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Official County Paper.

THE policemen who have begun a war on Police Judge Archer are likely to hear something drop at the next council meeting.

CHRISTMAS was observed with pretty near the usual amount of ceremony and eclat this year—including drinking sprees and fights.

TWO STICKS, the Sioux murderer, was duly hanged at Deadwood Friday, and died with the Indian death song on his lips.

How appropriate it is to see the Nebraska City News rush to the defense of John C. Watson! After Benedict Arnold sold himself to the British he was the worst enemy America had.

THE czar of Russia promises to be one of the most popular monarchs in Europe. He has completely won the St. Petersburg populace by his lack of fear in going about the streets of the capital unattended.

SIXTY-FIVE per cent of the taxes paid by Nebraska City property owners goes to pay interest on bonds. These bonds are held by foreign bond holders and the interest goes abroad. —Nebraska City Independent.

AFTER Christmas came a cold wave which reminded the most indifferent that for a fact winter had come in earnest. A lowering of the temperature from 40 degrees above to 8 below in 36 hours is a pretty stiff change.

ALTHOUGH a tory, Lord Randolph Churchill was quite democratic in his general conduct, and was popular with the people in consequence. His loss will be severely felt by his party, both in and out of parliament. His illness is said to be a fatal malady.

A SHORT session of the legislature would be very acceptable to the people of this state, but it is safe to say that the full sixty days will be used. The republicans do not believe in economy, especially when their salaries are at stake.—Nebraska City News.

REPUBLICAN papers are now asserting that "the people don't like democratic money." Don't, eh? Put gold and silver on a parity as it was before republican legislation destroyed its equality of value and you will soon realize your mistake.—Council Bluffs Globe.

SENATOR-ELECT JOHN H. GEAR, has been stricken with apoplexy and is in a critical condition at his apartments at the Portland, in Washington. A dispatch from that city says: "The prevailing opinion is that the distinguished son of Iowa is stricken with death."

THE Cleveland administration has not yet succeeded in fulfilling democratic pledges or in enforcing democratic laws against monopoly, but Mr. Cleveland is, nevertheless, to be congratulated on the trip which demonstrated that he adds genius as a duck-shooter to his talent as a fisherman.—New York Herald.

THE hearts made glad Christmas would fill a book larger than the Encylopedia Brittanica.—Nebraska City Press.

The "book" our contemporary refers to is probably the sort of "book" players of whist make. Otherwise it might be troublesome to put hearts in a "book."

CONGRESSMAN TRACY of New York has moved an amendment to the new currency bill, making bank notes redeemable in equal parts of gold and silver. This gold-bug seems to be moving in the right direction. Give them time and they will learn what they should have known from the start.—Crete Democrat.

JOHN SHERMAN is very close in the matter of personal expenses, and has a pique at the Pullman company for over-charges which he proposes to take out by a bit of national legislation. He is soon to propose an amendment to the pooling bill which has passed the house. His measure prescribes one-half cent per mile for lower and one-third cent for upper berths in sleepers, and provides fit penalties for a violation or over charge.

UNDER THE PAW OF THE RAILWAYS.

The Lincoln News, which is a staunch republican paper, recently contained a lengthy editorial review of the testimony of John M. Thurston, published in Sunday's World-Herald, and very aptly takes its party to task for being the servant of the railway powers. It argues thus:

"Reference is made to this testimony of Mr. Thurston at this time, not because it will change the statute of affairs or have any tendency to prevent his election, but merely to show just what arguments the republican party will have to meet next fall when it goes before the people again on its record. What defense is possible? What defense was possible to the charges of forgery and fraud against Tom Majors in his attempt to break into congress when the testimony was in black and white?

"When will the republican party of Nebraska learn that it cannot play with fire without being burnt? There are none who will dispute Mr. Thurston's ability or eloquence, but a man who has for twenty years represented a railroad company, not only in the courts but before legislatures and on the stump (see his own sworn statement), cannot change his opinions or his prejudices in a day merely because the mantle of the people's representative has fallen upon him. Who believed Tom Majors when he professed to have recanted and been born again? Evidently the curse of Nebraska republicanism lies in the poor judgment of its leaders who refuse to profit by the lesson taught by the recent loss of the governorship, but insist on giving the best office in the party's gift to a railroad lawyer who openly admitted that part of his duties was the influencing of legislators in behalf of his corporaton. We have, indeed, fallen upon troublous times."

The Quick Path to Bimetallism.

Shall we substitute bank notes for greenbacks and treasury notes, or exercise the option to redeem in silver? To do the latter is to restore bimetallism, so far as silver already coined is concerned to restore to the former would be no real aid, because the same parties who now draw gold on paper money would present silver dollars and silver certificates, demand their redemption in gold, and use the same argument used now, namely: "If you refuse gold that metal will go to a premium, and we shall be on a silver basis." The treasury must exercise the right to redeem in silver when that is most convenient.—Omaha World-Herald.

"THE American people are patient and long suffering, and they are, too, disposed to trust their public servants," says a prominent Journal, discussing the action of the minority in the senate of the United States. True, the people are "patient and long suffering," but when the servants whom they have chosen to perform certain duties, become imbued with the idea that they are the masters and not the servants of those who have chosen them, the American people are liable to become indignant and determine on a change and the selection of others to fill the places of those who seek to play the role of master instead of servant, whether they be of high or low degree.

Governor Holcomb.

Sialas A. Holcomb was born Aug. 25, 1858, and is now in his thirty-seventh year. He first saw the light of day on the old Holcomb homestead in Gibson county, Indiana, near Princeton the present county seat. He is a man of fine form and figure, stands six feet and two inckes high and has an open, frank countenance, which portrays excellent traits of character.

His father, John C. Holcomb, was a native Virginian, but came to Indiana in an early day and was known as one of the pioneers of that state. His mother's maiden name was Lucinda R. Skelton, her native state being North Carolina. She was the second wife of John C. Holcomb and Silas A. is the oldest of his mother's children. Although Governor-elect Holcomb commenced life in an humble way on an Indiana homestead, his ancestors were largely public men. His grandfather was a Baptist minister of considerable note. His grandmother Holcomb was a Lee and a relative of General Robert E. Lee of confederate fame.—State Journal.

IT costs one dollar a ton to transport Rock Springs coal to Omaha. The cost of mining and handling is less than a dollar a ton. Yet the people of Nebraska have for years been compelled to pay $7 a ton for it. When the Sheridan mines were opened by the B. & M. road it was hoped that legitimate competition would compel a reduction of price at the hands of the Union Pacific, but it has ended in a vain hope. Four dollars a ton would be a fair price for Wyoming coal laid down in Omaha.—Bee.

That is substantially what THE JOURNAL argued two years ago. From the mountain region to the Missouri river is a continuous down-grade, requiring little motive power, while the empty cars could be cheaply hauled up grade to the mines. The policy of taking "all that the traffic will bear" is a short-sighted one, and if the managers willed it they could easily drive all the anthracite out of this market and have it all themselves—at a better paying rate than they get for hauling the anthracite.

JOHN W. FOSTER, Harrison's secretary of state has been sent for to go to Japan to aid China to make peace with Japan. The Chinese want Japan to let go, and don't seem to be able to make terms.

HOW ARE THE MIGHTY FALLEN?

It takes responsibility to bring out a man's real qualities. The country never knew much of the ability of Daniel Manning until he became secretary of the treasury, but in that place he disclosed a breadth of statesmanship which was remarkable. It was not until he became president that James A. Garfield gave evidence of the weakness of his character, and up to the time that Thos. F. Bayard became secretary of state everybody counted upon him as a statesman of great breadth and rare accomplishments, but his career in that office was anything but reassuring. Of all the men, however, who have been foisted into cabinet positions that have disappointed the expectations of his friends and the world at large none have made a greater or more complete failure than John G. Carlisle has done as secretary of the treasury. As a member of congress, as speaker of the house and as a senator Mr. Carlisle has shown talents, principles and characteristics which lifted him high on the roll of fame, greatly endeared him in the people and gave him a warm place in the hearts and esteem of the democratic masses, and had his home been north instead of south of the Ohio there are many who now believe that he would have been the democratic nominee for president in 1892 instead of Cleveland, with the best chance in the world of winning.

In an hour that was evil to him and to his lasting reputation, however, he was chosen for a place in Mr. Cleveland's cabinet, and from the moment he became secretary of the treasury it seems that his individuality has forsaken him, and the principles which guided his action in congress have been deserted and trodden upon. An ardent advocate of the free coinage of silver then, he has been one of its worst and most powerful enemies. While Senator Beck lived Carlisle was one of his firmest supporters in advocacy of the white metal. Now his opinions and policy seem to be moulded in the white house, and to suit white house purposes, and ignoring his formerly-expressed ideas and opinions, which were radically opposed to the course he now professes to believe in and is acting upon.

That such a course should alienate the friends of the olden time and create distrust and want of confidence is but natural, and to be expected. And after losing the friends who once admired him, reposed unlimited confidence in him and looked up to him as a strong leader and for whom they hoped and expected some time to support for president, it was to be expected that his new-found friends among the Shylocks of Wall street would be delighted with their new convert and make much over him; but not so, if we are to believe late telegrams from New York. It is said that the bankers are now concerting measures for his destruction, and that the currency measure he has proposed has lost them several millions of money, and they mean to get even with him for his wabbling about from pillar to post. The fact is the position of secretary of the treasury was too big for him, and lacking the firmness to be true to himself, he has tried the role of copyist for his chief, the president. That he should fail to please the president's friends, the New York bankers, is but natural. When a man has the weakness to take an insincere position at one time it is to be expected that he will not be able to satisfy the demands of those who are making use of him. The attempt to ride two horses that are going in opposite directions has been tried often, but it never was done with success.

THE legislature was organized Tuesday, C. L. Richards of Hebron being chosen speaker of the house and John C. Watson president pro tem of the senate. W. M. Geddes of Grand Island was selected chief clerk of the house, and Frank H. Wilson of this city got nothing. The organization is thoroughly in harmony with the idea of electing John M. Thurston to the senate—the whole body wears a railroad collar, and will do nothing that is not in accord with the wishes of those corporations.

EX-CONGRESSMAN W. H. BUTLER, of West Union, Iowa, who disappeared mysteriously and who was believed to have been murdered, has discovered himself in Indianapolis trying to recoup his fortunes by working as a book agent. Mr. Butler cannot explain how or why he went to Indiana, or upon what theory he hoped to lay up wealth canvassing, but he claims to be perfectly sane. He has returned to his home, and everybody at Oelwein is happy.

Raids On the Gold Pile.

Russia is borrowing $75,000,000 in gold in eastern Europe, and Austria is borrowing $37,000,000 in gold to complete its arrangements for setting up the gold standard. This is causing another such transfer of stocks of gold as was seen two years ago, when the outgo from the United States was so heavy. Taken in connection with the prevailing disposition of Europeans to carry as small a supply of American securities as possible, these developments promise to make the drain upon our gold reserve this winter and next spring unusually heavy.—New York Tribune.

MRS. AMELIA BLOOMER, one of the oldest and most noted residents of Council Bluffs, died on Sunday last. Mrs. Bloomer had an interesting career, and became famous in a most unwitting manner. In 1849 she was publishing a magazine called the Lily, which was chiefly devoted to the interests of woman in the field known as "Woman's Rights," and among other things advocated dress reform. While discussing this subject she invented a costume and began wearing it, that was modeled closely after the costume of the Turks. This dress at once became famous and known as the "Bloomer," but never became fashionable, although its usefulness and propriety for all outdoor movements of women were acknowleged on all sides. Mrs. Bloomer was a woman of much intellectual talent, and afterwards published the Western Home Visitor at Mt. Vernon, Ohio, removing thence with her husband, D. C. Bloomer, to Council Bluffs in 1856, where they have resided since. Contrary to the general belief, she was of a modest, retiring nature, and through the later years of her life devoted herself almost wholly to works of charity and benevolence. She was an ornament to her sex, and as one of the pioneers in the cause of a reform of the laws relating to women did much to shape the subsequent course of those who came into that field at a later period. She was greatly esteemed by all who ever knew her for many graces of character and life. The writer of these lines became acquainted with her when a boy, and only when recollection fades will he cease to revere her memory as one of the purest and best of women.

THE death of Lincoln's most wealthy citizen, John Fitzgerald, is announced. For three years he has suffered from a complaint which resulted in paralysis, and regarded as eventually of a fatal character. Thus, at the age of sixty-five, has passed away one of the strongest characters in the west. Born in Ireland, with slight opportunities for an education, driven by the oppression of landlordism to America, he carved out a fortune by grasping the opportunities which the building up of the west afforded. He was a stupendous worker, and in his active days hardly took the time nature absolutely required for rest. His ambition was the accumulation of wealth, and in this he was successful to a remarkable degree. In matters of business he was very strict to maintain his rights, yet he was broad and liberal in aid of charities and in helping every public enterprise. He had the faculty of holding friends, and of standing by them. That he was a man of patriotic impulses and of sentiment was evidenced by his interest in the Fenian movement years ago, and by the part he took in the Land League in later years. His loss will be sincerely mourned by a large circle of friends, both in and out of his church.

THE immensity of the public convenience which the New York and Brooklyn bridge affords can only be appreciated by reading the facts embraced in the annual report of the bridge trustees, which has just been issued, as follows.

Total receipts from tolls	$1,199,684.14
From railway	$1,196,815.88
From carriageway	$ 97,268.66
Passengers carried in railway	41,714,235
Average monthly tolls for 1893	$ 104,409.00
" " " " 1894	99,923.67
Total receipts from all sources	1,850,142.18
Total expenditures	1,521,660.94
Balance on hand	238,481.24

The fare on the railways is two tickets for five cents. In the past year only two hours and forty-seven minutes have been lost by delays. The bridge has been built over eleven years, and has carried 346,589,531 passengers up to date of report. It is a cable railway and has replaced six cables from wear.

JAMES BUDD, the democratic governor-elect of California, notwithstanding the contest made by Estee, the republican candidate, will take his official seat. Mr. Budd was a guest of the Iroquois club of San Francisco the other evening and in an address to the club on the occasion, among other appropriate remarks said in an emphatic manner: "I received a plurality of 1,206. If I had received all the votes I was entitled to, it would have been 5,000 * * * I would not take the office of governor on any technicality. I would not take it on any subterfuge of a legislative recount, but as I am elected I shall take my oath of office and my seat as governor of the state of California."

WHILE it is the proper thing for our people who are able to help the western sufferers, the fact should not be forgotten that there are many worthy poor in our own midst who are in dire need, and who must have substantial aid from some source or they will perish. There are many families who are destitute who never before made application for public charity, and it takes away all the pride and self-respect to apply to the county authorities. THE JOURNAL ventures to suggest that there are several gentlemen in good circumstances who own timber land near town and they could make donations of timber for fuel, and by a little effort a chopping and hauling bee could be organized and thus supply a number of families. What say you?

AS A consequence of a new constitutional provision prohibiting the issuance of free passes, the genial Depew, president of the New York Central, has ordered the insertion of this clause in the fine print carried by all the deadhead railway paste-boards on the lines of the N. Y. Central: "As a consequence of the constitutional amendment relating to free passes, our passes given to people of whom we know very little will read in future to the effect that the holder is not a holder of public office." Still the presumption is that few "people of whom we know very little" are on Chauncey's free list.

THE editor of the New York Post is plunged in a gulf of melancholy because he notices that Lyman Trumbull has attached his name to a resolution favoring the free coinage of silver at 16 to 1, and observes that every such resolution "is a fountain of despondency to every intelligent lover of his race," and after writing those sentiments he wipes the salt water from his tear-bedimmed eyes and proceeds to clip the coupons from his bonds, and sets up a wail that can almost be heard by the starving people in Trinity's rotten tenements on the next block. It is melancholy, indeed.

GREAT harmony prevailed in the republican legislative caucus, and it is said that every republican member but four in both houses has pledged himself to vote for John M. Thurston for senator. That is proper. If the party belongs to the railways it should put their chief lobbyist to the front as an exemplar of its principles. There was great harmony among the privileged classes of France before the revolution of '92, which swept them from power.

CONGRESSMAN BRYAN, the young silver gladiator of Nebraska is after the administration with a sharp stick, and it is evident that he intends to make it warm for the financial heads during the brief time remaining of his term as congressman. Bryan is in the right, and in addition to this triple armament, is eloquent and convincing. —Deadwood Daily Pioneer.

W. H. POOL of Wabash, this county, got the position of enrolling clerk of the senate. Otherwise Cass county was not recognized in the organization. Mr. Pool comes from his farm on Section 21, to which he was retired by the voters of Cass county with such satisfaction six years ago. No doubt he will make a capable enrolling clerk.

THE local post of the G. A. R. on Saturday evening last passed resolutions of a very flattering character endorsing Capt. David McCaig and recommending him to Gov. Holcomb for appointment to the command of the soldiers' home at Kearney—all of which meets the hearty endorsement of this newspaper.

WHAT has become of the calamity howl of last fall? Gov. Holcomb was inaugurated today, and still eastern money lenders are anxious to get loans on Nebraska realty at the old rate of interest—if not less.

THE gold reserve is dwindling rapidly, and more bonds are in sight.

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