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Next Wednesday is "swear-off" day.

THE JOURNAL hopes all its readers enjoyed a good Christmas dinner.

There has been a good many statements going the rounds relative to the condition of the people in South Dakota. The people asked for aid and the land agents reported that they did not need it. A committee of business men of Omaha investigated the matter and found a good deal of destitution among the settlers.

Among the nominations sent to the senate and favorably acted upon were those of Hon. John Peters collector of internal revenue, Hon. Alvin Saunders, member of the Utah commission, and Hon. W. H. McCann and C. H. Cornell, as registers of the Chadron and Valentine land offices respectively.

C. H. Gere, editor of the State Journal, has been appointed postmaster at Lincoln. Lincoln is full of fellows who think that they are entitled to all the fat offices and Congressmen Connell had a hard question to settle. Mr. Gere is one of the oldest residents of that city and is to be congratulated on the rich plum he has secured.

A ripple of excitement was caused in the senate a few days ago on the discovery of a young man in one of the galleries when the senate was in secret session. He was ejected at once, before he gained any information of any importance. He had evidently fallen asleep before the senate went into secret session, and as a consequence will be one of the few who ever witnessed that august body in its deliberations when it was supposed that no one was looking.

It is stated that Gen. Alger wants to see the war record of every man who enlisted or file in Washington, showing when he enlisted and every battle, skirmish or engagement of any kind he was in. If such a record was made up and investigated some who boast of their war record might be found not to have taken a very active part in the dangers of war, while others who go quietly along would be found to have faced dangers on many a bloody field.

On last Saturday Hon. T. F. Powers was confirmed as receiver of the Chadron land office. At the same time Hon. W. H. Alexander and Hon. H. C. McArthur were confirmed as surveyors of customs at Omaha and Lincoln, respectively. The delegation at Washington made an effort to get as many nominations acted on as possible before the holiday adjournment. W. M. Robertson was at the same time confirmed as register at Neligh. These and a large number of postmasters in the state ought certainly to enjoy their Christmas dinners.

In making up the committees of the House, Speaker Reed took good care of the congressmen from Nebraska. Mr. Connell, of the 1st district is a member of the committee on labor and also that of irrigation of arid lands. Mr. Laws, of the second district, is on the committee of railways and canals, education and invalid pensions. Mr. Dorsey, being the senior member of the delegation, is chairman of the committee on banks and currency, and is also a member of the committee on territories as well as that of private claims. From the above it will be seen that the members from Nebraska have no reason to feel slighted.

The prohibitionists of Iowa, Kansas, North and South Dakota recently held a meeting in Omaha. They did not relish the reception they received by the press of that city. They bore down heavily on the present system of high license in Nebraska and also did some pretty hard kicking about the slight attention paid them by the papers of Omaha. It is quite evident that Omaha does not take kindly to any prohibition movement, and the state at large will demonstrate that it is capable of taking care of its own interests without any outsiders coming within its borders to dictate what laws the state shall have.

There is a good deal of talk in railroad circles to the effect that in the near future a line will be built from Weadover to Fisher, thus closing the gap of thirty miles now existing between the U. P. and F. E. & M. V. That would be a good thing for this locality as it would make a route from the Black Hills to Denver and increase the importance of this line and all that goes to build up the town. By the shape things are taking Harrison ought to be in a position to reap a good deal of benefit from the building of railroads. The fact of the B. & M. having built to Crawford ought to tempt Harrison, for all the business that can be secured to come here is certain to go to the B. & M. while it goes to a point where the business is bound to be secured. It is a matter of dollars and cents to the business men that they do not want to see the business of Harrison go to Crawford.

Edward Rosewater, editor of the Bee, was dined in Chicago a few days ago by H. V. Richelieu. Mr. Rosewater is recognized as one of the most enterprising and successful of newspaper men in the west and has a great many admirers all over the country.

Senator Manderson has introduced a bill to provide another judge for the eighth judicial circuit. This bill is said to be preferred by the president to the creation of a new district. At present the eighth district includes Nebraska, Iowa, Colorado, Minnesota, Arkansas, Missouri, Kansas and North and South Dakota.

The new government of Brazil does not appear to be as friendly to the ex-empire as their first actions lead people to suppose. A recent decree banishes Dom Pedro from Brazil, confiscates his property and suspends him from the civil list. If that is the case it will not be long until Dom Pedro will be obliged to rustle for a living the same as the rest of the human family.

Of the bills so far introduced in congress for the benefit of those who develop the new countries by going there and taking up homesteads, the best one is that of Senator Paddock's providing that hereafter settlers who take up land by virtue of homestead entries and who decide to commute the same, may, upon furnishing final proof of cultivation and continued residence for five years, be entitled to reimbursement of the money in such commutation. This certainly is a commendable measure and should meet with the ready assent of both houses. It is frequently the case that the poor homesteader is obliged to commute his homestead entry and give a mortgage on his farm in order to secure the necessities of life for himself and family and if he can receive back the money it costs him to commute, even though it be after five years have passed, will be a great benefit to them. Those who first settle a country have a hard enough time of it at best and anything that can be done to brighten the future for them will be thankfully received.

Before the next issue of THE JOURNAL the year 1899 will have closed and become a part of history, and a remarkable page of history it will make. It has been a year which will be noted for the many serious disasters that occurred during its existence. The terrible floods and fires in China, the Johnstown disaster, the destructive fires at Lynn, Boston and the cities of the state of Washington, together with the many others of less moment go to make up a record which it is to be hoped never will again be equalled in the annals of history. On the other hand a great many things have transpired to mark an epoch in the progress of the world. The fact that almost universal peace has prevailed all over the world goes to show that a state of civilization far in advance of anything ever before known has been reached. While the large standing armies of the powers of Europe creates a danger of hostilities at almost any time, still the tendency is to peaceful settlement of all differences between nations. Added to this the great improvement in implements of war has created a feeling that it is better to concede a little and settle a dispute peaceably than to bring about the terrible sacrifice of life which would inevitably follow a declaration of war. The peaceful change in the form of government of Brazil goes to strengthen the theory that civilization is making rapid strides. In the United States the year has witnessed the placing of the reins of government again in the hands of the republican party, and that, too, more strongly than has been the case for years past. The admission of the four new states also make a notable feature of the year. The great strikes among the different classes of laborers and mechanics have brought the attention of the government to the fact that the rights of these classes must be respected and active steps have been taken, both by the national and state governments, to adjust differences between employers and employees without resorting to strikes, but so far with only partial success, but it is a step in the right direction. In the past twelve months one notable class of crime which has forced itself upon the attention of the people is the inclination of those in charge of financial interests to take the funds of their employers or patrons and go to a place where they can spend their ill-gotten gains, free from fear of being brought to justice. In the State of Nebraska a deal of investigating has been done in the matter of public officials, in all parts of the state, and the number of them found short in their accounts has aroused the people to the fact that it is not justice to the general public to place too much confidence in the honesty of any one and the result of such awakening cannot but be beneficial to all. Taken as a whole the record of 1899 will prove to be one of progress. Science has made practical what at the beginning of the year was thought to be impossible and it is probable that the next year will witness as marked advancement in that line as has the one just closing, and judging from the past, there appears to be nothing so difficult that the ingenuity of the inventor and the skill of the mechanic will not undertake and accomplish, and what we look over the advancement in all things we cannot but come to the conclusion that really we live in an age of progress.

Lieut. Gov. Meiklejohn is occupying the chair of the chief executive during the absence of Gov. Thayer, who with his staff, is enjoying a trip through Mexico.

On last Monday morning Henry W. Grady, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, died at his home in that city. Mr. Grady was one of the most noted writers and speakers of the times and had hosts of friends and admirers all over the United States. He was a man of progressive ideas and was one of the most energetic workers for the development of the new south. The funeral occurred at noon on Christmas day.

The matter of organization among the farmers of this nation is assuming shape. It has been repeatedly demonstrated that if the farmers organize for a certain purpose they are, as a rule, able to accomplish what they desire. The greatest obstacle to such movements has been that the majority of the farmers do not take the time necessary to participate in the practical workings of such societies. In this a mistake is made for a great deal of good is accomplished by the united efforts of the farmers, but unless caution is used the workings of the organization falls into the hands of a few unscrupulous men who use it for their individual gain. One of the most striking results of united effort is the invention of a practical straw binder. The manufacturers had worked diligently until they had gotten up a machine which would bind with twine and then the attempts to improve on that ceased. The twine combination was soon formed which compelled the grain grower to pay whatever price the combination saw fit to ask. The result was that the farmer's alliance of Illinois offered \$10,000 for a machine which would use straw to bind the grain, and it was but a few months until a man had invented a machine to fill the want. He declined to accept the price offered for his letters patent, for he was offered more money for it, but the farmers will reap the benefit of his invention and the \$10,000 will remain in the treasury of the alliance. It would be no more than right in such cases if the organization would pay a premium for the invention of the article needed, not expecting to secure the patent. At all events much can be accomplished by an organization of the farmers and in many cases it is the only way in which they can obtain justice.

A son of Mr. M. D. Pusser, a merchant of Gibraltar N. C., was so badly afflicted with rheumatism for a year or more, as to be unable to work or go to school. His father concluded to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm on his boy. It soon cured him and he has since walked one and a half miles to school and back every school day. 50 cent bottles for sale by C. H. Andrews

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Notice for Publication. Land Office at Chadron, Neb., Dec. 7, 1899. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of her intention to make final proof in support of her claim, and that said proof will be made before M. P. Kinkaid, judge of district court, or in his absence before the clerk of said court, at Harrison, Neb., on Jan. 17, 1900, viz: Jennie T. Weir, of Harrison, who made H. E. No. 2280 for the sec 2, tp 31, r 25. She names the following witnesses to prove her continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: John H. Bartell, George E. Lunsford, Thomas Reidy, Asa C. Davis, all of Harrison, Nebraska. [13-15] W. H. McCANN, Register.

Notice for Publication. Land Office at Chadron, Nebraska, November 15, 1899. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before M. P. Kinkaid, judge of the district court, or in his absence before the clerk of said court at Harrison, Nebraska, on January 4th, 1900, viz: Detlef O. Mohr, of Harrison, who made D. S. No. 1903 for the sec 2, tp 31, r 25. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Phillip McCann, Hans Denker, Arthur J. Adams, August Wesselmann, all of Harrison, Nebraska. [13-15] W. H. McCANN, Register.

Consolidated Notice for Publication. Land Office at Chadron, Neb., Dec. 23, 1899. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the clerk of the district court, at Harrison, Neb., on Feb. 12, 1900, viz: Belona M. Sutton, of Harrison, who made D. S. No. 2201 for the sec 2, tp 31, r 25. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Albert M. Carrier, John H. Bartell, Asa C. Davis, Albert M. Taylor, all of Harrison, Neb. Also Albert E. Ramsey, of Harrison, who made D. S. No. 2229 for the sec 2, tp 31, r 25. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Warren W. Hall, Albert E. Ramsey, William E. Moore, Nathan J. E. Armstrong, all of Harrison, Neb. [15-21] W. H. McCANN, Register.

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