

England has expressed a willingness to submit the Venezuelan matter to a settlement by arbitration. It would be good policy for Uncle Sam to keep right on getting his navy strengthened so that in case it was needed it would be ready.

Judge Westover granted a mandamus a few days ago commanding the commissioners of Box Butte county to meet and call a special election on the question of the removal of the county seat. The people of Alliance are highly elated over the order.

When a whiffet gets to snorting and yeeping at your heels if you kick at it, the noise is only increased and if you ignore it, it continues to snarl and yelp with cheerful industry. The best way is to let it alone until it wears itself out, and gets tired of its own noise.—York Times.

Dr. George E. McLean was formally inaugurated as chancellor of the university of Nebraska on last Friday. This institution of learning ranks fourth of its class in the nation and the new chancellor expressed the hope in the near future to see it the first in rank of the state universities of the union.

Capt. J. H. Culver, of Milford, was elected commander of the Nebraska G. A. R. at Omaha last week. He has for years been one of the most active members in the organization and the honor was worthily bestowed. The annual encampment was located at Lincoln for a term of five years.

The republican state central committee met in Lincoln last Friday evening and decided to call the state convention for the election of delegates to the national convention for Wednesday, April 15th, at Omaha. There will be 1,057 delegates entitled to seats. The convention for the nomination of candidates for state officers will be held at Lincoln on a date yet to be decided on by the committee.

The Sioux Indians held a great dog feast and council last week near the battle-field of Wounded Knee. There was nothing of a hostile nature in the demonstration. The grievances of the tribe against the government were discussed and a delegation headed by Red Cloud was selected to go to Washington to see the Great Father. About \$800 was raised to defray the expenses of the delegation.

In the issue of the Pawnee Independent of Feb. 14th Chas. E. Verity announces that it will be published no more, and offers his printing outfit for sale at a discount. When Verity realized that there was scarcely enough business here to support one paper and discontinued his paper here, he sought out one of the best towns, in one of the best portions of the state. He found an element dissatisfied with the papers already established so he established a new paper and started in to "do up" the other fellows because they did not please every body. For nearly two years he kept up the effort, and the people of Sioux county know that he is a tenacious fellow and gives up only when every resource has become exhausted, but the complaining element in a community is not the one to rely on for support and Mr. Verity had to give up the fight.

At the meeting of the state press association J. C. Secrest, business manager of the Lincoln Journal illustrated very nicely why some people do not like a paper. Mr. Secrest was called to one of the medical institutions and was informed that a man had arrived that day from a distance for the purpose of having an operation performed and it was suggested that if the fact was published in his paper it would be interesting to the public and would attract others to Lincoln when in need of surgical work. Mr. Secrest informed the surgeon that such notices came under the head of advertising and named a rate at which he would publish it. The doctor did not want any notice which he had to pay for and the matter departed. The operation was performed and the patient died, and the fact was published in the Journal. The doctor called on the business manager of the paper and rounded him up in great shape for publishing something which would have a tendency to keep patients from coming to his institution for treatment. There it is with all papers. So long as the publisher tickles the vanity of people without charge, and allows them to run his business the paper is all right, but the moment the publisher happens to stroke the fur the wrong way and intimates that he would like to run his own business to get a living out of it, he is soon become unlit for his business.

A man in Brown county pleaded guilty to robbing cattle a few days ago and Judge Westover sentenced him to two years in the penitentiary. Judge Westover seems to deal with criminals in a manner tending to discourage crime and protect the public.

The vigilantes of Holt county captured a cattle buyer a few days ago, blindfolded him, tied his hands and put a rope around his neck. After asking him a lot of questions and talk of hanging, he was taken to the top of a hill and told to remain there until he heard the report of a gun, when he might remove the cover from his eyes and go his way. It would be a blessing if the gang that infests that county could be broken up.

Chapman of the Broken Bow Republican and Giddies of the Grand Island Independent are candidates for the nomination for state auditor. It will be impossible to nominate two candidates for auditor, and there is just as little probability of nominating either of these excellent gentlemen, coming from adjoining counties, if both remain in the field. The convention could doubtless be happy with either were either dear charmer away.—Kearney Hub.

George A. Eckles, of Chadron, one of the cleanest and the best known men of northwest Nebraska, is in the city. Mr. Eckles is of the opinion that his section of the state is entitled to recognition on the republican state ticket this fall and he is accordingly elevating his political lightning rod, hoping that in the coming storm he will be struck by a current of electricity from the state auditor's office. Mr. Eckles would be a creditable candidate.—Fremont Tribune.

Gold as a Money Metal.

Will it be possible for our monetary systems to survive the addition of such an overwhelming flood? Our present system was framed to meet exactly the opposite conditions which now present themselves. Its authors had in view a scarcity, not a glut of gold. Could they have foreseen the future they would have been frightened. The gold basis currency scheme now in vogue among the chief commercial nations was devised and established in England in 1816. The whole world's production of gold for that decade, and for thirty years thereafter, averaged but 10 millions a year. For the year 1816 it was but 7 millions. To-day the world's output is twenty-five times this, and before the century is closed it will probably be forty times that when the current system was adopted. In the same period the world's population has increased but two and a half times, and though the expansion of commerce and trade has been much greater than this, it has limped lamely beside the rising yellow stream. To set out the matter in another way: When, after the long Napoleonic wars, England adopted her present currency system, about 125 millions of gold, it is estimated, were required to enable her to resume specie payments. Save Portugal, England was then the sole nation having a single gold standard, and the drain from other lands was so great that, in the United States, at least, the yellow metal disappeared from circulation entirely. To-day England's stock of gold is around 540 millions, and that of the United States above 600 millions. Germany with still another 600 millions, Russia with between four and five hundred millions, and France with its 800 millions, all exhibit the same phenomenon of enormous piles of gold, amassed within this century. In all the world there is now near to four billions of gold money. And where gold coinage in the United States ranged from a quarter of a million to a million a year, from 1800 to 1820, it now ranges from 40 to 80 millions a year.—From "That Flood of Gold," by Carl Snyder, in the February Review of Reviews.

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