

Town and County News.

—Supt. Langtree, of the U. P. bridge department is in town today.

—The Methodist ladies are holding a social at the Crusen residence this afternoon.

—Wm. Edis returned last night from South Omaha, where he marketed a car or two of hogs.

—All members of the Knights of Pythias are requested to attend installation services at the hall this evening.

—There is not at present a prisoner in the county jail, a condition that has not existed for a number of months.

—Frank Brooks is down from Hershey to-day interviewing our citizens. The Colonel is still firm in the belief that Hershey will be the site of a beet sugar factory in due course of time.

—The Lincoln county teachers' association will meet in North Platte on Saturday, January 23d. A splendid programme which is in course of preparation, will be published next week.

—The state editors will assemble at Grand Island on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of next week and a very pleasant gathering is anticipated. North Platte will probably be represented at this meeting.

—Ed Loveland was caught in the snow blockade at Grand Island while enroute to Omaha with two cars of cattle. Not knowing how long the storm would last, Ed disposed of the stock to a Grand Island party.

—Spectators at the Red Men's mask ball on the evening of the 22d will be furnished plenty of amusement. Prior to the grand march a tarce entitled "The Three Chiefs" will be given on the stage by the Pahaska dramatic company. This of itself will be worth the price of a spectator's ticket.

—E. W. Crane, of this city, has been rewarded by being appointed "time-keeper" in the lower house at Lincoln. We are not advised as to just what the duties of time-keeper are, but it is a position which requires much labor we are inclined to believe Mr. Crane will not fill it satisfactorily.

—Dick Kellner's spirits rise and fall with the thermometer these days. When a cold snap visits us and gives evidence of freezing ice, Dick looks happy and whistles. Then follows a day of warm weather when the prospects for an ice crop disappear and Richard wraps himself in his buffalo overcoat and refuses to be comforted.

—The Episcopal convocation of the jurisdiction of the Platte will be held at Hastings on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of next week. Among the North Platte people who expect to attend are Rev. Beecher, Miss Annie Kramph, Mrs. M. H. Douglas, Mrs. C. E. Norton, F. E. Bullard and B. C. Clinton.

—A German, about 35 years of age, and somewhat demented came into town, from North Platte, Saturday with his feet badly frozen. J. C. Hollingsworth took him in and cared for him until Monday when he raised money enough, among citizens of the village to send him to Paxton on the train. He is a resident of Perkins county.—Hershey Review.

—The weather forecast: Fair to-night and Saturday. Colder by Saturday afternoon. Southwest to west winds. The maximum temperature yesterday at North Platte was 53 degrees; minimum in past 24 hours 26 degrees. Precipitation none. For the same period and time one year ago the maximum temperature was 52 degrees; minimum 27 degrees; at 7 a. m. 30 degrees. Precipitation none.

—Messrs. Bloom, Clapp and O'Rourke, officers of the Gaslin irrigation ditch, were in the city yesterday for the purpose of making arrangements to place \$60,000 worth of irrigation district bonds on the market. The district a year or so ago voted \$85,000 in bonds, but the officers believe that the sum to be derived from the sale of \$60,000 will be sufficient to complete the ditch and pay all indebtedness contracted. This ditch is thirty-three miles long, and the excavation work, with the exception of about three miles at the head, is practically completed. The bonds will be sold for the purpose of purchasing lumber for the flumes, bridges and headgates, completing the unfinished excavation and paying the indebtedness. This ditch passes through one of the most fertile sections of Nebraska and its productivity is only handicapped by the lack of sufficient rainfall. With this ditch completed, the farmers along its route bid fair to be among the most prosperous in the west.

—E. J. Newton formerly of this city has removed from Santa Fe to Las Cerrillos, N. M.

—The firm of Ripley & Pass market gardeners, has been dissolved by mutual consent.

—The annual meeting of the active members of the Y. M. C. A. will be held at the rooms to-morrow evening.

—The ladies of the Methodist aid society held a dime-social yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. E. S. Davis.

—Elsewhere in these columns will be found the statement of the Mutual building and loan association on Dec. 31st, 1896.

—Master Louis Schmalzried has been very sick for several days past with inflammation of the bowels, and to-day his condition is reported no better.

—Joseph Stamp, a farmer living in Sellers precinct, was thrown from a wagon Wednesday and sustained a fracture of the hip. Dr. Eves was summoned and reduced the fracture.

—The attendance at the annual meeting of the irrigation fair association last Tuesday afternoon was not sufficient to constitute a quorum and the meeting adjourned until 9th day of next month.

—Commencing to-day the local Union Pacific shops will run forty hours per week instead of thirty-two, an order to such effect having been received yesterday by general foreman Barnum. This increased time will be appreciated by employees.

—Among the petit jurors drawn for the January term of the federal court at Lincoln is Wiley Matthews of this county. Mr. Matthews is at present visiting friends in Illinois and does not expect to return before spring.

—Elder Rader, of the Christian church, went east Friday morning on special business and will not be back to have preaching services Sunday morning, Jan. 10th., but there will be Sunday school and social meeting in the morning and preaching services in the evening at the usual hour, half past seven.

—Mrs. Gerkin, of the Third ward, gave an oyster supper last night in honor of retiring commissioner Hill, to which a number of local populists were invited. For several years past Mr. Hill has boarded at the Gerkin residence during his stay in town.

—Rev. M. R. Fisher handed in his resignation as pastor of the Baptist church on Wednesday to take effect at once. Rev. Fisher assigned a reason for resigning but this could not be obtained from the clerk of the church, who did not think it best to have it given publicity at this time.

—Cecil L. Gates, one of the general secretaries of the Y. M. C. A., is expected here the early part of the week, and will assist Secretary Hollingsworth in securing subscriptions to the association for the coming year. There is also an association movement on foot which Mr. Gates will give some attention, the nature of which is not ready to be given to the public.

—A distinguished party of Union Pacific officials passed through the city last evening on a special train made up of three private cars and a well stocked baggage car. The party was en route to Salt Lake to attend the foreclosure sale of the Oregon Short Line, which occurs to-morrow. The officials on the train were President S. H. H. Clark, Oliver W. Mink, E. Ellery Anderson, John W. Doane and Frederic R. Couderc, receivers; General Manager Dickinson, General Solicitor Kelly, General Superintendent Nichols, Master Mechanic McConnell, General Passenger Agent Lomax, Freight Traffic Manager Monroe, Superintendent Markel of the hotel department and Master-in-Chancery Cornish. These were accompanied by a small army of private secretaries, chief clerks, stenographers and porters.

HAS TAKEN THE FIELD.
Hon. I. A. Fort, one of the lecturers of the national irrigation association, and the well known father of the irrigation movement in Nebraska was aboard No. 2 Wednesday enroute to Lincoln. Mr. Fort informs the Hub that he is now ready to take the field in the interest of co-operative industries and hopes to do much in this line by speaking at farmers institutes in Nebraska this winter. He says he finds much encouragement in this idea and cites that several Nebraska bankers who have coincided in his some what advanced views. "I do not find much knowledge of the co-operative industries among populists," said Mr. Fort. "They do nothing but declaim. My encouragement has come from men high in other political parties." Mr. Fort made this assertion with the air of a sadly disappointed man. He is one of the populist patriarchs in the county of Lincoln.—Kearney Hub.

Special Sale of Furniture

FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY.

Prices away down. Now is the time to buy cheap for Cash. Call and be convinced.

Upholstering and Repairing.
Bring in Your Pictures and have them framed this month and save money.

ODD FELLOWS BLOCK. **E. B. WARNER.**

Rennie's Slaughter Sale!

PREVIOUS TO INVENTORY GOODS AT YOUR OWN PRICE.

We have culled out all the remnants and offer them at less than one half the actual cost in fine all wool Dress Goods. We will also sell for ten days 75 and 80 cent dress goods, all wool and 40 inches wide at 35 cents, and all other goods at the same great reduction.

Just opened, one thousand dollars' worth of Fine Shoes in the latest styles. We ask you to inspect these shoes.

RENNIE,

The Leader in Fine Goods and Low Prices.

—Red Men's Masquerade Ball Jan. 22d, 1897.

—Katie Emmett at Lloyd's on the evening of the 21st.

—Philip Picard has been off duty this week by reason of an attack of grip.

—The term of A. E. Hill as county commissioner expired yesterday and E. L. Garrison took the oath of office as a member of the board.

—Louis C. Leasi, of South Dakota, obtained from Judge Ray Wednesday legal permission to wed Miss Annie Crandall of Wellfleet.

—Mrs. G. A. Huffman is now ready to receive customers at her new location in the Meyer block. She has a very neat and attractive looking store.

—Link Woodmansee, of Cheyenne, was in town yesterday, having come down to take charge of the special train bearing the receivers of the Union Pacific.

—The board of education will hold an adjourned meeting this evening and transact the business which should have received attention last Monday evening.

—Oranges now constitute a fair proportion of the freight traffic from the west over the Union Pacific. This class of business will increase as the season advances.

—So far only 133 cars of ice have been stored by the Union Pacific company at this point. The harvest at Gothenburg was stopped at noon yesterday on account of the warm weather.

—Chas. Simpson, who came up from Cottonwood precinct Wednesday evening, reports that Ed Hart, of that precinct, had been rather seriously injured by having a horse fall upon him.

—The officers of the wheel club have not abandoned the idea of giving an entertainment for the benefit of the club, but as yet they have not decided as to the nature of the entertainment.

—Several families in town are using corn for fuel and pronounce it much cheaper than soft coal. Besides it creates less dirt and does away with the obnoxious gas which coal creates.

—Fifty or more men have been waiting for the ice harvest to begin so as to get employment, but unfortunately the periods of low temperature are too brief to freeze ice the requisite thickness.

—The number of train crews on the Third district has reached low ebb, but if the company secures the business it expects the latter part of the month an additional crew or two will probably be put on.

—The installation of the officers of the Modern Woodmen Wednesday evening was largely attended. Following these services the Royal Neighbors served a nice lunch, and a very pleasant social time resulted.

—In a letter to a North Platte friend Hon. Lucien Stebbins says he spent several precious days attempting to see Governor Holcomb, but the governor seemed to be bent on avoiding him. Mr. Stebbins says that he has no trouble in finding and talking with John E. Evans, and that the latter was about the only man in Lincoln who did not seem inclined to give him the cold shoulder.

—The officers of Walla Lodge were installed last evening by the deputy grand master of the state who came up from Lexington. The officers of Colfax Encampment were also installed last evening.

—Jule Walters and his company presented "Side Tracked" to a large audience Tuesday evening, and the performance gave excellent satisfaction. The play though laughable throughout has a well defined plot. Especially enjoyable was the specialty work by several members of the company.

—The yearly consumption of sugar per capita in the United States is sixty pounds. If this is true Lincoln county consumes over 700,000 pounds each year. A beet sugar factory of sufficient size to even supply this and surrounding counties would be a good thing for North Platte and the farmers of the county.

—Inspector General Chapman, of the Sons of Veterans, inspected the local camp Tuesday evening, and complimented the members upon their efficiency, notwithstanding the camp has been organized but a short time. After inspection Mr. Chapman addressed the members upon the subject of patriotism in which he used Abraham Lincoln as an example of patriotic citizenship. The visit of the inspector general was much enjoyed by the members of the camp.

—Wanted—Competent girl to do general housework. Enquire at residence. C. F. IDINGS.

—The government crop report for November gives the total corn crop at 2,211,000,000 bushels, an increase of 60,000,000 bushels over last year, but this increase ought to be more than offset by the increase demand resulting from the foreign wheat failures. The greatest factor in keeping down the price of corn, is the scarcity of live stock for feeding purposes, a condition from which there is no escape. The next best thing, however, is to give the stock on hand the best possible care, and all the feed they will take with profit—a good policy in other years as well as this.—Farm News.

—Smoke Wright's Royal Sports and Havana Rose 5-cent cigar.

—After eight years of litigation the New York court of appeals has decided that a street car conductor cannot be required to change a \$5 bill, and that a \$2 bill is the limit. The decision is based upon the reasonable theory that to compel the conductor to change large bills would oblige him to carry a large amount of money and virtually to engage in the business of banking which would distract his attention from a proper oversight of his cars and passengers.

—A wholesale sign of improving human nature appears in the record of embezzlements for the past year. The total amount involved in this class of crime was \$9,465,921, while in 1895 was \$10,423,205, and the year before that \$25,234,122. This marked decrease has taken place in spite of the fact that the business depression in the time has shown practically no abatement. It may be that part of the laws for the punishment of defaulters and holders of trust funds who embezzle have been growing more stringent every year. Certainly no effort should be lacking to make these laws as nearly perfect as possible.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Fred Hartman went to Cheyenne as brakeman on No. 3 last night.

Mrs. J. E. Evans returned Tuesday night from her visit in Lincoln.

Arthur Hammond has returned from his visit in Mylander precinct.

Jack MacColl shook hands with his North Platte friends Wednesday.

Mrs. Saml. Adams and children returned yesterday from Cripple Creek.

Rev. McCarthy returned last evening from a brief visit in Omaha.

Rev. Evans, Baptist minister stationed at Paxton, is in town today.

Miss Ida Johnston left yesterday for a visit with her parents near Maxwell.

L. C. Reneau, clerk of McPhereson county, transacted business in town yesterday.

Miss Josie Day has returned home from a visit with friends in the east part of the state.

Miss Maud Hinman returned Wednesday to Omaha to resume her studies in a school.

Misses Nellie and Laura Donahue and brother will return to Cleveland, Ohio, to-morrow.

Sheriff Miller has been in Lincoln for several days attending the conference of the free silverites.

John Murray, of Cottonwood, transacted business in town yesterday and made this office a call.

Dr. Bedell, after a series of unavoidable delays, announces that he will return from Denver to-morrow.

Mrs. M. E. Watts and daughter Miss Mayme returned the early part of the week from a protracted visit in the east.

Alex. Stewart has been in Sidney this week attending to the duties of round-house foreman during the absence of Charles Peterson.

Geo. Richardson, who has been located on his farm near Kearney for some time past, arrived in town last night and will visit friends for a few days.

Dr. Howard Paul returned Wednesday night from his visit in the east part of the state, and expects to become a permanent resident of the city, reports to the contrary notwithstanding. Mrs. Paul will continue her visit with her parents for a week or ten days.

A Bit of Diplomacy.
The modern man crossed his legs and looked intently at his wife, who was a modern woman.

"Here we are on the threshold of married life," he said at last, "and in the language of the poet, we are up against it the very first thing."

She shrugged her shoulders and suggested that it really wasn't her fault.

"I would be glad to help you, George, in any way I can," she continued, "but you must remember that I have had a college education. If there is anything at your office that you don't exactly understand, all you have to do is to say so and I will come down and help you straighten it out."

"But what I don't understand is here," he protested.

She shrugged her shoulders again.

"I know no more about it than you do," she said. "However, I can keep books for you or run a typewriter or—"

"Just the thing," he broke in joyfully. "That little typewriter down at my office is the most womanly little creature I ever saw, and I'll bet she knows all about managing a house. We'll just keep her up here to make things look nice and homelike, and you can take her place at the office."

But there was something in his tone that made her decide to look after the homelike business herself, even if she had to begin going to cooking school to do it.—Chicago Post.

Eyes See by Their Own Light.

Helmholtz has shown that the fundi of the eyes are themselves luminous. In making an experiment he was able to see, in total darkness, the movements of his arms by the light of his own eyes! Oculists and physiologists declare that this is one of the most remarkable experiments recorded in the history of the sciences. Probably there are but few men living who could satisfactorily repeat the experiment, for the reason that it is very likely that the luminosity of the human eye is associated with uncommon activity of the brain. It is the fluorescence of the brain, as it were.—St. Louis Republic.

What We May Expect.

"Have you been able to catch the speaker's eye?" asked the first lady member of parliament.

"Have I?" rejoined the second M. P. "Well, rather. I wore my navy blue bengaline with the heliotrope sleeves, and the speaker could not keep his eyes off me."—London Fun.

Maccaline will cure any case of itching piles. It has never failed. It affords instant relief, and a cure in due time. Price 25 and 50 cents. Made by Foste Manufacturing Co. and sold by A. F. Streitz.

We have just received our spring line of

Hats and Caps.

Come in and see them.

THE WILCOX DEPT. STORE.

IRELAND NO LONGER IRISH.

The Repealing of the Green Isle Apparently an Accomplished Fact.

While the familiar struggle of the Irish against the English continues to be in evidence wherever there are Irishmen, things have arrived at the pathetic stage in Ireland. To the stranger entering Dublin or Belfast it looks as if the island that had given letters to England had been re-peopled by Britons. In every business thoroughfare the names that meet the eye are suggestive of England, Scotland and Wales. The admixture of French, German, Italian and Spanish names, so common in England, is reproduced apparently in the same proportions.

When one takes up the leading daily newspapers, enough is found to corroborate the opinion that the re-peopling is an accomplished fact. In a recent issue of a Dublin journal, The Irish Times, there appeared in the advertisements 325 names—English, Welsh, Scotch, French, German, Italian and Spanish—to 53 Irish names.

The owner of the leading Irish newspaper was born in Scotland, Sir John Arnott, baronet, and the name of the founder, Knox, is associated with a stirring period of Scottish religious history in the sixteenth century.

In the leading directory of Ireland—Thom's—there is found an abundance of material in favor of the same line of thought. The lists of landowners, magistrates, Protestant clergymen and veterinary surgeons make poor account of distinctively Irish names. In the manufacturing districts of the country the paucity of Irish names is remarkable. From one end of the island to the other the great industries, with few exceptions, are operated by men whose names are not Irish.

English is the language of the country. It is taught in the public schools, and, with rare exceptions, exclusively spoken in the homes. Very few of the Roman Catholic clergymen in English speaking Ireland are capable of preaching in the mother tongue, and, even if they were, fewer still would be able to understand them. Within 50 years a great change has taken place in regard to the Irish language. Protestants and Catholics formerly knew something of it. At the popular watering places along the southwest coast the children prattled in Irish, and Irish was the language of the army of donkey boys and bathing box women. Now the donkeys are culged by boys who use the English language, and the younger bathing box women are recognized for natives by the sweetness and softness of the "brogue."

In some of the remotest rural districts of Connaught, Munster and Ulster Irish is still spoken, but in the commercial and manufacturing centers it is virtually a dead language.—"The Repealing of Ireland," by George Henry Bassett, in North American Review.

It has been a source of interest and wonder to arctic explorers to find such quantities of singing birds within the arctic circle. They are abundant beyond belief. But the immense crops of cranberries, crowberries and cloudberries that ripen in the northern swamps account for the presence of the birds. The berries are preserved in the snow, which begins to melt about the time the songsters appear, and then they feast royally on the crystallized fruits nature has so marvelously kept for them.

Advertised Letters.
List of letters remaining uncalled for in the post office at North Platte, Neb., for the week ending January 8, 1897.

GENTLEMEN.
Davis, E. J. Parker, C. W.
Dixon, Chas. Schaff, W. D.
Gopen, Frank Smith, A. J.
Fift, L.

LADIES.
Gibbins, Mrs. Elizabeth Marks, M. C.
Persons calling for above will please say advertised. M. W. CLAIR, Postmaster.

A Sound Liver Makes a Well Man.
Are you bilious, constipated or troubled with jaundice, sick-headache, bad taste in mouth, foul breath, coated tongue, dyspepsia, indigestion, hot dry skin pain in back and between the shoulders, chill and fever &c. If you have and of these symptoms, your liver is out of order and slowly being poisoned, because your liver does not act promptly. Herbine will cure any disorder of the liver, stomach or bowels. It has no equal as liver medicine. Price 75 cents. Free trial bottle at North Platte Pharmacy, J. E. Bush, Mgr.

NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.

Notice is hereby given that the co-partnership heretofore existing between Edward R. Ripley and Charles Pass, and known as E. R. Ripley & Co., is on this 5th day of January, 1897, by mutual consent dissolved. Edward Ripley will pay all debts of the late firm.

EDWARD R. RIPLEY,
CHARLES PASS.

It has been said that there could be no cure for internal piles without a surgical operation, but over 100 cases cured in Cannon Bluffs, Ia., by the use of Hemorrhoidine proves the statement false. There is a cure and quick permanent relief for all who suffer with blind bleeding and protruding piles. Its use causes no pain, even in the most aggravated cases. It is also a cure for constipation. Price \$1.50. For sale by A. P. Streitz.

For Sale Cheap.

81½ acres of land one-half mile south of city. Fenced and under ditch. Address: T. Keliher, 2330 Washington Ave., Denver, Col.

NOTICE.

The owner of the two horses running in the Dillon pasture east of town are requested to call and get the same or the animals will be taken up and advertised as estrays.
N. B. OLDS.

Cheap Reading.

The Chicago Weekly Inter Ocean and THE SEMI-WEEKLY TRIBUNE both one year for \$1.35, cash in advance. This offer only holds good until Feb'y 1st, 1897.

STATEMENT

OF THE Condition of the

MUTUAL

Building and Loan Association,

of North Platte, Nebraska, on the 31st day of December, 1896.

ASSETS.	
First Mortgage Loans	\$112,300 00
Loans secured by stock of this Association	1,000 00
Real Estate	2,800 00
Expenses and taxes paid	677 99
Cash with treasurer	151 97
Total	\$116,929 96
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid up	\$ 59,776 00
Interest received	31,540 98
Flues collected	27,217 00
Expenses and taxes paid	321 75
Transfer fees	33 50
Total	\$119,887 13

State of Nebraska, Lincoln county, ss.
I, Samuel Goetze, secretary of the above-named Association do solemnly swear that the foregoing statement of the condition of said Association is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January, 1897.

WILEY T. WILCOX, Notary Public.
THOS. C. PATTERSON,
W. J. BOCHER,
JOHN ROBERTSON, Directors.