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THE LARGEST CIRCULATION OF ANY CASS COUNTY PAPER.

MANAGING A government with a surplus may be difficult, but it cannot approach managing a government on a deficit. President Cleveland's first and second administrations have given him experience with both systems and it is safe to say that deficit financing is not his preference.

THE cheap dollar editors are comforting themselves hugely now with the alleged "feud" between Major McKinley and Tom Reed. Their joy reminds one of that of the boy who was taken to see his grandfather's grave in place of going to the circus.

THE latest news from Cuba shows the insurgents winning great victories. This is good news to Americans, who live in hopes that they may keep up the fight until after March 4, when Uncle Sam will no doubt lend them his moral influence with a few Springfield rifles thrown in as evidence of good faith.

EX-SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY J. W. FOSTER talks like a man of sense. He says the Dingley tariff bill will not do, and points out plenty of good reasons why it won't. He then endorses a new tariff bill very similar to the McKinley law, which ought to pass after March 4 at the special session which the president will have to call.

THE Elmwood elevator case, where in the Farmers' Alliance demanded ground for the erection of an elevator on the M. P. railway, has been decided adversely to the Alliance by the supreme court of the United States. The case was decided against the railroad by the state board of transportation and by the supreme court of Nebraska, but the court of last resort seems to have taken a different view of the matter.

THE Virginia board of canvassers, having denied the validity of a republican representative's election because his name was spelled in two different ways in the returns, find itself also obliged to deny the validity of a Bryan elector's majority for the same reason. Consequently, McKinley will have one elector from Virginia to offset the one he lost in Kentucky, and his total electoral vote is raised to 278.—Buffalo Express.

A FRENCH writer in the New York Journal tries to frighten our people over what a war with Spain would mean. Mr. Frenchy seems to think that Uncle Sam would be kidnapped and carried out of the country on short notice, while Spanish Grandees with their gun boats would have no trouble in capturing New York City, root and branch. Such articles make very sensational reading when the writer has a good active imagination, but short of its imagery there is nothing left. Spain could not maintain a war against this country two weeks—not if the newspaper Colonels were allowed to take a hand in the carnage.

SENATOR THURSTON was forced to leave for Washington on account of the board of applicants who refused to let him rest. It is said that some would come with their dinner and camp right out in front of Thurston's door and remain there until they had a chance to explain how they had saved the country and how much the republican party was indebted to them personally and individually for the wonderful services they had rendered. The talk about the quiet precincts of a man's home did not apply in this case as Senator Thurston's home was besieged at all hours by the hungry applicants. If Major McKinley will extend the civil service to cover the rest of the offices that have been left out he will do the public great good.

THERE is a diversity of opinion about the Cuban matter. Senator Fry of Maine is for war with a double "R," and shows a disposition to wipe Spain off the face of the earth without delay. While there are others, especially down along New York, who seem to have great dread of the Spanish iron-clads. The New Yorkers say in case we had a tilt with Spain they would be the only sufferers, which is probably true. We believe, however, that Cuban independence should be recognized at any cost. The frowning face of a Spanish man of war should not be allowed to frighten Uncle Sam out of performing a just and merciful act. There was a time when this country was in the throes of a great conflict, and when France and Russia acknowledged our independence, giving renewed hope to the struggling continental army. It was of great benefit to our people, and we know from experience what it was worth. Cuba being similarly situated should have the same sort of help and have it promptly. We shall be disappointed in Major McKinley if he does not show a helping hand to the struggling Cubans.

OUR NATIONAL DEBT.

The Pall Mall Gazette gives the national debt of the leading countries of the world in 1875 and 1895. The figures are given in millions of pounds and is told at a glance in the following table:

Table with 2 columns: Country and Debt (1875 [Estimated], 1895 [Estimated]). Includes France, Great Britain, Russia, Italy, United States, Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey, Portugal, India, Brazil, Egypt, and Totals.

While a majority of the countries increased their debts, that of the United States was decreased in the 20 years by more than \$500,000,000. It would have been decreased yet more had it not been for the change in governmental policy in 1892 by which a "tariff reform" president and congress were elected with the natural result that the revenues decreased and the country had to borrow money to pay running expenses. During the four years of the Harrison administration more than \$250,000,000 of this debt was paid, and it will again be decreased rapidly during the McKinley administration when a proper tariff law is again on the statute books.

If Kansas wanted to do something real nice it would shelve Peffer and send Mrs. Lease to the senate.

JUST as we expected, last year when Nebraska was a republican state our base ball team defeated Iowa with ease. Now the state has gone wrong, and Iowa comes over and licks the Nebraska University team to a finish.

ONE of the headlines in the dailies announces that "Bryan is cool." Of course he's cool. A man who is caught out in a veritable blizzard, buried under a snow storm of American ballots, is apt to be cool.—Ex.

THE secret of how to end the Cuban war is out. An exchange gives it away by suggesting Mark Hanna to take the place of General Weyler. We can prove the correctness of this statement by reference to any of the popocrats who realize that Mark is invincible.

THE Omaha papers have already begun the biennial charter discussion. From this date on the editorial columns of the two papers may be expected to contain little else than talk about charters. It is a great pity Omaha can't have a separate charter for each individual, so as to quell this continuous row.

"ANOTHER man gone wrong" should be written on the tomb-stone of John Bixby. He having last week started a populist paper at Albion. The fellow who starts a newspaper these times is liable to die with his boots on. We never met Colonel Bixby, but his exhibition of nerve, even at this distance, seems sublime.

MR. BAYARD, our minister to England is being lionized in great style by the Briters just now, who are raising money to make him a costly present. It may be all right, but the average American has not discovered any act of Mr. Bayard's to be proud of. He has been too un-American to suit most people in this country.

NINETY-TWO cities in which Bryan made speeches during the campaign gave Cleveland a plurality of 155,755 four years ago, says an exchange. At the recent election these same cities gave McKinley a plurality of 450,052. This is a republican gain of 605,837—almost as great as Grant's complete plurality over Greeley in 1872. And yet Mr. Bryan is still speaking.

ANOTHER Nebraskan orator, Will Gurley of Omaha, won laurels in Chicago this week as an orator. It seems Nebraska must be a sort of oratorical kindergarten, the way she captures the country with her representatives. H. D. Estabrook won fame as an orator and Billy Bryan is counted a heavyweight in that line, while John M. Thurston and Will Gurley continue to add to the reputation of the state.

SEVERAL democratic statesmen who cannot get over their free trade notions are aiding public sentiment in favor of taxing beer. This is awful! The idea of the democrats taxing beer is too much for the plain, common people to comprehend. If it was an additional tax on bread, or some such luxury as that, little would be said about it, but to tax a common democratic necessity like beer is something the American people of that faith will not stand.

THE great Burlington, with its liberal management, which always keeps in touch with the people, has again scored a great point in its favor by subscribing \$30,000 to the trans-Mississippi exhibition, and giving notice at the same time of the erection of a fine depot on their grounds in Omaha. The Burlington is the first railroad to subscribe anything and the liberal sum donated by that company means that similar sums must follow, which will inaugurate a great boom for the coming exposition.

SENATOR PEFFER of Kansas is credited with being the thoroughest reformer who ever set out to save the country. In addition to drawing a salary of \$5,000 a year for himself, he succeeded in getting each member of his family into a good government office with a liberal salary attachment and the result is that the Peffers are now very well people. It is said that

they dress so well that the other populists have grown jealous, and that Mr. Peffer will have a very difficult time of it this winter in securing his re-election to the senate.

THE Nebraska legislature will meet in January and one of its first duties should be to repeal the infamous parole act, which enables the authorities at the penitentiary to practically discharge the worst sort of criminals if they have plenty of money or any sort of a "stand in" with the authorities. There are men today in citizen's attire scattered over the state whose sentences in the penitentiary have not expired, but who are thrown out under this parole law. There is little use in having courts and juries for the conviction of criminals if such conviction is to be treated as a farce by the prison authorities. Another law that needs straightening out in regard to the penitentiary, is turning loose a certain number of convicts on every fourth day of July. This measure was born of a sickly sentimentalism which should have no place on the statute book. We hope our legislators will take notice of this matter and promptly repeal these two acts.

INFORMATION AND OPINIONS.

Our old friend Jake Berge, who used to teach school near town, was appointed treasurer of Red Willow county Monday to fill the place made vacant by the resignation of Treasurer-elect Messerv. Jake has been the "populist" sort of a pop for several years and we are glad to see him at last reaping some reward for his faithful preaching of untenable doctrines that must have left a bad taste in his mouth most of the time.

The caucus among the state officers-elect as to who should share the deputyships and other good things at their disposal, according to the State Journal, were unable to get together last evening and seem to have had a fall out among themselves. The pie counter has always created much trouble and we fear our pop friends may not be able to steer clear of this dangerous snag.

A correspondent of a Canadian magazine writes: "Permit me to call attention to the deleterious effect of the electric light on trees. In front of my house, all the trees that are within fifty or sixty feet of the big arc lights lose their leaves and show many dead branches. One tree within fifteen feet of one of those lights is nearly stripped of the lowest branches, and is dry and dead (it is a maple). A tall elm about thirty feet away is fast losing the leaves from the long pendant branches, and a butternut in front of my window is fast going the same way. To test this point I have taken walks of about twenty miles in extent through the city streets, with the same results everywhere, so I am convinced that the electric light is hurtful to most trees. They can't sleep with those big glaring electric eyes shining from 8 p. m. to 3 a. m. or thereabouts. I believe there is also a chemical action from these lights. The trees cannot live in almost eternal day—they, like human or animal life of any kind, want rest. It is only near these lights the decay is so marked. Have any of your correspondents noticed this? I would like to know. Maples, butternuts and elms seem to suffer most. Willows and horse chestnuts do not seem to be affected, nor the lilacs—the cottonwood does not seem to be affected at all."

R. S. Bibb informs us that he will contest the election of Holcomb, under the firm conviction that the latter was not honestly elected. He is now preparing a document giving nine reasons why he should be inaugurated instead of Holcomb, and if they are not considered sufficient he will cheerfully furnish nine more, or as many as may be considered necessary.—Beatrice Express.

District court will convene next Monday unless Judge Ramsey is delayed. The docket contains a long list of civil cases, but the criminal docket is comparatively light, containing only four or five cases. They are mean, petty cases to try, however, and will give the county attorney plenty of work.—Nebraska City News.

The customary predictions for an ice famine have not been heard so far this winter.

Norfolk must be a real sweet place to live in, their sugar factory having turned out 15,000 barrels of white granulated sugar up to the present time, and the good work goes merrily on.

When chickens are stolen at Lincoln they are always valued at \$5 each. Everything is always high at that place, but the present value of common barnyard fowls at \$5 each is a little out of the usual line. At that rate eggs will soon be a dollar each. These prices are probably being raised so that when the legislature meets the members thereof will not squeal so loud when they are "touched" for a ten or twenty dollar william. Great minds, though at Lincoln, when a dollar is in sight, even if it is a measly, stinking, old fifty-three cent silver dollars.—Nebraska City News.

Ed Greenfield's Union Ledger was delayed last week and the delay was attributed to the editor eating too much turkey on Thanksgiving, but the following explanation, which appeared in the local column, proves the theory to be untrue: "It's a girl which arrived on Wednesday morning, November 25, 1896. She is of standard weight avoirdupois, and will furnish the Ledger man employment during these long winter nights."

Schuyler has the "bulliest" newspaper man in the state. His name is Bulla.

The Milwaukee semi-centennial exposition is to be abandoned, ostensibly for lack of funds. The real reason, however, is that nothing can successfully compete with the greatest show on earth, which is to be held in Omaha in 1898.—Bee.

A common way of destroying the ants in Argentina is by means of a small metal cylindrical furnace half filled with any kind of dry, inflammable rubbish, and in the top a pan suspended containing flowers of sulphur. When this is lit is screwed up over the ant hill, so that the smoke can only issue from a bent metal tube, which conducts it to the ant hole. A pair of bellows, worked by a handle, is attached to the lower part of the furnace, thus making the fire burn and forcing the sulphurous smoke along the ant passages. The whole apparatus is suspended on wheels and can thereby be conveniently moved from part to part of the quinta. With this instrument such volumes of suffocating smoke can be produced that it will often be issuing thickly from holes 200 or 300 yards distant. So you may imagine the ants have a somewhat lively time of it—or, perhaps, rather, a deadly one.

In spite, however, of waging war against them, they multiply so rapidly that they are soon so numerous as to be very energetically that they can be kept down, and the amount of damage they do is often appalling. When up country, on the border of the Grand Chaco, where, of course, these insects work their own sweet will, the writer once discovered a deserted wooden hut. Incidentally leaning against the door, he was surprised to see the whole of it collapse. But on examination he found the reason to be that every portion of the woodwork had been perforated and undermined by the ants, and only required a very slight touch to crumble into ruins. The intruders of the ants had probably been the cause of abandoning the hut.—Temple Bar.

Carlyle Reproved. An amusing and characteristic anecdote of Thomas Carlyle is given in Mrs. Ross' "Early Days Recalled." Mrs. Ross, the daughter of Sir Alexander and Lady Duff Gordon, enjoyed from her earliest years the privilege of meeting many distinguished persons under delightful conditions. Her mother's beauty and wit, as well as her father's social and official rank, attracted men and women eminent in art, letters and politics to their home. The only visitor whom little Janet cordially disliked was Mr. Thomas Carlyle. She says: "One afternoon my mother had a discussion with him on German literature. Her extraordinary eloquence and fire prevailing, Carlyle lost his temper and burst forth in his Scotch tongue, "You're just a windbag, Lucie; you're just a windbag!"

I had been listening with all my ears, and, conceiving him to be very rude, interrupted him by saying, "My papa always says men should be civil to women," for which pert remark I got a scolding from my mother, but Mr. Carlyle was not offended, and, turning to her observed, "Lucie, that child of yours has an eye for an inference."

Bogus Diamonds. Some curious stories can be told about the thousands of false diamonds sold yearly in London. As a working gentleman has seen, and tried, one of these imitation stones. People of all ranks buy them. A nobleman is in immediate want of cash and must find it somewhere. He will perhaps turn to his family diamonds. Possibly £10,000 could be raised upon them. He takes the jewelry off to the false diamond provider, has the stones removed and himself is able to miscalculate the value and miss their footing. One of the "greatest shows on earth"—there are several—gave a series of performances in Madison Square Garden, New York. By mistake the rings were made 42 feet 6 inches in diameter. On the first performance three riders fell, and one was severely hurt. Before the second performance the rings were reduced to the regular size.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Italians In This Country. There are about 1,000,000 Italians in the United States. One-third of them are settled in the principal cities. Half of these are laborers. Fifty per cent are illiterate. They are hard and steady workers, very saving and anxious to improve themselves. When they have no chance to work at their own trade, they will accept any other kind of work and any wages. The Italians hate begging. Has any reader of this ever been stopped by an Italian asking for a "nickel?" In the records of charitable institutions are very few Italian names.—Newark (N. J.) Luce Evangelical.

Three Crowns. During the middle ages the elector-emperors of Germany, at their coronation, wore three crowns—the silver crown as king of Germany, the iron crown of Lombardy as king of Italy and the imperial crown as kaiser of the Holy Roman empire. The first was received at Aix-la-Chapelle, the second at Monza and the third at Rome, but Karl V was the last kaiser-king who received the imperial crown at the pope's hands.

Pansies, ever since Shakespeare's time, and perhaps for ages before, have been symbolic of thoughts or remembrance. Two or three poets, 100 years earlier than Shakespeare, mention the flower as having this symbolism.

A large bush of onions is 48 pounds in Indiana, and from this figure the range is upward to 57 pounds in Arkansas, Georgia, Illinois and other states.

Missouri Pacific railway company will sell tickets at rate of one fare plus \$2 for round trip September 1, 15, 29, and October 6, 20, to any point in Kansas, Missouri, Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

C. F. STOUTENBOROUGH, Ag't.

A Student's Joke.

J. E. Dodson is an Englishman. "When I was at school at Harrow," he said to a reporter, "Campanini, then in the height of his fame as a tenor, sang for the first time in the city in Italian opera. I if I mistake not, he was 'Trova-tore.' At the end of Campanini's great aria in the third act there was a storm of applause. All the front seats in the balcony were occupied by students, and it was noticed that an almost invisible wire was strung from the middle point in the gallery horsehoe to the top of the prompter's box at the middle of the stage. What caused most people to notice the wire was the sudden appearance on it of a floral car of huge dimensions, over which hovered on spirals several stuffed doves. This car rode gradually down along the wire until it was in full view of everybody. Campanini's face was wreathed in smiles. He bowed now with his right and now again with his left hand on his chest. As the car approached the prompter's box the singer moved forward to remove it from its trolley. Then was the keen zest of the occasion. Not only was there one wire—there were two. The second was attached to the car, and also to the hand of a particularly stalwart undergraduate. With marvelous rapidity the car shot back to the balcony. The smiles, I may add, did not tarry on Campanini's face."—Boston Transcript.

A Fatal Omelet. Ignorance of cooking is not often the direct cause of a man's death, but such an instance is related by Miss Edith Liebel in a recent volume entitled, "The Story of Two Salons." In the time of the French revolution one M. Condorcet, upon whose head as an aristocrat a price was set, sought refuge with a friend, M. Suard, who had him return at nightfall, when means of escape would be provided.

Unhappily Condorcet, being unable to exist without tobacco, went into a tavern to buy some. Still prostrate from fatigue, he thought he would take advantage of this opportunity to get some dinner and ordered an omelet.

"How many eggs do you wish to be used?" inquired the landlord, who had been eying him suspiciously. The innocent Condorcet was at his wits' end. He reflected on the size of the ordinary omelet. "Twelve," he boldly replied. His fate was sealed. None but an aristocrat could be so ignorant or so extravagant. He was arrested and led away to prison, from which he never emerged.

Entirely Different. "Is not my performance different from that of any other actor?" asked the inflated Thespian at the stage door of the Detroit Opera House.

"Is not my conception entirely original and different from all others?" "No doubt about it." "Is not the reading of the lines different from the reading of alleged actors?" "Unquestionably."

"Are not my stage postures different from those of many who masquerade as actors?" "Of course."

"And my make-up—is it different from the maritistic make-up of most Thespians?" "Very different."

"I have been told I resemble Edwin Booth?" "Yes."

"You have noticed? In what way do I resemble him, sir?" "You are so different."—Detroit Free Press.

Uniform Size of Circus Rings. The one ring circus of our grandfathers' day had a ring no larger than each of the three used by the big shows today. Circus horses are trained to perform in a standard ring 42 feet in diameter. In a larger or a smaller ring their pace becomes uneven, irregular and unreliable, and the riders in turning somersaults are liable to miscalculate the groove and miss their footing. One of the "greatest shows on earth"—there are several—gave a series of performances in Madison Square Garden, New York. By mistake the rings were made 42 feet 6 inches in diameter. On the first performance three riders fell, and one was severely hurt. Before the second performance the rings were reduced to the regular size.—Chicago Times-Herald.

Homeseekers Excursion. For the above occasion the B. & M. will sell tickets on Nov. 3 and 17, Dec. 1 and 15 for one fare for the round trip plus \$2 to points in the following territory: Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, South Dakota, Wyoming, Arizona, Arkansas, Indian territory, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. The minimum charge will not be less than \$7.

Take off the Horns. The undersigned is now ready with a good pop table chute and tools, to remove the weapons of horned cattle at ten cents per head. It never gets too cold to dehorn cattle. Any time after fly-time, until the first week in April is the right time. After that it is too late. If those who wish to have such work done will address me at Rock Bluffs, Neb., they will be promptly answered. S. L. FURLONG.

Will Lecture Here. Rev. H. O. Rowlands, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist church of Lincoln, will deliver his celebrated lecture, "Tantalus," at White's opera house Friday evening, December 11. This is fraternal on the part of Dr. Rowlands, who comes in brotherly love to assist Rev. A. H. Post, pastor of the Baptist church, who is laboring without mission help in the important and needy field at South Park in this city. Let this special feature be noted. For this reason this excellent lecturer should be liberally patronized.

"Excuse me," observed the man in spectacles, "but I am a surgeon, and that is not where his liver is." "Never mind where his liver is," retorted the other. "If it was in his big toe or his left ear DeWitt's Little Early Risers would reach it and shake it for him." F. G. FRICKE & Co.

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Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria. Of unusual interest to every reader of this paper is the announcement made elsewhere in this issue by the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, unquestionably the greatest of American newspapers. The mail subscription price of the Daily and Sunday Globe-Democrat is reduced at one blow, from twelve to six dollars a year, placing it within the reach of all who desire to read any daily paper during the coming great national campaign. The Weekly Globe-Democrat remains at one dollar a year, but is issued in Semi-Weekly sections of eight pages each, making practically a large semi-weekly paper. This issue is just the thing for the farmer, merchant or professional man who has not the time to read a daily paper but wishes to keep promptly and thoroughly posted. It is made up with especial reference to the wants of every member of the family, not only giving all the news, but also a great variety of interesting and instructive reading matter of all kinds. Write for free sample copies to GLOBE PRINTING CO., ST. LOUIS, MO. Trade is going to be good in Plattsburgh this fall and winter and the merchant who expects to get his full share of it must make a bid for it. THE NEWS is read by more people than any other publication in the city and the merchant who uses its columns as a trade-getter will use good judgment. The three-year-old boy of J. A. Johnson, of Lynn Center, Ill., is subject to attacks of croup. Mr. Johnson says he is satisfied that the timely use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, during a severe attack, saved his little boy's life. He is in the drug business, a member of the firm of Johnson Bros., of that place, and they handle a great many patent medicines for throat and lung diseases. He had all these to choose from, and skilled physicians ready to respond to his own family at a time when his child's life was in danger, because he knew it to be superior to any other, and famous the country over for its cures of croup. Mr. Johnson says this is the best selling cough medicine they handle, and that it gives splendid satisfaction in all cases. Sold by all druggists.

One Minute Cough Cure, cures. That is what it was made for. Bank President Isaac Lewis of Sabina, Ohio, is highly respected all through that section. He has lived in Clinton Co. 75 years, and has been president of the Sabina Bank 20 years. He gladly testifies to the merit of Hood's Sarsaparilla, and what he says is worthy attention. All brain workers find Hood's Sarsaparilla peculiarly adapted to their needs. It makes pure, rich, red blood, and from this comes nerve, mental, bodily and digestive strength. "I am glad to say that Hood's Sarsaparilla is a very good medicine, especially as a blood purifier. It has done me good many times. For several years I suffered greatly with pains of Neuralgia in one eye and about my temples, especially at night when I had been having a hard day of physical and mental labor. I took many remedies, but found help only in Hood's Sarsaparilla which cured me of rheumatism, neuralgia and headache. Hood's Sarsaparilla has proved itself a true friend. I also take Hood's Pills to keep my bowels regular, and like the pills very much." ISAAC LEWIS, Sabina, Ohio. Hood's Sarsaparilla is the One True Blood Purifier. All druggists. \$1. Prepared only by C. L. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. It is prompt, efficient and easy in effect. 25 cents.

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