

THE west has been conspicuously honored by President Roosevelt in his selection of Governor Shaw of Iowa, to succeed Secretary of the Treasury Gage, January 1st. That will give Iowa, that grand old stalwart Republican state, two men in the cabinet—something unprecedented. We look for greater recognition of the west by the president than has ever been the case by any president in the country's history. President Roosevelt seems to be imbued with no little of the proper western spirit anyway.

THE forthcoming blue-book shows that 230,000 people are in the employ of the United States government, not including those in the army and navy. The postal department gives employment to far the larger part of these. With all this vast army of employes there is not a nation on earth in which the people feel the hand of the government so little, because nearly all these employes are for ministering to the wants of the people rather than merely enforcing government authority.—Bee.

ONE H. W. Risley, private secretary to Congressman Shallenberger, has just figured the matter out conclusively and finally. It is his private opinion publicly expressed that President Roosevelt's message is not a great state paper. Harry makes bold to state that the president has written like a "patrician with the assumptive air of a great moral philosopher and the ideas and ambitions of a prize-fighter or that more strenuous form of modern "amusement" known as foot-ball." Now if there is anyone on earth who is qualified to criticize a message it is the short-grass country (and long-eared) youth whose gray-matter is utilized by Congressman Shallenberger in doing chores and odd-jobs about his office.

No. 14 in the Ditch.

Near Hudson, yesterday afternoon, No. 14 went into the ditch and the engine and baggage car were pretty badly demolished. The enginemen jumped. Engineer Avery may have some fractured ribs and Fireman Loper is slightly cut under the ear and other parts of the head. No others were hurt. The property damage is placed at about \$700. A turned rail is given as the cause of the derailment. The wrecker went up from here and the road was soon opened for traffic. It was another fortunate accident for the Burlington.

Held on Suspicion.

Chief of Police Gray received a telegram, yesterday, from the chief of police of Denver, making inquiry as to two parties, White and Ross, whom they held under suspicion of being thieves, cigars being the plunder. No one here reported any loss in that article.

COURT HOUSE NEWS.

DISTRICT COURT.

Philadelphia Mortgage and Trust Co. vs. James Doyle et al.; equity.

The United States Civil Service commission will hold examinations at several places in each state during March and April, to secure young men and women for the government service. 9,889 persons secured positions, last year, through these examinations. Probably 10,000 appointments will be made this year. All appointments are for life and for most positions only a common school education is required. Salaries at appointment vary from \$660 to \$1200 a year with liberal promotions afterward. Politics is not considered. This affords a good opportunity for people between 16 and 45 years of age. Those desiring places of this kind can get full information about them, free, by writing to the Columbian Correspondence College, Washington, D. C., and asking for its Civil Service catalogue, number three.

Personal.

Will the lady who fell in a swoon last Thursday, in front of the postoffice, call at our store? She suffers from biliousness. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin will surely cure her. Sold by A. McMillen.

The students attending the winter course in agriculture which begins December 31, 1901, will have a fine opportunity to study the various styles and makes of hand separators. The dairy department at the University of Nebraska is as well equipped for instruction in home dairying as any school in America, and a special effort has been made to meet the demand for information regarding hand separators. Economic milk production is a live and important subject which Nebraska boys should be especially interested in now that feeds and markets are so favorable to the industry. Hence a thorough study is made of the most economic way of producing milk.

If you would have an appetite like a bear and a relish for your meals take Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets. They correct disorders of the stomach and regulate the liver and bowels. Price 25 cents. Samples free at McConnell & Berry's drug store.

Kodol Dyspepsia Cure Digests what you eat.

The United States Government Report shows ROYAL Baking Powder to be stronger, purer and better than any other.

CITY CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS.

EPISCOPAL—Rev. Richard M. Hardman's subject, Sunday, at 11 o'clock at St. Alban's: "Duty is Superior to Selfish Personal Ends." Sunday-school at 10. Even-song at 7:30; subject, "The Marvelous Man." Come.

R. M. HARDMAN, Rector.

METHODIST—Sunday-school at 10 a. m. Preaching, 11; subject, "Cause of Inactivity." Epworth League devotional meeting, 6:30. Preaching, 7:30; subject, "A Glimpse Ahead." Prayer-meeting, Wednesday evening at 7:30 at the home of Mrs. Howe Smith.

L. M. GREGSBY, Pastor.

CONGREGATIONAL—Sunday-school at 10. Preaching at 11. Christian Endeavor at 7. Preaching at 8. Rev. Pease of the Congregational church of Alma will occupy the pulpit on both morning and evening. There will not be any prayer-meeting, next Wednesday evening on account of New Year. You are all cordially invited.

PULPIT SUPPLY COM.

Holy Communion will be celebrated in St. Alban's Episcopal church, Sunday at 12 m.

The concert for the benefit of the Christian church will be held in the Congregational church, January 17th. Fuller particulars later.

Rev. Frank Dean of Red Cloud filled the Congregational pulpit, last Sunday morning and evening, giving two worthwhile sermons and during his stay meeting with pleasure many of the friends of the church.

Dominates a Billion.

The New York Financier has compiled a chart to show the growth of the Union Pacific railroad system, which, with its \$100,000,000 capital, is able to control \$1,000,000,000 worth of railroads. It says: "The public furnished \$100,000,000 in money for which it received an equal amount of collateral trust 4 per cent bonds, while the Union Pacific secured control of the Southern Pacific, and through the recent settlement of the Northern Pacific contest a half interest in Burlington and about \$5,000,000 of Northern Securities company stock. All of this was accomplished, it must be remembered, without any increase whatever in the capital stock of the Union Pacific. The interests who were in control of that property have secured in addition the control of the other roads without expenditure. The roads represented have a total capitalization of over \$1,285,280,000. To this must be added something over \$80,000,000 Northern Securities stock, making a capitalization of considerably over \$1,700,000,000 invested in railroads and steamship lines, and which, as brought out by the table, are absolutely controlled by those who own the controlling interest in Union Pacific. The mileage of the railroads controlled is over 23,000 miles. During 1896 and 1897, when the present interests acquired control of Union Pacific, the stock of the company sold around 3 1/2 and 4 1/2. At these prices the control of the property could have been purchased for less than \$10,000,000. By taking a more liberal estimate it is hardly probable that the control of Union Pacific cost the present interest over \$30,000,000, and yet it is seen that they control railroad and steamship lines capitalized at over one and three-quarter billion dollars."

Resolutions.

McCook Circle, No. 33, L. of G. A. R. McCook, Neb., December 23rd, 1901. WHEREAS, In view of the loss we have sustained by the death of our beloved Sister, Mary E. Barger, and of the still heavier loss sustained by those nearest and dearest to her, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That we as Sisters of the Ladies' Circle sincerely sympathize with the relatives of the deceased in the dispensation with which it has pleased divine providence to afflict them and commend them for consolation to Him who orders all things for the best and whose chastisements are meant in mercy.

RESOLVED FURTHER, That these resolutions be spread on our records, a copy sent to the bereaved sons and a copy sent to each of our local papers.

Committee: MRS. LOTTIE BREWER, MRS. KATE DUTTON, MRS. MARY WALKER.

Don't Do It.

Do not take Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin unless you have constipation, indigestion, sick headache or some other form of stomach trouble, such as dyspepsia, biliousness or heartburn, for these are what it is guaranteed to cure. Sold by A. McMillen

ADDITIONAL RAILROAD NEWS.

Conductor C.W. Bronson spent Christmas day with his mother in Minden.

The Burlington has 1,100 engines, 1,117 passenger-cars, 45,261 freight cars.

There is a rumor going around that the shops are to be increased in size in the spring.

Conductor C. J. Snell has Conductor L. C. Wolff's 98 while the latter is off on the sick-list.

It is no easy job to keep machinists at work now. There is a shortage in the shops at the present time.

No. 13 struck and killed Albert Zurnoski on the crossing at Brush depot, yesterday. Zurnoski was driving across in front of the train. The buggy was totally demolished and occupant killed.

The body of an old way-car is now being utilized as a carpenter-shop on the "rip-track." The car has been taken off its trucks and placed on the ground between the tracks. It has been fitted up specially for the purpose.

NORTH COLEMAN.

The weather is delightful.

Some are chopping wood on the Willow.

Miss Ella Wilson is visiting at H. C. Shepherd's.

Miss Maria Ward lost a horse, Tuesday morning.

R. Traphagan lost a yearling from the cornstalk disease.

E. Osbaugh's sister from Denver is visiting at his place.

The corn crop though not large is still a great help to the farmers.

Mrs. G. H. Simmerman had a sick spell lately, is better but still ailing.

Mrs. Ada Mitchell and Miss Maggie Simmerman were visiting Mrs. Alice Ward, last Monday.

J. Kelley is having his 1900 crop of wheat ground for his porkers. E. Osbaugh is doing the grinding.

Fred L. Hall, teacher at Spring Creek, is spending the holidays at Stockville and the school has a vacation.

Mrs. Wm. Rider and children of McCook are spending the holidays at her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Shepherd.

As I. B. Stryker was milking in his cow-shed the other day a bird entered the shed and caught a mouse and flew away with it. So, I say, save the birds.

There was a rabbit hunt by the boys on Saturday last. Chas. Campbell's side beat the other two to one and an oyster supper at the Spring Creek school-house, last night, from the losing side was one of the events of the season.

Miss Mabel Bishop being called home by the death of her father the school in Dist. 74 is having a vacation of nearly a month. School will resume again after New Year. She had planned for a Christmas entertainment for the children but was disappointed. Miss Bishop is highly spoken of as a teacher.

There was a Christmas entertainment at the Spring Creek school-house on Tuesday evening which passed off to the enjoyment of a houseful of people. A program of singing and declaiming came off first; then came the distribution of presents with which the tree was laden to overflowing. Though the presents for the most part were not expensive they were useful and beautiful.

Saved at Grave's Brink.

"I know I would long ago have been in my grave," writes Mrs. S. M. Newsom, Decatur, Alabama. "If it had not been for Electric Bitters. I suffered untold agony from the worst forms of indigestion, water-brash, stomach and bowel dyspepsia. But this excellent medicine did me a world of good. Since using it I can eat heartily and have gained 35 pounds. For indigestion, loss of appetite, stomach, liver and kidney troubles Electric Bitters are a positive, guaranteed cure. Only 50c at McConnell & Berry's drug store.

For Sale.

Lot six in Egan Park addition. Five acres, improved with frame house, well, windmill, cistern, fenced, out-buildings and nice orchard of cherry, plum and apples. Trees four inches in diameter. Cost \$1,000. Will sell at great sacrifice. Write J. H. Mooney at Arapahoe, Neb.

Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is pleasant to take. It is a pleasant laxative. Sold by A. McMillen.

The largest assortment of steel ranges at the lowest prices quality considered, also the steel cook stove in different patterns at S. M. Cochran & Co.'s. It will pay you to look over their goods before buying.

CULBERTSON.

Sheriff Brown of Trenton was seen on our streets, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. L. Wemple were seen in McCook, Saturday.

P. J. Fitzgerald of Stratton was a Culbertson visitor, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Warnoch were seen in the city east, Saturday.

Miss Nannie Cole and Pearl King were McCook visitors, Saturday.

Mrs. C. A. Parish and children ate Xmas dinner in McCook with relatives.

Mrs. Frank Henderson of McCook spent Xmas with her parents of this place.

Frank Knowles returned from Hayes Center, Saturday, where he has been working.

Prof. Williams of the Benkelmen schools is here visiting his parents during the holiday vacation.

A number of our young people engaged in a social dance, Christmas night, at the opera house.

Roy Kleven, one of the Burlington's leading operators at McCook, was up visiting the folks, Christmas eve.

Prof. Hanel of Trenton, now teaching in the Imperial schools, was visiting his friend, Prof. Locker of the Culbertson school, Monday and Tuesday.

Ira Cole of Forsyth, Montana, is in town. It is rumored that when he returns one of our fair daughters will accompany him to share with him the joys and sorrows of life.

John Stienhouse is home from Loveland where he has been at work for the past few months. John thinks that Colorado is the place for a poor man and expects to make it his future home.

The Xmas exercises at the M. E. church, Xmas eve, were of a very interesting character. The large edifice was crowded to its full capacity and every one present seemed to enter into the spirit of the occasion.

The family of Mr. Ed Elledge, Sr., departed, Monday, for Fremont county, Iowa, where they will visit friends and relatives for a few months, after which they will join Mr. Elledge in southern Kansas, where they expect to make their home.

Taylor Wells, who has been in the lumber business here for the past 6 or 7 years, has sold his lumber yard to W. C. Bullard and left here the first of the week for Omaha, where he will engage in the lumber business. Joe Hassler will have charge of the yard here.

Rethemeyer Bros., the candy kitchen men, are having the building recently vacated by J. H. Ludwick overhauled and repaired and upon the completion of the work will occupy the same. The building to be vacated by them will be occupied by the Polk Bros., now in rear of the Citizens Bank building.

Have you seen McConnell & Berry's art display? They show some real novelties in pictures, plaques and wall decorations.

Many articles useful, handsome and suitable for holiday gifts at C. L. DeGroff & Co.'s.

REPRESENTATIVE HATHORN of Bartley was a city visitor, Wednesday evening. For clothing go to DeGroff & Co.'s.

Advertisement for Railroad Men's Shoes. The solid strong kind, with extension edges. They stand like iron the hard wear they have to take. Made by RICE & HUTCHINS, makers of strong serviceable shoes. Come in and see them, you don't have to buy—but you will. THE BEE HIVE

Depredations of Texas Coyotes. Citizens of McClain and adjoining counties of Texas are in a state of terror because of the depredations of coyotes, which are killing scores of cattle. Worse than that, the slinking brutes are spreading hydrophobia among the stock. A man living in Tilden was bitten by an infected coit and died in a few days. Ways and means of getting rid of the pests are being considered.

Information Complete. Chicago Tribune: "You remember that worthless little cousin of mine you knew ten years ago? Well, he's Capt. Harkness now." "United States service, Salvation army or baseball club?"

SEASONABLE GREETING! Now at the close of another prosperous year, and as the New Year is about to open with bright promises of continued prosperity, I desire to thank my patrons one and all for their continued confidence and patronage, and to assure them that I shall have no higher ambition for the future than to merit their continued patronage and to enlarge the circle of those made happy, contented and satisfied by buying their dry goods, groceries etc. of HONEST JOHN The Right Place. McCook, Neb. PRODUCE AS GOOD AS CASH.

Lion Coffee is 16 ounces of pure coffee to the pound. Coated Coffees are only about 14 ounces of coffee and two ounces of eggs, glue, etc., of no value to you, but money in the pocket of the roaster.

Advertised Letters. The following letters were advertised by the McCook postoffice, Dec. 24, 1901: Miss Minnie Collicott G. E. Hartman J. E. Knapp Andrew Knapp Mr. Z. X. Knight C. W. Simpson C. D. Thorp Mr. H. H. Wyatt

Pretty Children. "We have three children. Before the birth of the last one my wife used four bottles of MOTHER'S FRIEND. If you had the pictures of our children, you could see at a glance that the last one is healthiest, prettiest and finest-looking of them all. My wife thinks Mother's Friend is the greatest and grandest remedy in the world for expectant mothers." Written by a Kentucky Attorney-at-Law.

Lincoln Engineer Injured. RED OAK, Ia., Dec. 25.—(Special).—Engineer Sherman of Lincoln, Nebraska, was knocked from his cab on Burlington train No. 3 at two o'clock, this afternoon, in some mysterious manner as the train was crossing the bridge just west of the station at Red Oak. He fell through to the ice below and he was picked up unconscious. He had a severe gash cut in his forehead and another across his chin and face. The injuries do not appear to be serious, though they are painful. The injured man was taken to the depot hotel, where his wounds were dressed, and the train proceeded. The injured man has no idea what hurt him. Have you a cold? A dose of Ballard's Horehound Syrup at bed-time will remove it. Price 25 cts and 50 cts. A. McMillen.