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NORTH PLATTE, NEBRASKA, is centrally situated in the triangular figure bounded by lines drawn from Omaha to Cheyenne, thence to Denver, from thence to starting point. It is 231 miles from the first named city, 223 miles from the second, and 290 miles from the third. Having a population of 4,000 people it is the headquarters of both freight and passenger divisions of the U. P. R. Co., and is the home of about 500 railway employes whose monthly pay roll amounts to some \$35,000.00.

Up to the hour of going to press there is no indication that Baker, Scharmann and Sorenson will have any opposition. This is in line with the TRIBUNE's suggestion a week or two ago.

It is said the county commissioners are now talking of adjourning for a few days in order to take a needed rest after having been in session for nearly three months. This long siege of work has had a telling effect on them, and were it not for the fact that they have each been drawing \$3 per day the result would be pitiful.

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THE TRIBUNE believes every man should receive a fair compensation for his labor and does not favor so radical a cut on the salaries of the city officials as advocated by some. It does believe, however, that the business of the city could be transacted in a proper manner if the council met but once a month, and it further believes that a compensation of \$5.00 per meeting for the mayor and \$2.50 for each councilman would not be out of the way.

LEGISLATIVE LAOCIONS. A bill in which many druggists had interested themselves has also been indefinitely postponed, which would if passed have given druggists the right to sell liquors for medicinal, mechanical and like purposes without the license now required.

The Barrett Scott change of venue bill has been continued from time to time in the senate. The message was received and put over for one day as the special order. When the time came it was continued again until last Thursday at 11 a. m. The hour arrived and found the senate deeply engrossed in committee of the whole. Watson arose and murmured something about the hour for the special order having been passed. Nothing further was said and it developed that the republicans have not enough votes to pass the bill over the veto.

The governor announced that he had signed house roll No. 27, providing for fine and imprisonment of persons unlawfully wearing the persons' national button; No. 530, authorizing county commissioners to use the surplus of precinct bond funds for the purpose of procuring seed grain, and senate file No. 15, making it the duty of district courts to appoint a competent number of bailiffs to wait on the grand jury, with an allowance of \$2 a day.

The senate amendments to house roll No. 534, the bill allowing counties to use surplus funds for relief purposes in all except sinking funds to be used within five years, were before the house for concurrence. The amendments strike out the provision allowing the use of sinking funds, and legalize actions of boards already taken in conformity with the law.

Benedict's bill, house roll 348, raising the age of consent in the state of Nebraska from 15 to 18 years, was considered in the committee of the whole this morning and favorably recommended by a majority which insures its passage. The bill was amended in one important particular by Bee's substitute. Originally the measure provided for punishment of the crime with any girl under 18 years of age, imprisonment in the penitentiary for no more than twenty nor less than three years.

Over 1,000 bills were introduced by members of the present legislature and only fifteen have been passed by both houses. Of the fifteen bills presented to Governor Holcomb only nine have been vetoed. Four bills originating in the senate and eight in the house have become laws, while one senate file and two house rolls have not yet received either his approval or disapproval.

In city elections where politics are not recognized, THE TRIBUNE can favor any candidate for mayor who is a good business man and will make a conservative official and who will keep down the running expenses to as low a notch as possible. The debt of the city is not large as compared to many other towns of the same size, yet it is larger than it should be, and should be reduced as rapidly as possible.

There is a new agricultural section in all the broad western country than can be found in the vicinity of the beautiful little town of Wheatland, Wyoming, ninety-six miles north of Cheyenne. Immense crops, never failing supply of water, rich land, and great agricultural resources, significant farms to be had for little money.

WOMAN IS LYNCHED. Brutal Crime of Nebraska Cattle Rustlers. ASSAULTED AND HANGED. Mrs. W. E. Holton Meets an Awful Fate In Keya Paha County. MORE LYONINGS ARE LIKELY.

Several Persons Are Under Suspicion and Will Be Arrested—Their Victim Had Given Evidence Against Them For Stealing—Fought Hard For Life. BUTTE, Neb., March 18.—Mrs. W. E. Holton of Keya Paha county was found dead in her home last night by neighbors. She had been lynched. Her body was lying on the floor with a piece of rope, about 10 feet long, and a hatchet and a hammer beside her.

No warrants have yet been made, but a meeting of the best citizens of the neighborhood was held yesterday, and it was decided prompt measures should be taken, and it is expected that another and possibly several hangings will take place before long.

TRAIN WRECKERS IN IOWA. File of Ties Placed on the Illinois Central Track Near Marcus. LEWIS, March 18.—The Illinois Central fast mail east last night struck a pile of ties placed on the track near Marcus with the evident intent of wrecking the train, which was going at a high speed.

Deceased by Mrs. Chamberlain. WATERLOO, S. D., March 18.—Mrs. S. W. Chamberlain, who lives nine miles southwest of here, denies any knowledge of the blackmailing letters sent to the Fair heirs in San Francisco, demanding \$15,000 for the return of the stolen will.

Four Mexican Miners Killed. NOGALES, Ariz., March 18.—News comes from Minas Prietas, Sonora, Mexico, that an explosion of giant powder had occurred in the Verde mine there, which killed four miners and wounded one fatally.

Presidential Appointments. WASHINGTON, March 18.—The president has today announced the following appointments: Joseph R. Herod of Indiana, to be secretary of the legation of the United States to Japan; Henry A. C. Emery, a citizen of the United States, to be interpreter to the consulate of the United States at Ningpo, China; George F. Smithers, a citizen of the United States, to be interpreter to the consulate of the United States at Osaka and Hiogo, Japan.

WAT GO TO BOYD COUNTY. Barrett Scott Case May Not Be Tried In Holt County. BUTTE, Neb., March 18.—Attorney General Churchill in an interview with W. F. Wills, county attorney, who has just returned from Lincoln, states, that in case the legislature had succeeded in passing the "Barrett Scott bill," he would not ask for a change of venue.

TRAGEDY AT DES MOINES. Carpenter Cuts His Wife's and His Own Throat. DES MOINES, March 18.—A carpenter named E. T. Clark attempted to kill his wife and himself at their home at First and School streets. While the woman and her 10-year-old son were at supper the man, who is her second husband, came in and said he had come to bid her goodby for the last time.

Several Under Suspicion. Several persons are under suspicion, and these parties will be taken and compelled to confess. The body of Mrs. Holton was interred at Oakdale cemetery at Doty, this county, yesterday.

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General Von Werder Recalled. BERLIN, March 18.—General von Werder, German ambassador to Russia, has been recalled. It is reported that he will be succeeded by Count Herbert Bismarck. General von Werder, according to a dispatch from Berlin on Jan. 2, was reported to have been absent from the Berlin arsenal on Jan. 1, when, as usual on New Year's day, they were addressed by Emperor William, and it was stated that the general had tendered his resignation to the emperor.

AMERICAN SHIP SUNK. Unconfirmed Report of Another Out-rage by a Spanish Warship. STARTLING NEWS FROM CUBA. Rumor That the Cruiser Arcedo Fired Into and Sent to the Bottom a Small Schooner—Crew of Sixteen Said to Have Perished.

New York, March 18.—A special from Tampa, Fla., says: The latest report is that the Spanish warship Arcedo fired into and sank an American steamer off Puerto del Padre. It is reported that a crew numbering 16 persons perished with it. It is not known whether the schooner had across or carried an expedition for Cuba.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—The state department has had no information from official sources touching the report that the Spanish cruiser Arcedo fired on and sank a small American schooner off the Cuban coast, and the report finds little credence here. The naval register shows that the Arcedo is a small schooner-rigged iron gunboat built in Spain in 1883, and of about 9 knots speed.

ITALIAN INCIDENT CLOSED. Appears to Have Strengthened the Friendly Relations Between the Countries. WASHINGTON, March 18.—The Italian incident of three international conventions, is practically closed so far as it involves the relations of the United States and Italy, and instead of leaving bitterness and ill feeling the affair appears to have resulted in further strengthening the friendly relations between the countries.

Received No Answer. WASHINGTON, March 18.—Secretary Gresham was closeted all morning with state department officials and other persons concerning diplomatic happenings since his illness. In answer to inquiries on the Alliance affair, Mr. Landis, his private secretary, said that Secretary Gresham authorized a formal denial to be made of reports that he had received from Minister Taylor any answer to the secretary's notes demanding an explanation or apology from Spain.

San Diego, March 18.—The steamer Wahlberg, alleged to have been engaged in carrying arms to the royalists in the Hawaiian islands, was again released by the customs officials at midnight, and sailed within one hour and a half on a guano expedition, for which clearance papers were taken out some days ago.

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