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### THE LARGEST CIRCULATION of any Cass County Paper.

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A COLORADO paper remarks: "The unusually large number of tourists in Colorado this summer is a sure indication of general prosperity."

THE London Railway News, commenting on the recent English orders for American built locomotives, recalls that in the early forties there were running on the Birmingham and Gloucester railway, now part of the Midland system, seven American locomotives.

THE woman's clubs of Des Moines have drafted an anti-spitting ordinance which is liable to become a part of the municipal law of the Iowa capital. It is expected that they will have spittoons on each street corner, with ribbons representing the club colors tied about them.

REV. C. F. HEYWOOD, pastor of the Methodist church of Silver Creek, Neb., has been arrested for violating the anti-treat law. He went into a saloon with a party of fellows and downed a glass of red liquor with as much ease as any old sot. When he was arrested he explained matters by saying that he took the drink in order to get proof that whisky was being sold. The man who conducted the grog shop did not have the requisite number of signers to his petition and hence was illegally selling liquor. The reverend gentleman appears to have the right idea about downing the liquor traffic.

PRESENT indications point to a corn yield this year which will pass the 2,000,000 bushels, says the Globe-Democrat. Its condition at the present time is better than it was twelve months ago, but, of course, the danger period will not be passed for five or six weeks yet. Only two or three times has the corn situation been better in this time of the year than it is now, and high prices are entertained that the yield will be considerably above the average. As the wheat crop, now practically all harvested, has never been beaten in this country except once or twice, a large corn yield would bring great fortune to the agriculturists of the country, and thus to the people in general.

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ISSUING GOLD CERTIFICATES. In April, 1893, Secretary Carlisle suspended the issue of gold certificates in exchange for gold coins, says the Bee. This was in compliance with the law, which requires that when the free gold in the treasury falls below \$100,000,000 the issue of gold certificates shall be suspended, and when this was done the treasury's free gold was considerably below the limit stated. Secretary Gage has revoked the order of his predecessor and directed that gold certificates of the denomination of \$20 be issued to the amount of \$10,000,000.

This action was induced by the anticipated demand for more paper money when the fall crop movement begins, the treasury having no other way of meeting this demand than by the issue of certificates in exchange for gold coin. It is an indirect method of attaining the object, as the gold certificates will not to any considerable extent be directly employed in trade operations, but they will enable the banks to release greenbacks and silver certificates of smaller denominations than the gold notes. United States Treasurer Roberts says that the demand for currency is chiefly for notes of smaller denominations than \$20. By using gold certificates of \$20 and upward the other kinds of paper can be turned more and more into denominations smaller, which will give some relief. The issue of the certificates will not increase the volume of currency, because gold will go into the treasury in exchange for them, but it will add to the circulation of other paper money, the place of which in bank holdings will be taken by the certificates.

According to the best meteorological information, in November next we will enjoy the interesting celestial phenomena of a series of star showers. They are due here every thirty-three years. The last shower was in 1866, and the previous one in 1833.

The Prince of Wales is probably a very good fellow, observes the Cincinnati Enquirer. It was not his fault that he was brought up as one of the beneficiaries of a monarchical system, and he would probably be looked upon as a fool if he declined the personal perquisites and deference that come to him as a member of the royal family. All the same he understands republican institutions and knows they are advancing. He knows that free American citizen ought to be ashamed of himself to voluntarily become a subject of his mother, and possibly his own subject some time. He is reported to have stricken Astor's name from an invitation list that was submitted for his revision a few weeks ago. He will now have greater contempt for the name than ever.

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while this year the figures given out were only 1,780. Independent of the fact that these figures indicate a heavy loss of population—which every one acquainted with the town and the scarcity of empty houses knows is not the case—it also means a loss to the city schools of some \$1,200 to the school fund of the city from the distribution of the permanent school funds of the state, and may prove an embarrassing factor in the payment of the school expenses.

It seems to THE NEWS that, if not too late, the school board should at once proceed to have a new census taken, and even if it is too late for effective use this year the board ought to investigate the matter and find where the fault lies. One of two things is certain—either the census has been enormously padded heretofore, or the census-taker was very derelict in this duty this year.

Taking all the facts into account, it seems quite probable that the latter fact is the true solution of the problem. Up to this year for eleven years past the school census was taken by D. K. Barr, while this year a new man was employed to do the work, Mr. C. S. Twiss, who made such a poor showing in his census of the Third ward as an assessor, where, it is reported, there are almost as many voters as there are children of school age. The public will await a development of the real facts in this case with an interest far in excess of its mere curiosity.

### INDICATIONS OF PROSPERITY.

The popular press of the state has resorted to almost every kind of argument imaginable to make it appear that the country is not now enjoying a period of prosperity. One of the strongest evidences of prosperity is found in the mortgage records of the different counties, and especially is this true in Cass county. The arguments the papers use to head this off is that the mortgages are satisfied by reason of foreclosures. To show that their statements are not founded on facts the record of Cass county, as shown by the books in the office of George A. Hay, recorder of deeds, from January 1, 1889, to June 30, 1890, a period of six months, is here given:

Farmland mortgages:

Filed ..... \$1,000

Released ..... 300,000

City property:

Filed ..... \$1,000

Released ..... 60,000

In the case of the farm mortgages there was just one single foreclosure, the amount of which was \$1,065. These figures show that the amount of the releases was \$74,388 greater than the amount filed, and deducting the \$1,065 foreclosure from the above amount leaves \$73,320 which the farmer has paid, in nearly every case, out of money earned on his farm. The number of farm mortgages filed during the six months was 153 and the number of released was 275.

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INFORMATION AND OPINION.

Reports from Long Branch give assurance of the permanent improvement of the health of Vice-President Hobart, and his friends rejoice at the prospect of his being again resume the duties of his office in the winter.

Knife duels in Spain. Knife duels are very frequent among the lower classes of the cities in southern Spain. When two are about to fight they blow whistles to attract spectators. Their left legs are tied together at the knees, and then at signal they begin attacking each other with long knives. In a duel recently witnessed in Alhama one of the combatants received fourteen wounds and the other seventeen.—The Rival.

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An Unnecessary Explanation.

He was describing a hold-up in which he had played the star part. "Yes," he said, "the biggest ruffian held me so tightly against the brick wall that I could feel the mortar scratching my backbone. 'Gimme your watch,' he growled. I gave it him immediately." There was a pause. "Gave it right up, eh?" said the victim, "Yes," said the victim, "I did." Then he dreamt again. "You see, I was pressed for time!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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Explorer Nansen's Estate.

Princess Czartoryski has had a wonderful dress made in Paris, on which her coat-of-arms is produced in jewels on a white satin ground. For this purpose the stones had to be pierced, and, though their value was determined, the dress as it stands is valued at \$75,000.

All the Wellesley eight have a mas-

ter. The class of '99 owns a heart of gold with a face of turquoise, on which is scratched the name of the writer of the Koran. It is worn about the neck of the fair cantaio whenever the eight goes out on a practice spin. The mascot of the class of 1900 eight is a rabbit's foot. A handsome emerald four-leaved clover controls the fate of the class of '91 and the crew of '92 ties its hopes of sculling triumphs to a pressed flower worn by an actress on the night of her greatest triumph. Many of the

fair oarswomen admit that they wear a clover leaf in their shoes.

A Minnesota man captured a kingfisher when the bird was quite young, and made a pet of him, and trained the bird to capture fish and lay them at his master's feet. In the summer the bird is taken to the river, where fish are known to abound, and set at liberty. The bird poises high in the air, and suddenly dropping, grasps his victim and promptly delivers the fish to his master.

One of the longest-lived birds on record died recently in London. It was a parrot named Duckie, the property of the Prince of Wales, and was a century and a quarter old.

REPORT OF CHICAGO MARKETS.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Following is the range of prices on the Chicago board of trade today, as furnished by M. S. Briggs, communication merchant:

OPTIONS	Open	High	Low	Closes
Wheat	68%	69 1/2	68 1/2	68 1/2
Sept.	68 1/2	69 1/2	67 1/2	68 1/2
Oct.	67 1/2	68 1/2	67 1/2	68 1/2
May	67 1/2	68 1/2	67 1/2	68 1/2
Corn	28 1/2	29 1/2	28 1/2	29 1/2
Sept.	30 1/2	31 1/2	28 1/2	30 1/2
Oct.	28 1/2	29 1/2	28 1/2	29 1/2
May	29 1/2	30 1/2	28 1/2	29 1/2
Oats	19 1/2	20 1/2	19 1/2	20 1/2
Sept.	20 1/2	21 1/2	19 1/2	21 1/2
Dec.	20 1/2	21 1/2	19 1/2	21 1/2
May	21 1/2	21 1/2	19 1/2	21 1/2
Brown	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Sept.	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Dec.	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
May	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2	21 1/2
Barley	19 1/2	20 1/2	19 1/2	20 1/2
Sept.	20 1/2	21 1/2	19 1/2	21 1/2
Dec.	20 1/2	21 1/2	19 1/2	21 1/2
May	21 1/2	21 1/2	19 1/2	21 1/2
Flax	20 1/2	21 1/2	19 1/2	21 1/2
Sept.	21 1/2	21 1/2	19 1/2	21 1/2
Dec.	21 1/2	21 1/2	19 1/2	21 1/2
May	21 1/2	21 1/2	19 1/2	21 1/2
Wheat	19 1/2	20 1/2	19 1/2	20 1/2
Sept.	20 1/2	21 1/2	19 1/2	21 1/2
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