

**The Evening Herald.**  
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**CITY CORDIALS.**

—A Sheriff's state convention is being held at Lincoln today.

—The society of Christian Endeavor will meet at the Presbyterian church tonight. A full attendance is requested.

—Mr. John Leech, who has been employed by Mr. J. N. Schnellbacher, has on exhibition some samples of his painting, which are worthy of special notice.

—Allen Beeson has sold his residence property on Oak street to Wm. T. Cole, who will take possession the first of February; while Mr. Beeson has purchased John Baumeister's place of twelve acres, north of town, and will reside there after February 1.

—The county commissioners held a meeting today in the office of the county clerk. Mr. A. B. Todd, chairman of the board, resigned his position this morning and returned to the foot of the class so he informed the reporter, while Mr. Dickson was elected to the responsible position of chairman.

—Willie Cushing a ten-year-old son of engineer Cushing met with a serious accident New Years day while coasting on Seventh street hill with a number of playmates. The accident was caused by him running against another sleigh as he was rapidly sliding down the hill, and while he was lying on his breast. His head came in contact with a sharp point of a sleigh, injuring one of his eyes so that it is feared he will lose the sight.

—Mr. W. J. Agnew, who was removed to the asylum at Lincoln last night, caused the sheriff no trouble whatever during the whole trip. He informed several of his friends before leaving here that he was going to the Hot Springs to spend a couple of months for recreation. When the train stopped at Lincoln he followed the sheriff from the car to a cab. When they reached the asylum the three men, Sheriff Eikenbary, deputy Sheriff Miller and W. J. Agnew, walked to the door, Mr. Eikenbary arousing the night watch. He informed him that they all felt tired and sleepy, whereupon Agnew expressed himself in a like manner. Mr. A. was shown into a room where he quietly laid down and slept.

—The Philadelphia *Inquirer*, Sept. 14, 1886: "For those who go to the theatre solely to laugh there are few better plays than Ezra F. Kendall's musical comedy 'A Pair of Kids' now running at the Arch-street theatre. It is purely a melange of nonsense, it cannot be criticised in any sober vein; it is a jumble of witty speeches and ludicrous situations; with a few songs and dances, interspersed; the whole intended purely and simply to make people laugh—and this it does continually. The audience was convulsed last night. Of course, in a piece of this kind everything depends on the actors; and Mr. Kendall, himself a rare comedian, has gathered a large company, every member of which plays excellently well, while Mr. Fitz, Mr. Dunn, Miss Jessie Langley and Miss Jennie Dunn, who, with Mr. Kendall, carry the burden of the play, show decided talent in several different lines." All who wish to see a first-class musical comedy should see Ezra Kendall at the Waterman opera house tomorrow night in "A Pair of Kids." Seats are on sale at J. P. Young's.

**A Celebrated Case.**

The celebrated bridge case which has been before the courts for some time is at last decided by the supreme court, and considered a great victory for attorneys Covell and Beeson, who had it in charge. As a similar case has never before been brought up for trial, no authority could be used to influence the case, and no satisfactory decisions could be arrived at for some time.

The C. B. & Q. R. Co. sued the county and school district to recover back taxes paid on the west half of the bridge over the Missouri river, for four years, claiming that it had been assessed by the state board. The case against the school district was tried before Judge Applegate and resulted in a verdict for the district, and the railroad appealed to the supreme court. The case against the county was tried before Judge Field, who instructed the jury to find a verdict for the railroad, and the county appealed. The supreme court affirmed the school district case, and reversed the county case and remanded it for a new trial. Covell & Beeson for county; Marquette & Dewese for company.

"Why freeze or starve?" is the pointed question asked by the manufacturers of "Garland Stoves;" and we would add: Why buy a poor imitation when for the same price you can get the genuine "Garland?" Sold exclusively by JOHNSON BROTHERS.

**STOP AND PRICE THE LADIES' GOLD WATCHES AT H. M. GAULT'S. HE HAS A LARGE STOCK TO SELECT FROM, AT PRICES TO SUIT ANYONE.**

**CONSIDERABLE NERVE.**

**A Pair of Night Prowlers Ejected.**

Last night about 12 o'clock, Mrs. Jos. A. Connor was awakened by a sound at the back door of the house, which she recognized as that of a man attempting to enter the house.

Her room is located above the room into which the door opens, and by opening a grate in the floor she was enabled to hear the sound more distinctly. She tried to arouse her servant girl who slept in an adjoining room, but failing to awaken her, she resolved to make the best of the situation.

She inquired of the man: "Who's there?" when the fellow answered "Can you tell me where Smith lives?" She then knew that the man was there for no good purpose and made up her mind to use a revolver which she had in her possession, to good advantage. Upon looking out the window, she could see another man standing near the house. She fired through the window at him, but without effect, and followed him by two other shots with like results. When the fellow at the door heard the shooting he dropped to the floor and she supposed he was trying to climb through the transom over the door. One of the men she could plainly see, was a cripple, as he made himself scarce. Officer Fitzpatrick met a fellow late last night answering the description, and when informed in the matter he secured his man this morning. The fellow gave his name as Smith, and claims he was prompted to visit the house by misrepresentation. Mr. J. A. Connor was in Omaha last night and it is supposed the fellows watched this opportunity of entering the house in his absence.

**A Prodigal Son Returned.**

Henry Setzman, age thirteen years, son of Mr. George Setzman, left his home in this city during fair week and his father had never been able to find any trace of him until a few days ago when he received a letter from his boy who expressed himself as being homesick, and asking to return. The letter was directed from Mason City, Mo., a city some miles south of St. Joe. The father was so delighted at receiving the news that his boy was still alive and well, that he immediately started in pursuit of him. He found him living with a minister's family, and well cared for. When the boy first reached the city he interviewed a school teacher who took an interest in him and directed him to the place referred to. He told his father that he had been coaxed away from school by a little fellow named Pete O'Riley, who persuaded him to go to Pacific Junction. When the boy reached the Junction and remembered the penalty truant's received, he resolved not to return, and leaving his boy friend at the Junction, climbed aboard a train and went to St. Joe, and from there to Macon City. The family he had lived with there had become quite attached to him and were much dissatisfied at his departure. He wishes his father to rest assured that he will not leave him again.

**Annual Meeting.**

The annual meeting of the Plattsmouth fire department was held last night at the council chamber for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. The following members were elected officers:

Jas. Johns, chief; T. Clifford, assistant chief; W. H. Pickens, president; C. Koehnke, vice president; C. Morgan, treasurer; H. C. Ritchie, secretary.

The different companies of the department were instructed to meet for the election of officers for the respective companies. They will meet at the following places:

The Whites will meet on the evening of the 14th at the office of Skinner & Ritchie. The Richey's, Monday evening Jan. 7th, at the office of Skinner & Ritchie. The Hooks, Friday evening, Jan. 4th, at the council chamber. The Rescues, Monday evening Jan. 7th, at the store of S. & C. Mayer. The meeting of the Wideawakes will be called later on.

**Installation of Officers.**

Tuesday evening Cass Lodge No. 146 installed the following officers for the present six months:

E. Morley, N. G.; L. G. Larson, V. G.; R. Peterson, Secretary and Treasurer; A. Sweringer, Warden; S. A. Davis, Conductor; O. Benson, Inside Guard; L. C. Anders, Outside Guard.

At the close of installation, L. G. Larson presented to P. C. Bates, the retiring N. G., a beautiful post grand regalia, a token of respect from the members for his faithfulness during his services as an officer of the lodge.

**Clocks at H. M. Gault's from \$1.00 to \$20.00, warranted to give satisfaction or money refunded.**

**Sudden Death.**

Mrs. Shawsgarden (of St. Louis)—Oh, yes, I am proud of our city. We have changed the saying about Naples to "See St. Louis and die."  
Miss Dearborn (of Chicago)—Indeed! Is it so sudden?—America.

A coal mine in Japan took fire several years ago and forty or fifty miners were entombed. Recently the pit was opened and the bodies of the victims were discovered. They had been petrified.

**PERSONALS.**

Mr. S. A. Davis is in Omaha today.

Mr. F. Herrmann was in Omaha today.

Mr. Wm. Dickinson is in Omaha today.

Mr. O. P. Smith left for Nehawka last night.

Mr. Jas. Burns was a passenger to Omaha this morning.

Mr. J. A. Connor was a passenger to Omaha last night.

Mr. J. B. Strode, of Lincoln, is in the city attending court.

Mr. Chris. Keefer was a passenger to Omaha this morning.

Mr. Myron Wheeler, of Lincoln, is in the city attending court.

Mr. Fred Lehnhoff, sr., and wife, were passengers to Omaha this morning.

Mr. W. H. Wheeler, of Lincoln, a student of the state university, is in the city.

Major Wheeler of Omaha, a former citizen of Plattsmouth, is in the city today.

Mrs. Houseworth, who accompanied her son Walter to Lincoln, returned home last night.

Deputy Sheriff Miller is in Weeping Water today serving subpoenas for the district court.

Attorney Halderman, of Weeping Water, arrived in the city this morning to attend court.

R. W. Beeson, wife and daughter, of Red Oak, Iowa, are visiting at the home of Allen Beeson.

Miss Stevenson, of Omaha, who has been visiting Mrs. Rosier for a short time, returned home last night.

Mr. F. E. White, who has been attending legislature for the past several days, returned home last night.

Miss Minnie Miller left for Nebraska City this morning where she will visit for a short time with friends.

Miss Annie Weckbach, who has been visiting at Omaha for a short time, returned home this morning.

Mrs. Hattie Garrison, of Ashland, who has been visiting friends in the city for a short time, returned home last night.

Mr. Chas. Sherman, who visited his sister at Knoxville, Iowa, during the holidays, returned home this morning.

Miss Mattie Newell, daughter of Judge Newell, returned to Fairmont this morning, after a pleasant visit at her home during the holidays. She will resume her duties in the store of Solomon & Nathan there. She expresses herself as being highly pleased with the place.

Mr. Joe Klein, clothier, took his departure for Corydon, Iowa, this morning, where he goes to settle up business matters.

Mrs. Deffenbaugh and Miss Addie McVicar, of Wichita, Kas., have been the guests of their uncle, Judge Sullivan, for several days.

Mr. Henry Bragman, of Lincoln, western agent for the *Arbeiter Zeitung*, a German journal, was in the city yesterday on business.

Sheriff Jones and county attorney Thompson, of Dundy county, were in the city yesterday visiting some of the county officials here.

Mrs. S. D. Mayer, who went to Lincoln yesterday, in company with her husband and for a short visit with friends, returned home last night. Mr. Mayer returns tonight.

Mrs. Kessler spent New Years' day with friends at Omaha. She returned home last night, accompanied by her daughter, Miss Antonio, who visited there during holiday week.

Mr. E. A. St. John, who has filled the capacity of agent for the Wells, Fargo Express Company, took his departure for Hastings last night where he intends to reside permanently. He has won many warm friends here during his short stay who all wish him success in his new vocation.

**THE ASTRONOMERS ASTONISHED!**  
It is Believed the Earth Will Be Destroyed Within the Next Six Months.

**THE CHINESE IN CONVULSIONS**  
They Believe the Earth Will Be Burned into Ashes.

**Tremendous Comet in the Heavens**  
A terrible ball of fire has recently been discovered in the heavens, and is said to be approaching the Earth at the rate of one hundred and seven million miles per day. Astronomers are somewhat alarmed as to the direction in which it is centered, and tell us that if it does not change its course, it will surely be the destruction of the earth. It is estimated to be twelve times larger than the great planet Jupiter, which is the largest planet of the Universe. Astronomers tell us it will soon be visible to the people of this continent. It can be easily observed by the people of China and it is said that the Chinese by close observation have discovered upon the tail of the great comet printed in roman letters

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GEORGE W. VASS,  
Astronomer and Jeweler.

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Number 143 Drew the Doll.

Mr. Agnew Held the Lucky Number.

**W. A. BOECK & CO.**

**A Fight with an Eagle.**  
L. C. Brinkman, a clerk in the supply department of the Burlington and Missouri in this city, while hunting shot a large eagle. The shot broke the bird's wing, but left it otherwise unharmed, and when he went to capture his prize it made a spring at his face, and had he not warded it off with his arm his eyes would have been put out by the savage bird. As it was it gripped his arm, and despite his efforts to free himself he could not shake the eagle off. Calling to his friends, a short distance away, they came and killed the bird and then tried its claws out of the flesh of his forearm and leg, which were badly lacerated. He was helped home by his friends and medical assistance summoned. His arm was badly swollen. The eagle measured eight feet from tip to tip.—Des Moines Register.

**High Priced Straw.**  
A resident of this city said today: "I have bought apples of farmers that were of the best class—good all the way to the bottom of the barrel. Today I found that a barrel of apples I purchased of a farmer who is a pillar in a church contains a foot of straw. It is not good straw either. He actually sold me buck-wheat straw at the rate of \$1.50 per barrel."—Kingston Freeman.

**Public Debt Statement**  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The debt statement issued yesterday is as follows: Interest bearing debt, principal, \$941,041,652; interest, \$11,050,843; total, \$952,091,995. Debt on which interest has ceased since maturity, principal and interest, \$2,955,478. Debt bearing no interest, \$781,015,790. Total debt, principal,

\$1,674,152,144; interest, \$11,211,127; total, \$1,685,363,261. Total debt less available cash items, \$1,194,798,522; net cash in treasury, \$609,636,264; debt less cash in treasury January 1, 1888, \$1,134,062,258; debt less cash in treasury Dec. 1, 1888, \$1,148,489,857. Decrease in debt during the month, \$14,427,595; decrease in debt since June 30, 1888, \$31,522,368. Total cash in treasury as shown by the treasurer's general account, \$615,591,975.

Call and look at the Bon Bon Boxes, Match Boxes, Tooth Pick Holders, Pie Knives, Whisk Broods, etc., in Oxidized Silver, at H. M. GAULT'S. Also Gold Chains for both Ladies and Gentlemen, Charms, Pins, Gold Pens and Pencils, a splendid assortment of everything to be had in a First-Class Jewelry Store.

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