn district over in Frontier.

The new Methodist minister, who has been assigned the charge here, will preach at the church, next Sunday morning.

D. P. Brower, who for several months has been living on the James Doyle ranch, moved back to his old home at the post-office.

Miss Flora Robinson who has been staying with Mrs. Brower and attending the Box Elder school, returned to her new home near Stockville, Tuesday last.

BARTLEY.

Mr. Flanagan recently received a car-load of Osage fence posts from Eastern Nebraska.

Eugene Wolf has quite recovered from his recent illness and is able to be around again.

Rev. E. B. Crippen is holding a protracted meeting at Mount Zion church with good results.

Rev. Johnson preached to large congregations in the Christian church, last Sunday morning and evening.

The funeral of Harley Keyes took place on last Friday morning at 10:30 in the Methodist church, Rev. E. B. Crippen preaching a very appropriate and touching sermon. The Masonic fraternity conducted the funeral services. May He who holds our lives in His hand comfort the bereaved family.

TYRONE.

There is to be a Christmas tree at the church, Christmas night.

Frank Moore has been repairing the cemetery fence, the past week.

Mrs. Baker of Bartley visited her daughter and family at the post-office, Saturday.

L. S. Davis, mail carrier at this place, desires to sell out his sub-contract on star route No. 57442.

Some are sorry they burned their straw piles, last spring. They think that they won't do so any more.

A party here who has been figuring on it says he believes he can haul his straw shed to town and at \$2.50 a load for the straw can buy enough lumber for a good frame shed equally as large.

COLEMAN.

Days are the shortest now.

J. W. Corner took hogs to market, Monday.

Jake Betz was on the market, Monday, with hogs.

Fred Smith of Yale, Iowa, is visiting his sister-in-law, Mrs. W. M. Sharp.

Fred Cyriacks' brother and boy have been here on a visit. They left, fore part of the week, for their home in Dawes county.

THESE CRIMPY MORNINGS
make a fellow wish he could have his summer's wages to spend over again. He knows that among other things he wouldn't forget to lay in a good supply of Winter Underwear, and a little investigation would determine that his purchase could be made only at "Honest John's"—if he considered his own interests. But it don't take much money to get a fine thing in our Underwear; you should see the selection before you buy.
ALL KINDS OF UNDERWEAR....
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