

Ponca now has a broom factory.

Ester has a local dramatic club.

The B. & M. has reopened its station at Cheney.

The Elsie Leader now takes any old thing on subscription.

Ponca has but one vacant house, and rents are tolerably high.

Rapehmen in Hall county are fattening their sheep on beet pulp.

Parties are boring for coal in the northern part of Dixon county.

One implement firm at Alma has sold \$2,500 worth of cornshellers.

Two feet of snow is reported from the neighborhood of Long Pine.

Sarpy county needs a new court house and is abundantly able to build one.

A farmer living near Tekamah raised nearly 40,000 bushels of corn this season.

Grain men at Superior recently purchased 9,785 bushels of corn in one day.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Fuller of Decatur recently celebrated their golden wedding.

Look out for snow storms, blizzards, etc., in December, commencing about the 5th.

A farmer near Ponca recently killed a wild cat which weighed fourteen pounds.

The Norfolk factory has turned out 15,000 barrels of sugar up to date this season.

Twelve or fifteen deer are reported having been killed in Keya Paha county last week.

The young people of Blair are being taught to dance by a professional who knows how.

Peter Ryan of Holt county lost thirty-five head of steers from eating corn stalks.

South Omaha people are wondering when work will begin on the new postoffice.

A number of teams are now at work on the big reservoir for the Crawford citizens' ditch.

Thirty-one cars of Oregon hogs have been shipped into the state to be fed on Nebraska corn.

John Loboff of Boone county has been pronounced crazy by the county commissioners.

Quite a bit of corn is being marketed this week notwithstanding the low price per bushel.

A depot has been put in at Bracken, a new station about half way between Nemaha and Auburn.

The United States is after a lot of Boyd county farmers for stealing wood from the reservation.

A saw mill which is being operated near Wilber is turning out a lot of cribbing from native timber.

James Armstrong of Burwell is in receipt of enough back pension to keep him in comfort till grass grows.

Thanksgiving day was very stormy and cold, but most of the people either ate turkey at home or with neighbors.

Valley county is entitled under the statutes to a clerk of the district court separate from the office of county clerk.

It takes the entire time of one crew to do the switching for the sugar factory and stock yards company at Grand Island.

Scott's Bluff, Banner, McPherson, Logan, Keya and Paha counties are the only counties in the state without a railroad.

Dr. E. G. Watson, elected to represent Saline county in the next legislature, wears a diamond pin said to be worth \$700.

W. F. Cody of North Platte owns 60,000 acres of land in the Big Horn valley and has nearly all of it under irrigation.

The Smithfield Farm News says now is the time for farmers to select seed corn and put it in the attic where it will keep dry.

A considerable portion of our big corn crop is still in the fields, but it is being gotten out as fast as teams and men can do it.

Sparks from a passing engine set fire to the barn of William Lambert near Blue Springs and barn and contents went up in smoke.

The fifth anniversary of the establishment of the Wayne Normal college was celebrated at Wayne Saturday evening, November 28.

The little stations on the various railroads that have been abandoned and boarded up during the three years' drought are being opened.

W. F. Archer, living near Hildreth, went to sleep the other night after eating a hearty supper, and never awoke. Heart failure was the trouble.

Twenty double-deck cars loaded with sheep passed through Sidney recently for the eastern markets. This one lot of sheep was valued at over \$14,000.

Phil Armour of Chicago owned several corn cribs in Furnas county but the treasurer caused them to be sold to satisfy personal taxes which Mr. Armour had neglected to pay.

Thursday, November 19, was the twentieth anniversary of Dr. Hullbort's residence in Yutan. He still occupies the same residence he had built and moved into twenty years ago.

EXTRA SESSION CERTAIN.

CONFIDANTES OF M'KINLEY SPEAK POSITIVELY.

BEEN FULLY DECIDED ON.

Chairman of Ways and Means Committee Dingley to Formally Make Such an Announcement at the Proper Time - Will Convene Shortly After March 4 - Senator Thurston Talks.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7.—Friends and confidantes of Mr. McKinley who have come direct from Canton, Ohio, bring the positive announcement that a call for a special session of Congress, to be convened a few days after March 4, has been decided upon. It is stated that Mr. Dingley, chairman of the House committee on ways and means, will make this intention formally known at the proper time.

Senator Thurston said: "I am convinced a session of the next Congress will be called for about the 15th of March. That ought to be satisfactory. I cannot quote anyone, but I do not consider that there is any doubt on the point. The complexion of the Senate will not be allowed to influence the decision at all. The Republican administration has been elected under a pledge to the people to reform the tariff and its duty to this country is to proceed about that business at the earliest possible moment and either to keep it or to let it go."

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RESOURCES OF ALABAMA.

Recited in the Inaugural Address of Governor Johnston.

Governor Joseph F. Johnston was inaugurated governor of Alabama Dec. 1. Before taking the oath of office he delivered a long address, sounding the keynote of his administration, which is to promote the development of Alabama's resources and improve the condition of her people. Speaking of the resources of the state he said:

"With an area of but little more than fifty thousand square miles, there is no territory of like size in the known world so prolific in the variety of its resources; were a wall erected around our state, cutting off all access, we could produce within our borders everything necessary for the comfort or convenience of man. Great veins of iron ore and seams of coal put at our command almost boundless resources in fuel, iron, and steel. Splendid forests of yellow pine here stand ready to build homes for millions of people. Building stone and marble, fire clay, kaolin and lime exist in great abundance; walnut, maple, oak, cherry, ash and other hard woods await the hand of man for manufacture or the adornment of our homes. In the production of pig iron we take rank as the fourth state in the union; in iron ore, third; in coal we stand fifth; in the production of cotton, fourth, and in its manufacture, fourth. In lumber we are near the head of the list. It would be unjust should I fail to include in our minerals copper, lead, graphite, marl and gold; indeed, the only mineral that we seem to be without and to want most is silver. Leaving forest and mine and coming to our fields we find that they produce generously cotton, corn, wheat, rye, oats, tobacco, rice and the grasses and here is the home of the pear, the peach, the grape and all small fruits. Vegetables are grown with great success, and this industry is steadily developing. Our splendid rivers, the Alabama, Coosa, Tallapoosa, Warrior, Cahaba, Bigbee and the Tennessee, are the liquid arteries of the commonwealth, fed by innumerable creeks, all fruitful in power to convert our raw products into articles of merchandise. Over 3,000 miles of railroads traverse our state from north to south, and east to west, furnishing quick transportation to market for our products. When we come to our climate we find that the Giver of all good things has not stayed His hand, and that He has blessed us with opportunity to labor twelve months in the year without detriment to health or comfort. Indeed, we can scarcely appreciate the blessings we enjoy in this respect when compared with less favored regions, for even now we are seemingly unconscious that roses are blooming in our gardens, and the fragrant air is sweet with their perfume."

With a profound gratitude to the God of our fathers, that our lots have been cast in this sunny land, let us beseech Him to send warmth and vitality and enduring growth into every field of endeavor, that will make us strong to accomplish the things that make a state loved at home and revered abroad."

Fitzsimmons in Court. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 5.—Bob Fitzsimmons, through his attorney, commenced suit in the Superior court to restrain the Anglo-California bank from paying Sharkey the \$10,000 purse awarded the sailor by Referee Earr. Fitzsimmons charges conspiracy between Sharkey, the National Athletic club and others, whose names are not given, to award Sharkey the purse under any circumstances. Fitzsimmons alleges that before Earr was selected as referee this agreement was made and that had he known of it he would have refused to enter the ring. Judge Sanderson granted the injunction prayed for and the case will soon be tried in court.

Another Postmaster to Go. WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—Charges have been filed in the postoffice department against Jacob D. Allen, postmaster at Butler, Bates county, Mo., and editor of the Butler Times, and they are now being considered by the department. The impression is general that there is enough in the charges to effect Allen's prompt removal. In connection with the charges of pernicious activity in politics, it is claimed that Mr. Allen, as editor of his paper, has allowed no opportunity to pass for roasting President Cleveland and all of his friends.

A Nebraska of Note Loses His Home. NEBRASKA CITY, Neb., Dec. 5.—The home of John C. Watson, ex-speaker of the house of representatives of Nebraska, was entirely destroyed by fire early this morning. It is not known how the fire originated, as Watson and his family were away from home. The loss on the house, furniture and library is estimated at \$15,000, which is fully covered by insurance.

Gold Contracts in Georgia. ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 5.—The state senate, by a vote of 21 to 13, rejected a bill introduced by Senator Culver to declare null and void all obligations and contracts which may be made payable in any specific character of money, so far as the general assembly is concerned, therefore, gold contracts may still be made in Georgia.

On Nov. 30th the John A. Salzer Seed Co., La Crosse, Wis., the largest seed potato growers in the world received an order for three thousand bushels of seed potatoes from one firm in Texas.

Incidental Bill. CLEVELAND, Ohio, Dec. 5.—Chairman M. A. Hanna said yesterday: "I think the inaugural ball will be held as usual. It has become a time-honored custom in connection with the inaugural ceremonies, and there is no reason why it should be omitted now."

Two Killed in a Snowslide. LOGAN, Utah, Dec. 5.—Hiram Jeppeken, James Christianson, Sr., and his son, James, were buried in a snowslide yesterday afternoon in Logan canon. Jeppeken finally extricated himself, but the father and son were both killed.

St. Joseph Recruits for Cuba.

St. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 3.—It has developed that there has been an enlistment of 150 men for the Cuban army and that others are expected to join them when means of transportation have been properly arranged for by the Cuban junta in New York. The man who has been active in securing this number for the cause of Cuba is David Bernsberg, an ex-Ulmsa lieutenant in the regular United States army, and prior to that a soldier in the German army during the Franco-Prussian war. At the present time he holds a commission as captain of a company of state militia here. He is a member of the police force of this city and the drill master of the force. A number of his old associates in the regular army are down on the list, and all of them expect soon to be serving under the Cuban flag.

An Act of Charity by the President.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 3.—A few weeks ago he destroyed the cabin of "Daddy" Brun, a hermit fisherman in the Gray Gables neighborhood. His lease expired with the destruction of the dwelling, and though friends raised money for him to rebuild he could not find a site, so he wrote to President Cleveland and was given leave to erect a cabin on the Gray Gables estate, all rights to revert to his death.

The Wire Nail Trust Dissolved.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—At a meeting of the Wire Nail Manufacturers' association it was voted to dissolve the organization. John H. Parks, treasurer of the association, said its affairs would be wound up at once. A new card of "extras" was adopted by the manufacturers in order to conform, so far as possible, to the desires of the retail trade.

Mrs. Beecher Suffering From a Fall.

NEW YORK, Dec. 3.—Mrs. Henry Ward Beecher went to her daughter's home at Stamford, Conn., for a Thanksgiving visit, and a few days ago fell, on rising from bed, her head violently striking the floor. She is improving, but some time must elapse before she can return to her home in Brooklyn.

An Iowa Sheriff's Fatal Fall.

LEMARS, Iowa, Dec. 3.—W. E. Heron, sheriff of Plymouth county, was found dead by the side of the railroad track between Merrell and Lemars today. Marks in the snow show that he fell or was knocked from his train. The body was cut and buried by sliding on the ground and was frozen.

Iowa Patent Office Report.

S. P. Leland of Iowa asks: "Is there any law or decision to prevent any person from making and using a patented article for himself only, although he have not got permission of the owner?" Yes. A patent gives the owner the exclusive right to make, vend and use the invention for seventeen years. No person has a right to make and use a patented invention for his own use without a license. If one person could do so every other person would have the same privilege, and a patent for an invention that can be easily made would go into general use without profit to the patentee.

A patent has been allowed to F. C. Stevens of Sac City, Iowa, for a hose nozzle adapted for throwing a straight solid stream, a radiating spray or sheet all around, a spray and solid stream at the same time, or a spray only half way around, at the pleasure of the operator.

Valuable information about obtaining, valuing and selling patents sent free to any address. Printed copies of the drawings and specifications of any U. S. Patent sent upon receipt of 25 cents. Our practice is not confined to Iowa. Inventors in other states can have our services upon the same terms as Hawkins. THOMAS G. & J. RALPH OWING, Solicitors of Patents, Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 1, 1896.

LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Price.

The notorious Lon Hawk, of Anderson, Ind., who escaped from the Ohio penitentiary, has been located. Hawk is well known over the entire central states as one of the smoothest men who ever operated in Indiana, Ohio and Illinois. He was sentenced in Ohio, but escaped from the penitentiary. He always had the South African fever and lost no time in putting the ocean between him and Ohio officers.

Fortune Seeking Emigrants. Many a poor family that seeks the western wilds in the hope of winning a fortune, preserved from that insidious foe of the emigrant and frontiersman—dysentery and fever—by Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Sufferers do not get it, as it is not a medicine, but a tonic, and is made of the finest ingredients, and is perfectly safe and reliable. It is a sure cure for all ailments of the stomach, bowels, liver, and spleen, and is a valuable remedy for all cases of indigestion, nervousness, and general debility. It is sold by all druggists at 25 cents per bottle. Your orders will be promptly filled for goods on receipt of price. Send at once, you will never regret it. Address Dr. B. J. Kay Medical Co. (Western office) Omaha, Neb.

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Palms say that long fingers are a sign of refinement. A short, stubby hand argues a lack of sensibility; a thin thumb, rather small, denotes weakness. Strength of character is shown by the thumb exerting itself over the other fingers. If the thumb curves backward the owner is obstinate.—Ladies' Home Journal.

The season is rapidly approaching when people lie about doing better next year. I know that my life was saved by Pisco's Cure for Consumption—John A. Miller, Au Sable, Mich., April 21, 1895.

The world has learned more from its poor than it has from its kings. TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All Druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c Match boxes are now filled by machinery.

Advertisement for Hood's Sarsaparilla, emphasizing its benefits for various ailments and its long history.

Advertisement for Hood's California, a product for maintaining health and vitality.

Advertisement for The Acme Lamp Stove, highlighting its efficiency and safety.

Advertisement for South Missouri, West, promoting its agricultural and industrial resources.

Advertisement for Blakes' Business and Shortland College, detailing its curriculum and facilities.

Advertisement for Patents, Trade Marks, and OMAHA STOVE REPAIR WORKS.

Advertisement for OPIUM, a medicinal product for various ailments.

Advertisement for Dr. Kay's Lung Balm, for treating respiratory issues.

Advertisement for Bed-Wetting Cure, a specific treatment for nocturnal enuresis.

Advertisement for Pisco's Cure for Consumption, another medicinal product for lung health.