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Good morning! Was the fire out in the furnace?

This fine, bracing winter weather may be all right for the ice man and the plumer but it surely is hard on the householder who has to pay the coal bill.

The Omaha Bee refers to Senator Benj. R. Tillman as the North Carolinian." Such is fame. When Benj. finishes his reply to Roosevelt it will be easily detected that he comes from a warmer climate than North Carolina boasts.

So far no lobbyist has registered with Secretary of State Junkin, yet several well known characters who have made the past legislature famous are on the ground. But then they are not there for lobbying purposes. Oh! no, of course not.

The need of additional police at night was clearly demonstrated Saturday night when the stores of Messers Soennichsen, Kunsman & Ramage, Wurl Waterman and Asemissen were netered as well as the Journal. Let all the merchants join the Journal in raising a fund for more police and stop these things.

From Indianapolis comes the news that the race for United States senator in that state is not going to be one-sided by any means. There are five other aspirants in the race besides John W. Kern and all claim a large following. Without disparagement of the others it seems to an outsider that Mr. Kern has well earned the reward and should be the choice of the democrats, but then the democrats of that state know best what they want.

Senator Banning of this county bids fair to be one of the big men of the legislature. He has taken part in the organization of the senate and has landed well in committees. When the active work of the session comes on, there is no doubt he will loom to the front as one of those who will take an active part in shaping legislation. Senator Banning is a level-headed, brainy man and will come out of the legislature with a splendid record. He stands for sincere reform.

The recent robberies in the city, serve to show that there is not sufficient police protection as the force now stands. What is needed is additional night police. To this end the Journal stands ready to pay one dollar per month for additional and efficient night police and it solicits other merchants and business men to join it and raise a fund which will enable hiring some good man or men exclusive of any force the city puts on. The Journal therefore starts a list which business men are invited to subscribe to pledging themselves to pay a certain amount for police protection during the winter months at least.

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Representative Bates of this district landed one of the best committees in the house, in the shape of the committee of printing. He is a man more than qualified for the position, having followed the printing trade for many years and the Journal ventures to predict that he will make a good record as the state's representative in this line. It is a matter of pride to Cass County people and also to the people of Otoe County to whose aid the Colonel largely owes his election, that they have a representative in the legislature whose every thought is for their interests. He will be found on the right side at all times. As Col. Bixby says in answer to the question "who can I tie to?" "That's Bates."

Considerable excitment was created in the railroad world last week by the apparently authentic statement that E. H. Harriman had secured control of the New York Central Railroad in retaliation for Jas. J. Hill buying the C. & S. Now comes the official denial and hte flat-footed statement from W. C. Brown, president of the Central, that there was anything in the story. It was on the face of it a very unreliable story yet reputable newspapers, the country over printed the story as if it was an assured fact. It might be well to make sure of the facts before hurling them at the public. Just where it would benefit Harriman to secure an eastern outlet to combat the gulf outlet of Hill is not clear as the Hill line from Hill territory is much shorter and less expensive to maintain than the Central would be.

This is the season of the merry plumber and the ice king. The hey day of their existence is when the wintry winds blow and Jack Frost rides the gale.

The long reaching arm of the law has reached out and taken into custody Bert Taylor, the alleged slayer of Pearl Taylor at Minden, again exemplifying how hard it is to commit a crime and get away. In this day and age it seems almost impossible for a man to do wrong and live to enjoy the fruits of his misdeeds. The saying old as the hills, that "murder will out" is true and this last case lends it startling significance.

It is now Governor Harmon in Ohio. And the governor made a strong and eloquent address upon taking the chair yesterday. He dwelt particularly upon the rights of the states and deplored the tendency so manifest in the country toward centralization. This is a subject which deserves all the attention which can be given it by thinking men interest-in the welfare of the state and there is much in his speech which is both interesting and pertinent to the issue.

The Jacksonian Club of Omaha tonight holds their annual banquet to commemorate Gen. Jackson's victory over the British at New Orleans. They have a very attractive list of democratic speakers including Hon. W. J. Bryan and they will undoubtedly have a splendid time. The speeches will also include one by Governor Shallenberger and the occasion will be in a way a celebration of the great victory last fall. It is expected that many democrats from over the state will grace the festal board with their presence.

Senator Benj. R. Tillman yesterday took occasion to reply to the president's attack on him, and as forecast, he made a red-hot one. He went right after Theodore and figuratively speaking, he flayed him alive. Incidently, the senator made an excellent defense of himself and quite undid the elaborate plan the sneaks and spotters had cocked up against him. Senator Tillman is always interesting and quite generally correct in his speeches and heretofore, he has borne an excellent reputation. The general opinion is that the charges made agaist him are made more in malice and personal spite than in good faith. It will be hard to convince the public that he is guilty of any wrong doing.

The coming week in the legislature will be productive of some activity to say the least. Among other important matters will be the canvassing of the votes on the constitutional amendments and the declaring of the result. The republicans are counting on the dissatisfied democrats in the house joining with Taylor of Custer in his revolt against the organization, and defeating the proposition but they will fail. A large majority of the democrats will support the contention of Senator Ransom and the organization and proceed with the canvass. The republicans figure that those democrats who failed to land the committees they wanted will join in a revolt which could not possibly be of any avail to them. It is highly improbable they would be foolish enough to follow the ignis fatus of Taylor. There is small room to doubt that the vote will be canvassed and the result declared and that Governor Shallenberger will appoint a new set of judges. Then it will be up to the court to say where they are at.

The suicide and lengthy confession of Rev. J. H. Carmichael, the Michigan preacher, who slew Gideon Browning, one of the members of his church, and then made his escape, furnishes one of the most curious cases in criminal annals. There can be little doubt that Carmichael was insane when he committed the murder and at the time of his suicide. His curious tale of the hypnotic power of Browning and his reasons for slaying him, makes a story as thrilling and blood curdling as ever Poe or Bulwer conceived. No one can readily believe the tale he tells of Browing subjecting his mind to hypnotism and compelling him to do things, finally attacking him and threatening to take his life. These seem like the delusions of a broken and wandering mind. But anyway he probably did the best for the community when he ended his career as he was dangerous—sane or insane.

Committee Assignments.

The action of the house committee on committees so far as Cass County is concerned is thoroughly satisfactory to the democracy and the people of the county generally. The several members from this county have received excellent assignments on committees and are in a position to be the most influential members of the house. This applies not alone to Representative Bates of the majority party but also to Representatives Noyes and Smith of the minority, both of these gentlemen securing fine committees where they can do something for the welfare of the state.

Representative Bates secures the chairmanship of the committee on public printing, one of the most important committees in the house and a place much sought after. In addition, he is the second member of the committee on corporations, another excellent committee and is also a member of the labor committee, a committee which will likely have a number of important subjects before it for consideration. He is also a member of the committee on Soldiers' Home, one of the committees which will be busy this session, especially if the proposition to take the state institutions out of politics and appoint a non-patisan board of control comes up. It can be seen that the Colonel will have plenty of work to keep him busy and will have little loafing time.

Representative Noyes who is one of th leaders of the minority, receives a large number of assignments as the republicans by reason of their small number are compelled to serve on more committees than the majority. Mr. Noyes is on the committee on roads and bridges, one of the important committees and one which the farmers are especially interested in. He also is a member of the committee on public printing serving with Col. Bates on this committee. He is one of the committee on apportionment, which at this session will not have a great deal to do and is a member of the committee on fish culture and game, a particularly valuable committee to the people of this county with the state fisheries at South Bend. As there will undoubtedly be several changes in the game laws this session, he will be in the fore in this. He is a member of the insurance committee, one of the most important in the house and is a member of the fees and salary committee which will probably have some legislation to look after.

Representative Smith drew the committee on railroads for one of his committees, an excellent committee although it is not expected to be as active at this session as at some previous ones. The committee on immigration is another of his committees which is not overburdened with work. He cannot be said to have fared so well as his colleagues, but still he will not have much loafing time.

The republican have two committee chairmanships they being the committee on Soldiers' Home of which ex-speaker D. M. Nettleton is chairman and the committee on mines and minerals with D. J. Killeen as chairman.

CALIFORNIA AGAIN ANGERS JAPANESE

Proposed Action of Legislature Causes Stir in Tokyo.

OPPOSITION ORGANS PROTEST.

Predict Passage of Laws Forbidding Ownership of Lands and Attendance at Public Schools by Japanese Residents of State.

Tokyo, Jan. 12.—Following the receipt of special cable dispatches from San Francisco, relative to matters now pending before the California legislature, Japanese newspapers here elaborate upon the strained relations that may arise through the passage of bills and the enactment of laws forbidding the ownerships of lands and the attendance of public schools by Japanese residents of the state. A majority of the papers assume the passage of the bills as a probability, and protest against them as an injustice to the Japanese now living in California.

The Asahi, the Jiji and the Nichi Nichi express surprise at what is termed an evidence of unfriendliness after the sincere effort on Japan's part to prove her friendship toward the people of the United States. The extreme opposition papers assail the Japanese government for "falling into the arms of a nation which, at the first opportunity, not only shows its unfriendly spirit, but even denies equal opportunity to the Japanese."

Newspapers published in English, representing British and German interests, are making much of the California legislature's action and are pointing out that America, while recently endeavoring to create an impression of friendliness toward Japan, really was unfriendly.

The situation is seriously embarrassing to Americans residing in Japan and especially so as the incident follows so closely the creation of an excellent feeling through the visit of the Atlantic fleet, the American commission to the Japanese exposition and the excursion of business men from cities of the Pacific coast. The foreign office is endeavoring to convince the protesting newspapers that the action of the California legislature does not represent general American sentiment, but the publications continue to be extremely pessimistic in their tones and some of the editorials of the opposition press becoming violent, are liable temporarily to inflame popular opinion and seriously hamper the exercise of American influence in Japan for many years.

INDIANA SENATOR FIGHT HOT.

Rumors of Attempted Bribery Are Under Investigation.

Indianapolis, Jan. 12.—Rumors of attempted bribery in connection with the contest for the United States senatorship are under investigation by Elliott R. Hooton, prosecuting attorney of this county. It was reported to Mr. Hooton that two legislators had been approached by a representative of one of the senatorial candidates. The prosecutor says if there is any basis for an investigation the matter will be laid before the grand jury.

John W. Kern is conceded the lead on the first ballot, but the highest estimate placed on the candidate's strength on the first ballot by rival forces is twenty votes.

RAILROAD ON AUCTION BLOCK.

Missouri River and Northwestern to Be Sold at Rapid City.

Rapid City, S. D., Jan. 12.—The Missouri River and Northwestern railroad, commonly known as the Crouch line, will be sold at this place today by C. O. Bailey, receiver, of Sioux Falls. The road is the short line through the Black Hills, connecting the Burlington road with this city, and has been in litigation for some years. The road is bonded for about $1,000,000 and receiver's certificates of $300,000 are out. The upset price has been fixed at $75,000 in order to insure a sale, but the road will unquestionably bring a much higher figure than that.

Former Nebraska Couple Asphyxiated.

Fort Collins, Colo., Jan. 12.—J. C. Welles, field superintendent for the Fort Collins sugar factory, and his wife were found dead in bed at their home, about two miles from this city. Apparently both had been overcome by coal gas. Before coming to Fort Collins, Mr. Welles and his wife lived in Nebraska.

Decide in Favor of Swiss Balloon.

London, Jan. 12.—After a lively discussion of five hours, the International Association of Aeronauts, by a vote of 38 to 13, decided in favor of the Swiss balloon, Helvetia, as the winner of the international balloon race for the James Gordon Bennett trophy in Germany last October.

Gompers Opposes Assessment.

Washington, Jan. 12.—President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor favors making an appeal to labor and its friends for necessary funds to prosecute an appeal from the Judge Wright decision in the contempt case, or of abandoning it altogether.

Union

(From the Ledger.)

James Roddy and wife, residing east of town, are the parents of a new son that joined their family circle on Wednesday, January 6.

David Slagle departed Monday for Lincoln to visit his wife who is in the hospital. She is reported to be improving, but the physicians advise that she be allowed to remain there until the winter has passed.

Caloway Ashlock and wife have been packing and shipping this week, locating on a farm a short distance from Walthill. The many friends they have here wish them contentment and abundant prosperity in their new home.

Geo. W. Edmisten, who moved from here to Walthill some time ago, came down last week to make a few days' visit among his relatives and numerous acquaintances in and near this village. We are all pleased to grip his hand again.

Ellis L. Daniel and family bade farewell to their many friends and departed for their new home near Tuttle, Okla. We regret the loss of such excellent citizens but hope that they may continue to be happy and prosperous as they were while they resided here.

A deal was closed on Monday by which Winfield Swan became the owner of another fine 80 acre farm northeast of town, known as the Hargus farm formerly owned by Henry Ruhman, who sold it some time ago to Bruce Stone of Nehawka. Mr. Stone put a price on the land, $110 per acre, and as Mr. Swan wanted it, they made a cash deal at that price and without any quibbling. That's their style of doing business, and Mr. Swan feels that the money is well invested.

M. S. Briggs of Plattsmouth has taken charge of the Lewis Curtiss barber shop and will conduct the business while Mr. Curtiss spends a few months in Missouri for the benefit of his health. We have known Mr. Briggs for a number of years and can recommend him as a first class workman and a gentleman in every respect. The only thing against him him is the fact that he wasonce a newspaper reporter and has no red hair (or any other color) on the top of his head.

Nehawka.

(From the Register.)

Peter Petersen while working on the quarry hill on Tuesday froze his nose. He was working on a very bleak point and before he knew it his nose was perfectly white.

C. D. St. John received a letter last Saturday from C. B. Bankhurst of Beaver Crossing announcing the birth of a ten pound boy on the 26th of December. The Register extends congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Christensen and two children of Ponca, Neb., visited at Frank Moore's last week. They will visit at Weeping Water and in Sarpy county before returning to their home. Mrs. Christensen will be remembered as Daisy Wiseman.

Henry Lindsey was a caller at our office Wednesday and when we asked him for news he answered, "I am dreadfully lonesome and need a cook. This cooking business is getting too much for me." Which can be taken to mean that Henry is willing if the girl is.

Mr. and Mrs. James Neel went to Plattsmouth Tuesday evening where they will visit for a day with Mrs. Della Hatt before returning to their home in Roslie, Neb. Mrs William Chapman accompanied them and will visit for a month with them when she will visit Mrs. Newman at Farnam.

Not realizing that the mercury was down to about twenty below zero on Wednesday morning, George Hugel who is chopping wood for C. R. Pollard had his ears frozen. He came to town about ten o'clock and Doctor Walker gave them medical attention, but it is hard to tell what the outcome will be, he may lose both of them.

William R. Davis received a telegram Wednesday evening announcing the death of Wayne, the infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Davis of Vivian, S. D. The little fellow had been ill for a week or more, but all that fond parents could do was no avail. The stricken parents have the sympathy of many friends.

Unearthed Big Kennel.

A few days since Lawrence Stull, the well known farmer living northwest of the city, had a remarkable experience with rabbits, the like of which few persons have ever had. Mr. Stull and his dog were out in his yard when the dog started a rabbit. In giving it chase the dog ran it into a hole and started to dig it out. Mr. Stull noticed the animal and tried to stop it but was not successful the dog digging away until he came to some boards several feet down in the earth. The boards covered Mr. Stull's potato hole, a place he had dug for storing his potatoes. The hole was some six feet wide by ten feet long. Becoming interested in the matter, Mr. Stull concluded to help the dog get his game and seeing that the rabbit had gone into the potato hole, he closed the place where it had gone in up and then he went down into the hole through the regular entrance When he got into the hole he was astonished to find it litterly alive with rabbits. They swarmed about him and darted about the enclosure in such numbers as to make the gentleman believe he was "seeing things." He finally succeeded in catching thirteen of them alive. This was not a bad haul as they were big fellows and fat as butter balls. After making his catch he took them into his house in a sack and concluded to have some fun with them. He took all the furniture out of one room and then turned the animals loose in it, watching their frantic efforts to find a way out. He said that they went nearly to the ceiling in their mad attempts to escape. After enjoying himself for some time watching them he captured them again and since then has been living on rabbit, killing them as needed. Anyone having a good first class rabbitt story bring it on.

Hatt & Osborn's restaurant is open all night, we never sleep.