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STATE NEWS.

NEBRASKA MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS.

—Prohibitionists of North Bend have organized a club.

—Land on the Sioux reservation has been opened for entry.

—A lively social season is planned by the citizens of Juniata.

—The Odd Fellows of Dorchester dedicated their new hall.

—West Union people have organized a literary society for the winter.

—A foundry for the manufacture of car wheels will be put in operation in Omaha.

—Rev. N. R. Brown, aged 75, was married at Fairfield to Mrs. Rodgers, aged 73.

—The wife of Gov. Thayer is convalescing from a protracted siege of sickness.

—Cedar Rapids is in a prosperous condition, with many new buildings going up.

—The Republican City Town Lot company has declared a dividend of \$1.72 per share.

—G. W. Johnson, of Valentine, has found rock upon his farm which makes the best quality of lime.

—John Smith, one of the pioneers of Nebraska City, died last week after a lingering illness.

—Thomas Silcott of Omaha, plead guilty of forgery and got eighteen months in the penitentiary.

—The residence of Mrs. Bena Conrad, three miles south of Fremont, was destroyed by fire last week.

—The Odd Fellows Building company at Broken Bow has been reorganized and new officers elected.

—Diphtheria has about vanished from Beatrice, where it did not prevail to any alarming extent.

—Proprietors of the Beatrice oatmeal plant, recently burned, will soon rebuild and resume business.

—Romeo Hogan, a farmer living near Crete, has sold 120,000 pounds of popcorn, the product of forty acres.

—The work of excavation for Omaha's public building has commenced and will be completed in thirty days.

—South Sioux City now has three newspapers, the Dakota City Argus having recently removed to that place.

—Thomas Egan of Nebraska City was found dead on the floor of his residence. He had of late been drinking heavily.

—Dr. Hefleman, the pioneer banker of Anselmo, expects to leave there about the first of January for San Diego, Cal.

—J. P. Long's child was kicked just above the right eye by a colt, crushing the eye bone. The accident occurred at Arnold.

—Charles Lyman, an employe of A. Rethoud & Co's. planing mill, Beatrice, had one of his hands badly mangled in a planing machine.

—The publishers of Vanity Fair, Lincoln, were taxed \$25 for mailing an issue of their paper containing an objectionable poem.

—Jim Talbot, while attempting to kill a hog for the Enterprise meat market last week was bitten in the hand by the animal.

—Robert Barrett has been held to the district court of Lancaster county in \$2,000 bail, charged with murder in the second degree.

—John Kilgore of David City received a severe wound in his thigh last week by the tines of a pitchfork while threshing at his farm.

—Owing to the prevalence of diphtheria in Edgar, the mayor deemed it advisable to prohibit all public meetings for a period of two weeks.

—The Omaha and Florence Street Railway company filed articles of incorporation with the secretary of state. Authorized capital, \$200,000.

—Matt Goodwin, who for a time lived in Omaha, where he was well

known in insurance circles suicided in Chicago by stabbing himself.

—Otto P. Sand, a farmer living near Holdrege, was bound over in the sum of \$1,000, on the charge of assault, preferred by Mrs. Nellie Holmgren.

—Henry Mueller, living north of Hooper, had a well put down recently that is 350 feet deep and will throw water over sixty feet above the surface.

—The Bayford Irrigation Canal and Water Power company filed plats in the secretary of state's office showing the right of way of their proposed waterway.

—Quite a number of Beatrice people have become stricken with the Velasco, Tex., fever and will take the excursion which is announced for that point early next month.

—The Standard Cattle company of Ames, which last winter fed 8,000 head, will this winter feed but 2,000 head. The local corn market is affected by the change.

—Arthur Sloan, the Fontanelle murderer, has been captured, having been found on a farm in Boone county, Iowa. There was a reward of \$700 for the murderer's arrest.

—The Dodge County Savings bank is the name of a new financial institution just organized in Fremont with an authorized capital of \$100,000 and a paid up capital of \$25,000.

—The coal sheds and tool house adjoining the B. & M. at Wymore were destroyed by fire. Three stock cars were also burned, and a car of lumber and one of shingles much damaged.

—Over \$50,000 have been expended by the Canal company in Cheyenne county since the 1st of April. A large portion of this amount has found its way into the hands of Sidney tradesmen.

—Elmer Williams of North Bend has a Newfoundland dog which he purchased recently. The dog is only about a year old and weighs 112 pounds. He will be a monster with another year's growth.

—Frank P. Carter, held to bail on a charge of burglary and who has been a fugitive from the state for some time, was last week returned to Gandy from Wyoming on a requisition from Governor Thayer.

—The grand army post at Holdrege surprised Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Chapin of that city by calling upon them in a body and presenting the former with a fine silk muffler, and the latter with an elegant rocker.

—The refrigerator and bottling works of John Gand, Lincoln, were destroyed by fire. The loss is \$3,000. The conflagration caught from the furnace, which a new man at the business had over heated.

—A white pelican flew over Butte City, Boyd county, early Wednesday morning. Several marksmen tried their skill, but J. H. Mosler was the man who finally brought it down. When measured it was found to be eight and a half feet from tip to tip.

—Patrick Dwyer, an Omaha man, died at Deadwood last week from the effects of injuries received by the caving of a bank of dirt while he was engaged in excavating for the new St. Ambrose Catholic church.

—A son of Lash Halmeson of Madison county was instantly killed last week, while assisting his father to lower an iron pump into its place. The tube fell, striking the boy on the head, mashing his body into a pulp.

—The recent cold snap caught the Missouri river riprap brigade at Omaha in deep water. An effort was made to get all the boats unloaded and safely hauled into dry dock at the government boat house across the river from East Omaha. But the effort was unsuccessful and eleven of the boats were frozen into the river. Work has now shut down for the winter.

Never put salt on steak until after it is cooked.

No man falls into contempt but he who deserves it.

PASSING THE GUARD.

An Angel of Strength as Well as an Angel of Mercy.

Mary A. Bickerdyke, familiarly known among the soldiers as "Mother Bickerdyke," was a stalwart, loyal German woman who did heroic service during the war.

She usually had her own tents and details of men to help her keep the soup-kettles going. She was accustomed to go where she pleased, just when she pleased, and as nearly all the soldiers knew her and her good works, and many of them had enjoyed a tin of soup from her kettles that were always full, no one thought of challenging her.

"Who goes there?"
"Mother Bickerdyke," was the answer, and that was enough. But there came a lot of new recruits into camp at one point who knew nothing of Mother Bickerdyke or her good deeds.

One of these was placed on duty where Mother Bickerdyke was compelled to pass on her rounds among the hospitals. One dark night she returned at a late hour. A new guard was passing his beat not far from her little group of tents. As she approached he challenged her:—

"Halt! Who goes there?"
"Mother Bickerdyke," she answered cheerily.

"Advance and give the countersign."

"I haven't the countersign."

"You can't pass then."

"Yes, I will; that tent is where I live, and I'm not going to bother myself to get the countersign at this late hour. Let me pass."

"No, you can't pass."

"I'm Mother Bickerdyke,"

"I don't care who you are. I'll never—"

The sentence was not finished. She was physically a very powerful woman, and quick as a flash she sprang upon him, sent his gun in one direction and himself whirling in another.

"I think hereafter you'll know who Mother Bickerdyke is!" was her comment as she passed on and entered her tent.

The poor fellow had been taken entirely by surprise, and spent the rest of his time till relieved from duty in searching for his gun, but was unable to find it till daylight next morning. He had heard of army nurses being angels of mercy; he now knew they were angels of strength. But after that he knew who Mother Bickerdyke was.—Home and Country.

Measuring Love.

Science has done a great deal of late years in enabling us to measure things which at one time would have been impossible to gauge in any way. But with all its ingenuity, science has never yet devised a perfectly reliable means of measuring a young man's love for the lady to whom he is paying attention. Madame de Staël tells us, in her Memoirs, how she once managed to do this with geometrical accuracy. "I often went to visit," she says, "the Demoiselles d'Epinnay, with whom he spent most of his time. I generally returned on foot and he never failed to escort me home. There was a large square to cross, and at the beginning of our acquaintance he took his way along the sides of this square. I now perceived that he went across the middle, whence I concluded that his love had diminished by the difference between the diagonal and the sides of the square."—Saturday Evening Post.

Wages in Berlin.

The fair wages for skilled female tailors in Berlin are \$1.42 a week, though they run down to \$1.10, and the working season is a short one. Good cloakmakers get \$1.66 a week. Young girl workers get from 50 to 60 cents a week. The price paid for making a dozen buttonholes by hand is 2 1/2 cents.