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OVER THE STATE.

REVINAL meetings of great interest are being conducted in the Methodist church at Ashland.

BENJAMIN GRISSOM of Fairbury has lost his reason, and will have to be confined in the hospital.

FARMERS of Fremont and vicinity are about to form an organization for protection from thieves.

F. H. PEAVEY & Co. are building a 15,000 bushel grain storage house as an addition to their elevator at Wakefield.

DEEP snow in Banner county caused the death of numerous jack rabbits that were caught out away from home.

THE first meeting of the Northeastern Nebraska Horticultural society will be held at Schuyler February 4 and 5.

CLERGYMEN in various parts of the state have been paying their respects to Col. Ingersoll since his recent lectures in this state.

THROUGH an entertainment given at Beatrice by the Charity minstrels organization, $88.41 was turned over to the charitable association.

THE following shows the mortgage record for October in Cass county: Farm property, filed, $35,100; released, $23,010; city property filed, $13,295; released, $2,750.

MRS. J. L. HARMON of West Point, the woman so badly burned by the explosion of a lamp, died from her injuries. She leaves a daughter 15 months old, and a husband.

A REDUCTION in the working day, changing it to eight hours, has been carried out by the Burlington in its shops at Havelock, Plattsmouth, Holdrege and McCook.

LEMOIN YOUNG, a farm hand working near Elk Creek, claims the championship for corn husking. His record is ninety-five bushels and thirty pounds, husked in six hours.

MR. DOODY of Platte Center stood on the hub of a wagon talking to a friend. The team started, he lost his balance and fell heavily to the ground, dislocating a shoulder.

MRS. SERSHON, a woman who has been an inmate of the Saline county poor house for sixteen years, recently received $959 back pension, and an award of $8 per month as long as she lives.

VALLEY county's mortgage indebtedness for the month of November is as follows: Ten farm mortgages filed, $3,795; fifteen released, $5,300; city mortgages filed, six, $1,823; eighty-eight chattel mortgages filed, $12,484; fifty-one released, $6,430.

REVENUE officers and United States deputy marshals seized an illicit still on the premises of Albert Placity, a Bohemian, in the east part of Wilber. The apparatus was well constructed for whisky distilling, but had evidently been in use only a short time. The apparatus was taken to Omaha and Placity was placed under arrest.

DEPUTY UNITED STATES MARSHAL LIDDIARD of Rushville arrested Stephen McCaulley, living near the reservation, about ten miles north of Gordon, on the charge of stealing a bull belonging to an Indian. McCaulley was arrested on a charge of cattle stealing last spring, but got off with a thirty days' sentence in the county jail.

A MAN named Alderman, working for W. A. Gardner, a farmer living three miles north of Auburn, came to town with a load of hogs, cashed the check received therefor and also a $5 check which his employer had given him, and then skipped for parts unknown. He leaves a wife and child and his sudden departure is supposed to be due to too much whisky.

AFTER a protracted session lasting until nearly midnight, the State Board of Public Lands and Buildings adopted a resolution removing J. D. McKelvey as superintendent of the State Industrial School for Girls at Geneva, and appointing in his place Rev. J. W. Seabrook. W. O. Paine of Long Pine was appointed to succeed Chris Jenson, and Mrs. Bohne of Milford, matron, in the place of Mrs. J. D. McKelvy.

THE safe of Perry & Barton, who run a livery and feed stable at Wahoo, was opened and $50 taken from the money drawer. Nothing was made known to the public at the time, as local parties were suspected. The services of a private detective were secured. The detective got one of the suspects to drive him to Weston, where he got him intoxicated, and while returning the detective alleges that he obtained a confession from the young man.

THE commissioners of insanity of Otoe county examined Robert G. Brownlee, a farmer who resides near the village of Douglass, and found him to be demented. The man some years ago turned all his property into money and squandered it by traveling aimlessly around, making a trip to Europe and returning immediately, going clear across the country to California. He claims now that the government owes him $60,000,000, which he will receive in a few years.

FRED H. MELCHER, West Point, dealer in agricultural implements, has made an assignment. Melcher is city treasurer, and was recently elected to the office of clerk of the district court on the democratic ticket by a large majority. He has been a resident of Cuming county for nearly thirty years and is highly respected. His failure was caused by inability to make collections, his business of agricultural implement dealer being largely conducted on credit lines.

MISS BESSIE SEXTON, one of Pierce's popular and winsome young ladies, is missing from the parental domicile, and likewise Ed Sheldon has decamped for parts unknown. Both these parties were considerably infatuated, and that the two have eloped to become husband wife is the prevailing impression.

MRS. MERRITT PRATT of Bloomfield became suddenly insane, and has since remained in a practically demented condition.

DAWSON county people are signing a petition urging Governor Holcomb to commute the death sentence hanging over J. B. Walker to imprisonment for life.

Canvassing the State Vote.

The State Board of Canvassers completed its work with the single exception of Furnas county, in the Fourteenth judicial district. It is considered likely that there will by two sets of certificates returned from this county, one in faver of Welty and the other for Norris. Then there will be a decision by the state canvassers, followed by a contest in the supreme court. The vote on supreme judge is as follows:

Norval, republican	79,176
Maxwell, people's independent	70,578
Mahoney, democrat	18,638
Phelps, democrat	10,214
Wolfenberger, prohibitionist	4,344
Norval's plurality	8,578

Vote on regents of the State university:

Goold, republican	81,818
Morrill, republican	80,959
Ames, democrat	24,151
Ashby, democrat	17,841
Blackburn, democrat	10,682
Kittle, democrat	14,890
Bayston, people's independent	53,267
Peattie, people's independent	53,377
Bryant, prohibitionist	6,948
Woodby, prohibitionist	6,297

With the exception of the Fourteenth judicial district, the following is the report of the board of canvassers on the result of the judicial election:

First district:	
Letton, republican	10,314
Stull, republican	9,753
Bush, people's independent	8,246
Fallon, people's independent	6,636
Second:	
Ramsey, people's independent	4,343
Chapman, republican	4,053
Third:	
Cornish, republican	5,349
Hall, republican	5,776
Holmes, republican	5,705
Sibbetts, democrat	3,593
Rose, people's independent	1,931
EcNerny, people's independent	1,771
Geisthardt, democrat	1,150
Collins, democrat	868
Mack, prohibitionist	516
Bittenbender, prohibitionist	544
Fourth:	
Baker, republican	13,323
Dickinson, republican	13,018
Fawcett, republican	13,004
Powell, republican	12,949
Scott, republican	13,587
Slabaugh, republican	13,206
Duffie, citizens-dem-pop	12,772
Ferguson, citizens-dem-pop	12,014
Hopewell, citizens-dem-pop	12,386
Keysor (on all tickets)	20,581
Magney, citizens-dem-pop	10,842
Reddick, citizens-dem-pop	11,155
Wakeley, citizens-dem-pop	12,075
Fifth:	
Sedgwick, republican	6,005
Kellogg, republican	4,806
Bates, people's independent	8,495
Wheeler, people's independent	4,289
Cain, democrat	2,111
Sixth:	
Marshall, republican	5,557
Patterson, republican	4,297
Sullivan, democrat	5,144
Hallenback, democrat	4,199
Ewing, people's independent	3,243
Seventh:	
Hastings, people's independent	7,099
Searle, republican	6,235
Eighth:	
Evans, republican	4,537
Crawford, democrat	4,430
Rose, people's independent	1,617
Ninth:	
Robinson, democrat	5,336
Robertson, republican	5,114
Tenth:	
Beall, people's independent	7,133
McNeny, republican	5,416
Thompson, democrat	464
Stoddard, petition	104
Eleventh:	
Thompson, people's independent	5,677
Kendall, republican	5,445
Doyle, people's independent	5,192
Pierce, republican	4,416
Twelfth:	
Green, people's independent	5,332
Sinclair, republican	4,914
Thirteenth:	
Grimes, republican	2,982
Neville, people's independent	2,859
Fifteenth:	
Westover, people's independent	4,827
Bartow, republican	4,814
Golden, people's independent	4,761
Kincaid, republican	5,921

Following is the footing of the Fourteenth district, minus the vote of Furnas county:

Welty	3,729
Norris	3,237
Barngrover	328

Report of Relief Commission.

L. P. Ludden, secretary of the State Relief commission, has delivered the first installment of the bound copies of the final report of the commission. The names of twenty-four employes of the commission, headed by W. E. Jones, appear in the front part of the report. From an examination of the total cash exhibit it appears that the office expenses amounted to $8,449.82. The cash donations from private sources foot up $28,999.38. Of this sum $6,573.11 was spent for transportation. The cash appropriation by the state legislature was $50,000. Of this $23,608.56, or nearly one-half, was expended in transportation. In addition to this $4,327.57 was paid for freight from eastern cities. Of the cash donations $148.87 remains on hand, and $878.53 remains of the legislative appropriation. The cost of printing the report is $600, or $594 with discount on warrant. Of the cash donations $2,299.79 was paid for freight outside the state. Other printing bills figure $675.50, and traveling expenses $514.77. Recapitulection:

Received from state and other sources	$ 77,742.00
Paid for provisions, coal and clothing	12,254.40
Paid for transportation, office expenses, printing and traveling expenses	46,460.62
Balance in cash on hand to make up total	$ 1,027.40

The report also contains a full detailed statement of the disposition of the $200,000 appropriation for counties by house roll No. 525.

Mercer Starts His Mill.

Washington dispatch: Congressman Mercer has introduced the following bills: To authorize the location of a branch home for volunteer disabled soldiers and sailors at or near the city of Blair, Neb., and for other purposes; to establish a branch mint of the United States at Omaha, in the state of Nebraska; to increase the appropriation for the purchase of a sight and the erection of a building at Omaha (this bill contemplates an increase of $2,000,000); to establish an assay office in the city of Omaha; to amend sections 14 and 145, and repeal sections 143 and 144 of the revised statutes of the United States relating to presidenteal elections; authorizing the pay of officers of customs performing duty after the expiration of their terms; to provide for the continuance in office of custon officers and assistant treasurers until successors shall have been appointed and qualified.

A Missouri Poisoner Must Die.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 4.—In the supreme court to-day Emil David, of Osage county, who poisoned his sisters' intended in January, 1894, was sentenced to be hanged January 16, 1896. Frank Woodward, of Jackson county, who was under a sentence of five years in the penitentiary for robbery, will have a new trial.

Half a Million Gold for South America

NEW YORK, Dec. 4.—Half a million dollars in gold were engaged to-day for export to-morrow to South America.

THE SUPREME BENCH.

JUDGE PECKHAM SELECTED FOR THE SAME.

A Brother of Wheeler H. Peckham, Who Was Rejected Last Winter, and at Present a Member of the New York Court of Appeals—Miscellaneous Washington Matters of Interest.

Rufus Peckham Named.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Just as had been prefigured, the President to-day sent to the Senate the nomination of Judge Rufus W. Peckham of the court of appeals of New York State for the vacancy on the Supreme bench caused by the death of Justice Howell E. Jackson of Tennessee. The new nominee is a brother of Wheeler H. Peckham, the eminent New York lawyer, whose nomination was rejected last winter.

Judge Peckham is a resident of Albany. His name has been mentioned frequently for the office. It is believed his nomination will be satisfactory to Senator Hill, whose opposition was successful in preventing the confirmation of Mr. Hornblower and Wheeler H. Peckham, for the place now held by Justice White of Louisiana. Senator Hill on several occasions spoke very highly of the nominee. The nomination will go first to the Senate judiciary committee, which always scrutinizes closely the records of persons named for the Supreme court bench, but in view of the high reputation of Judge Peckham, it is believed confirmation will follow as speedily as is consistent with the importance of the office. Judge Peckham's turn on the New York bench would have expired December 31, 1900.

The President also sent in the nominations of Richard Olney to be Secretary of State and Judson Harmon to be Attorney General.

VENEZUELAN ISSUE.

Mr. Livingstone of Georgia Presents a Resolution Rebuking England.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The first movement in Congress upon the Venezuelan boundary dispute came to-day in the form of a resolution introduced by Representative Livingstone of Georgia, whose name has been somewhat identified with the question by reason of his resolution commending arbitration, which was adopted by the last Congress, and his recent visit to Venezuela.

The resolution recited that by a resolution of the last Congress it was recommended that the boundary dispute be submitted to arbitration and that the action was brought to the attention of Her Britannic Majesty's government by the President, courteously and with kind intent, and declares that Her Majesty's government "has failed to give the prompt consideration to the important request contained in that joint resolution or to answer the same in any manner, such as was due and becoming to the dignity of the United States as a great nation and to the friendly relations existing between the two governments." It also recites that after this communication, the colonial secretary also instructed the Governor of British Guiana to take forcible possession of certain territory of Venezuela involved in the dispute, "an act which has been officially declared to be the manifestation of an unfriendly disposition toward the United States."

In conclusion, the resolution provides for a joint committee of two senators and three members to investigate the facts and recommend proper action to Congress, to vindicate and preserve the dignity and rights of the United States in the premises.

Territorial Court Rights Upheld.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—In the case of Stephen M. Folsom, who, as president of the National Bank of New Mexico, had been found guilty by the territorial courts of New Mexico of falsifying the books of the bank, Chief Justice Fuller of the United States Supreme court delivered the opinion of the court yesterday, holding that the Federal courts did not possess the right to review the judgment of the territorial courts in such cases.

Will Not Prosecute Chisholm.

LAWRENCE, Kan., Dec. 4.—Mr. Thouvenal, father of the girl who eloped from Benton county, Missouri, with Fred Chisholm, is here, and is trying to get some one to adopt the child that was born to Chisholm and his daughter, and then to take his daughter home with him. He wants the girl, but does not want Chisholm taken back to Missouri, and will probably not prosecute him.

Kansas Convicts.

TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 4.—The warden of the Kansas State penitentiary at Lansing has filed a report which shows that there are now confined in that institution 874 prisoners, classified as follows: Whites, 650; blacks, 227; Indians, 5; Mexicans, 2; females, 14; Oklahoma prisoners, 103; United States military prisoners, 2; United States civil prisoners, 6.

Suicide of a Young Woman.

BUTLER, Mo., Dec. 4.—Fanny Phillips, daughter of Judge J. C. Phillips, one of the most prominent farmers of this region, took rough on rats and died. She was 19 years of age and unusually intelligent and winsome. Her parents' objection to her marrying the man she loved is the only cause.

Infanticide in St. Joseph.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 4.—The corpse of a three weeks' old baby was found concealed in a small wooden box at Twelfth and Faraon streets this morning. Evidences of murder were plainly apparent. Suspicion points to highly connected personages.

She Left Her Negro Husband.

SEDALIA, Mo., Dec. 4.—C. N. Thouvenal, the Benton county farmer whose daughter ran away with and married Fred Chisholm, colored, returned from Kansas this morning, bringing his daughter. Her child was given away in Kansas City.

THE SENATE AGGRESSIVE.

Mr. Lodge Brings Up the Monroe Doctrine and Mr. Call the Cuban Trouble.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—The Senate galleries were again well filled to-day but there was not the struggle for places incident to the opening. The floral offerings continued to come in, Mr. Burrows' friends sending a great cluster of yellow chrysanthemums to him. After the opening routine Mr. Pruden, the President's executive clerk, presented the annual message.

The reading was listened to with marked attention. There was noticeable interest on the Republican side in the reference to the Waller case. When the Behring sea claims were reached, Mr. Morgan, who had been conspicuous in opposing the claims, smiled at the announcement that a new treaty had been made, and leaned forward for an animated whispered conference with Mr. Gray. The treatment of the British-Venezuela question also received marked attention. The statement of the status of the Cuban conflict was specially interesting as it gave the first official utterance on the subject.

As soon as the reading was completed, Mr. Lodge of Massachusetts introduced a resolution forcibly approving of the Monroe doctrine, and Mr. Call of Florida a resolution directing that the insurgents of Cuba be recognized as belligerents.

Mr. Cullom of Illinois presented a communication from Evanston, Ill., asking government action concerning the deplorable condition of affairs in Turkey, and Mr. Gallinger of New Hampshire offered a similar communication from citizens of that state.

A resolution of the Idaho legislature urging the election of United States senators by popular vote was presented by Mr. Dubois.

The senate then went into executive session and confirmed the nominations of Richard Olney as secretary of state and Judson Harmon as atttorney general and at 3 o'clock adjourned until to-morrow, shutting off debate from several senators who were primed with speeches on Cuba and Venezuela.

Mr. Stewart introduced the usual free silver bill.

LAX DIVORCE LAWS.

England Repudiates Decrees Granted in Oklahoma Courts.

WICHITA, Kan., Dec. 4.—Her Majesty's empire has taken issue with Oklahama over the divorce laws of the latter Territory, according to a dispatch from Oklahoma City. Recently Peter Neilson, a wealthy English gentleman, came from London to Oklahoma, and at the end of ninety days made application for a divorce from his wife, Edith Neilson. The papers in the case were served on the defendant by means of a registered letter sent to her address in London. She consulted the legal department of the English government on the subject, with the result that Her Majesty's government held that the divorce laws of Oklahoma would not be respected in the Queen's dominion. An elaborate opinion on the matter was forwarded to the judge of the trial court in Oklahoma, replete with blue ribbons and gilt seals. As a great many wealthy English people have secured divorces in Oklahoma, the position taken by the English government is important to them.

Kansas Boomers in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 4.—Kansas greeted Chicago last night, and the plains of the Western State blossomed like the fairest of gardens under the eloquent praise and burning words of her sons. The one disappointment of the evening was the non-appearance of John J. Ingalls. He was to have been the orator of the occasion. But John J. Ingalls did not come. He telegraphed that he was snowbound somewhere in Wisconsin and that he could not possibly reach Chicago in time for the Kansas meeting. The Kansas meeting was arranged by the Kansas Million Club, which was organized with the sole idea of bringing a million persons to the Sunflower State. Governor E. N. Morrill was on the platform, and he it was who led the praises of his State.

Battlefield of Bull Run.

MANANSAS, Va., Dec. 4.—Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit court of Prince William county, over 5,510 acres belonging to the McLean estate and lying on both sides of the Bull Run and adjoining the Blackburn ford, were sold at public auction yesterday. The greater portion was sold at an average of something less than $6 per acre, while some went at $4 and $2.50 per acre. This land embraced a large portion of the historic Bull Run battlefield.

State Immigration for Germany.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—United States Consul Monoghan at Chemnitz reports to the State department that it is proposed to create State emigration agencies to replace all of the conscienceless private emigration agencies, to furnish the emigrants with all information necessary for their guidance in selecting their new homes and to procure this information by branches in foreign countries.

The Rev. Mr. Carpenter's Case Up.

NEVADA, Mo., Dec. 4.—The Vernon county grand jury began this morning the investigation of the reports circulated regarding Rev. W. J. Carpenter of the Centenary M. E. church and a woman. Carpenter appeared fitst before the jury. Warrants have been issued for Minnie and Rosa Shouse, and a number of other witnesses will be summoned.

NEWS IN BRIEF.

The public debt statement shows that Uncle Sam owes a total of $1,125,000,000 and, less cash in the treasury, $948,497,611.

At the opening of the House not a negro was in the galleries. Admission was by card and no negro got one.

The Kansas delegation have presented a request to Reed to appoint Congressman Curtis chairman of the Indian committee.

Dr. E. H. Winn, a young physician of Sherman, Tex., committed suicide by taking prussic acid.

A WAR OVER SEEDS.

SECRETARY MORTON STIRS UP THE CONGRESSMEN.

A Circular Defending His Course in Refusing to Make Gratuitous Distribution to Constituents of Members Issued.—Mr. Pickler and Other Members Stirred Up Over the Matter.

A Lively Contest.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Acting under an opinion rendered last summer by Attorney General Olney, Secretary of Agriculture Morton has practically done away with the time-honored system of seed gratuities to the public through members of Congress. He rejected all bids made for furnishing seeds to the public and in October last practically abolished the seed division of the department. Since them members of both houses have been planning to take action to compel him to carry out the law according to their interpretation of it, which was made plain in the course of a long debate by the last House.

In anticipation of a Congressional request for an explanation which was initiated by Mr. Baker of New Hampshire to-day the Secretary of Agriculture had printed a circular explaining his course which is being distributed to members. The circular quotes the Attorney General s opinion that the law contemplates the use of seeds rare and not common to this country, and also the Secretary's order closing the seed division.

It is not yet apparent what action, if any, will be taken by Congress to have its intentions in making the appropriation carried out, or whether any action is taken. Mr. Pickler of South Dakota is one of the members who thinks that the failure to distribute seeds has injured his constituents. To-day he called on Secretary Morton to discuss the matter, but did not receive any assurances which gave him hope that his quota of seeds would be forthcoming. He speaks very strongly of the Secretary's course, saying that the intent of the law was explicitly expressed in the debate which preceded its passage, and that the failure of the executive branch of the government to carry it out is plainly illegal.

Mr. Pickler and the other members holding the same views are somewhat at a loss, however, to provide any method of coercion by which they can compel the department to furnish seeds. They say that the next appropriation bill will contain a seed clause so ironclad that there will be no possible loopholes by which their allotments can escape them, but they greatly fear that this year's seeds are not to be secured.

Secretary Morton has been very plain in his statements to members. He says he believes that the seed distribution is an unconstitutional form of paternalism, and does not intend to be instrumental in it if he can help himself.

The American Federation of Labor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Preparations are almost complete for the fifteenth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, which will open next Monday and continue for perhaps ten days. The session will be held in the Assembly hall of the Madison Square garden. About 130 regular delegates are expected, but the number of labor leaders and other interested persons who will attend without having the right to vote will swell the number considerably, and it is expected that this convention will be larger than any previous meeting of the organization. During the last year the membership of the order has increased about 100,000 by the accession of several national trade organizations and 130 delegates will represent about 800,000 members.

Mayor Strong will deliver the address of welcome. There will also be addresses on the opening day by J. W. Sullivan, author of "The Initiative and Referendum," and Professor Felix Adler. Among the other well known persons who are expected to address the convention are Mayor Pingree of Detroit, John Swinton, James R. Buchanan and others prominent in the labor movement and otherwise. England will be represented by two fraternal delegates, J. Cowey of the Miners' union, and James Mawdsley of the textile workers.

The eight hour day will be the principal subject of discussion at the meeting. The question will be brought up by a set of resolutions which will be introduced by ex-President Gompers in his capacity of delegate from the Cigar Makers' Union, and the discussion will be chiefly on ways and means for bringing about the desired result.

Fell Headlong Into His Well.

OAK GROVE, Mo., Dec. 9.—Yesterday morning Richard Davis, familiarly known as "Dum" Davis, was being drawn from a well on his farm when, within three or four feet of the top, he grew dizzy and fell forty feet to the bottom. He was brought to the surface alive, but only lived three hours. He was a bachelor farmer, about 46 years old and was raised near Sni Mills. He is well known.

The Goulds Not Gothamites.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Justice Russell in the special term of the Supreme court to-day handed down a decision which exempts from taxation the property of George J., Howard, Edwin and Helen M. Gould in this county, on the ground that they are non-residents. The residence of George J. Gould is stated as being at Lakewood, N. J., and that of the others at Irvington, N. J.

Waiter Girls Slaves.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—The way in which many London waitresses are compelled to work was shown during the week by a suit which a girl, 13 years old, brought against the proprietor of a "coffee tavern" for wrongful dismissal. She was discharged, it appears, for coming down from her room at 5 o'clock in the morning instead of at 4:30, and it was developed that the girls never retired until 1 a. m. For over twenty hours of labor per day they were paid twelve shillings ($3) per month, and were glad to get it, as many hundreds were ready to take their places if vacancies occurred.

BUSINESS REVIEW.

The Market Somewhat Gorged on Account of Excessive Buying.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—R. G. Dun & Co's weekly review of trade, says:

Business is still sluggish, as if gorged by excessive indulgence of appetite for buying when prices were advancing. In nearly every branch stocks, not yet distributed to consumers, stand in the way of new orders and competition of a producing force, largely exceeding the present demand, puts down prices, that retard declining purchases yet more. After the holidays men look for a larger demand. For the present the springs of new business is running low, but enough is doing on old orders to keep most of the works employed in part and a good proportion fully. Financial influences have not hindered and rarely has the opening of a session of Congress affected business so little.

Wheat has advanced about a cent for the week, though Western receipts have been 7,014,911 bushels, against 3,727,788 last year, and Atlantic exports (flour included), again exceed last year's, 2,326,096, against 1,887,737 bushels. The best Western estimates of the crop have been raised again.

Corn moves from farms less freely than a year ago, and low prices hindering, exports were 1,293,774 bushels, against 178,813 last year.

Failures in the United States for the week have been 324, against 385 last year; fifty-two in Canada, against forty last year.

Merriwether Remarried.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 9.—Labor Commissioner Lee Merriwether of this state and Miss Jessie Gair of Brooklyn, N. Y., but formerly of St. Louis, were quietly married at Brooklyn last Wednesday. The wedding took place at high noon at the residence of the bride's parents, only her immediate relatives being present. This is not Mr. Merriwether's first matrimonial experience. His first wife, from whom he separated about five years ago, went to Berkley, Cal., the home of her parents, and there secured a divorce from him. Desertion was alleged, and the case went by default. Their 6-year-old daughter is with the mother.

Aerial Navigation Prize.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Senator Lodge of Massachusetts introduced a bill in the Senate designed to encourage experiments in aerial navigation. The bill provides that $100,000 shall be paid to any person, from whatever part of the world, who shall at any time prior to January 1, 1901, construct an apparatus that will, on the verified report of three members appointed by the secretary of war, demonstrate, within or near the city of Washington, the practicability of safely navigating the air, at a speed of not less than thirty miles an hour, and capable of carrying passengers and freight, weighing a total of at least 400 pounds.

A Trolley Patent Upheld.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 9.—Judge W. K. Townsend, in the United States district court to-day, decided in the suit of the Thompson-Houston Electric company against the Winchester Avenue Street Railway company, really an issue between the General Electric company and the Wrestinghouse company, for an adjudication of the Vanderpool patents, covering the under-running trolley, in favor of the complainant. This gives to the General Electric company the exclusive right to manufacture and sell the under-running trolley. The case will probably go up to the Supreme court of the United states.

LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKETS

Quotations From New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha and Elsewhere.

OMAHA.			
Butter—Creamery separator	19	@	20
Butter—Fair to good country	12	@	14
Eggs—Fresh	18	@	18½
Spring chickens, live, per lb	5	@	5½
Chickens—Dressed, per lb	6	@	7
Ducks—Per lb	7	@	8
Turkeys—Per lb	9	@	10
Prairie chickens—Per doz	5 00	@	6 00
Geese—Per lb	7	@	8
Lemons—Choice Messinas	4 25	@	4 50
Oranges—Per box	4 00	@	4 50
Apples—Per bbl	2 75	@	3 50
Sweet potatoes—Good, per bbl	1 75	@	2 00
Potatoes—Per bu	25	@	30
Beans—Navy, hand-picked, bu	1 65	@	1 75
Cranberries—Cape Cod, per bbl	8 00	@	9 00
Hay—Upland, per ton	6 50	@	7 00
Onions—Per bu	25	@	30
Broom Corn—Green, per lb	2	@	2½
Hogs—Mixed packing	3 35	@	3 40
Hogs—Heavy Weights	3 40	@	3 45
Beeves—Stockers and feeders	2 25	@	3 35
Beef Steers	3 00	@	3 80
Bulls	1 75	@	3 00
Stags	1 65	@	2 65
Calves	2 50	@	5 50
Oxen	2 90	@	3 50
Cows	1 50	@	3 10
Heifers	2 10	@	3 50
Westerns	2 75	@	3 00
Sheep—Lambs	3 00	@	4 25
Sheep—Mixed natives	2 25	@	3 00
CHICAGO.			
Wheat—No. 2, spring	56	@	57
Corn—Per bu	25⅝	@	28⅝
Oats—Per bu	17	@	17½
Pork	7 75	@	7 87½
Lard	5 95	@	6 00
Cattle—Western range steers	3 90	@	4 25
Christmas Beeves—	5 00	@	5 30
Hogs—Averages	3 40	@	3 60
Sheep—Lambs	3 00	@	4 40
Sheep—Westerns	2 50	@	3 00
NEW YORK.			
Wheat—No. 2, red winter	69	@	69½
Corn—No. 2	34	@	34⅞
Oats—No. 2	22	@	22½
Pork—			
Lard	10 75	@	12 75
	5 00	@	5 75
ST. LOUIS.			
Wheat—No. 2 red, cash	63	@	63⅝
Corn—Per bu	24	@	24½
Oats—Per bu	17	@	17½
Hogs—Mixed packing	3 25	@	3 50
Cattle—Native steers	3 00	@	4 75
Sheep—Muttons	2 40	@	3 50
Lambs	3 75	@	4 30
KANSAS CITY.			
Wheat—No. 2 hard	57⅝	@	58
Corn—No. 2	22½	@	23½
Oats—No. 2	18	@	18½
Cattle—Stockers and feeders	2 50	@	3 50
Hogs—Mixed Packers	3 35	@	4 47½
Sheep—Lambs	3 00	@	4 25

Savings Banks in Schools.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The board of education of this city will at its next session provide for the opening of the branches of the penny provident fund in the public schools. There are now twenty stations of the fund in the public schools, and they have met with surprising success.

Cardinal Ignazio Perisco Dead.

ROME, Dec. 9.—Cardinal Ignazio Perisco, prefect of the congregation of indulgences and sacred relics, is dead. He was born in Italy in 1823 and was created a cardinal in 1893.