

NEBRASKA.

The poultry and stock show at Hastings was well attended.

The fire companies of Fremont will organize a mutual beneficiary society.

Old soldiers at the Milford Home return thanks for furniture donated.

Maj. J. H. Showalter of Fremont wants to succeed Frank White as U. S. senator.

Nebraska City's salvation army will give a free dinner to the poor on Christmas day.

An Otoe county patriarch of sixty-four was recently married to a blushing widow of sixty.

The Salvation army of Nebraska City gave a free dinner to poor children on Christmas.

H. P. Knapp shipped a fine load of mules from Ithaca place last week to the St. Louis market.

An Indian on the reservation near Rushville killed himself to escape arrest for horse stealing.

G. E. Jones of Nuckolls county sold a brood sow the other day that tipped the beam at 665 pounds.

Mr. Baker, late agent of the Gilcrest Lumber company at Oconto, was convicted of embezzling \$140 from his employer.

The residence of Joseph Metzner of Arapahoe was destroyed by fire. The contents were saved. Loss, \$600; insurance, \$400.

A Boedecker of Plattsmouth was repairing a corn sheller when the horses suddenly started, and now he has but one thumb.

The 15-month-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hardy of Elk Creek swallowed a safety pin and the crisis passed without injury.

A hedge fence deal was worked at Wayne, and the Republican says it was a clear case of "a smooth confidence man taking in suckers."

The mayor and councilmen have started a subscription list for the benefit of the south Omaha hospital and headed it with an individual donation.

The Ord irrigation district is making arrangements to sell their \$50,000 of bonds, and will push the work of ditch construction as rapidly as possible.

Fire broke out in the residence of I. F. Leedom of Dakota City. The building and contents were destroyed. Loss about \$1,000, with small insurance.

Several cases of diphtheria have been reported to the David City board of health in various parts of that place, and it is feared that it may become an epidemic.

George Smith, aged 23, son of Wm. Smith, a farmer near Octavia, was killed by kick from a horse. The horse was sick and young Smith was attending to him.

Hog thieves are operating north of Pierce. One farmer went to town and loaded up with shot and shell and there may be a few human corpses lying around there ere long.

At Lincoln C. J. Wineinger was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$500 to answer to the charge of bastardy preferred by Mary Cizek. He gave bond and was released.

The people of Milford have decided to hold an election, and the candidate receiving the highest vote will be the next postmaster, providing the wishes of the community are respected.

There is no market for shelled corn at Winnsie, there being fear that it will heat. If ear corn is taken 80 pounds to the bushel is required for which the holder is paid ten cents.

A Lyons farmer comes forward with the statement that corn is not the stuff to burn. He says coal is cheaper and he advises farmers to sell their corn, even at the present prices, and buy coal.

Frank Fredahler, a student at the institute for the blind, Nebraska City, fell from a second story window, striking on the brick walk, fracturing his skull very badly, and at this writing is very low.

There is a probability that the hour of meeting originally fixed for the bi-metallic state conference at Lincoln may be changed from 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Jan. 6 to 11 o'clock, a. m. of the same day.

A black mare, 8 years old and weighing about 1,100 pounds, was stolen from Green Swayze's barn at Elkhorn. An unknown man was seen the day before walking west with a saddle, and he is supposed to be the man who stole the animal.

D. W. Stevenson, for several years a resident near Monroe, left for parts unknown the other night. He abandons his farm, which, it is claimed, is mortgaged for more than it is worth. He is said to leave other debts.

D. S. Zimmermann, representative-elect for York county, was repairing a fence at his suburban residence, and threw his coat and vest over a post. When he returned to get them, both articles, with the valuables they contained, were gone.

Mrs. Smith, wife of the Missouri Pacific section foreman at Paul, was severely beaten by her husband as to require medical aid. Smith has been in jail for beating his wife before. The county attorney of Otoe county will have a warrant issued for his arrest.

A. D. Dorr of Burchard has just finished husking 6,000 bushels of corn from eighty-five acres of ground. He planted and cultivated this entire field alone, besides doing his other farm work, with the help of one man, did the husking.

A result of the meeting of Cuban sympathizers in Lincoln, is the circulation of a report that an agent is in the city enrolling names of volunteers for Cuban service. A number of members of local military companies are said to have signed and are to report at Kansas City at the proper time.

WORKING FOR SILVER

SENATOR WOLCOTT IS BUSY WITH A PLAN.

Preparing the Way for Another International Conference Along the Lines Laid Down in the St. Louis Platform—Considerably Encouraged Over Reports of Probable Success.

For Silver Recognition.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—A resolution offered in Republican caucus by Senator Wolcott for the issuance of an invitation to the principal powers to join in an international monetary conference having been adopted, five senators, friendly to silver, but not bolters, were appointed to formulate a plan. Senator Wolcott is working hard, and the plan will probably be presented to the Senate soon after the holiday recess.

The tendency among the members of the committee is to leave the number and selection of the conferees entirely to the president and thus depart from the precedent established in the Fifty-third Congress, when provision was made for the representation of this country at a conference then proposed by dividing the selection of the conferees between the president and Congress. An appropriation will be provided for carrying the act into effect. It is not yet definitely determined how far the proposed legislation will go in providing for this country to take the initiative in securing the conference, but the probabilities are that this also will be left to the discretion of the president.

The bill is being prepared to provide the means for carrying out the Republican platform, and the members of the committee generally hold that Mr. McKinley will require only the means with which to proceed to cause him to use his utmost endeavors to secure an international agreement.

The committee has been considerably encouraged over the reports received as to the probabilities of success. Senator Hoar, who is a member of the committee, has told them that France was aggressively in favor of an international understanding, and that the sentiment in Germany was very favorable, but that the emperor was the stumbling block in that country. It was also suggested that England would be found more tractable than is popularly thought, that pressure of a business character might be brought to bear and that the payment in silver of debts owed in this country to England might bring the English people to a realization of the importance of an agreement.

WEYLER TOLD TO DELAY.

Rumor That Spain Will Make Overtures to the Rebels.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A Madrid special says: It is rumored that General Weyler has delayed fresh operations against the insurgents in order to give time to discover the disposition of the bands and their chiefs since the death of Maceo, with a view to feeling his way to preparing the ground for finishing the present Cuban war like the past insurrections in Spain and Cuba, where money and unofficial negotiations prove more telling arguments than force of arms, directly the insurgents save a more hope of foreign aid.

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NO EUROPEAN OBJECTIONS.

Reports of Spanish Aid to Cuba Entirely False.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—It is denied officially and authoritatively that any European government either directly or indirectly has made any representations whatever to the United States to restrain or prevent its free action in connection with the Cuban insurrection. A similar report was denied by authority several weeks ago. A. Von Bruening, secretary of the German embassy, said that so far as the embassy was concerned no such intimation had been received. He discredited the whole story. "We have not heard a word concerning Cuba," said he, "for three months."

Senator-elect Money of Mississippi, now a member of the House foreign affairs committee, proposes to leave Tampa, Fla., next Saturday morning for Havana, to remain a week or ten days in Cuba. He will seek an audience with Captain General Weyler and will ask him to provide an escort and a flag of truce, so that he can go into the heart of the territory occupied by the insurgents, with a view of finding out what is going on. Mr. Money says he is determined to make as lengthy a journey into the interior of Cuba as his time will permit, and it is understood that he will endeavor to communicate with the insurgents whether Captain General Weyler grants him permission or not. He realizes that it will be a risky thing for him to proceed on his own account if a permit is refused him. However, he is so anxious to have trustworthy information that he will take the chances, even if he finds himself later locked up in prison. It is his intention to state frankly to the captain general that he visits the island because it is impossible to procure from President Cleveland or Secretary Olney any official information regarding the condition of affairs in Cuba, and as a member of Congress and of the House committee on foreign affairs, he wishes to know what he is doing before he casts his vote for or against any one of the several resolutions pending.

Mr. Money was an officer in the Confederate army during the war under General Forrest, and his four years' service in the field whetted his interest in military operations. He thinks that his visit will at least enable him to learn more than he could by depending on the State department for information.

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