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THE LARGEST CIRCULATION of any Cass County Paper.

AMONG others Calvin S. Brice would like to succeed John Sherman as United States senator from Ohio.

ELECTRICITY for use on the farm gives promise of becoming popular. Imagine a horny fisted farmer sailing across the field under the trolley.

THE Nebraska state legislature has been in session five weeks. For all that has been accomplished it might as well not have convened until now.

THE January mortgage record for Cass county makes a good showing especially as regards city property, the extent of mortgages fled being \$15, while the releases were away up.

THE plan to have the West Point cadets in attendance at the inauguration and to pay their expenses out of the national treasury was defeated. This is a very important event, but to pay the expenses of the cadets would be a useless expenditure of public funds.

THE government has come to an understanding with the reorganization committee of the Union Pacific, so that the road will be sold at mortgage sale and the government get the money called for by its mortgage, which is in the neighborhood of fifty million dollars.

THE city of Glasgow, Scotland, enjoys the reputation of being today the most advanced municipality in the world. Beginning with January, 1897, the city will be supported entirely by the revenue derived from franchises, the property of the city. No more will such a thing as an assessor or tax collector be known there.

REFERING to the action of the Nebraska legislature in instructing him to vote for the free coinage of silver, Senator Thurston said: "The present Nebraska legislature does not represent the party that elected me to the senate. When any of the legislators show a disposition to come to my proposition, I will consider the matter. We are now as far apart as the poles, and there is no apparent prospect of agreement."

THERE is great dissatisfaction at Washington, and in fact all over the country, because of the refusal of those in charge to employ the Marine band at inauguration ball. This is known to be the best organization of musicians in the world and since they are paid by the government should have been employed. Instead different bands were invited to bid for the job and the Marine band was snubbed. Some one is evidently trying to make a stake out of it.

A NATIONAL bank in Texas which suspended about four weeks ago has reopened its doors. Probably many others of the banks recently in trouble will do this also. The difficulty with most of them, it is likely, was not really serious, but in the general torpor in trade they went down. Now that everybody sees the worst is over, and that business is unmistakably improving, the bank suspensions will probably soon be fewer than the resumptions.—Globe-Democrat.

THE latest political report concerning the successor to Senator Sherman, already selected as a member of President McKinley's cabinet is that Gov. Bushnell will not appoint M. A. Hanna, who has senatorial aspirations, and that no special session of the legislature will be called, but to further his own ambitions, Gov. Bushnell will resign, Lieut. Jones will become chief executive, and will promptly appoint his predecessor to the vacant seat in the senate.—Ex.

THE female suffragists had lots of fun at Des Moines last week and took in the town in a proper way, but when they essayed to capture the state legislature such a "marble heart" was shown as even the experienced Susan B. Anthony had not before encountered. What the Wyoming and Colorado people call progress is not designated that way in Iowa, and the horrid men folks will doubtless continue to rule the roost over there without let or hindrance until the millennium.

IT is a noble spirit that actuates the people of Nebraska to respond to the cry of the hungry Chicagoans. People of that town did admirably in Nebraska's hour of need, being the first to send food. However, the suggestion that the Chicago Tribune makes, that all corn sent to help the suffering Chicagoans should be sold and the proceeds derived therefrom used to purchase sound money literature and immediately sent back and distributed over the state, has a tendency to cool off the enthusiasm. It was a near thrust.

IT STILL remains true that the sympathies of the people of the United States are with the oppressed.

Scandinavia wants to secure peace in case of a European war by having its neutrality guaranteed by the powers, as is now the case with Belgium and Switzerland. Resolutions asking for this will be submitted in the Norwegian storting, the Swedish riksdag, and the Danish folketing.

Ex-Warden C. J. Nobles died yesterday at his home in York county. He was wealthy and leaves a valuable estate for the support of his family.

A peck of corn makes a pint of whiskey, which in turn causes a peck of trouble, and nature's law of conservation matters hold good.—Bixby.

The court reporters have won their suit in the supreme court and their salary of \$1,500 per year will remain the same.

The estimate of the provender required for the supper in connection with the inaugural ball, is 10,000 assorted sandwiches, 8,000 chicken cutlets, 7,000 sweetbreads, 300 gallons of consommé soup, 300 gallons of terrapin, 300 gallons of chicken salad, 200 gallons of crab salad, 200 gallons of lobster salad, 250 hams, 80,000 oysters, 200 tongues, 180 boned turkeys, 1,800 quarts of ice cream, 100 gallons of Roman punch, 250 pounds of cakes, 100 pounds of game patties and 200 gallons of coffee. This is supposed to be sufficient to feed 10,000 people, which is the minimum attendance expected. And it only costs one dollar in addition to the ball ticket, to enjoy a lunch like that.—Ex.

A St. Louis judge fined a young man who attempted to kiss a pretty girl, and failed, \$10 and costs. Served him right; no pretty girl likes to be disappointed in such matters.—Ex.

An Illinois judge recently sentenced a man to 100 years in the penitentiary. The fellow's good time may cut it down to about ninety.

The determination of Governor Pingree of Michigan to vary the monotony of the gubernatorial office by holding on to his post of mayor of Detroit for a year or two, has displeased people who think that the officers are too few to go around with one to each man, and they have brought a suit in the supreme court to see if they can't make him drop one of his bones and be content either to be governor or mayor, or one. The governor's ambition to hold down both executive chairs at once is certainly unique. Senator Hill is about the only modern case of a governor holding another office. He was New York's governor and senator combined for some months.

David Nehr of Beatrice shot and killed a dog belonging to John A. Dobbs. Dobbs arrested him and he was convicted and sentenced to one day in jail, which he served. The case was appealed to the supreme court where it was reversed. Nehr then brought suit for \$10,000 damages for imprisonment and a jury has just returned a verdict for \$245 in his favor, which is the price of one day's work in jail. This is a pointer for Richard Roe and J. Doe.—Ex.

Editor Moll Schmidt of the Dakota City Eagle acknowledges the receipt of a wheelbarrow load of wedding cake, when he is already so fat he can hardly button his shoes. But that's the way it goes. Those who have shall be added unto, but those who have not, from them it shall be taken away. There are some other editors in Nebraska who are so lean they will not cast a shadow, yet they are trying to pull through the winter on hay and corn fodder.—Ex.

Captain Palmer is the titled dignitary who acts as secretary to Queen Liliuokalani. It is not our friend, Captain Palmer of Omaha, however, as some have been led to believe.

Six sets of triplets and thirty-one pairs of twins is reported from a recent New York baby show.

It is firmly believed that President McKinley will recognize in his appointments to prominent offices, some of the sound money democrats who advocated his election, on the rostrum and elsewhere. It is possible, even if not probable, that the support of that wing of the democracy aided to a certain extent his election. As a reward for his support, and recognizing his ability, late reports indicate that General Daniel E. Sickles is to be offered the position of commissioner of pensions in the McKinley administration.—Ex.

Take off the Horns. The undersigned is now ready with a good portable 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.

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THE DEACON'S DONATION. And Why It Was Not Accepted by the Citizens.

It had been decided at a public meeting of the citizens they that would have a combination library, reading room and social club in Wapton. The committee, made up of substantial members of the community authorized to act upon their own judgment, was in session at Deacon Close's, he having a site that he wanted to sell for the proposed building.

"I regard this movement as deserving of popular approval and aid," said the minister. "It aims to secure a wider intelligence and a better tone of morality among our people. Every one should give according to his means."

After the editor, the doctor and the banker had talked in the same vein, the lawyer proposed that they get down to business. "Deacon Close," he continued, "has a desirable lot for which he asks \$2,000. It strikes me as a pretty stiff price, but I have no doubt that he will make us a donation of \$500 and make a deed of the site for \$1,500."

There was applause, in which the deacon did not participate, but rising reluctantly he delivered himself as follows: "I must say that I agree with what has been said in praise of this enterprise. Our town needs it and there is no place for it more desirable than an appropriate lot for which I want to bear my full share of the expense."

"Since I offered you this lot," the deacon went on, "there has been a great improvement in times. Money is easier, prices are better and really gets an enhanced value because of the general prosperity. I will let you have the lot for \$2,500 and throw off \$500 as a donation."

The minister muttered something he was glad the deed did not bear. The doctor laughed, the banker scowled and the lawyer moved to adjourn in a voice that told the deacon he would have to seek some other market for the lot that had taken such a long and sudden jump in value.—Detroit Free Press.

THEY DO NOT SIT. Some Birds That Hatch Their Eggs by Queer Devices.

It is well known that the Australian megapod is a bird that is accustomed to sit on its eggs. In certain parts of Australia are found numerous mounds of considerable size and height which the first explorers took to be burial grounds. These were made by the Megapodius tumulus, which uses them for hatching its eggs. They have sometimes considerable dimensions. A nest that is 14 feet high and 55 feet in circumference may be regarded as large.

Each megapod builds its own nest with material which it gathers from all sides, and these are exactly what the gardener uses in the month of March to make his forcing beds—namely, leaves and decomposing vegetable matter, which, by their fermentation, give off just as appreciable amount of heat. In the forcing beds this heat hastens the sprouting of the seeds. In the nest it suffices for the development and hatching of the young birds, and the mother can go where she likes and occupy herself as she wishes without being troubled by the duties of sitting.

In the small island of Ninfano, in the Pacific, another bird has a somewhat similar habit, in so far as it also abandons its eggs, but in place of obtaining the necessary heat from fermentation it gets it from warm sand. The leipoa, or native pheasant of Australia, acts like the megapod and watches the temperature of its mound very closely, covering and uncovering the eggs several times a day to cool them or heat them as becomes necessary. After hatching, the young bird remains in the mound several hours. It leaves on the second day, but returns for the night, and not until the third day is it able to leave for good the paternal abode.—Revue Scientifique.

An Embarrassing Gift. Lord Leighton's house is to be presented to the nation, which in turn to maintain it in its present condition as an artistic monument of its late owner. It is ungracious to discuss such matters too closely, and every one will recognize the good intentions of the ladies who make the generous gift, but some day it will be necessary seriously to discuss this business, now so much in fashion, of keeping up the houses that are associated with the memory of our great men. One day it is Carlyle, another it is Turner, and so on.

There is a little "boom," a few of the faithful pour in on the opening day and examine the hat stand, and the walking stick, and the dining room table, and then they go away and straightway forget all about it. For a year or so after Americans and provincials keep up a show of interest, and then the thing becomes a mere white elephant, of interest or of use to nobody. Lord Leighton's house is out beyond Holland Park, and, as it is not to be either a school, a museum or a home, who is likely after the first few weeks to take the trouble to go three or four miles to visit it?—St. James Gazette.

Breaking Things. Robert—We had quite an experience at Stoder's last evening. Richard—Yes? Robert—Yes. We were sitting there like so many mummies, when Stoder's daughter suddenly broke into song. Richard—So? And what did the rest of you do? Robert—Oh, the rest of us broke away as soon as possible.—Boston Transcript.

The present king of Serbia, Alexander I, was elevated to the throne in the place of his disreputable father in 1889. He was born in 1876 and is now a sturdy youth, who, it is said, gives promise of being quite as disreputable as ex-king Milan ever was.

It is stated by Brewer that Pope Hormidas, in 593, was the first to wear a cap or tiara of state.

County Physicians. The following is a list of the county physicians for the six districts appointed by the county commissioners today: Dr. Cummins, Geo. Gilmore, Dr. M. M. Butler, Dr. Holister, Dr. Tamblin and Dr. Neeley.

Allen C. Story a lawyer of Chicago, came near being lynched right in the heart of the city yesterday by an infuriated mob who insisted through Allen's manipulations of Building and Loan investments they had been robbed. A catholic priest interfered and Story sneaked out of sight.

THE ROSE OF STARS. When love, our great immortal, Put on mortality And down from Eden's portal Brought this sweet world to be, At the sublime archangel He laughed with veiled eyes, For he bore within his bosom The seed of paradise.

He hid it in his bosom, And there such warmth it found It broke in bud and blossom, And the rose fell on the ground, As the green light on the prairie, As the red light on the sea, Through fragrant belts of summer Came this sweet world to be.

And the grave archangel, seeing, Spread his mighty wings for flight, But a glow hung round him fleeing Like the rose of an arctic night, And sadly moving heavenward By Venus and by Mars, He heard the joyful planets Hail earth, the rose of stars. —G. E. Woodbury in Century.

HAS THE UMBRELLA FAD. Chicago Man Who Carries It to Greater Extremes Than Most People.

There is a man on the North Side who has the umbrella fad. It would hardly be fair to tell his name, as it was learned in confidence, and the fad might not be regarded as a mere eccentricity by some people who have suffered from it and they might be tempted to complain to the police. Again, everybody who has lost an umbrella and that means a majority of the people of Chicago—would look up his address in the directory and sweep down upon him with the hope that his lost property might be in his collection.

There are other men who have a weakness for taking umbrellas, but no man is known to have carried it to so great an extreme as this one. He has a collection numbering 400 umbrellas of all kinds. A good many of them were bought. Some of them were borrowed from friends, with and without their permission, and others were acquired in other ways which it would be hardly polite to mention. The man is a good citizen in other respects, but he is a victim of the umbrella habit, and when he sees an umbrella he is compelled to struggle very hard to resist the temptation to make himself its owner. Usually he yields to the temptation, and the coveted prize is transferred to his collection.

The umbrella collector does not make any great display of his collection. The umbrellas are piled up in a big closet in his bedroom, and he very seldom visits it. Now and then he looks over them and counts them with satisfaction. The last time he counted them there were 398 in the closet. He has added a few to his collection since that time.

In every other way except this passion for umbrellas, which amounts to a mania, the man is perfectly sane. His friends regard him as a very clever man, and he holds a responsible position in a big wholesale house down town. But umbrellas are his weakness. He is a victim of the umbrella habit just as another man might be a victim of the opium habit or morphine habit, and his relatives are in constant fear that the habit may some day get him into trouble.—Chicago Times-Herald.

A Pointed Question. The great question whether the use of forks is understood in Chicago having been happily settled in Paris, it may be asked in seriousness whether forks are not too much used in Chicago and everywhere else. Not that anybody wants to use the knife for conveying food to the mouth, but might not the teaspoon as a part of the dinner equipment be a little more prominent?

People of breeding train their children to eat peas, for instance, with a fork, taboing the spoon for no apparent reason other than that its use would simplify and facilitate the operation. On the same principle they ought to eat their peas with chopsticks, as a Chinaman could easily do. So with certain kinds of pie and pastry. The relish is marred by the loss of juices too thin for the fork to carry. Yet the man who values his social reputation must not ask for a spoon.

The proper use of the silver fork might be better understood if it were regarded as a modified shovel with limitations imposed by its slits. For solids it is an excellent shovel. For liquids it is a naturally a failure. The countryman who on his first visit to a city hotel asked the waiter for a spoon with no slits in it was no legitimate subject of ridicule. He was an impartial critic, being without the prejudice of habit or tradition.—Hotel Mail.

The Supreme Court. "The judges of the United States courts have, with rare exceptions, been men of excellent legal ability and of high character," writes ex-President Harrison in The Ladies' Home Journal. "The bar has sometimes complained that judges were arbitrary and not always as suave and respectful in their treatment of the members of the bar as they ought to be. Perhaps there has been in particular cases ground for such complaints, but the cases have been few. Manifestations of rudeness and passion are inexcusable in a judge. He must be deferential if he expects deference. He should be patient and even tempered, for the case is sure to go his way in his own court. And, on the other hand, the bar should always give its powerful aid to support the influence of the courts, for the judicial department is the keystone of our government and assaults upon it threaten the whole structure of the stately arch."

He'd Starve. "I don't see how Jolly lives with that rich wife of his. She's a Tartar." "It would be a good deal harder to explain how he could live without her." —Detroit Free Press.

What is called elm dust is really the seeds of the tree, which ripen before the leaves are perfectly formed.

Portland, Me., is 1,297 miles northeast of St. Louis.

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