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Now it is stated that the Sugar trust, which was so omnipotent in the passage of the Wilson bill confidently expects its product to reach six cents a pound before preserving season the coming summer. Great is democratic tariff reform.

The ability of "On Dit" as the North Platte correspondent of the Wallace Herald lies in his great skill in the use of the figure of hyperbole. His denial of the paternity of his production is as weak as the remainder of his epistle to the unwashed of Wallace.

It is hoped that those who are not acquainted with the variety of wheels in Colonel Hill's head will judge by his belabored article that all republicans in Lincoln county are candidates for office. The Colonel's imagination knows no bounds and occasionally gets the better of his judgment.

ACCORDING to the new constitution which has been submitted to the people of Utah, eight citizens will constitute a trial jury, three-fourths of whom will establish the verdict. This is breaking away from precedent in a manner commensurate with a republican form of government, and could be profitably adopted by all the older states.

MICHIGAN has passed an anti treating law and the Chicago Inter Ocean chronicles the fact as an advanced piece of temperance legislation. Here in Nebraska it has been upon the statute books for years, and is wholly unrecognized. If it proves as inoperative among the Michiganders as it does with the Treeprenters it had better have been left unenacted.

THE remains of Mrs. Ida R. Notson, the woman who attempted to cut something of a figure in state politics a year ago, a la Mrs. Lease, were found last Thursday afternoon in the muddy waters of the murky Missouri. Circumstances pointed the fact that she had murdered her two small children by attaching them to her body with ropes and a strap, and then deliberately jumped into the river. Undoubtedly it was an insane action prompted by the same desire of notoriety which inspired Guiteau.

THE spoilsmen in the ranks of the free silver democrats and the populists in Nebraska are advocating in the party organ in Omaha a union of the two organizations. What the offspring would be is hard to determine. In any event the voting strength of the two would not be increased, for to a man the free silver demmie last fall voted for your Uncle Silas and the rest of the ticket; and the only thing that pulled the head through (although it appears to have destroyed the mother, i. e. the pop party) was the fact that his opponent had a vulnerable record.

Now it is reported that Senator Akers of Scotts Bluff county will refuse to accept the assistant secretaryship of the State Board of Irrigation. It is to be hoped the report is well founded. It is the proper thing for Senator Akers to do. His example should also be followed by every other member of the legislature who has been tendered appointments or are already filling appointments in the gift of state executive officers. The framers of our constitution did not contemplate that members of the legislature should fill state appointments during the terms for which they are elected.—Bee.

From your uncle Silas' old home in the kingdom of high Custer according to the Bow Republican comes the following wail: "If Gov. Holcomb's ears did not burn last Saturday night during the session of the Broken Bow pop club meeting, it was not for lack of personal attacks made upon him, by leading members of his own party. The question for consideration was, 'To the victor belongs the spoils.' Not a few of the Custer county pops are disappointed because either they or some of their friends, for whom they have been working, and have not secured a position through the governor with a handsome salary. The advocates of the negative of the question, except Mrs. Shroat, failed to put in an appearance, and a motion was taken to defer the discussion of the subject, but the audience voted in favor of proceeding with the discussion. Being forced as it were into it, the speakers made a personal matter of it, and turned their batteries to a personal attack on Governor Holcomb, for appointing democrats and a republican to positions under his control."

ACCORDING to the Lincoln Journal our own and only "Cap" Akers is very wroth that he was not appointed state irrigation secretary, and intimated that he would not play second fiddle by accepting the position of assistant. It is dimes to doughnuts that he will re-enact the role of the old maid, who in response to the supposed interrogatory—"anyone, good Lord!" However, it is not that he may be allowed to remain in the same state of heat, as it is very probable that he could be knocked out of the place by quo warrant proceedings, on account of his having been a member of the legislature which passed the bill creating the position. It is in direct violation of the constitution.

A FUNNY feature of the deals made last week on the Chicago Board of Trade—to which in a measure is attributed the raise in the price of wheat—was the novel spectacle of a great many actual farmers present actively engaged in "bulling" the market by buying everything in sight. A couple of them at the close of business on Tuesday stood together and figured up their day's profits at \$540. This beats irrigation all hollow, yet it is not the first time in the history of the Chicago Board of Trade when the lambs have come in fresh from bucolic fields, and after being allowed to accumulate a good crop of wool for a few days, have quietly wended their way homeward shorn.

THE Omaha Bee serves notice upon the hysterical individuals in Douglas county that are afflicted with Rosewaterphobia (a malady similar to the rabies) that a year hence it will not wink at the nomination of republican incompetents for the legislature, or those who do not have the good of the city and state at heart. It gives as its reason for silence last fall as due to the fact that a United States senator was to be elected in Nebraska and it would not risk the chances of sending another Allen to the national legislature. Next year there is no such an issue, and the admonition is certainly timely.

EIGHTY per cent of Nebraska's army of hungry and howling pops were recruited from the ranks of the republican party. The democratic contingent is small, but the governor is a part of it, and his appointments show that his heart still pulsates for the crowd that was last to let go of the doctrine of state sovereignty and the dogma of the divine right of white men to crack the whip of slavery over the backs of Ham's unhappy progeny. Of the men who have found favor in his sight, those who are and were democrats outnumber the republicans more than two to one, and here are the names: Edmisten, Maret, Abbott, Hall, Leidigh, Dahlman, Saunders, Mackay and several counties to hear from. Against this array of mossbackism Powers, Wilson and Mart Howe are in the hopeless minority. Where is Bill Dech, the great-grandfather of industrial reform in Nebraska? Where are Blake, Mayberry, Dundas, Anderson, Miller, Joe Edger-ton, Marsh Elder, Sheridan, Shradler, Porter of Merrick, and a dozen other ex-republicans who have howled calamity till the chickens went to roost? They have been fed to the buzzards in job lots and Senator Allen is "particeps criminis" to the diabolical transaction. Last fall it was the pleasure of W. J. Bryan to feed the democratic party to the pops, and now Silas Houcomb has gone and fed the pops to democracy and hell is out for noon. It has turned out just as predicted. The populist party is a democratic sideshow, a ticket to which admits you to a reserved seat in the grand pavilion, and the circus begins immediately after the lecture. Buy your tickets of the gentlemanly hobo on the wagon and walk right in. The sideshow, dear people, has besides that spotted cow named "Spec," a boar black pig that is the pride of two continents, and a sawed-off joss from the bowels of Bohemia that can talk whenever it is wound up. Buy your tickets, good friends, while there is standing room on the ground floor. More might be written on this theme, but facts speak louder than words. We see in all this the beginning of the end of populism in Nebraska. The ship leaks and there is no one to man the pumps.—Bee.

Sheriff McKinley and Attorney Morrison were at North Platte the first of this week looking for parties who were moving away from this county. The parties were spotted as to their whereabouts and presumably went west on the north side of the Platte river instead of crossing at North Platte. The boys returned home Tuesday and have had to take some good natured "chaffing" since..... Fred Rishor, who was arrested by the sheriff of Lincoln county last week on the charge of horse stealing, has been discharged, "the facts not justifying the bringing of an action." The claim was made at North Platte that the lad was not composed mental, but he is not such a fool that he don't know a good horse when he sees it, as shown by his action in picking a good one when he took one belonging to Nick Karn.—Gandy Pioneer.

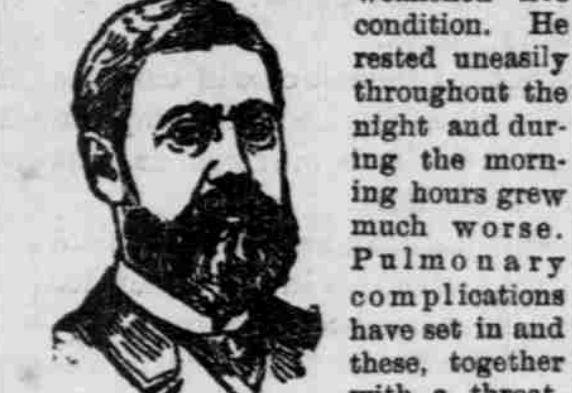
AT POINT OF DEATH.

Unfavorable Change in the Condition of Secretary Gresham.

HAS ANOTHER BAD ATTACK.

Gail Hamilton's Condition is Reported About the Same—General Pleasanton and Representative Hitt Are Barely Holding Their Own.

WASHINGTON, May 27.—Secretary Gresham had another relapse at 6 a. m. and is now in a critical condition. The pleuritic fluid has now gathered about the lungs and has materially weakened his condition. He rested uneasily throughout the night and during the morning hours grew much worse. Palmonary complications have set in and these, together with a threat-



SECRETARY GRESHAM, ended extension of the gathering of the pleuritic fluid as to involve both lungs, have seriously aggravated the serious nature of the illness. Mr. Gresham is suffering much bodily pain and has become greatly weakened, a phase of the case aggravated to some extent by loss of sleep. No improvement is looked for within the next 48 hours.

Miss Dodge's condition remains about the same. General Pleasanton is no better than he was last week, and Representative Hitt is barely holding his own.

Postal Thief Caught. St. Joseph, May 27.—Samuel F. Holiday, one of the trusted letter clerks in the St. Joseph postoffice, was arrested by Inspector George Sutton and charged with robbing the mails. When taken before Postmaster Atkinson he confessed. Holiday's plan was to steal promising-looking letters from the grand island mail, take out a part of the money whenever he found any and then mail the letters. He confessed that he had been stealing since January and had taken a large amount. The postoffice department has had men at work on the case for four months and spent \$3,000 running Holiday down. Holiday stole to support an extravagant wife.

Extra Session in Tennessee. NASHVILLE, May 27.—The legislature has met in extra session to consider the legislation submitted by the governor, being the appropriation and revenue bills, which were not reached during the regular session; the building of a new state prison and providing for the care of the state's convicts after this year, the lease system expiring Jan. 1, 1896; the amendment of the registration laws relating to elections; providing by law for the examination of banks chartered by the state, and to consider the necessity of a levee system in certain counties in west Tennessee. The session is limited to 30 days.

Chief Ferryman Seized by a Mob. RAO FORD, I. T., May 27.—News received from Okmulgee states that Principal Chief L. C. Perryman and Sam Grayson, treasurer, were seized by a mob in a room in their hotel at Okmulgee and carried by force to the council house and held to account for some money which they were accused of paying out without authority. It is feared that much trouble will arise, as it is reported that armed men from various parts of the country are gathering at the capital.

Make War on Chinch Bugs. FORT SCOTT, Kan., May 27.—As a relief from chinch bugs, which are greatly damaging the crops in southeast Kansas, a chinch bug station was established here by the state university under charge of Professor Robert Bright. Chancellor Snow's method of inoculation and infecting the bugs will be adopted, and it is hoped to save the corn and some of the oats. The wheat will be almost a total failure.

Chase Refuses to be Ousted. TOPEKA, May 27.—S. W. Chase, who is snipe which as warden of the Kansas penitentiary by Governor Morrill pending investigation, continues to perform the functions of that office. He was here on his return from Oklahoma, where he collected \$2,300 due the state. This money, he says, will be used to pay his salary. He declares he will hold the wardenship in spite of an order from the governor to vacate.

Confederates Furnish the Flowers. NEW ORLEANS, May 27.—The Union veterans celebrated Decoration day on an excursion to Chalmet where the graves of the Union soldiers were decorated. All the Confederate societies contributed flowers. Rev. A. G. Baskwell, the Confederate chaplain, offered prayer and Congressman-elect Charles F. Buck made the address. All the Confederate societies were represented.

Favor a State Convention. TOPEKA, May 27.—A number of county conventions have been held in Kansas by the advocates of free silver. In Bourbon county resolutions were adopted favoring the calling of a state convention to be held in Topeka in July or August to discuss the advisability of perfecting the organization of an independent silver party in this state.

Breaks His Leg Taking Off His Boot. CINCINNATI, May 27.—Preston Talbot of Valley View, Ky., aged 85 years, was killed in a peculiar manner. While removing his boots he broke his leg between the hip and knee. He died of his injury.

Wage Scale Out of the Way. CLEVELAND, May 27.—The wage scale has finally been disposed of by the Amalgamated association convention.

WHEATLAND, WYO. There is no finer agricultural section in all this 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. Magnificent farms to be had for little money. Reached via the Union Pacific System. E. L. LOMAX, Gen'l Pass. and Ticket Agent. Ogden, Neb.

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NEBRASKA CROP RETURNS.

Many Counties Need Rain, but There is No Drouth. OMAHA, May 27.—Specials to The Bee from every county in the state indicate that the condition of small grain is greatly below the average, though copious rains within the last two days have materially improved the prospect. Winter wheat, of which the acreage is not large, has been the worst sufferer. Corn is up and generally reported a good stand, though its growth has been retarded by cold weather, but not sufficiently to cause any uneasiness. The north part of the state shows a much more favorable condition. Frosts have done very little damage except to garden truck.

Passed Counterfeit Money at Lincoln. LINCOLN, May 27.—E. D. White, Lee Byers, J. D. Taylor, H. C. Hicks and J. D. Frazier were arrested for passing counterfeit money. They started in to flood the town with bad half dollars and quarters and succeeded in getting rid of about \$30 to saloons and popcorn stands. Frazier has turned state's evidence and given away the scheme. Three of the parties are ex-convicts.

No Action on Captain Beck's Request. WASHINGTON, May 27.—So far as can be ascertained no action has yet been taken by the war department on the request of the secretary of the interior that troops be sent to the scene of the threatened trouble over the Winnebago and Omaha Indian lands in Nebraska growing out of the settlement on those lands by Flourmeyer Real Estate and Live Stock company and others.

Death of an Old Settler. ST. PAUL, Neb., May 27.—James McCracken, one of the first settlers of Howard county, died here, 78 years of age. Mr. McCracken came from Canada in 1873 and located in Howard county, where he for many years had one of the finest residences in the county. He was also the first postmaster at Warsaw.

Norfolk Gets the College. NORFOLK, Neb., May 27.—At a special meeting of the board of trustees of Gates college at Neligh voted to accept the proposition of the Queen City investment company to relocate their college at this city, and \$40,000 will be expended on the buildings.

Nebraska Postal Change. WASHINGTON, May 27.—The postoffice at Barron, Fillmore county, Neb., has been re-established, with William Walter as postmaster. The name of the postoffice at Phelps, Phelps county, Neb., has been changed to Denman.

Senator Allen Discusses Silver. HUMPHREY, Neb., May 27.—Senator Allen addressed the citizens of Platte county here. The only issue touched was the silver question.

POSTAL CLERKS ELECT OFFICERS. Cedar Rapids Chosen For the Next Place of Meeting. DUBUQUE, May 27.—The postal clerks of the Sixth division held their annual convention here, Iowa, Illinois, Nebraska, Wyoming and Kansas were represented. A bill for the classification of the postal service was indorsed and Cedar Rapids chosen for the next place of meeting. At a banquet Senator Allison and Congressman Henderson were among the speakers. The new officers are: President, M. A. Fisher, Omaha; vice president, J. B. Joyce, Cedar Rapids; secretary and treasurer, J. C. Wallace, Burlington.

Races For Sioux City. SIOUX CITY, May 27.—The management of the new Tristate Fair association has decided to hold a fair from Sept. 23 to Oct. 5. It has also practically decided to hold a meeting the last week in June on the fair grounds of only running races.

Suit to Recover Fire Losses. DUBUQUE, May 27.—The Knapp-Stout company in the Delaware county court sued the Chicago Great Western Railway company to recover \$210,000 lost in the lumber yard fire last June. The insurance companies are the real plaintiffs in interest.

Receives Conscience Money. DUBUQUE, May 27.—John T. Hancock & Sons received the following anonymous letter inclosing \$300: "Here is \$300 belonging to John T. Hancock & Sons. Never mind who it is from. I stole the goods and this is your pay."

Two Bad Men Captured. DES MOINES, May 27.—Two tramps, who have been identified as the men who shot ex-Marshall Hickman and Constable Hoyland at Chariton, nearly killing the latter, were arrested at Ranelis.

Discredit Marti's Reported Death. TAMPA, Fla., May 27.—The Cuban steamer brings news discrediting Marti's reported death. Passengers assert that his death is not believed in Havana by either Cubans or Spanish.

Charles Armour Improving. NEW YORK, May 27.—Charles W. Armour, nephew of P. D. Armour of Chicago, who is lying seriously ill at the Windsor hotel, is said to be improving.

Rev. Parker Advocates War. LONDON, May 27.—Rev. Joseph Parker, D.D., in a sermon at the temple, advocated a war for the redress of Armenian wrongs, if necessary.

G. A. E. Address From McKinley. COLUMBUS, O., May 27.—Governor McKinley will address members of the Grand Army of the Republic Aug. 24 at Chautauque.

Germany Says No. BERLIN, May 27.—Germany has refused to co-operate with Russia in forcing Japan to withdraw her troops from Korean territory.

Death of a Prominent Divine. BELFAST, May 27.—Professor Chamberlain, for 30 years chairman of theology of the Reformed Presbyterian synod, is dead.

John A. Morris Dies in Texas. HOUSTON, May 27.—John A. Morris, the New York horseman, died at Kerrville, Tex., of apoplexy.

STOCKMEN'S WAR IS ON

Collision Between Sheepmen and Cattlemen in Colorado.

ENCOUNTER NEAR WOLOTT.

Four Men Badly Slashed, Two of Whom May Die—More Trouble in Routt County Expected—Details of the Affair Are Meager.

RED CLIFF, Colo., May 27.—The first open rupture in the much talked of sheep and cattlemen's war in Routt county has occurred, and four men are badly wounded, two of whom may die of their injuries. The news was brought by a messenger, who came for medical assistance. The messenger could give but few details of the affair. The following are the casualties resulting from it: WILLIAM MATNA, received on forehead a long gash made with a cut, and was out in the ride with a knife.

JOHN WINSLOW, received a cut back of the left ear ranging downward; also one across the neck nearly severing the artery windpipe.

TOM DIVE, cut on back of the neck and badly lacerated over the eyes. JOHN WINSLOW, cut several times in the back with a heavy knife. The scene of the encounter was at a point 20 miles above Wolcott, on the Sheepherders' Wolcott station on the Denver and Rio Grande railway, and is the starting point for stages running to Steamboat Springs, 80 miles north. For several days a collision between sheepmen and cattlemen has not been unexpected. The bitterness between the two factions has been growing, and the feeling is so intense that fighting is expected at many points.

The trouble between the sheepmen and cattlemen is the same that caused so much trouble in western Colorado last year. The sheepmen, principally from Wyoming and Montana, insist on driving their herds through Routt county as far south as Wolcott, where they expect to ship the sheep by rail to eastern markets. The cattlemen oppose this drive, saying it is only a ruse to get the sheep into Routt county for grazing purposes. Last week the cattlemen, 350 in number, met at Steamboat Springs and unanimously resolved to keep the sheepmen out, if necessary, by force.

CATTLE THIEVES IN THE TOOLS. Operations of a Daring and Murderous Gang Brought to a Stop.

ST. LOUIS, May 27.—The thrilling story of the operations of a daring and murderous gang of cattle thieves, infesting Maries county, came to light as the Four Courts by the lodging in jail for the night of Louis Daniels, aged 30 years. He was brought to the city by Sheriff Doyle.

Daniels' home is in Spring Creek, Maries county, and he is the son of a good family. He was arrested in Shipman on a charge of being a member of the thieving gang, which terrorized Maries county for months. Cattle was his chief plunder. The gang, according to the information the authorities of that place have, was composed of 19 men. Some of the best citizens of Maries county were involved. At night the gang sallied forth from the meeting place to "roundup" all cattle found loose. They were driven to a secluded spot, where a slaughter house had been erected. The beef was quartered up and got into a condition to be shipped to St. Louis and other large cities to be sold.

The disappearance of hundreds of cattle finally aroused the farmers, and they organized to hunt down the thieves. One morning a well known citizen of Maries county disappeared mysteriously. A search for him resulted in the finding of his body, and the condition he was in revealed that he had met with foul play. The investigation that followed led to the finding of the slaughter house in the hills, not far from where the body of the murdered man had been found. Further investigation led to the arrest of a justice of the peace of Maries county and five other men equally as prominent. Daniels is said to be the seventh member of the gang arrested.

Situation at Pochontas. POCAHONTAS, Va., May 27.—The Southwest company claims that their force today is larger than before the strike. Eighty-two men were shipped to Crookers. The miners at that point are excited, and bent upon using all means in their power to prevent mining. McDowell county officials are watching the situation, and they say they will protect both miners and operators in their legal rights. Few miners left here this morning to attend the barbecue at Kimball.

Wrecked on Point Sur. MONTEREY, May 27.—The sloop Cyclone, which left San Francisco a short time ago bound on a voyage to Japan and eventually around the globe, was wrecked at Crookers. Accounts are meager concerning the loss of the old little craft, but it is reported that she drifted ashore in a dense fog that prevailed and went to pieces. She had aboard the captain, his wife, a cabin boy and three sailors who are supposed to have reached the Point Sur light-house in safety.

Fatal Result of a Saloon Argument. ROCHESTER, May 27.—Egbert Chatfield, in a saloon argument, made the announcement that he was a member of the A. P. A. Dominick Kearns, a bystander, said: "I am glad there is one man willing to acknowledge it." Upon this Chatfield drew a revolver and shot Kearns dead. He was locked up.

Moran Carroll a Defaulter. IOWA CITY, May 27.—One of the most prominent business men of this city, Moran Carroll, is now definitely known to be an absconder and defaulter to the extent of several thousand dollars of trust funds.