

## STATE NEWS.

## NEBRASKA MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

—Gov. Thayer attended the district reunion at Ord.

—Gretna people will organize a fair and trotting association.

—The Saline county fair will be held at Wilber September 1 to 4.

—The Elkhorn railroad officials will put up a depot at Minnesota.

—A fine field of horses will be at Adams county fair in October.

—Laboring men of Omaha will celebrate labor day in grand style.

—The office of the Nebraska state fair opened at Lincoln on August 31st.

—Apples grown in Boyd county are sold by the wagon load in Butte City.

—The York county republican convention will be held on September 22.

—Ground is in good condition for fall plowing and much of it is being done.

—Boyd county, the baby of the state, will make an exhibit at the state fair.

—The contract for the new Indian school building at Genoa has been let for \$10,125.

—Henry Ripp, of Humphrey lost a finger while adjusting a grain spout at an elevator.

—Lightening struck the residence of D. P. Paris and C. E. Swanson of Hamilton county.

—Ohio people will have a grand picnic and mass meeting at Blue Springs in the near future.

—The people of Boyd county are soon to have better mail facilities, thanks to Senator Manderson.

—The surveyors of the Duluth & Portland railroad are now working between Lexington and Stockville.

—A little three-year-old girl arrived in Fremont the other day, directed to her mother in care of a house of ill fame.

—Fremont citizens are not pleased with the service rendered at that place by the Western Union telegraph company.

—A Nebraska City marble dealer offers to give 20 per cent off on tombstones as an inducement for people to buy.

—Al Troutman, a York druggist, dropped on the streets in Lushton, of heart disease. The attack was happily not fatal.

—The Queen City land company will soon publish a book setting forth the special attractions of Hastings and Adams county.

—Fred Weaver, of Schuyler, won \$40 on a horse race at David City, but the money was stolen by a sneak thief the same night.

—Two hundred people are employed at the Beatrice canning factory and 20,000 ears of corn and tomatoes are put up each day.

—The old soldiers of Valparaiso and the neighboring country expect to hold a reunion at Valparaiso the 15th and 16th of September.

—Mrs. I. O. Martin, of Blue Hill, swallowed a rusty needle, which was in the cabbage. It lodged in her throat, but doctors finally removed it.

—The chief of police was kept busy last week chasing crooks, many of whom carried in Lincoln on their way to the Grand Island reunion.

—The two-year-old son of Russell Briggs, of Hooper, was bitten by a rattlesnake, and it was only by the most heroic efforts that his life was saved.

—According to reports of experts who have been examining his books, Adam Icke, treasurer of Cheyenne county, is short in the sum of \$29,814.56.

—Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bittenbender, of Lincoln, enjoy the distinction of being nominated for supreme and district judges, respectively on the prohibition ticket.

—Charles A. Lee Deitz, an African Methodist divine, was in Lincoln last week seeking donations in support of the industrial school at Muskogee, Indian Territory.

—Conductor Hedburg, running between Linwood and Superior, has a female mastiff which recently had ten puppies. Of these her owner has sold nine at \$25 each.

—Mary A. Sargent, of Nebraska City, filed a petition in the district court praying for divorce from her husband, D. A. Sargent, on the ground of extreme cruelty.

—W. T. Scott of Kearney has been awarded the contract for building forty tenement cottages for the cotton mill operatives. They are to be enclosed before cold weather.

—A large party of harvest excursionists reached Fremont the other day, en route up the Elkhorn valley. They seemed highly pleased with Nebraska as far as they had gone.

—Butte City, the temporary county seat of Boyd, is growing fast. The election to decide the permanent county seat question will doubtless be at the general election in November.

—Aten precinct, Dixon county, will vote on the question of bonds for the Norfolk and Yankton railway September 16. The people are said to be enthusiastic over the proposed road.

—Judge Stark of Hamilton county allowed the Lewis heirs \$4,000 damages against the Staton estate for the killing of W. W. Lewis at Bromfield. The case will go to the supreme court.

—William Harrison of Clay county raised three crops of alfalfa on the same ground this year. The third crop gave the smallest yield and yet its average height was over twenty inches.

—A tall, awkward looking chap, who is traveling through the country, pretending to be going to Kansas after peaches, took in Wilber sports on a foot race and carried off all their loose change.

—James Linsley, a section hand, while loading steel in the yards at Gretna was caught by a fallen rail and had his foot smashed. Physicians found it necessary to amputate four of his toes.

—City Engineer Kennedy of Beatrice has tendered his resignation, and Frank S. Davis, formerly connected with the engineering department of the B. and M., has been appointed to the vacancy.

—It is expected to have Ignatius Donnelly present at the alliance picnic to be given in Fremont on the Chautauqua grounds sometime early in September—the date to be fixed to suit his convenience.

—Superintendent Grinstead, of the Fremont schools, who was hired for the ensuing year, has presented his resignation to the board to accept a lucrative position as representative of the publishing house of Ginn & Co., in Kansas.

—J. J. Alexander, northwest of Beaver City, killed thirteen rattlesnakes. The largest one was three feet and eleven inches long and seven inches in circumference. Eleven of the snakes were small ones.

—Andrew Carpenter, superintendent of the Ravenna creamery, has resigned his position there and September 1 will take charge of one of the South Platte creamery company's creameries located at Fairmont.

For some time past a man named Anderson has been running a "boot-leg" saloon on the lower island, three miles southeast of Bellevue, in open defiance of the authorities, claiming to be in Mills county, Iowa. He has been arrested and will be given an opportunity to explain where he got his authority to engage in this sort of business.

No matter how good a man may be, when he ships as seaman he gets into a mess. It is better to be right than to be left.

## DIFFERENT WAYS OF SLEEPING.

Europeans Like Soft Pillows, but Eastern Races Like Blocks.

Though it is true, as the author of a school composition once asserted, that "sleeping is a universal practice among all nations," it is also true that there is a great diversity in the methods of sleeping among people of different nations and different ways of life, says the Youth's Companion. The things that one needs to make him sleep are precisely the things which would keep another awake all night. Even the sedative medicines which put one person immediately into a heavy slumber excite another into a condition of nervous restlessness.

The European or American, in order to sleep well, ordinarily requires a downy pillow under his head; but the Japanese, stretching himself upon a rush-mat on the floor, puts a hard, square block of wood under his head, and does not sleep well if he does not have it.

The Chinese makes great account of his bed, which is very low, indeed—scarcely rising from the floor—but is often carved exquisitely of wood; but it never occurs to him to make it any softer than rush-mats will render it.

While the people of northern countries can not sleep unless they have plenty of room to stretch out their legs, the inhabitants of the tropics often curl themselves up like monkeys at the lower angle of a suspended hammock, and sleep soundly in that position.

The robust American often covers himself with a pair of blankets and throws his window wide open to the air, even in the winter time, and he does not complain if he finds a little drift of snow across the top of his bed in the morning.

The Russian, on the contrary, likes no sleeping-place so well as the top of the big soapstone stove in his domicile. Crawling out of this blistering bed in the morning he likes to take a plunge in a cold stream, even if he has to break through the ice to get into it.

The Laplander crawls, head and all, into a bag made of reindeer skin and sleeps warm and comfortable within it. The East Indian, at the other end of the world, also has a sleeping-bag, but it is more porous than the Laplander's. Its purpose is to keep out mosquitoes more than to keep the sleeper warm.

While the American still clings to his feather pillow he is steadily discarding his old-fashioned feather bed in favor of the hair or straw mattress. The feather bed is relegated to the country and many people who slept upon it all through their childhood find themselves uncomfortable upon it in their maturity.

The Germans not only sleep upon a feather bed, but underneath one. The feather covering used in Germany, however, is not as large or thick as the one which is used as a mattress, and the foreigner who undertakes to sleep beneath it often finds his feet suffering from cold, while his shoulders are suffering from heat.

## The Way to Sharpen a Screwdriver.

The screwdriver is found not only in the tool chest of every mechanic, but in most houses, and in not a few offices. It ranks with the hammer, the saw and axe in general utility, and yet very few people know anything about how it should be sharpened so as to do its work most efficiently; that is, with the least expenditure of power and the least injury to the heads of screws.

In driving a screw into the wood, the force used to press the screwdriver against the head of the screw tends to aid the latter in penetrating the wood; but when we attempt to extract a screw, every pound of pressure that we apply tends to render it more difficult to get the screw out. It, therefore, becomes very important that the screwdriver should be so

formed that it may be kept in the nick of the screw by the exertion of the very least degree of force, for if it has any tendency to slip out, we can keep it in place only by applying pressure, in which case we run great risk of injuring the nick and rendering it impossible to draw the screw.

If we examine a screwdriver in the condition in which it is ordinarily found, we shall find that it presents a section in which the sides of the wedge, in which all screwdrivers terminate, are curves with the convex sides outward. Now, the effect of thus curving the sides of this wedge is to render it greatly more obtuse. Moreover, when we turn the screwdriver, the tendency to slip out of the nick is just in proportion to the obtuseness or bluntness of the wedge, and, therefore, this form is the very worst that can be chosen. In the hands of most good workmen, therefore, we find that the screwdriver ends in a wedge, of which the sides are perfectly straight. This is a very good form, but it is not equal to a form in which the sides of the wedge are curves, but with the concave sides turned outward. In this way we lessen the obtuseness of the wedge at the extreme point, and produce a turn-screw which may be kept in the nick by the least possible pressure endwise. To grind a screwdriver into this form, it is necessary to use a small grindstone, and many of the artificial stones found in the market answer admirably. Most mechanics would find it to their advantage to keep one of these small grindstones for the purpose, and it could be run in the lathe with very little trouble.—Technologist.

## A Curious Calculation.

One concern in Waterville, Me., made 18,000,000 yards of cotton goods last year, and a Maine newspaper figures that the cloth would make a tent that would cover 370 acres and hold all the people of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont and Massachusetts, comfortably seated, with a ring of 168 acres in the center. In that ring the 84,000 horses of Maine could be exhibited at one time without crowding.

## As You Like It.

Barber (to customer): "Oil, sir?" Customer (emphatically): "No!" Barber: "You are right, sir. None of our best people are using oil on their hair now-a-days." (To next customer): "Oil, sir?" Customer: "Why, yes, I suppose so. Proper thing, isn't it?" Barber: "Yes, sir. All our best people are using oil on their hair now-a-days."

## Bells.

Bells are tolled in some of the wine districts of France when there is likely to be a severe frost. The inhabitants at once hurry out of their houses and place quantities of tar between the rows of vines. Then a signal is given to light the tar, and in a few minutes a dense cloud of smoke arises which completely protects the vines from the frost.

## Woman-Like.

"I believe John will propose to me to-night, ma. If he does, what shall I say?"

"Accept him, of course."

"Yes, but what shall I say first?"

"How long have you been expecting this proposal?"

"Two years."

"Well, I don't know what you can say except 'This is so sudden!'—Cape Cod Item.

## Many Twenties.

Emanuel Griesner, of Lebanon, Pa., who is just forty years old, has been in this country twenty years, married twenty years, and is the father of twenty children, says an exchange.

## Tempus Fugit.

Judge—You are charged with being a tramp. This is the third time in six months.

Tramp—Great heavens! How time does slip away.