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The poultry and stock show at Hastings was well attended.

The fire companies of Fremont will organize a mutual beneficiary society. Old soldiers at the Milford Home return thanks for furniture donated.

Maj. J. H. Showalter of Fremont wants to succeed Frank White as U. S. senator.

Nebraska City's salvation army will give a free dinner to the poor on Christmas day.

An Otoe county patriarch of sixty-four was recently married to a blushing widow of sixty.

The Salvation army of Nebraska City gave a free dinner to poor children on Christmas.

H. P. Knapp shipped a fine load of mules from Ithaca place last week to the St. Louis market.

An Indian on the reservation near Rushville killed himself to escape arrest for horse stealing.

G. E. Jones of Nuckolls county sold a brood sow the other day that tipped the beam at 665 pounds.

Mr. Baker, late agent of the Gilcrest Lumber company at Oconto, was convicted of embezzling \$140 from his employers.

The residence of Joseph Metzner of Arapahoe was destroyed by fire. The contents were saved. Loss, \$600; insurance, \$400.

A Boedecker of Plattsmouth was repairing a corn sheller when the horses suddenly started, and now he has but one thumb.

The 15-month-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hardy of Elk Creek swallowed a safety pin and the crisis passed without injury.

A hedge fence deal was worked at Wayne, and the Republican says it was a clear case of "a smooth confidence man taking in suckers."

The mayor and councilmen have started a subscription list for the benefit of the south Omaha hospital and headed it with an individual donation.

The Ord irrigation district is making arrangements to sell their \$50,000 of bonds, and will push the work of ditch construction as rapidly as possible.

Fire broke out in the residence of L. F. Leedom of Dakota City. The building and contents were destroyed. Loss about \$1,000, with small insurance.

Several cases of diphtheria have been reported to the David City board of health in various parts of that place, and it is feared that it may become an epidemic.

George Smith, aged 22, son of Wm. Smith, a farmer near Octavia, was killed by kick from a horse. The horse was sick and young Smith was attending to him.

Hog thieves are operating north of Pierce. One farmer went to town and loaded up with shot and shell and there may be a few human corpses lying around there ere long.

At Lincoln C. J. Wineinger was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$500 to answer to the charge of battery preferred by Mary Cizek. He gave bond and was released.

The people of Milford have decided to hold an election, and the candidate receiving the highest vote will be the postmaster, providing the wishes of the community are respected.

There is no market for shelled corn at Winside, there being fear that it will heat. If ear corn is taken 80 pounds to the bushel is required for which the holder is paid ten cents.

A Lyons farmer comes forward with the statement that corn is not the stuff to burn. He says coal is cheaper and he advises farmers to sell their corn, even at the present prices, and buy coal.

Frank Fredahler, a student at the institute for the blind, Nebraska City, fell from a second story window, striking on the brick walk, fracturing his skull very badly, and at this writing is very low.

There is a probability that the hour of meeting originally fixed for the bi-metallic state conference at Lincoln, may be changed from 3 o'clock in the afternoon of Jan. 6 to 11 o'clock, a. m. of the same day.

A black mare, 8 years old and weighing about 1,100 pounds, was stolen from Green Swagze's barn at Elkhorn. An unknown man was seen the day before walking west with a saddle, and he is supposed to be the man who stole the animal.

D. W. Stevenson, for several years a resident near Monroe, left for parts unknown the other night. He abandoned his farm, which, it is claimed, is mortgaged for more than it is worth. He is said to leave other debts.

D. S. Zimmerman, representative-elect for York county, was repairing a fence at his suburban residence, and threw his coat and vest over a post. When he returned to get them, both articles, with the valuables they contained, were gone.

Mrs. Smith, wife of the Missouri Pacific section foreman at Paul, was so severely beaten by her husband as to require medical aid. Smith has been in jail for beating his wife before. The county attorney of Otoe county will have a warrant issued for his arrest.

A. D. Dorr of Burchard has just finished husking 6,000 bushels of corn from eighty-five acres of ground. He planted and cultivated this entire field alone, besides doing his other farm work, with the help of one man, did the husking.

A result of the meeting of Cuban sympathizers in Lincoln, is the circulation of a report that an agent is in the city enrolling names of volunteers for Cuban service. A number of members of local military companies are said to have signed and are to report at Kansas City at the proper time.

A four year old son of J. H. Moody of Mason City was run over by a heavily loaded wagon and fatally injured.

A special election was held at Hastings to vote on the proposition authorizing the city council to issue bonds in the sum of \$8,000 for waterworks improvements. The proposition carried by a majority of 123.

The Blair horse collar factory, which was not rebuilt after being burned down some months ago, is being resuscitated. A new company has been organized and it will begin to manufacture collars again and will tan its own leather.

Prof. Dutton, formerly of Colridge, who is prospecting for coal near Ponca, has reached a depth of 300 feet without finding a vein of sufficient thickness to bank on. The Austin mine, with a two-foot vein, is furnishing the town and surrounding country with good fuel.

The decision of the supreme court, holding the sugar and chicory county law unconstitutional, has given those industries a hard blow. The loss to the beet and chicory raisers in Dodge county alone from failure to receive the extra \$1 per ton for beets of the required standard, and the \$1.50 per ton for chicory, will run well up into the thousands.

Superintendent John T. Mallalieu of the Boys Industrial school of Kearney was at the state capitol last week. He reports that all but two of the twenty-eight lads who escaped from the school have been returned, the most of them having returned voluntarily. At the time of their escape Mr. M. was in the city of Kearney buying Christmas presents for them.

The Oxnard sugar factory has issued a circular to farmers to ship their beets in by Dec. 20. This year's crop has proven to be the largest and most satisfactory of any since the factory commenced business, and the total output will reach nearly 12,000,000 pounds of fine granulated sugar. The intention of the factory people is to close up the factory on beets Jan. 7.

Sam Winegar, Wm. Winegar, Jonas Reynolds and a man named Brung, who were recently arrested in Hastings for robbing hencoops, were turned over to Sheriff Dean of Grand Island. Hall county has charges against them for grand larceny. The prisoners kicked on going to Grand Island, preferring to stand trial and sentence for petit larceny in Hastings.

Lovell Vandever, living four miles west of Stella, was seriously injured while stacking corn with a hay derrick. The rope broke and the beam fell, striking him on top of the head, knocking him from the top of the stack to the ground, where he lay unconscious for a long time. Medical aid was summoned and the injured man was carried to the house, where the wound was dressed.

The Nebraska beet sugar association will meet in Hastings February 2 and 3. Among the objects is to devise ways and means for securing additional beet sugar factories. The governor is authorized to appoint twenty delegates. The members of congress, Gov. Holcomb, all state officials and members of the legislature and county boards are designated as delegates. Reduced rates will be made on all railroad lines.

Dr. Rathemal of Denver was in Calhoun the other day and went over to the Wagner farm, on which it was claimed gold in paying quantities was discovered last spring. He declares that there are several gold veins, one of which will run \$20 to the ton in gold, and all of which will pay to work.

The news has revived the excitement there that existed when the first announcement that gold had been discovered was made, and owners of adjoining farms will begin sinking shafts at once.

The secretaries of the state board of transportation have prepared the copy for the biennial report of the department, and it has been sent to the printer. The only recommendation of moment in the report was prepared by Secretary Dilworth, which is to the effect that the board, now composed of five members, state auditor, secretary of state, treasurer, land commissioner and attorney general, should be abolished and the appointing power of the secretaries placed in the hands of the governor.

Adressing accident happened one and a half miles south of Edmold, at the residence of Wm. Smith, in which Geo. Smith was killed. The young man and his father were doctoring a sick horse which had given them considerable trouble. They had both worked with it some time, when the father was called away. On returning, his son George, a young man about twenty-four years, was found lying on his face near the horse, apparently dead. Efforts to revive him proved unavailing. He had been kicked in the breast by the sick horse.

Secretary Williamson of the Nebraska Club is in receipt of a letter from a resident of Bennett, Pa., representing a colony of German-Americans wishing to locate in the west; also a letter from Gov. Holcomb, to whom the same party had written. Besides giving the communication careful attention, the matter has been referred to various local clubs in this state, so that altogether the Pennsylvania citizen and his colony are in a fair way to get all the desired information, together with several warm invitations to "come to Nebraska," also a very positive assurance that Nebraska is wide awake and ready to extend a hearty welcome to all good new comers. This sort of work is what commends the Nebraska Club to the ready support of the people of this state.

Burglars entered the house of John Andressen, a farmer living two miles east of Elkhorn and secured \$8 for their labor. As Mr. Andressen has been in the habit of keeping large sums in the house, the opinion prevails that the thief was not a stranger.

A large number of Hastings business men held a meeting in the court house for the purpose of discussing the beet sugar meeting to be held there in February. Committees were appointed to make all necessary arrangements for the entertainment of the Nebraska beet sugar association, which meets Feb. 2 and 3.

NO EUROPEAN OBJECTIONS.

REPORTS OF SPANISH AID IN CUBA FALSE.

DENIED AT WASHINGTON.

Congressman and Senator-Elect Money of Mississippi to Visit Cuba and Make a Personal Investigation and Interview General Weyler—Captain General's Latest Interview.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—It is denied officially and authoritatively that any European government either directly or indirectly has made any representations whatever to the United States to restrain or prevent its free action in connection with the Cuban insurrection. A similar report was denied by authority several weeks ago. A. Von Bruening, secretary of the German embassy, said that so far as the embassy here was concerned no such intimation had been received. He discredited the whole story. "We have not heard a word concerning Cuba," said he, "for three months."

Senator-elect Money of Mississippi, now a member of the House foreign affairs committee, proposes to leave Tampa, Fla., next Saturday morning for Havana, to remain a week or ten days in Cuba. He will seek an audience with Captain General Weyler and will ask him to provide an escort and a flag of truce, so that he can go into the heart of the territory occupied by the insurgents, with a view of finding out what is going on. Mr. Money says he is determined to make as lengthy a journey into the interior of Cuba as his time will permit, and it is understood that he will endeavor to communicate with the insurgents whether Captain General Weyler grants him permission or not. He realizes that it will be a risky thing for him to proceed on his own account if a permit is refused him. However, he is so anxious to have trustworthy information that he will take the chances, even if he finds himself later locked up in prison. It is his intention to state frankly to the captain general that he visits the island because it is impossible to procure from President Cleveland or Secretary Olney any official information regarding the condition of affairs in Cuba, and, as a member of Congress and of the House committee on foreign affairs, he wishes to know what he is doing before he casts his vote for or against any one of the several resolutions pending.

Mr. Money was an officer in the Confederate army during the war under General Forrest, and his four years' service in the field whetted his interest in military operations. He thinks that his visit will at least enable him to learn more than he could by depending on the State department for information.

WEYLER TALKS.

Pinar del Rio Rebels Declared Helpless—No Cruelty to Those Who Surrender.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the Herald from Camp Arroyo Grande, foot of the Rangel Hills, Pinar del Rio province, December 25, via Havana, Cuba, says: "In an interview with your correspondent, Captain Weyler said: 'I have twenty-six battalions, ranging from 800 to 1,000 men each, occupying all the hills of the province. These columns have destroyed everything in sight and have been able to subsist on the cattle of the insurgents, which were found grazing in the hills, and with whose destruction died the remaining hope of sustenance. They must either starve or submit and some may prefer to do the former, owing to their remarkable apathy.'"

"But why are there so few presentados, general, in other words, persons willing to lay down their arms?"

"That point is easily cleared up. I know that they have held meetings with the idea of coming in as presentados, but have been told that I murder them all, which is absurd, is it not? Certainly I shall not harm them, knowing that they hope to throw away their arms and pose as pacificos."

"You can tell pretty well by the number of arms given up how many have been concealed, can't you?"

"I am not sure there are more arms than there are insurgents. They show their desperate condition. I can tell you that I know positively that Maceo himself went three days without food before he was killed."

"You still believe him dead?"

"Beyond a doubt, certainly. We even know where his body is, but we do not like to disinter it, as it would savor too much of the profanation of a grave."

"Why has Arolas left the trocha with 8,000 men to take part in the active campaign?"

"Because the necessity for the trocha as a defensive line no longer exists. There is, however, a considerable force there still—amply sufficient for all present purposes."

"Do you expect to capture Rius Rivera?"

"I don't think Rivera will show himself at all," said General Weyler. "We never hear from him, but sometimes do one of the Ducasse brothers."

John Drake Townsend Dead.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—John Drake Townsend, eminent lawyer and politician, died suddenly at Christmas dinner.

Brutal Jefferson City Murder.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 28.—The body of a 12-year-old colored girl was found in the rear of Stanfield's furniture store with the head crushed and the abdomen cut open. Tobe Lanahan, a negro, was arrested, but the evidence against him is meager and circumstantial. A lynching is possible.

A Negro Boy Shoots a Policeman.

PARIS, Ky., Dec. 28.—Johnson Howe, a 15-year-old negro boy, fatally shot Policeman Lacy at Cynthia's Christian school, died suddenly at Christmas dinner.

O'DONNELL WHIPPED.

Easily Knocked Out by Peter Maher in 27 Seconds.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—It took just twenty-seven seconds' time for Peter Maher, the Irish pugilist, to again demonstrate his superiority in ring tactics and hard hitting qualities over Steve O'Donnell, the Australian boxer, in the arena of the Greater New York Athletic Club at Coney Island. Both men were in excellent condition and trained to the hour. Each of them was confident, but Maher's backers made him a hot favorite by laying odds ranging from 3 to 5 to 1 on the Irishman's chances of winning.

From the outset Maher never left the result in doubt. He rushed at O'Donnell the moment the referee called time, and O'Donnell assumed the defensive. The big Australian led his left for Maher's body, but the Irishman blocked the blow with his right hand glove. Then Maher sent his left to the chin and swung again with his left on the face. He put O'Donnell to the floor a second later with a left on the chin, and, after the Australian regained his feet, Maher landed a left smash on the jaw, following it quickly with a left half-hook, which sent O'Donnell down in a heap. Steve rolled over on his back in a helpless condition, and the referee slowly counted him out.

WEYLER TOLD TO DELAY.

Rumor That Spain Will Make Overtures to the Rebels.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—A Madrid special says: It is rumored that General Weyler has delayed fresh operations against the insurgents in order to give time to discover the disposition of the bands and their chiefs since the death of Maceo, with a view to feeling his way to preparing the ground for finishing the present Cuban war like the past insurrections in Spain and Cuba, where money and unofficial negotiations prove more telling arguments than force of arms, directly the insurgents saw no more hope of foreign aid.

It is also believed in diplomatic circles that Spain will take advantage of the dispositions of President Cleveland and Secretary Olney to negotiate quickly and directly with the United States to secure American neutrality by granting discriminating concessions in the contemplated Cuban tariff and fair promises of colonial autonomy before the accession of McKinley.

DUEL TO THE DEATH.

Two Pemiscot, Mo., Men Settle an Old Feud With Pistols—Both Dead.

NEW MADRID, Mo., Dec. 28.—John Adams and Charles Simpson met at a dance in Pemiscot county last night at the residence of Joseph Canot and drawing their pistols fought a duel to the death. Each man emptied the contents of his revolver into the anatomy of the other. Simpson died on the floor and Adams outside the door. An old feud was settled.

Double Murder.

CORNING, N. Y., Dec. 28.—A horrible double murder occurred at Rathbunville, fifteen miles west of this city, last night. William Allen, William Harrington and Cloyd Myers, while in an intoxicated condition, quarreled about the possession of a buffalo robe. Myers had the robe at his house and Allen and Harrington drove there at 10 o'clock last night and demanded it. They were met by Myers, who had a shot gun with him. When they demanded the robe Myers shot them both. Harrington was in the buggy at the time and the horses started at the report of the gun. Allen died at 12:15 this morning. The bodies of both men were terribly torn. Myers was captured at 2 o'clock this morning and is now in jail.

Grand Island Road.

LINCOLN, Neb., Dec. 28.—The Grand Island, Hastings & Southeastern Railroad company has filed its certificate of organization and incorporation and articles of association in the office of the secretary of state. The new company purchased the St. Joseph & Grand Island road at the foreclosure sale held at Hastings, Neb., a few days ago. The use of the word Southeastern instead of St. Joseph in the name is commented on by local railroad men as possibly indicating an intention on the part of the new company to extend its line beyond St. Joseph and to Kansas City.

"Kansas Kid" Confesses.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 28.—Gay Harshman, alias "The Kansas Kid," who was convicted recently of passing \$10,000 worth of counterfeit money, has made a statement to the effect that his pal, George Conkling, who is now serving time for counterfeiting, and who squealed on him, confessed to him that he was one of the three men who held up the Northern Pacific train at Hot Springs in 1894, when the passengers in the sleeper were relieved of \$3,000. It is believed that Harshman also had a hand in the hold up. Conkling is not a bad man, but Harshman is an old criminal and a desperate man.

Convicted of Hanging His Wife.

CLARKE, S. D., Dec. 28.—Christian Christiansen has just been convicted of wife murder and sentenced to the penitentiary for life. It was supposed that his wife had committed suicide, as she was found hanging to a tree in a tree claim. It now appears that he hung her to the tree from his wagon and then drove out from under, leaving her there. Circumstantial evidence here was found which rendered the suicide theory untenable.

Fatal Hunting Trip.

EMPORIA, Kan., Dec. 28.—John Bradley, the 17-year-old son of J. Q. Bradley, fatally shot himself while out hunting yesterday. He and Frank Pyne had placed their guns against a tree while eating lunch. One of them slipped down and was discharged, the load of quail shot striking Bradley in the top of the forehead, tearing a hole in the scalp and shattering the skull.

Salvation Army Charity.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 28.—The Salvation army fed 5,000 adults and children at their various rooms in this city Christmas day and sent out about 1,000 basket dinners to deserving families.

SPAIN IN HARD LINES.

The Entire Philippine Colony in Revolt.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A Madrid dispatch says: "In order to secure the success of the next loan the government is straining every nerve to conceal the true situation in the Philippines. The whole colony is in revolt, and scattered bodies of Spanish troops have been hemmed in by the rebels. It is rumored that a certain proportion of German reserve officers are in the insurgent ranks."

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Private advices from Manila, Philippine islands, reached here to-day and are verified by an account that appears in the Hong Kong Press, received per Belgic. The news contained in the communication deals with the attack of the Spanish on the Novleta isthmus, and the attempt of the Spanish to dislodge the insurgents in Cavite and Viejo. At the end of the campaign, which lasted until the 14th of November, the Spanish authorities sent out dispatches reporting that the attack had been successful, and that the rebel loss was very heavy. The Spanish claimed to have lost about 25 killed and 100 wounded. It is now learned that the great victory that the Castilians predicted ended in ignominious defeat. The rebels held Novleta against warships and troops. The Spaniards retired after suffering heavy loss.

John L. Sullivan Penitents.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 24.—John L. Sullivan, the pugilist, sat in the poor debtors' session of the municipal court yesterday to explain why he had failed to settle a florist's bill. The case will be further heard January 11. It is said that of the thousands of dollars which Sullivan has made, he has not left even enough to pay this small judgment of \$318 obtained by a florist.

Prosecuting Attorney Mosby Dead.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 24.—Joseph Mosby, prosecuting attorney of Maries county, Mo., died at St. John's hospital, this city, of cancer, aged 65 years. He was a cousin of General John S. Mosby, the Confederate cavalry leader. He was born at Harrodsburg, Ky., but came to Missouri when a boy.

Questions and Answers Relating to Patents.

J. V. D., of Belmond, Iowa, has submitted questions to which we answer as follows:

1.—An application in this country is, by international agreement, protection for six months in most of the foreign countries that grant patents to Americans.

2.—No one outside of the U. S. patent office has a right to know anything about an application that has not been granted.

3.—Yes, we have the official records of all U. S. Patents issued since 1850 to date and can generally tell when prior claims interfere with ideas or inventions presented now.

4.—Principles and results are not patentable and the same objects and results may be obtained by inventions that differ from each other in construction, in a patentable sense, so that two machines for the same purpose may each be patented by different persons and used without either one being an infringement of the other's rights.

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Des Moines, Iowa, Dec. 19, 1896.

LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

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

OMAHA.

Butter—Creamery separator..	18	@	50
Butter—Choice family country	13	@	35
Eggs—Fresh, per doz.	22	@	25
Frairie chickens, per doz.	6.00	@	6.50
Quail, per doz.	1.00	@	1.50
Red-head and Muscovy Ducks.	3.50	@	3.75
Spring Chickens—dressed.	5	@	5 1/2
Turkeys.....	8	@	9
Geese and ducks.....	7	@	8
Lean—Choice.....	3.50	@	3.75
Honey—Fancy White.....	14	@	15
Honey, per bu.....	35	@	40
Beans—Hampden Navy.....	1.35	@	1.40
Potatoes.....	5	@	5.50
Sweet Potatoes per bu.....	2.00	@	2.25
Oranges—Per box.....	3.75	@	4.00
Hay—Upland, best.....	5	@	5.50
Apples—Per bu.....	1.50	@	3.00

SOUTH OMAHA STOCK MARKET.

Hogs—Light Mixed.....	3	@	35
Hogs—Heavy Weights.....	3	@	35
Hog—Steers.....	8	@	9
Bulls.....	1	@	10
Milkers and springers.....	25	@	30
Stags—Choice.....	2	@	3
Cattle.....	2	@	25
Calves.....	2	@	25
Lard.....	6	@	7
Cattle—Christmas beves.....	5	@	5.90
Stocks and feeders.....	4	@	4.85
Salves.....	5	@	5.75
Hogs—Medium mixed.....	3	@	3.50
Sheep—Lamb.....	3	@	3.00

NEW YORK.

Wheat—No. 1 hard.....	92	@	9 1/4
Corn No. 2.....	28	@	2 1/8
Oats—No. 2.....	22	@	22 1/4
Pork.....	8	@	8 7/8
Lard.....	4	@	4 50

ST. LOUIS.

Wheat—No. 2 red, cash.....	89	@	89 1/2
Corn—Per bu.....	20	@	20 1/4
Oats—Per bu.....	21	@	20 1/4
Hogs—Mixed packing.....	3	@	3 25
Cattle—Native shipping Steers.....	3	@	3 50

KANSAS CITY.

Wheat—No. 2 hard.....	78	@	78 1/2
Corn—No. 2.....	17	@	17 1/2
Oats—No. 2.....	19	@	19
Cattle—Stocks and feeders.....	2	@	2 1/2
Hogs—Mixed.....	3	@	3 30
Sheep—Lamb.....	1	@	1 50
Sheep—Muttons.....	1	@	1 25

A TOWEL OF BLOTING PAPER.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Bank Closed.

WEST SUPERIOR, Wis., Dec. 24.—The Bank of West Superior, capital \$50,000 and surplus \$50,000, suspended this morning as a direct result of the failures of the banks of Minnesota and Illinois.

Gave His Life for Another.

INDEPENDENCE, Kan., Dec. 24.—Yesterday Henry Holl and Harmon Long were digging a well at Edna, where they struck fire damp. Holl quickly tied a rope around Long and he was hauled up. In saving his friend's life Holl sacrificed his own.

PLANETARY POINTS.

SOME HOROSCOPES MADE BY PROF. CUNNINGHAM.

Readers Are Invited