

The Journal wishes all its readers a Merry Christmas.

The man who can run a country newspaper so that it will please every body has not yet been born and he who understands it simply shows how big a fizzle he can make of it.

Allen G. Thurman died at his home in Ohio on last Thursday. He was a little more than eighty-three years old and was for many years the leader of the democratic party of his state and one of the leaders in the nation.

We don't see much to encourage populists. Their vote was not only cut down in most of the states at the last election, but the number of representatives in the new congress has been reduced from twelve to six. And the democratic vote in congress has been reduced in about the same proportion. - Fremont Tribune.

Ex-Congressman W. A. McKelhan died at Hastings on Sunday morning. He had been in poor health for more than a year past, a disease of a dropsical nature having fastened itself upon him, but death took him sooner than was expected. He represented the fifth Nebraska district in congress for two terms, having been elected as a populist.

Among the names being mentioned as belonging to men who would make good congressional timber is that of D. B. Jenckes, of Chadron. Mr. Jenckes has resided there for years, attending strictly to the practice of his profession, seeking no political preferment, and should he desire it there is no doubt that the republicans of Dawes county would give him enthusiastic support.

The current number of the Nebraska Editor contained a well-written article by Mrs. Elia W. Pentie on the "Newspaper Women of Nebraska" and shows that the state has some good talent engaged in that line. But the list does not include near all the ladies who have for years been engaged in newspaper work. Northwest Nebraska has several who are entitled to recognition.

Opinion seems to differ widely in regard to the position the United States should take in regard to Cuba. The almost universal feeling is hope for the success of the Cubans but conservative people do not care to see this nation do anything that would affect the existing relations with Spain. It looks as if the matter had pursued a course which called for interference by all the civilized nations on the broad grounds of humanity.

The Nebraska Editor reports six papers which have recently gone out of business and that does not include the one at Rushville which was moved to South Dakota, and since that report was issued the older papers at Albion have taken in the third and its publication discontinued, and it is reported that two of the Chadron papers will be consolidated in the near future. Such things are pretty good evidence that hard times make it hard sledding for newspapers.

Harry Hayward was hanged last week at Minneapolis for the murder of Catherine Qing. The case is remarkable for the reason that a man by the name of Blint was arrested for the crime and confessed to having done the actual killing, but claimed that Hayward compelled him to do the deed as he exerted an influence over him that he could not resist. Hayward had the best of legal talent to defend him but without avail. The case fixes hypnotism as a recognized factor in criminal jurisprudence.

The republican national committee met at Washington last week and selected St. Louis as the place for holding the next national republican convention and fixed June 16th as the date for it to convene. As it is admitted by all that the next president will be a republican, the individual who carries off the prize at St. Louis will be the next president of the United States and the lightning bolts of aspirants are rapidly going up. It is significant that it will be the first national republican convention ever held east of the Mississippi, and also the first one held in a southern or border state.

The Law of Contempt. One of the last opinions in which Justice W. P. Guthrie, the new justice of the supreme court, participated as a member of the New York court of appeals, was one in which the question of contempt was very fully covered.

printed article criticizing the judge of that court.

The court of appeals held that contempt of court is an offense that can be committed only in the presence of the court while in session, by interference with its proceedings and processes, or elsewhere by violating its injunctions and orders. A criticism of a judicial opinion out of court, whether oral or written and published, is not the technical offense described as contempt of court and punishable by summary proceedings against the author of the criticism.

The New York court held that the protection of a judge from abusive and false newspaper articles was in the law of libel and that a court's authority to punish for contempt does not extend beyond the walls of its court room, except to enforce the decree.

Undoubtedly this is sound law and it would be well if it could be more strictly observed in every state in the union. Ten or twelve years ago the criminal judge of St. Louis cited Stanley Waterloo, the well-known newspaper man, then of St. Louis, now of Chicago, to show cause why he should not be committed for contempt for the publication of a criticism of this judge. This proceeding amazed lawyers as well as newspaper men and it was finally dropped, the concession being that there was no authority for the infliction of punishment for contempt shown outside of the court room. Since then, however, this form of resentment has become more common, but it has not yet been established in the favor of courts generally and probably never will be.

A judge is entitled to every protection from slander and he should be given every advantage accorded to any individual. But it is not harmonious with the theory of justice that a man shall be at once prosecuting witness and judge.

That a judge may, by contempt proceedings, mete out punishment for a newspaper criticism would tend to establish a press censorship in this country that would do good for the people. A bad judge might by this method muzzle the press, for it is not likely that a newspaper man would feel warranted in exposing a bad man at the risk of being tried and convicted for the criticism by the man he criticized. Criticism should be confined to moderate, decent language, setting forth only such as is known to be fact, and if this rule is followed out no court in the land can take unfair advantage, so far as ultimate results are concerned.

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Henry Wenzelberger, of Gilchrist, Neb., who made H. E. No. 1016 for the S. 1, sec. 21, T. 34 N., R. 53 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Anton Klein, Henry Plokenbrook, M. J. Gayhart, Frank Natto, all of Gilchrist, Neb. (11-15) J. W. WEBB, JR., Register.

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George W. Grimm, of Rodare, Neb., who made H. E. No. 346 for the S. 1, sec. 14, sec. 28 and S. 2, sec. 14, sec. 28, T. 20 N., R. 58 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Ernest Bang, Asabel Orton, William Rickard, Joseph Parsons, all of Rodare, Neb. Also William Rickard, of Rodare, Neb., who made H. E. No. for the S. 1, sec. 29, T. 20 N., R. 58 W. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: George W. Grimm, Charles Gwynn, Joseph Parsons, Ernest Bang, all of Rodare, Neb. (11-16) J. W. WEBB, JR., Register.

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