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THE LARGEST CIRCULATION  
of any Cass County Paper.

GOVERNOR HOLCOMB assures Omaha's chief of police of his hearty support. So does the gamblers' combine and keepers of disorderly houses and resorts who insisted on having a police chief not distasteful to them.—Omaha Bee.

The republican county convention will be held at Louisville Monday and the winning ticket named, says the Hawk Register. Our present efficient county officers are deserving of a nomination, which, in most cases, we believe, will be given by acclamation.

SWEET winged peace refuses to hover over the tents of our evening contemporaries in Lincoln just now since Col. Seacrest mounted the tripod at the News sanctum. The good offices of the country press should be tendered at once, in order that bloodshed may be averted.

THE Illinois farmers and capitalists now traveling over the fertile counties of Nebraska on special train by courtesy of the B. & M. are amazed at the crops and evidences of wealth laid before them. They have been feted and dined until the storied walls will be too large for home consumption. Their friends won't believe them.

THE soothing influence of Bryan, Holcomb and Allen, was noticeably missing yesterday in Iowa, when the populists nominated a state ticket with no fusion attachment. If these three worthies could spread out and cover a little more territory, the lone-some quality of Nebraska's fusion would not be so marked, and it would lose its bargain counter appearance in a measure.

THE Bee will soon be able to prove that Governor Holcomb, of the Bryan-Allen syndicate which is running Nebraska politics just now, is nothing more than a venal vampire of the vintage of '96, which is every whit as bad as the old-fashioned kind that used to give Rosy the "phantoms." The time is not far distant when the ambition of the trio and their understrappers will conflict, and then there will be a commotion which will break the demo-pop machine asunder.

THE democrats are frightened out of their wits at the thought of the republican ticket being composed of the present efficient and popular officials. The attempt of two or three leaders to create a scism in the ranks by crying "bossism" is only laughed at, as the editor of this paper never asked a pledge of any man in his life, and every man in the court house stands ready to say that he has not been approached, directly or indirectly. This sort of cheap campaigning is clownish and only reflects on the immature judgment of those who indulge in it.

IT is remarkable, says the New York Sun, that neither the Ohio populists nor the Virginia democrats freed their minds as to wheat. The conduct of wheat merits the severest reprobation, and the democratic and populist platforms ought to walk hand in hand with silver, while Hon. William Jennings Bryan wept pitifully over both victims of plutocracy's inhumanity to man; and now wheat is a plutocrat itself, and silver is in the poorhouse. Wheat is a traitor to the glorious cause of 16 to 1, and incandescent resolutions ought to be hurled at it by every convention of silver thinkers.

THE republican primaries will be held in the wards and precincts of this county tomorrow evening, and it is hoped there may be a full turnout everywhere, so that the convention will be a truly representative one, dominated by no cliques or factions, as upon it will devolve the naming of the men who will administer the affairs of this county for the next two years. There seems to be a demand for the renomination of the present officials that is practically unanimous, and it is not surprising, as more competent, honest and obliging officers could not be found in the state than those who have honored this county with their presence during the last two years.

THE democratic camp has been toiling round the edges vigorously for a few days, many of the leaders being determined that one of the pop nominees on the fusion ticket should be removed and a fellow more to their liking put on. Several councils were held, the big medicine men were called together and much palaver ensued. All agreed that removal was dangerous and might prove suicidal to the whole ticket, but if the candidate would only resign all would be lovely. The candidate, however, refused to resign, and the matter had to be abandoned, hence a dark, heavy gloom with brown edges still hangs over the democratic camp, and the bosses are sore at heart over the result of their hasty and ill-advised work at Weeping Water.

## A MAXIMUM PENSION ROLL.

According to the commissioner of pensions the pension roll has reached the maximum and from this time forward will show a decrease, says the Omaha Bee. The Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger reports a conversation with Commissioner Evans in which he stated that last year 31,960 pensioners died, in addition to which 1,074 widows lost their pensions by marriage, 1,845 minors receiving pensions lost them by arriving at the age limitation, 2,683 by failure to claim them and 3,600 from other causes, making a grand total in the reduction of pensioners of 41,122. The commissioner expressed the opinion that congress should take prompt action in preventing a multiplication of pensions through the marriage of old soldiers, there being now on the rolls the widows of seven revolutionary soldiers. Many young women marry aged men for whom they care nothing except to have a pension for the balance of their lives, and the commissioner thought that this is a matter which should receive the attention of congress. A statement regarding applications prepared at the pension office shows that there was a very large increase during the year ending with June last. This is explained by the fact that the hard times caused many men to apply for pensions who had previously not needed them and because there was a very general feeling throughout the country that the claims of pensioners would be given more favorable consideration at the present than by the last administration. According to Commissioner Evans, many soldiers felt that the democratic administration would not allow their claims, however just they might be, and they hesitated to put in an application. In this way thousands of applications were held back until a change of administration and now they have been sent.

There are now carried on the rolls over 900,000 pensioners and it would certainly seem that the number cannot hereafter materially exceed this, even if it is not reduced from now on.

Of these pensioners it is probably safe to say that every one has a perfectly valid claim under the laws. Undoubtedly there are still some who have not asked and possibly never will ask the beneficence of the government in the form of a pension, but these cannot be very numerous. Hence there seems to be good ground for the view of the commissioner that the pension roll has reached the maximum under existing legislation. It does not necessarily follow, however, that the annual charge for pensions will not be increased, though this must be regarded as highly improbable.

OUR neighbor is unduly exercised about republican bosses. It had better cast about and see what's the matter in its own ranks. It was the democratic bosses which foisted a ticket onto that party which has already made the leaders sick, and many of them have stated openly that they only expected to elect Billy Wheeler. A powder to be shaken into the shoes. At this season your feet feel swollen and hot, and get tired easily. If you have smarting feet or tight shoes, try Allen's Foot-Ease. It cools the feet and makes walking easy. Cures and prevents swollen and sweating feet, blisters and callous spots. Relieves corns and bunions of all pain and gives rest and comfort. Try it today. Sold by all druggists and shoe stores for 25 cents. Trial packages FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, Le Roy, N. Y.

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## NOTES FROM NEBRASKA FARMS.

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John Hickey, sr., of Gretna says that he will have about 5,000 bushels of apples this fall. He anticipates the price will go up to \$1 a bushel before winter, as the eastern states have had a failure in crop.

The manager of the canning factory at Edgar states that the quality of sweet corn this year is the best that has been grown there for a number of years, and that they have enough in sight to put up 400,000 cans.

One of the Tollion boys, near North Platte, threshed his wheat a few days ago and it averaged thirty-six bushels to the acre. The ditch farmers are not complaining this year on account of yield or prices. A majority of them have plenty of hogs to eat up their big corn crop.

It is thought that the beet crop around Norfolk will be sufficiently ripe by September 15, and the management of the factory expects to start the machinery whirling at that date. The crop is immense in all the territory tributary to Norfolk and the factory will be kept busy until late in the winter. Numerous improvements have been made and the factory people calculate that they will be able to handle the crop with greater ease and better results than than ever before.

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## ENGLISH IN CHICAGO.

Discussion on Grammar Between a News-paper and a Citizen.

The Chicago Inter Ocean becomes both sarcastic and indignant when any one questions the purity of its diction. So when a reader named Campbell ventured to criticise expressions used by its society editor the captions one found that he had caught a Tartar. This is the way The Inter Ocean puts it:

Inclosed with the following letter, received a few days ago, were two clippings from the society columns of The Inter Ocean:

How are these barbarisms that caught my eye in your morning issue of your paper? There is no such word as "sozemed" it is merely a Cockney vulgarism that had its origin in London, England—"Swellest" is of the same sort—and same origin—No American having any regard for purity of language can possibly be guilty of such an expression as "sozemed." I take it you are a society editor is a male or female dude and needs a lesson in language—The harm done by the use of such words in your paper is great as thousands of children read it and absorb its words—Do stop this Cockney vulgarity.

JAMES CAMPBELL.

There is no doubt you mean well, Jim, but a term in a night school would be beneficial even to you before you begin to give lessons in English. To begin with, you would be taught there that our grandfather, Lindley Murray, always told us to use periods. You ought to have known Lindley Jim. He was a distinguished grammarian, you know, or perhaps you don't know.

And then, Jim, there was Tennyson. He said of a heroine in one of his poems that she was "gowned in pure white." So you see Lord Tennyson found the word "gowned" to be useful long before you learned to walk steady on your hind feet or to eat with your front teeth. Webster says "gowned" means "dressed in a gown; clad."

You say that these barbarisms "caught your eye," and you fail to mention which eye they caught. How is the other eye?

You are right when you say that our society editor is either a male or a female. Do you belong to one of these sexes? We suspect not. When you write again, spell "merely" as it should be. The way you spelled it is like spelling your name "camell" instead of "Campbell." See that lump?

We don't like to offend your sensitive ear, or the other one either, Jim. Buy Webster's Dictionary and a fourth reader. Start right, and your sensitive ear may outgrow its affliction.

SAVE THE DOGS' EARS.

Cropping Them Prevents the Animals From Hearing Well.

Any one who has heard the megaphone must have wondered at the extraordinary power of increasing sound that is produced by form, and I would like to call attention to one point in connection with cutting dogs' ears that I do not remember to have seen mentioned anywhere—that is, from an acoustic standpoint:

I have lately purchased a small Yorkshire terrier, imported from England only a few months ago. Its ears were crooked in England after what the seller of the dog declared to be "the very latest style."

The ears were first clipped and then stiffened up with three effects on the dog:

First.—That the buzz of a bee or fly causes him to retreat under cover of safety.

Second.—That he ducks his head when about to be patted, a sure sign of the length of time the pain of the operation must have lasted.

Third.—(An effect I had not expected.) That he has absolutely no idea of the direction of sound.

In the ears of a mastiff dog any one who observes the shell-like form of the ear opening may easily imagine the immense power of such a trumpetlike instrument to increase the volume of sound. A change in the acoustical arrangement of the flap of the ear would necessarily entirely puzzle and bewilder the owner as to the direction of sound, and this one point on ear cutting would seem of itself to condemn the practice.

—Our Animal Friends.

Natural Magnet. Professor Smythe was once lecturing in a provincial town on natural philosophy, and in the course of his experiments he introduced a most powerful magnet, with which he attracted a block of iron from a distance of two feet.

"Can any of you conceive a greater attractive power?" demanded the lecturer, with an air of triumph.

"I can," answered a voice from the audience.

"Not a natural terrestrial object?"

"Yes, indeed."

The lecturer, somewhat puzzled, challenged the man who had spoken to name the article. Then up rose old Johnny Sowerby. Said he:

"I will give