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THE LARGEST CIRCULATION of any Cass County Paper.

SEVERAL of D. S. Guild's friends are talking of a citizens movement in this city, which would nominate him for mayor. Col. Guild would make a good executive, but whether he would care to make the race we are not informed.

THE price of wheat continues to conduct itself with a total disregard of the price of silver, says the Globe-Democrat. All who believe in the Prof. Coia fallacy should be cautious about accepting any other free coinage theory.

THE spectacle of the United States treasury declining to accept gold in place of currency is an interesting one in contrast with its frantic scratching around for all the gold it could find in the last administration.—New York Tribune.

SPAIN salutes the United States and admits that she has an undying affection for this country; and meanwhile gets her ammunition ready and sends a squadron of gunboats this way, says an exchange. Not to be outdone in courtesy, we salute Spain, and instruct our soldiers and sailors to keep their fighting clothes on. Profound peace prevails everywhere, and the goose of international comity hangs high.

HENRY U. JOHNSON, the Indiana congressman, made a great effort against Hawaii in his speech recently. We are personally acquainted with Mr. Johnson, and while he is a scholar, yet he is of the eccentric pyrotechnic build whom the country would never miss if they were left at home. His skyrocket speech with its sugar trust flavor, will not convince any friends of annexation that their theory of the matter is wrong.

WHAT'S the matter with that awful famine in India, Col. Bryan has not mentioned it for a year, and yet what is worth over a dollar a bushel and corn is worth more than that was last year, and the price of silver which always controlled the price of wheat. Billy had said nothing about that for nearly two years. These two arguments may be said to have been exploded by the logic of time, and the author of them is looking for new grounds to stand on.

RUSSIA pronounces our locomotives the best in the world and is buying them by the dozens for her Siberian railroad. She has also closed a contract with the Carnegie company for the steel armor for her new warships at \$500 per ton, after receiving bids from the steel masters of all Europe, including the great Krupp, many of which were lower than the Carnegie bid, because she finds the Carnegie plate the best to stop balls with. The right hand of Uncle Sam's artisan has not lost its cunning.—State Journal.

THE news from Havana today indicates very clearly that the horrible fate which befell the brave seamen on the battleship Maine, was not an accident, but was a crime worse than murder for which the Spanish blood hounds must answer. The report of the government investigating commission, has not been made and until it is made the government at Washington will not speak. If the report shows Spanish treachery it will mean that Cuba will be free and that the vicious scoundrels who prop up a rotten monarchy will bite the dust. The talked-of Spanish pride is destined to sustain a fall so severe that it will require a century or two for it to recover its equilibrium. President McKinley is conservative, but he is so thoroughly American that when once the culpability of the Spaniards is established, he will act in a manner that no American need apologize for him.

ANOTHER judicial farce has ended, and this time Douglas and not Lancaster county was the scene. After a week's trial in an effort to hold Bartley's bondsman, the jury after being out fifty-one hours to the surprise of those who heard the testimony, brings in a verdict releasing Bartley's bondsman from liability. Whether the fault lies with a weak presentation of the case on the part of the attorney general or on having a jury of incompetents, we are not informed. In any event, it is another judicial farce, no matter who is to blame, and begets a contempt for law and judicial procedure that is far from creditable to the state. If bonds are worthless, and can be avoided every time an attempt is made to collect the state's losses under them, it is high time some other method were taken to secure the honest disbursement of the people's money. The penitentiary seems to have no terror for these public thieves and if the civil law is of no avail, we should make punishment capital and see if that will have any effect. It's a serious condition of public affairs with which we are confronted and what is best to do, is a question demanding immediate solution.

Mark Hanna has issued his edict that there must be no war with Spain. What a pity it is that the country is cursed with such a thing as this, who attempts to trample under foot Americanism, American rights, our manhood and our rights.—Nebraska City News.

We are moved to tears on reading the above, when we contemplate the keen disappointment felt by the two war-like colonels, Huebner and Marne, whose desire to spill a little Spanish blood, is frustrated by the edict of that czar of czars, that plute of plutocrats, Mark Hanna. One feels as if life were scarce worth living when one man can by a word dash our fondest hopes to earth and destroy what gave promise of being our happiest moments. Lucretia Borgia was an angel in comparison with Hanna. In the midst of singing birds, cheerful sunshine and blooming flowers, one breath from this awful personage and all is changed to bleakest winter, with lowering sky and boreal blasts that would freeze the marrow in one's bones. Oh! its awful to live in the presence of such a man as Hanna, who in a wrestle with death itself, is liable to come out victorious and wrest the grim monarch of the hour-glass and scythe from his throne. Our sympathy in unlimited volume is extended to our neighbors down the river, who have already seemingly felt the weight of the autocrat's hand.

A SINGLE county in Missouri is said to have raised nearly \$2,500 to pay for an exhibit at the exposition. If the old state breaks out like that in very many counties, her show of enterprise will take her clear out of the democratic column. The two never worked together very long.

INFORMATION AND OPINIONS.

A Nebraska hayseed was lured into a den of thieves in Chicago Tuesday, who discovered that he had \$3,000 in cash in his pockets and \$2,000 in checks. They set upon him and robbed him, but officers who were trailing them caught the robbers and restored the cash to its unsophisticated owner, says the Fremont Tribune. We wish to emphasize the fact that it was a Nebraska farmer who had \$5,000 in his pockets. Moral: Beware of confidence men in the cities who seek whom they may devour. Moral, No. 2: Come to Nebraska and buy a farm.

Sixty-five applicants, all women, took a recent examination for the position of assistant microscopist at the bureau of animal industry at South Omaha.

An advertisement is a paying investment at any season of the year, if it is placed in a newspaper that is read by the people. THE NEWS has a general permanent circulation in all parts of the city and county, and an advertisement in its columns is certain to bring good results.

When Spain hears that Col. Kroehler will take to the field in person and command an army of Nebraskans, bent on the annihilation of the effete monarchy, the war-cloud from the east will dissipate like a morning dew before a July sun.

Uncle Henry Holmbeck and wife arrived Wednesday morning from Lamoni, Iowa, and will move back on their beautiful farm two miles north of Elmwood. Uncle Henry says old Cass county is good enough for him.—Elmwood Leader.

What good are the missionaries doing? They have been operating in India for untold years, yet a British government official stationed there reports that the time honored family custom of killing girl babies as fast as they are born is observed as religiously as ever, even by natives who have been "converted." The British government has done everything possible to suppress this barbarous custom and has been no more successful than the missionaries.—Beatrice Express.

Judge Ramsey yesterday in district court, after hearing the evidence in the case of Wm. Hawke vs. John C. Watson et al, set aside the deed on the ground of fraud. Court adjourned until March 2.—Nebraska City Press.

If Spain wants to go up against our ten million of available men with her few thousand soldiers, let her come on. The bluffing stage has passed, and, while we think of it, we must remind the public that the first company organized in the west to fight Spain was organized by Billy Neville two years ago, and the boys are ready to go.

The venerable editor of the Central City Democrat, says an exchange, one of the few remaining veterans who once held George Washington's horse while the father of this country went into a tavern to get a drink of petrified cider, says in his last issue: I was in Omaha for three days last week. This will account for any deficiency found in the paper. Omaha is a bad town and has ruined many a promising young man like myself.

About the worst scorching sizzling roast we have seen for many moons, was dished up to Cols. Green and Kirkham last week by the Grand Island Democrat. The editor's mildest phrases were, "lousy deadbeats," "leprous liars," "Plattsmouth pups," etc., winding up with the following: "Such scabs in the newspaper business do not lend any aid to the cause of the people, they are simply trimmers to support the cause of reform for a blind, but devote their entire time to free lunch counters, free

drinks, and sniveling abuse of men who refuse to stoop to their level.

A number of the cigar makers of Plattsmouth were in the city today to attend the funeral of the late William Kuwitzky.—Nebraska City News.

Plattsmouth has a new society composed of young ladies, known as the "Q. Z.'s." We have heard tell of Q. T. societies, but when it comes to Q. Z., it's a quiz on us.—Louisville Courier.

A woman of more than average intelligence who wishes to get married has advertised for a newspaper man in an Omaha paper. She is evidently a lady of fine discriminating judgment.

NOT IN FAVOR OF JINGOISM.

To the Editor of THE NEWS:
In view of the trouble imminent between the United States and Spain and the oft quoted remark on our streets that "the Spanish would not fight," it is well to disabuse our minds of this idea. Napoleon in the zenith of his power tried to conquer Spain, and notwithstanding his great military genius and immense superiority of numbers and better arms, we know the French were finally driven from the Spanish peninsula.

Marshal Ney was called the "bravest of the brave." He was a man who would not be best, and in the last extremity rallied like a dying man for a final bow. He disputed every inch he yielded as if it were his last hope, and fought on the threshold of the next as if it were the commencement of the struggle. Hear what he has to say of an attempt to conquer Spain. One day Napoleon entered a room in Madrid where Ney and several of his officers were standing, and said in great glee: "Everything goes on well; Romona will be reduced in a fortnight; the English are defeated and unable to advance; in three months the war will be finished."

Ney, shaking his head with his characteristic bluntness, replied: "Sire, this war has lasted long already, and our affairs are not improved. These Spaniards are obstinate, even their women and children fight; they massacre our children in detail. Today we cut the enemy in pieces, tomorrow we have to oppose another twice as numerous. It is not an army we have to fight—it is a whole nation. I see no end to this business."

No man ever accused Ney of cowardice. In an army where Lannes, Davoust, Junot, MacDonald, Murat and Victor commanded, to be crowned the "bravest of the brave" was the highest honor a military chieftain could desire, Napoleon, when at St. Helena, said, "Ney is the bravest man I ever saw."

Such, then, was Ney's estimation of the Spanish people, and subsequent events showed that it was correct. It is easy to talk war, but we must bear in mind that it would cost us a million of men and untold treasure to conquer Spain.

F. J. COATES.

EARLY DAYS IN PLATTSMOUTH.

(Continued.)
The society imposed no fees of any kind, and they met for mutual information once a month at Pottenger's or Father Hayes', as both were in the same block. Pottenger's house occupied the place where the convent now stands. In those days merit was the one stepping stone to public recognition. Now how altered! A man has to belong to the inner circle of ward politicians before he can nominate a delegate to a county or city convention. When a city convention was called it was often difficult to get a quorum to nominate delegates. Miles Morgan often complained that he had to name all the delegates himself for the Third ward, and, as none found fault, everything went along very smoothly.

Services at the Christian Church.

Last night the Christian church was crowded to the capacity of the building. The large and interested audience gave the best of attention to the solo by Prof. Travis, who sang by request "Two Lives." Evangelist Lomon came before the audience as usual with subject matter well in hand, and the firmness with which he dealt with the subject captured the hearers. When the invitation was given nine persons came forward and made the good confession. This evening baptism will be administered to some twenty candidates. Everyone who wishes a seat should come early.

FARMERS all know that new varieties of seeds for planting are often required to replace those that have run low in quality. Especially is this true of potatoes, which yield well for a few years and then fail. Messrs. Gunson, Brown & Co., the great seed propagators, of Rochester, N. Y., are prepared to furnish on order the very best varieties of new seeds of all kinds for the farm. Apply for samples and description to C. W. SHERMAN, Ag't.

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OVER THE STATE.

Ex-Governor Crouse of Fort Calhoun has just returned from Florida. His orange orchard, which was greatly damaged by the freeze several years ago, has come out and this season brought in very satisfactory returns.

Large hunting parties, composed of neighboring stockmen, are making life an uncertain quality for the gray wolves over on the North Platte river in Kimball county. The animals have been doing much damage in that part of the country this winter.

The industrious hens of Furnas county contribute \$2,000 per week to the wealth of the county, as is shown by the shipment of cackleberries by the merchants of Arapahoe, Holbrook, Cambridge, Edison, Oxford, Stamford, Beaver City, Hendley and Wilsonville.

William Fritz, former treasurer of Madison county, is reported to have struck it rich up in Kiondike. A claim owned by himself and five others is yielding \$1,000 to the ton of dirt, and they have been offered by New York capitalists \$1,000,000 cash for it.

February Excursions.

Opportunities for visiting the south during this month, via the Louisville & Nashville railroad, are as follows:
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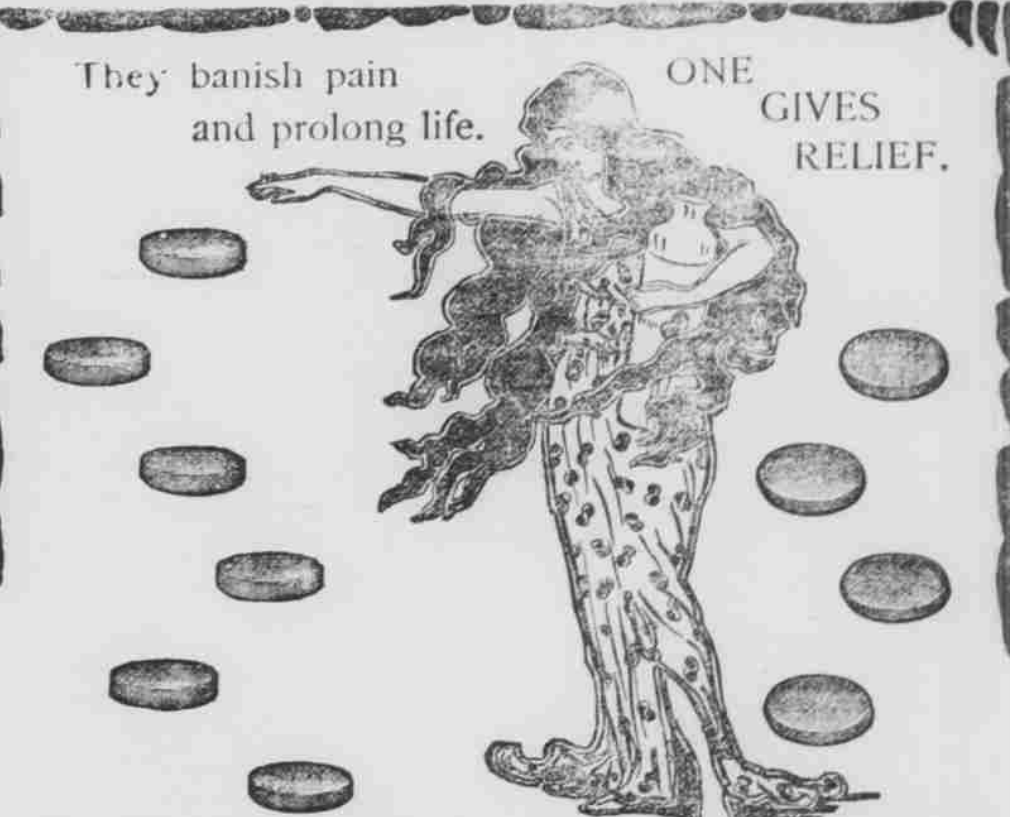
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