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The street car strike in Chicago is still on with no signs of arbitration in sight.

With coal at the top notch in price and turkeys roosting still higher, the poor man may be thankful he's alive.

With the price of beef below cost of raising and labor agitation in the east, somebody will have to do a lot of explaining in the next campaign.

The entire country is crying because of frost-bitten ears, which is not nearly so painful as picking up the wrong end of a stove poker even in mid-winter.

Dr. Andrew Neldon of New York recently supplied a western millionaire with an ear by grafting and it only cost the monied man \$5,000. Evidently it was the ear of an ass.

A dispatch from Brussels announces King Leopold's intention to visit the world's fair at St. Louis in the spring. Leopold will, no doubt, enjoy a ride on the merry-go-round and indulge in other pleasant pastimes.

According to the duplicate returns, received at the office of the secretary of state, Judge J. R. Hanna, Republican, is elected in the Eleventh Judicial District of Nebraska over J. R. Thompson, democrat, by a majority of two votes.

The reports of the pension bureau show that the pensions issued during the first four months of the present fiscal year exceed the same period of last year by 25 per cent. The pensions issued last year was the largest in ten years.

According to late dispatches from Minister Powell at San Domingo, the government troops repulsed the rebels in an attempt to enter the capital city, hence it may be inferred that Mr. Powell's scalp is safe for the present at least.

An election contest was begun in the district court at West Point Monday by the defeated candidate for county judge, S. Lant of Wisner against Louis Dewald of Beemer, the newly elected democratic judge. Dewald obtained a majority of 10 votes.

There seems to be a conflict of opinions between the state authorities of Wyoming and government officials as to the blame in the recent Indian trouble. One seems to hold that a good Indian constitutes a dead one, while the other side insists that the whites were the aggressors.

A dispatch from San Juan, Porto Rico, of Nov. 17, states that the federal court quashed the indictments for smuggling in the cases of Alonzo Cruzon of Nebraska, collector of customs; Captain Andrew Dunlap, U. S. A., commandant of the naval station, and Robert Giles, a former contractor in Porto Rico, on the ground that the fines had been paid and the offenses expiated. It is believed this action forever settles the case.

Carrie Nation, the "Kansas Smasher," was forcibly ejected from the White house yesterday, when she insisted in seeing the president and giving him a little motherly advice. On being advised that the ship of state could sail on without her sistance, Carrie flew into a rage and wanted to ask Teddy why he brought a dive into Kansas when he took his western tour. The Kansas cyclone was told to depart quietly and upon her refusal to do so was forcibly ejected. Mrs. Nation later went to the capitol building, where she spent some time talking to the members of the senate and with spectators. She created an uproar in the gallery of the senate by trying to sell souvenirs and was finally arrested for disorderly conduct. In the police court, where she went in a patrol wagon, Mrs. Nation was fined \$25, which she paid from a large roll of hills she carried.

Senator C. H. Dietrich and Postmaster Fisher of Hastings, whom THE HERALD mentioned last week as being mixed up in official scandals, must stand trial in the federal court on the

charges of bribery and conspiracy in the alleged sale of the Hastings post-office. The grand jury stood almost unanimous from the first for conviction. The indictment against Senator Dietrich charges that he accepted money and property in consideration of his recommending Fisher for an appointment as postmaster at Hastings. That against Postmaster Fisher charges him with making an agreement with Senator Dietrich by which the former was to pay in property and money \$1,300 for securing Fisher the appointment. Evidence was presented to the grand jury to show that Fisher had bought post-office fixtures from the grand army post at Hastings, of the value of \$500 and later turned the property over to Senator Dietrich, to whose building it was removed, and to whom was paid a rental by the government. In addition to turning over this property, it is charged that Fisher paid the senator \$800 in cash. Fisher gave bond for \$1,000 for his appearance in court and was released. The indictments returned against Senator Dietrich have not as yet been filed with the clerk of the federal court and will not be until Dietrich arrives and gives bond for his appearance, which will be Monday or Tuesday. The grand jury is still at work investigating other deals of a similar shady character. From Alma, Orleans and Oxford come reports that demand investigation and the old adage, "There's something rotten in Denmark," seems to apply forcibly in this upheaval.

NEBRASKA STATE ITEMS.

At Nebraska City Tuesday was held the funeral of Nathan Curtis, an old and well known citizen.

The store of Havick & Gross at Verdigris was entered Sunday night and the value of \$500 stolen.

Anton Weinken is considered the boss corn husker of York county. It is reported that he picked 117 bushels in one day last week.

Burglars broke into the Northwestern freight depot at Seward Monday night, and blew open the safe, which contained nothing of much value at the time.

The frame structure for a new Catholic church at Scottsbluff is partly up and enclosed, and will be a model building according to the Republican of that place.

The Commercial hotel at Albion, was closed Monday because of small-pox. When it was found that the building was to be quarantined the boarders and traveling men went out at all doors.

A verdict of not guilty was returned at Plattsmouth in the case of the state against William Shepard, who was charged with breaking into the Missouri Pacific depot at Weeping Water with intent to steal.

R. G. Buckley, a lineman in the employ of the General Engineering company at Lincoln, fell from a pole near Thirteenth and J streets Tuesday morning, a distance of forty feet, and was instantly killed.

Roy Heffelfinger was arrested at Beatrice Monday and lodged in jail on receipt of a telegram from the city marshal of Valley Junction, Iowa, stating that he was wanted there for stealing clothing.

Mrs. A. W. Buffum of Tecumseh recently entertained a company of eleven women friends, and the aggregate ages of the company was 769 years. The hostess was the youngest of the party, being but 60 years of age.

Frank Mason, an inmate of the Institute for Feeble Minded Youth at Beatrice, escaped from his apartments Sunday morning by jumping through the window, clad only in his night clothes. When captured he was badly overcome with cold from exposure.

Sam Houston, a prosperous young farmer residing west of Decatur, while descending a steep grade, lost control of his team. The wagon was wrecked and the team thrown. Houston was picked up unconscious and so dangerously hurt that his family have fears for his recovery.

From present indications more stock will be fed in the vicinity of Fremont this season than last. John Van Patten, a Wyoming stockman, and R. Newman of that county have purchased a tract of land near the Sanberg sidetrack and will put in an extensive plant for feeding range cattle for the market.

With but little over a month to elapse before he would sail for home after three years' service in the Philippines, Sergeant J. C. Stephens of Omaha, who is a member of the Twenty-eighth infantry, is believed to have been killed in a battle last Friday with the Moros at Maribou, island of Mindanao.

Burglars entered the First National bank at Lyons early Tuesday morning and blew open the safe with nitroglycerine, completely wrecking it. They got away with \$1,500 in gold and silver coin. No clue has been discovered of the burglars, but they are thought to be experts with headquarters in Omaha.

Sunday was an occasion of much interest to Catholics of Tecumseh. In the morning Father McShane addressed a large audience, many being present from surrounding towns, and especially fine music being furnished by the choir. In the afternoon Bishop Bonacum from Lincoln was present and the services of confirmation had, a class of some seventy persons being confirmed.

Bishop Bonacum has filed a brief in the supreme court in answer to the one filed by Father Murphy, whom he excommunicated, but who still holds the church property at Seward. The brief is a voluminous one and contains a history of the church litigation for the last four years. It is asserted that the only question at issue is that of the right of the church to run its own property.

John Anshutz, the farmer who was held up and fatally shot by an unknown person south of Red Cloud last week, died at his home Saturday night. No hopes were entertained for his recovery from the first. No suspicion was held as to who was the guilty person in connection with this affair until the last day or two, when an important event has disclosed what seems to be a clue.

KISSING THE HAND.

The Practice Was Instituted by the Early Roman Rulers.

The practice of kissing the hands was instituted by the early Roman rulers as a mark of subjection as much as one of respect, and under the first Caesar the custom was kept up, but only for a time.

These worthies conceived the idea that the proper homage due to their exalted station called for less familiar modes of obeisance, so the privilege of kissing the emperor's hand was reserved as a special mark of condescension or distinction for officers of high rank.

No such restriction, however, was placed on the emperors themselves, who, if they wished to confer signal honor on any of their subjects, kissed either the mouths or the eyes of those they wished specially to favor, the kiss generally intimating some promotion or personal satisfaction for some achievement.

Roman fathers considered the practice of kissing of so delicate a nature that they never kissed their wives in the presence of their daughters.

Then, too, only the nearest relatives were allowed to kiss their kindred of the gentler sex on the mouth, for in those days, as now, kissing was not a mere arbitrary sign, but it was the spontaneous language of the affection, especially that of love.

Under the Romans if a lover kissed his betrothed before marriage she inherited half of his worldly goods in the event of his death before the marriage ceremony, and if she died her heritage descended to her nearest relatives.

A PANTHER'S DEN.

Clean and Bright, in Decided Contrast to the Popular Idea.

It was my good fortune to discover the newly abandoned lair of a cougar family and further and to me new evidence of that fastidious cleanliness which is a marked characteristic of the animal. This retreat was not at all the typical "panther's den" of tradition, but a bush grown harborage under the edge of a rock wits, just enough of shelf to keep off the rain. I should not have found this breeding place but for a certain well gnawed array of bones scattered over a little smooth bench above a creek channel. From this boneyard there was a very traceable path leading through grass and brush to the retreat where the dam had housed her young. The evidence here told plainly of the cougar's long immunity from annoyance and attack and of a thoroughly cleanly habit of life. There was no bone or other sign of feasting about the lair. The dam and carried her kill to the creek bench in every instance, and the children had been called to the dining room. As bones which would have been crunched or eaten by grown animals had been perfectly cleaned by the kits I was able to judge of their summer's diet. This had consisted mostly of minor game, rabbits, marmots, grouse and the like, with an occasional small deer. At least one whole family of badgers, old and young, had been served, pussy having probably lain for them at their hole until they were all in.—Franklin Welles Colkins in Outing

The Horse is Useful Even if Dead.

The whale can be put to a great number of uses when dead, as can also the horse, the various parts of which are utilized as follows: Hair of mane and tail for haircloth, stuffing mattresses and making bags for crushing seed in oil mills, etc.; hide and skin tanned for covering tables, etc.; tendons used for glue and gelatin; flesh for food for dogs, poultry and man; fat used for lamps, etc.; intestines used for covering sausages, making gut strings, etc.; heart and tongue for food; hoofs for gelatin, prussiate, fancy snuffboxes, etc.; bones for knife handles, phosphorus, superphosphate of lime and manure; blood for manure and shoes for reuse or for old iron.—Spare Moments.

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