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THE LARGEST CIRCULATION OF ANY CASS COUNTY PAPER.

THE payment of \$30,000,000 of Nebraska mortgages in one "hunk" has had a tendency to close up the croakers.

WHEN Mr. Keely starts up his motor by sounding the chord of B flat it runs for a few minutes and then stops several years for repairs. It works a good deal like the concert of Europe.

THE estimate of the gold production in this country for 1897 made by the director of the United States Mint was \$60,000,000. As for next year, the Alaska discoveries render prediction impossible.

AMERICAN manufacturers have just shipped six locomotives to South Africa and are building thirty for Japan. In making machinery of all kinds for transportation, the United States is a recognized leader.

BILLY BRYAN'S butcher knives and tin dinner pail will have to be dug up again. They did yoman service once, in deceiving the people, but a man that would be fooled twice by the same trick isn't much of a man and deserves whatever misfortunes befall him.

MAXWELL and Senator Allen both dodged the vote on the tariff bill. If it were such an iniquitous measure they ought to have been glad to vote against it. If the measure was all right, then Allen's buncombe speeches against it show him to be a very cheap sort of demagogue.

IF ANYONE who is kicking on the hot weather of Nebraska takes a notion to seek his fortune in the Alaska gold fields, he would do a wise thing to can a few cubic feet of the Nebraska atmosphere and take along with him. It would come in good play next winter when the thermometers are all frozen up.

GOVERNOR HOLCOMB, wearing a silk hat that would have made a New York dude proud of his existence, with his staff of finely uniformed officers at the Logan parade, impressed the easterners that he was something of a plutocrat himself and not a populist with horns, as the haughty gold-bug press had tried to make the people believe. Nebraska is now all right.

AN exchange, claiming to know, says that Church Howe refused to go to Samoa on account of the dusky complexion of her belles. He will find brunettes in Italy, but they are not so dark and their features are more satisfactory to a caucasian admirer of female beauty. The report that Tom Majors had anything to do with the change is pronounced by Tom as a canard.

DURING hard times, when there is no money in circulation, circus companies stay at home. Eastern Nebraska is just now crowding the tents of three distinct circuses. Where is the man who said prosperity had not shed its grateful light on this part of the country. Hereafter, the man who denies the multiplying evidences of prosperity to be seen every day, ought to be examined by the insane commission.

EVERYTHING seems to be moving in the interests of the American farmer. Not only are foreign crops light, but now comes the news that the Australians are losing their sheep from starvation, and are slaughtering them for their pelts as rapidly as possible, thus cutting off one of the important wool supplies of the world. Australia's wool product last year was 643,000,000 pounds, or nearly three times that of the United States.

WHAT is the matter with the Cass county prohibitionists that they have not called their convention for Weeping Water August 2 along with the others. If the prohibitionists would fuse with the democrats and pops, free silver republicans and bimetalists they might come near electing some of their candidates. The democratic leaders will fuse with anything that brings votes, and in this way the prohibitionists might become a power in old Cass.

THE real reason for the declination of Governor Drake to be a candidate for re-election is said to be the financial drain imposed by the possession of that office. The state of Iowa pays the governor \$3,000 a year, but provides no governor's mansion. It is considered the thing there to take a house and do some entertaining, and of course the salary fails to cover the expense of holding the office. It follows that unless the people of Iowa are satisfied to have rich men for their governors it will be necessary to grant at least enough additional salary to pay the rent of a suitable house. Perhaps the best way out of this difficulty in all western states will be to provide a good building for a governor's mansion.—Ex.

THE REPUBLICANS WERE NOT FOOLED. "If we are fooled on the sugar schedule the smartest man in the house of representatives has been fooled." This was Speaker Reed's remark a few days before adjournment to somebody who told him the house had been deceived on that schedule in the conference committee, says the Globe-Democrat. A great many people who were against the trust had the same opinion as this person did when sugar stocks made their great bound the day after the conference report was presented. Speaker Reed, however, retained his confidence that the house gained a great victory in that adjustment. And he was right.

One of the most skillful experts in the service of the treasury department, General Appraiser Tichenor, has just made a computation of the relative amount of protection given the sugar refiners under the Wilson and Dingley acts, and he finds the average differential on the various qualities to be over a third less under the present law than it was under the act of 1894, which was superseded last Saturday. Tichenor goes over the entire schedule by degrees, and makes a great many figures. Translated into plain, every-day language these figures mean this: Not only did the house gain a great victory in the sugar fight in the conference committee, but the conference schedule, which was accepted by both branches, was less favorable to the refiners than any ever enacted. The trust, that is to say, has less protection under the Dingley law than it ever had under any previous enactment.

The republicans were not fooled on the sugar schedule or on any other part of the new law. They are seldom deceived on matters of legislation. Naturally the trust bosses would be glad to make the country believe the republican party granted them some favors. This belief would be profitable to the trust, for it would run the price of shares up. But they can not get anybody to believe this now. The immense importation of raw sugar in advance of the enactment of the new law, which will go up in price on account of the general advance on all sorts of sugar in the Dingley act, will enable the refiners to make large gains for a few weeks, but the end will come soon and then the tariff will hit them. Prices, as a consequence, are on the down-grade at present. There will be sharp advances in the future as in the past, for the trust magnates are potent and skillful, and can work the market as they did the day after the conference schedule was published. The republicans, however, have dealt them a blow which they will remember. They have a smaller differential than any previous act ever allowed them, and it is safe to predict that when the republicans revise the tariff next time the entire differential will be removed.

QUICK WORK ON THE DINGLEY BILL. The quick work done by congress on the Dingley tariff is hardly appreciated as it should be. Congress was called together in extraordinary session on March 16. In four months and nine days the bill had passed both the United States senate and house of representatives, was acted upon in conference, finally passed by the senate, and signed by the president. This covered a period of 131 days. In 1890 the McKinley bill, reported on April 16, passed the house on May 21, but was delayed in the senate till September, and again still further delayed in conference, not being signed by the president till October 1, 1890. It was in all 168 days before congress.

When the democratic party was in control, the Mills bill dragged along in 1888 to 1889 for 300 days, and then failed to pass. The German-Wilson bill was reported to the house by the Ways and Means committee on December 19, 1893, and reported to the senate on February 26, 1894. It did not become law till August 28, 1894, and was then such a "ragbag production" of "perfidy and dishonesty" that even the democratic president refused to sign it.

The difference between the republicans and democrats in enacting tariff legislation in congress is very marked. The republicans passed the McKinley bill in 181 days, and the Dingley bill in 131 days, each bill receiving the signature of the republican president. The democrats, on the other hand, wasted some 300 days over the Mills bill, which never became a law, and they wrsted 252 days over the German-Wilson bill, which proved to be such an abortion that even President Cleveland refused to sign it.—American Economist.

THE FIGURES FOR IT. The Chicago Times-Herald makes a strong presentation of indisputable evidence of the return of prosperity and of an upward tendency in all lines of industrial enterprises.

It shows that there has been a strong revival of stocks, principally of railroads whose prosperity depends upon an increased traffic. The forty-eight principal stocks bought and sold on the New York exchange show an increase in value from July 25th last year to July 25th this year of the enormous amount of \$211,305,992, the most of this being during the last three months.

The price of wheat has gone up within a year to the extent of 20 cents a bushel. On the estimated crop of 500,000,000 bushels for this year, the increased value reaches the colossal sum of \$100,000,000.

The corn crop has been largely enhanced in value by the recent rise in prices. This represents no less than \$40,000,000.

There has been a decided improvement in the prices of live stock. The

value of farm stock has increased during the past twelve months no less than \$200,000,000.

NEBRASKA is getting a good deal of most excellent advertising just now and will do the state a great amount of good, says the Fremont Tribune. The record of payment of mortgages, which is estimated to be about 28 millions in three years, 18 millions of which have been paid off in the last year, is a sufficient cause of it all. This showing was unexpected of Nebraska, because many adverse reports of the state's condition have gone out during the past three or four years. It is found now that when we were apparently resting on our oars we were really saving our money and paying our debts and this sort of action begets confidence in a state as well as in individuals. All the metropolitan paper are commenting favorably on the Nebraska situation, not only with reference to this feature but as to the bright crop prospects for this year and the certain indications of the state's rapid upbuilding. Nebraska is no longer a byword and a hissing. The populist state administration is not blighting the corn of rusting the wheat.

INFORMATION AND OPINIONS. The Thurston Rifles of Omaha captured two individual prizes for drilling, but lost the company cup at the San Antonio encampment. They have always gotten their share.

Nebraska City has been having an epidemic of fires recently. Two or three barns and an equal number of houses were burned there last week. There was a "hot time in the old town."

A Delaware church long disused was recently reopened for the ministrations of a wandering evangelist who found out before he had fairly begun the services that a colony of wasps had built their nest under the pulpit and were roused by his eloquence to a high degree of communal activity. The situation was found to be so unfavorable to the diffusion of gospel truths that the evangelist was enforced to take refuge among the congregation and an attempt was made to extirpate the irreligious insects, several intrepid deacons joining in with a courage greatly in excess of their knowledge of wasps or their judgment in conducting a campaign against them. At last the insects held the fort and the congregation dispersed without benedictory or offertory formalities.

In Cumming county the clerk of the district court had pocketed a lot of witness fees that should have been paid to witnesses. The board of commissioners got an expert on the clerk's books and found \$413 of unpaid claims and then went after the unpecked bird up part of the amount and agrees to pay the balance.

Dogs are worth \$2 a pound at Klondyke, Alaska. Plattsmouth policemen ought to make a few shipments to that market.

Winebrenner, the Beatrice gentleman who was presented the confinement of the city, plus a coat of tar and feathers, as an evidence of the regard in which he was held for periodically and regularly mobbing his step daughter, announces that he will sue the police for false imprisonment and the city for \$50,000 damages.

Church Howe, who has been given the consulate at Palermo, Sicily, expects to leave for that place October 1. Palermo is the capital of the island of Sicily. It has a population of about 300,000, of whom some thirty thousand are nuns and monks. The city is within a convenient distance of Paris, Rome, Berno and other great European centers and is a fine place to be located. The salary of the position is \$2,000 a year, with perquisites which raise it to \$4,000. There are several \$1,000 consulates connected with it and \$1,000 for clerk hire.

Julius Pepperburg, Plattsmouth's well-known cigar manufacturer, was in town Tuesday taking orders from our merchants.—Nehawka Register.

The prohibition county convention was held at Elmwood July 22. The county was thoroughly organized. Dr. J. C. Fate of Weeping Water was elected county chairman, Josie E. Royer of Elmwood was elected county secretary and I. M. Prouty of Alvo was elected treasurer. A county central committee was chosen from the different precincts and they are ready for work. All people who wish to see the licensed saloon a thing of the past should work with them.

The republican national committee at Washington is very certain of carrying Ohio, Kentucky and Maryland at the election this fall, and a thorough organization in those states has already been begun.

The New York Times says that if we annex the "lepreous colony" of Hawaii we shall be compelled to spend \$60,000,000 in war-ships to defend it. If other nations want Hawaii that badly it must represent something more than a contagious disease.

The late J. O. McClain, aside from being a large property owner and leaving his family more than a pittance of this world's goods in real estate very sensibly further provided for their comfort by carrying insurance in the Modern Woodmen and Ancient Order of United Workmen to

the amount of \$5,000, and this week Mr. Davis, clerk of the local camp of the Woodman, had the pleasure of presenting his widow with a check for \$3,000, while Mr. Hartshorn, for the Workmen, also presented her with a check for \$2,000.—Louisville Courier.

AN INDICTMENT. Low browed woman that stole my love, Fairer than I, less true, You fooled him first with your wily tongue And your eyes' deceitful blue. You looked in his bill you made him swear His first love was all a dream, While you let him toy with your yellow hair And back in your smile's false gleam. Welladay for your eyes so bright! Weeping has made mine dim. You would smile on, though he lay in his grave— I could have died for him. —Hartford Times.

LINCOLN'S CHIDING.

His Gentle Reproof In Reply to General Hunter's Ugly Letter. Another remarkable evidence of the great kindness of heart of Abraham Lincoln has been brought to light in the form of a long lost letter which the martyred president wrote to General Daniel Hunter in 1864: General Hunter was in command of the department of Kansas at the time this particular letter was written. It seems he considered himself dishonored by an appointment to the rather obscure military post, and he wrote to the president protesting against it. Lincoln's characteristic reply was as follows: EXECUTIVE MANSION, WASHINGTON, Dec. 31, 1861. Major General Hunter: DEAR SIR—Yours of the 23d is received, and I am constrained to say it is difficult to answer so early a letter in good temper. I am, as you intimate, losing much of the great confidence I placed in you, not from any act or commission of yours touching the public service up to the time you were sent to Leavenworth, but from the flood of grumbling dispatches and letters I have seen from you since. I knew you were being ordered to Leavenworth at the time it was done, and I aver that, with as tender a regard for your honor and your sensibilities as I had for my own, it never occurred to me that you were being "humiliated, insulted and disgraced," nor have I up to this day heard any intimation that you have been wronged coming from any one but yourself. No one has blamed you for the retrograde movement from Springfield, nor for the information you gave General Canby, and this you could readily understand if it were not for your unwarranted assumption that the ordering to Leavenworth must necessarily have been done as a punishment for some fault. I thought that, and I think yet, the position assigned to you is as responsible and as honorable as that assigned to Euell—I know that General McClellan expected more important results from it. My impression is that at the time you were assigned to the new western department it had not been determined to replace General Sherman in Kentucky, but of this I am not certain, because the idea that a command in Kentucky was very desirable, and one in the farther west undesirable, had never occurred to me. You constantly speak of being placed in command of only 2,000. Now, tell me is not this mere impudence? Have you not known all the while that you are to command four or five times that many? I have been and am sincerely your friend, and if as such I dare to make a suggestion I would say you are adopting the best possible way to ruin yourself. Act well your part. There all the honor lies." He who does something at the head of one regiment will eclipse him who does nothing at the head of 100. Your friend as ever, A. LINCOLN.

Nothing could have been better calculated to allay the feelings of personal wrong which must have possessed Hunter at the time. That he thought so himself is shown by the following words, written by the dissatisfied general on the big yellow envelope in which the letter had been sent: "The president's reply to my 'ugly letter.' This lay on his table a month after it was written, and when finally sent was by a special conveyance, with the direction that it was only to be given to me when I was in a good humor."—New York Sun.

A Novel Bridge at Ronon. This novel engineering work is called a "pont transbordeur" and is designed to fulfill all the purposes of a bridge, while it will offer no obstruction to the passage of ships with towering masts. On each side of the river will be erected a small Eiffel tower, about 170 feet in height, and these towers will be joined at the top by a lattice-work bridge upon which lines of rails will be laid. On these rails will run a skeleton platform, which can be pulled from side to side by the agency of steam or electricity. From this platform, which will be 160 feet above the quays, will depend steel wire ropes, which will support at the level of the river banks a slung carriage large enough to accommodate a tram car full of passengers, besides other vehicles. It is intended that this novel form of bridge shall be in connection with the tram system at both sides of the river, so that passengers can be carried across the river without leaving their seats in the cars. The work of building the towers has already been commenced, and it is expected that the bridge will be open for traffic in 18 months' time. It is said that the only contrivance bearing any resemblance to this "pont transbordeur" is in operation at Bilbao.—Chambers' Journal.

The Colored Deacon's Figurative Prayer. A white minister, after conducting services at a colored church, asked an old deacon to lead in prayer. The brother in black offered a fervent appeal for the white brother and said: "O Lord, gib him de eye ob de eagle det he spy out sin afar off. Put his hands to de gospel plow. Tie his tongue to de line ob truth. Nail his ear to de gospel pole. Bow his head way down between his knees and his knees way down in some lonesome, dark and narrow valley where prayer is much wanted to be made. 'Noint him wid be kerosene ole of salvation and sot him on fire."—Roanoke News.

Discovery of Sulphur Mines. It is said that the sulphur mines near Buckley, Wash., were discovered by a camper, whose fire on a rock gave rise to such fumes that he was forced to move a long distance to escape suffocation. Within the last decade the population of Europe has increased by about 30,000,000, of whom Russia contributed 12,500,000 and France only 67,000.

In a Sydney newspaper lately there was this advertisement: "Wanted, a man able to teach French and the piano and to lock after a bull."

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