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OVER THE STATE.

The Clifton hotel at Silver Creek burned last week.

Garage county will hold its fair September 15, 16, 17 and 18.

The schools at Farnham have been closed on account of scarlet fever.

Citizens of Valparaiso are talking of starting a co-operative creamery.

Nebraska republicans will hold their delegate convention at Lincoln April 15th.

A number of farmers got together at Hanson last week and organized an institute.

Rev. J. MILLARD, of Hartington has quit the pulpit and will hereafter practice law.

Poultry thieves have been doing a thriving business in the vicinity of Fairmont.

Cass county farmers are hopeful and are losing no time in preparing for the spring work.

Near Bellevue Thos. Dailey, a section foreman, was struck by a freight engine and instantly killed.

An early morning blaze in Aurora destroyed two business houses. Goods were saved in a damaged condition.

Nebraskans, who went to Oregon and Washington as well as the south, are coming back to hereafter stand up for Nebraska.

It has been determined that the Nebraska City distillery must get in operation or sell to some one who will start it going.

Prof. Jones' friends in Hastings are highly pleased over his appointment as superintendent of the blind asylum at Nebraska City.

The South Loup Irrigation company has been organized by farmers at Triumf and the survey for a ditch will be made at once.

The bankers of Saline county have formed an organization which is expected to aid them in doing a safer and more profitable business.

While getting out ice near Milford John Smith drove his team too far from shore and horses and wagon went down. One animal was rescued alive.

The Table Rock Clay company has been reorganized with a capital stock of \$20,000 and will commence operations as soon as the weather will permit.

Expert W. R. Still, who has been examining the books of ex-officials of Howard county, reports that in several instances all the fees have not been accounted for.

George Davis of Butler county was chasing a wolf across the prairie when the horse he rode stepped into a badger hole and fell, breaking its neck. The boy was unhurt.

Miss Emminger of Omaha last week got a judgment of \$10,000 against the street railway company of that city for injuries received in being run over some months ago.

The barn of Lewis Nelson of Cedar county, with several tons of hay and a good deal of farm machinery is in ashes. A seven-year-old boy had free access to the match box.

Four hundred bushels of oats, fifty tons of hay, 500 bushels of corn and a large number of farming implements were lost in a fire by a Cass county farmer whose barn was destroyed.

Governor Holcomb has received a letter from Charles S. Ham of Atchison, Kan., begging him to interpose his authority to prevent the execution of the sentence of death against Claude Hoover.

The Ambrose-Busch Brewing company has been sued for \$5,000 at Plattsmouth because a branch of its establishment sold liquor to Claus Spick, who was accidentally killed while drunk.

A form of la grippe is somewhat prevalent among the North Loup children and the report that scarlet fever was also in the neighborhood has had an effect in reducing the attendance at school.

Hon. James Paul has been engaged to prosecute claims against the Oxnard company for beta raised by Sherman county farmers and refused on account of their not coming up to the required standard.

The \$10,000 stock of general merchandise of Fuchner, Duerig & company, one of the leading firms of Wayne, was almost totally destroyed by fire, caused by a lamp explosion. Loss about \$2,000; insurance \$10,000.

One hundred and fifty-three acres of land, situated about half a mile north of Fremont and belonging to C. W. Sheldon, was sold at sheriff sale Saturday afternoon for \$7,350. It was bid in by the attorney for the mortgagees.

Mrs. HILTON, wife of the county surveyor of Cass county, was pronounced insane by the commissioners and will be taken shortly to Lincoln. The cause of the misfortune is assigned to her having become interested in spiritualism but a few weeks ago.

RECOVER K. K. Hayden of the defunct German National bank of Lincoln has sent notices to stockholders asking them to pay a 55 per cent assessment on the amount of stock held by them. As the capital stock was \$100,000 this would amount, if paid, to \$55,000.

RHEINHART FUSK, a farmer living about seven miles south of Ord, while riding his windmill caught his hand in the gears, and being unable to release himself, called for help. His wife, hearing his cries for help, threw the windmill out of gear, and then climbed the tower of the mill and released her husband. His thumb and forefinger were amputated.

HAYLOCK is one of the few towns in Nebraska that are growing at the present time. About twenty new residences have been erected this winter. Of the four hundred employes in the Burlington shops many are obliged to live in Lincoln, as it is impossible for them to rent houses in Haylock.

At Ogalalla Bert Clark and Warren Roma were caught in the act of killing a head belonging to John Bratt by Sheriff Camp and Ed Richards and were bound over to district court. Clark is an old soldier. The county commissioners offer \$100 reward for the arrest and conviction of any person caught stealing or killing cattle.

Resignation of a Regent.

Lincoln dispatch: The resignation of Henry D. Estabrook as one of the six regents of the State university was received at the governor's office today. It is accompanied by the request that the resignation take effect on its acceptance by the governor. This will be upon the appointment of Mr. Estabrook's successor. The latter's term would not have expired until January, 1900. This morning the board of Regents held a meeting at the university building. Except Regent Hadley of Cass county, who was detained at home by illness, all were present. Regent-elect C. H. Morrill of Lincoln and H. L. Gould of Ogalalla were installed to membership on the board. Regent Estabrook formally announced his intention of removing to Chicago and consequent resignation from the board. The board then adopted resolutions highly commendatory of Regent Estabrook and Regent Morrill for their great zeal and interest manifested in the work of the university.

In the Hands of His Friends.

Washington dispatch: Ex-Senator Manderson of Nebraska, in an interview, admitted that he was in the hands of his friends as a candidate for the presidential nomination before the republican convention at St. Louis.

For months Mr. Manderson has been the recipient of letters from all parts of the country urging him to enter the contest. The insistence, he said, seemed to become more persistent with his expressions of disinclination and before leaving Nebraska he stated that he would make no further opposition, but would remain passive.

General Manderson said tonight that the various marks of confidence and manifestations of endorsement which would be apparent by the presentation of his name at St. Louis are most grateful and acceptable. He has been greatly influenced by the kindly expressions of the eastern press, particularly Pennsylvania, where he was born, and Ohio, where his early manhood was spent. Under the circumstances he can only stand and wait.

The New Irrigation Law.

As the time approaches when the new district irrigation law becomes effective by the organization of districts and the voting on this proposition a number of questions of general interest to people contemplating such action are being submitted to the state officers. One of these is in relation to who are eligible voters. One such inquirer wants to know if one living on a homestead which he has filed upon, but on which he has not made final proof, is a voter. The language of the act itself on the subject of the eligibility of voters says: "No person shall be entitled to vote at any election held under the provisions of this act unless he shall be a qualified elector and the owner of real estate in such district."

There seems to have been the question raised of whether the land can be taxed before the government has parted with the title and the tax levied made a lien on the land. If the holder of this kind of an incomplete right of ownership cannot be held for his part of the expenses the farm owners who have deeds to their lands, say it would be an injustice to others to let them participate in the voting and government of the district.

Three Irrigation Decisions.

Lincoln dispatch: The State board of irrigation filed three opinions today. It found in favor of Andrew Carlson, who appealed as contestant against McCook Irrigating and Water company of Red Willow county. The latter company, comprising a large number of people, intervened in the case before the board and claimed under riparian common law procedure, but the board decided against it, and dismissed the intervention as immaterial to the case. The claim of R. P. James of Chase county was dismissed. He had sought to make appropriation of water from Frenchman river for mill purposes, but the board found his application deficient in detail. The claim of the Republican River Irrigation company against J. R. Phelan, E. F. Highland, A. P. Benno and R. Williams was also dismissed on the ground that the contestant had not complied with the law of 1899. This was a case from Dundy county and involved rights to water from the Republican river.

How to Get Sugar Factories.

As the beet-raising and sugar-making has proven a success throughout the state of Nebraska, writes a correspondent to the State Journal, and most everybody seems to feel that a lasting success will be made of it, especially since that new process came in by which they claim the cost of making sugar is greatly reduced, and if the plan is carried out to build factories in different parts of the state, allow me to propose a plan by which all those are made safe who might interest themselves in this industry, and this is as follows: Suppose it takes \$25,000 to erect such a factory as they say, it will cover the cost ready to make sugar. Now then, if it take that amount, or whatever it may take, let twenty-five men each investing \$1,000, or whatever sum it may take, so that no man shall have a greater share than the other, which will bring every stockholder on an even footing with the other, and no one has more power than the other, or in other words, freeze the smaller stockholders out, which is generally the case where one or more have the controlling power. It will also be seen by this that in this way, such establishments can be run and ought to be run independently from any monopoly or trust. As there is no danger of over-stocking the market with this product, any man who has any money to spare is willing to invest in a safe business running under such management where everyone is equal with the other. I would like to have some opinion on this subject from others.

Nebraska Men Pleased.

Washington dispatch: The Nebraska men feel very satisfied with the bill in relation to suits to vacate patents upon public lands as it passed the house today. Under the provisions of the bill the bona fide purchasers of lands from railroads are fully protected, and the Lacey amendment, which was adopted, operates to prevent any trouble growing out of the exchange by the Burlington of lands in the South Platte region, which it was feared might cause disturbance. Under this amendment all questions of title to railroad lands in Nebraska are effectually quieted.

M. D. HARTER A SUICIDE.

THE PROMINENT OHIO EX-CONGRESSMAN KILLS HIMSELF.

AT THE HOME OF A FRIEND

Shot Himself Through the Temple, Penetrating the Brain—No Cause is Known for the Deed, Further Than That He Had Been Suffering From Insomnia Lately.

FOSTORIA, O., Feb. 24.—Ex-Congressman Michael D. Harter, committed suicide at the home of S. Knapp, in this city this morning. When found life was extinct and he had been dead several hours. The fatal shot was fired from a revolver, the bullet entering the right temple, penetrating the brain. He was lying on the bed with the revolver clutched in his left hand. No cause is known for the act, further than he has been suffering with insomnia for some time past.

On the bureau in his room was a letter addressed to his wife in Philadelphia, and just outside the room was found a package of letters addressed to business associates. None of these have been opened as yet.

Mr. Harter is largely interested in a number of industries and represented the Fourteenth Ohio district in Congress, but for the last two years has been residing in Philadelphia.

Michael D. Harter was born in Canton, Ohio, in 1846. He belonged to a wealthy and influential family. His father was a banker and was a man of very large means. Mr. Harter was reared a Republican but departed from the political faith of his father on the issue of protection. His mother, who died only a few years ago, was a woman of much intellectual force and sympathized with her distinguished son on the tariff issue. Although Mr. Harter was an ardent free trader, he was also a sound money man and was a consistent opponent of the silver fallacy. He and ex-Governor McKinley were closely associated as young men and were warm friends. Mr. Harter was an earnest and active member of the Lutheran church—the faith of his parents. He lived in Mansfield, Ohio, and was an intimate companion of Senator Sherman. To all outward seeming no man in the community in which he dwelt had more to live for or could look forward to a brighter future.

WASHINGTON'S FAREWELL.

Senator Frye Read It in the Senate With Fine Effect.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The Senate met today to listen to the reading of Washington's farewell address by Senator Frye, the president pro tem of the Senate. This was in accordance with a resolution previously introduced by Senator Hoar. The vice president occupied the seat of the presiding officer and Mr. Frye took his position behind the secretary's desk, thus facing the entire Senate. He read from an old print volume in large type and without special effort filled the large chamber with his resonant voice so that the patriotic and well rounded sentences were heard by all present.

The reading of the journal and of the address were preceded by a prayer by Dr. Wallace Radcliffe, pastor of the New York Avenue Presbyterian church, who asked God to "bless Grover Cleveland, the President of the United States," and referring to Washington with special thanks, "for him whose name is in all hearts to-day; for the inheritance of his memory and for the inspiration of his life and example."

On motion of Mr. Perkins of California, the prayer was ordered printed in the Record.

There was a liberal attendance of senators and the only vacant seats in the galleries were in the diplomatic and senate sections. The former was entirely vacant, but almost all the seats in the galleries for the families of senators were taken. The vice president's was also occupied. Many presided themselves for admission to the popular galleries long before the opening of the doors. Close attention was given to the reading by senators and others, rendering the ceremony thoroughly impressive and none the less so on account of the simplicity and the absence of ostentation by which it was marked.

At the conclusion of the reading of the address Mr. Gray of Delaware moved that the thanks of the Senate be tendered to Mr. Frye for the admirable manner in which he had read the address. The motion carried unanimously and then, at 1:37 p. m., on motion of Mr. Hoar, the Senate adjourned till Monday.

Mr. Carter gave notice of the postponement of his address heretofore announced for Monday in his notice to recommit the tariff bill until Wednesday of next week.

Refused to Pray for the State.

RICHMOND, Va., Feb. 24.—It is the custom of the clerk of the Virginia house of delegates to invite a minister to open the proceedings each day with prayer. The Rev. C. J. Oelschlaeger, a German Lutheran minister, was invited to serve the house as chaplain next week. He responded thus: "I do not believe in opening a promiscuous political body with prayer. His character makes it an abuse of prayer, and an unnatural union of church and state. I, as a Christian, and any member of the body as a Christian, can privately pray for the session, but the state which that body represents has nothing to do with prayer."

A Parson If He Would Quit Drinking.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 24.—Governor Morrill has granted a pardon to Louis Metcalf, a convict in the penitentiary, upon condition that he abstain from the use of intoxicating liquor.

"BILL" NYE IS DEAD.

The Noted Humorist Expired at His South Carolina Home.

ASHEVILLE, N. C., Feb. 24.—"Bill" Nye, the noted humorist, died this afternoon.

He suffered a stroke of apoplexy two weeks ago and since then his condition has gradually grown worse. All hope was given up by the physicians Thursday night. He was unconscious hours before he died. His family was with him.

DOES HE PRESUME?

Minister De Lome Wires Madrid That Uncle Sam Will Not Recognize Cuba.

MADRID, Feb. 24.—The Spanish consul at Washington, Senor Du Pay de Lome, replying to an inquiry on the subject, has telegraphed that he regards it as impossible that the United States should recognize the Cuban insurgents as belligerents.

MOTHER AND SON DEAD.

Mrs. Waite, Widow of the Chief Justice, Passes Away in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Following close upon the death of Christopher Champlain Waite at Columbus yesterday, is the announcement of his aged mother, the widow of the late Chief Justice Waite.

College Press Association Officers.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 24.—The Kansas College Press association has elected new officers, as follows: President, W. G. Anderson, Baker Orange, Baker university; vice president, C. R. Troxel, University Review, Lawrence; secretary-treasurer, H. G. Crocker, Washburn Mid-Continent; State Mid-Continent, The "College Life," reporter, P. A. Lovewell, of the Washburn college of Emporia, was made the official paper.

Millions for Fortifications.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—Senator Squire next week will report from the committee on coast defenses his bill for fortifications. It appropriates \$87,000,000, the whole or any part to be immediately available on the order of the president. This is an emergency clause to authorize the speedy completion of fortifications in case of war.

Harry Kerfus Given Twenty-One Years.

HAYES CITY, Kan., Feb. 24.—Harry Kerfus, who was convicted in the district court last week for assault with intent to kill upon Arthur Williams on New Year's night, was sentenced this afternoon to 21 years in the penitentiary. Motion for a new trial was overruled.

Two Democratic Conventions in Iowa.

DES MOINES, Iowa, Feb. 24.—The Democratic State Central committee will call two State conventions, the first for selecting delegates to the national convention, May 20 at Dubuque, the second a regular convention for nominating a State ticket, August 14, at Ottumwa.

Harris Held For Bank Robbery.

SAVANNAH, Mo., Feb. 24.—Frank Harris, the St. Joseph saloon-keeper charged with robbing the State bank here on the night of February 7, was given a preliminary hearing before Justice Moezer yesterday and held to the grand jury in \$2,000 bonds. Harris expects to furnish bail and be released.

Curtail the Fee System.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 24.—The House committee on judiciary has agreed to report favorably a bill to abolish the fee system as applicable to United States district attorneys, United States marshals and their assistants and deputies, and to substitute salaries.

Noted Desperado Shot.

QUEBEC, Ala., Feb. 24.—Dick Childress, a noted desperado, was shot and killed by Policeman Dick Erwin here last night. While in a drunken condition he was brandishing his pistol, frightening people. The officer was called. Childress started to shoot, but Erwin was too quick for him.

Carnival Floats and 100 Cars Burned.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 24.—Last night fire destroyed the old frame street barns on University avenue between Mackay and Kent streets. There were nearly 100 cars in the building, together with a large quantity of supplies. It is believed the loss will reach \$75,000, partly insured.

England's Evidence Almost Ready.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Attorney General Sir Richard Webster has revised the statement of the British case on the Venezuela dispute prepared by Sir Frederick Pollock of Oxford University, and it will be issued early next week with maps and documents.

The German Tailors' Strike.

BERLIN, Feb. 24.—The tailors and seamstresses are still out on a strike. Fifteen thousand attended stormy meetings in different parts of the city yesterday. They repudiated the agreement made Thursday in their behalf.

Train Robbers Are Convicted.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Feb. 24.—F. M. Pierce and William Cattrell were convicted at Belleville, Ill., of holding up and attempting to rob a Mobile & Ohio passenger train near Fort Lawn in March, 1894.

Earl Grey Succeeds to Jameson's Job.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Earl Grey has been appointed co-administrator with Cecil Rhodes of the territory of the British South Africa company in succession to Dr. Jameson.

Sir John Millis Chosen.

LONDON, Feb. 24.—Sir John E. Millis, baronet, was elected president of the Royal academy yesterday, in succession to the late Lord Leighton.

Richmond, Va., has one of the smallest areas of any city of its importance in this country, having only five and a half square miles of area on which live 100,000 people.

WALLING'S FIANCEE.

Jackson Wrote that He Disposed of Pearl Bryan.

CINCINNATI, Feb. 20.—Two morning papers publish a statement made to them by Miss May Smith of Louisville who is acquainted with the accused murderer, Walling and Jackson. She says she was in Cincinnati January 14 and took supper with Jackson at Heider's restaurant. Jackson told her that Will Wood at Greencastle, Ind., had got a girl in trouble, and that Wood was going to send the girl here and he (Jackson) would put her out of the way. Miss Smith says she cautioned Jackson of the danger of disclosure in such an enterprise. He said he was too smart to be discovered. After the murder February 1, Jackson wrote her saying that he had disposed of the girl—meaning Pearl Bryan—by "—"

Jackson, she says, intended that she should fill in the dash from her memory of the conversation at the restaurant. Miss Smith says she left the letter in Louisville securely hidden. She told the officer its hiding place.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Feb. 20.—May Smith came here early in January and was employed by Lister and wife, who opened a dress cutting establishment here on January 4. Mr. Lister said this morning that on reading the first account of the affair the girl appeared horrified, as she had been in correspondence with both Jackson and Walling, and had told Mrs. Lister that she was engaged to Walling.

When the account came out in the newspapers that May Smith also had been operated on by Walling and Jackson, the girl stoutly denied it. Mr. Lister said, however, that about a week before Christmas, while in the employment of Mrs. Fuson, the girl was absent from the office a week, and if the operation was performed it was performed at that time. Mr. Lister also declared that when the girl came back to work she appeared altogether changed and appeared thinner and looked sickly.

May Smith is between 18 and 20 years of age and has dark eyes and black hair and is quite pretty. Mr. Lister says he is positive that she knew of the operation performed on Pearl Bryan by Walling.

The Combination Against McKinley.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—"I have thought, and have said so until now, that McKinley would be nominated," ex-Congressman Forman of East St. Louis said last night, "but I am of the opinion from what I have learned since I came here that he will be beaten at St. Louis. The combination against him is very strong. The leaders of the party in the East do not mean to permit McKinley's nomination. They are organizing very thoroughly. That is what the bringing out of new candidates means."

IOWA PATENT OFFICE REPORT.

DES MOINES, February 10.—Seven United States patents were issued to Iowa inventors last week, as follows: To E. F. Greene, of Fort Dodge, for a music case or portfolio; to G. D. Henry, of West Grove, for a screen; to B. H. Long, of Palo, for a shock-compressor; to William Peterson, of Clinton, for a clothes-lifter; to G. C. Poling, of Harlan, for a fastener for overshoes; to A. F. Reiste, of Panther, for a fence-stay; to Rachel W. Springmire, of Tiffin, for a dish-cleaner. Valuable information about obtaining, valuing and selling patents sent free to any address. Printed copies of the drawings and specifications of any United States patent sent upon receipt of 25 cents.

Campbell Renews His War on Joints.

WICHITA, Kan., Feb. 20.—"Tiger Bill" Campbell to-day renewed his fight on the joints. He captured Mahan brother's beer wagon and raided several joints, but got nothing.

LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

Quotations From New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha and Elsewhere.

OMAHA.

Butter—Creamery separator.....	18	@	18 1/2
Butter—Fair to good.....	13	@	16
Eggs—Fresh.....	104	@	11
Chickens—Dressed, per lb.....	8	@	9
Ducks—Per lb.....	11	@	11
Turkeys—Per lb.....	12	@	12
Geese—Per lb.....	6	@	7
Lemons—Choice Messina.....	3	@	4 25
Oranges—Per box.....	2	@	7 50
Honey—Fancy white, per lb.....	14	@	15
Apples—Per bushel.....	2	@	3 75
Beet root—Good, per bushel.....	2	@	3 00
Potatoes—Per bushel.....	50	@	55
Beans—Navy, hand-picked, bushel.....	1	@	1 50
Cranberries—Cape Cod, per bushel.....	8	@	8 75
Corn—Yellow, per ton.....	6	@	7 50
Onions—Per bushel.....	35	@	40
Broom Corn—Green, per bushel.....	3	@	3 34
Wool—Mixed packing.....	3	@	3 10
Hogs—Heavy weight.....	3	@	3 80
Beef—Stockers and feeders.....	2	@	3 70
Veal—Steers.....	3	@	4 07 1/2
Bulls.....	2	@	2 25
Milkers.....	2	@	3 00
Stags.....	3	@	3 20
Calves.....	2	@	3 25
Oxen.....	2	@	3 50
Cows.....	1	@	3 30
Heifers.....	2	@	3 35
Sheep—Wester.....	2	@	3 25
Sheep—Lamb.....	3	@	4 00

CHICAGO.

Wheat—No. 2, spring.....	62 1/2	@	63
Corn—Per bushel.....	28	@	27 1/2
Oats—Per bushel.....	19	@	19 1/2
Perk.....	9	@	10 00
Cattle—Native.....	5	@	5 46
Cattle—Native.....	4	@	4 25
Hogs—Averages.....	3	@	4 25
Sheep—Lamb.....	3	@	4 65
Sheep—Wester.....	3	@	4 00

NEW YORK.

Wheat—No. 2, red winter.....	72	@	72 3/4
Wheat—No. 2.....	66 1/2	@	66 3/4
Oats—No. 2.....	25	@	25 1/4
Perk.....	3	@	3 72
Lard.....	57	@	6 00

ST. LOUIS.

Wheat—No. 2, red, cash.....	71 1/2	@	72 1/4
Corn—Per bushel.....	28	@	27 1/2
Oats—Per bushel.....	18	@	18 1/2
Perk—Mixed packing.....	3	@	3 81
Cattle—Native.....	5	@	5 40
Sheep—Native.....	2	@	3 25
Lamb.....	3	@	4 35

KANSAS CITY.

Wheat—No. 2, hard.....	64	@	65
Corn—No. 2.....	24	@	24 1/2
Oats—No. 2.....	19	@	19 1/2
Cattle—Stockers and feeders.....	2	@	3 70
Wester.....	2	@	3 25
Sheep—Lamb.....	3	@	4 00

Groom 68; Hide, 17.