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It is a singular thing that when a man goes slow on food he is called a faster.

A man named Merritt has won a \$950,000 lawsuit. Who says there is nothing in a name?

A North Dakota prophet gives the world just nineteen years yet before having to hand in its checks.

If Jim Corbett talks as much at home as he does through the public prints it is no wonder his wife is suing him for a divorce.

Mark Twain has reiterated his statement that Americans ought to do more kicking. It is evidently some time since Mark has seen an umpire.

Miss Willard asks: "Why are not men more beautiful?" They really don't need to be. They do enough heart-smashing now, ugly as they are.

A Californian won a bride by giving a young lady his lower berth in a sleeping-car. It is not the first time that love has stooped to one of lower birth.

Pacific coast papers assert that "two million dollars' worth of wheels from Eastern manufacturers," mainly Chicago, have been brought into California during the present season.

It was unnecessary for Dr. Talmage to assure a reporter that he enjoys good digestion. Everybody knows the doctor is an optimist, and optimism and indigestion are never found in company.

Anatomists, to separate the bones of a skull, frequently fill it with small beans and place the whole in a basin of water. The beans swell and slowly split the skull. The force which beans are capable of exerting under these conditions is equivalent to the average pressure in the boiler of a steam engine.

Large numbers of Japanese laborers are arriving at California ports and swarming into the labor markets. It is said that during the last year 10,000 of them have secured employment to the exclusion of white laborers. The Japs can have all the fun they want with the Chinese, but a Japanese invasion of the United States is going another ox altogether.

Mrs. Mignon Elliott of New York appreciates the affliction of having a pretty face. When she was in a book store one day she found to her horror that a publisher of sensational literature had used her photograph to adorn the front page of a number of flashy French novels. Of course there was only one thing left for her to do, and that was to bring suit against the publisher, which she promptly did.

An increasing number of tourists go to Europe every year. The matter of cost used to prevent people from doing this generally, but now, it is claimed that many people spend the summer in Europe because they can do it cheaper than they can remain at home. But it is rather melancholy to meet with so many people who have traveled all over Europe but know but little from personal experience of their own country.

A cry of despair has gone up from the Pife county council, Scotland, on the subject of the abuse of the public highways in that county by cyclists, and they have adopted the course of petitioning Parliament on the subject. The difficulty is that cycling offenders will not connive at their own capture, but almost invariably as the Pife council pathetically urge, make off at their highest possible speed after a contravention or on being challenged.

The Women's Civic League of Cincinnati has secured the co-operation of the city government in providing piles of clean sand for little children to play in on vacant lots in different parts of the city and in a corner of one of the parks. They urged that this provision for the play-instinct of children would add to the health and happiness of the "tots." It is a wise movement. No large park is complete without some such provision for the children.

The growth of public libraries in the United States is one of the remarkable features of our system of progress. There are nearly 5,000 of them; and a recent writer points out the significant fact that with the single exception of the country, there is not a single civil division of our government that has not adopted this form of educational service. The Nation, the States, the cities and towns have libraries for general use, and the work of the librarian has become a regular profession, with requirements of systematic study and training.

Johns Hopkins, a young millionaire of Philadelphia, rode fifteen miles on a bicycle the other day and died a few hours later from overexertion. The bicycle is a good thing, but it is not wise to push it along too hard.

The ex-Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii is very anxious to know what the newspapers say about her. There is a press clipping bureau in New York that sends to her address in Honolulu everything that is printed in the press of the United States concerning herself and her lost cause.

# OVER THE STATE.

SAFE blowers have been operating at Creighton.

The Gates college at Neligh will be removed to Norfolk.

WAR is being waged in Nebraska City on unlicensed dogs.

WM. IMLAY, a pioneer of Seward county, died last week of paralysis.

The corner stone of the Masonic temple at Red Cloud will be laid Aug. 1st.

E. D. STEWART of Fremont has been elected principal of the public schools of Red Cloud.

JIMMY CURRAN, a 9-year-old South Omaha boy, was run over and killed by the motor cars.

The Emerson creamery is doing a large business, about 9,000 pounds of milk being received daily.

J. G. CLAYTON and family left Fullerton the other day for the Rocky mountains in a prairie schooner.

The summer meeting of the state horticultural society will be held at Wymore, Neb., July 23, 24 and 25.

The opera house in Pierce is rapidly nearing completion. The grand opening will be held about September 1.

The town dads of Scribner have just levied an occupation tax upon its business men to replenish the village exchequer.

THE barber shop at Pierce was entered by burglars and \$75 worth of supplies taken. But one razor was left in the shop.

SEVERAL burglaries were committed at Elmwood. Among others who suffered was Mr. Mayfield, a publisher, who was touched for \$10.

THE Board of Public Lands and Buildings has notified Janitor Grinnell that owing to a lack of funds his services will have to be dispensed with.

News reached Butte that Fred Bethge, living on the state line between Butte and Fairfax, fell into an old well and was drowned. He was 25 years old.

H. BALL, a farmer who resides in the southern part of Holt county, an inmate of the county jail, is charged with the crime of seducing his 14-year-old step daughter.

A. T. NICHOLS, the ex-cashier of the People's State bank of Litchfield, was sentenced to a term of three years in the state penitentiary for receiving deposits after knowing the bank was insolvent.

ADOLPH STEINCAMP and Henry Gaebel, two German farmers living southeast of Louisville, quarreled, and the result was that Steincamp was shot in the back and left arm with a shotgun in the hands of Gaebel.

OMAHA will turn night into day during state fair week. The plan contemplates the lighting of twenty-six blocks by lamps placed five feet apart on each side of the street and diagonally across and over the intersections.

E. O. WELLS, a prominent citizen, a member of the city council of Columbus and ex-confederate soldier, died last week of Bright's disease. Mr. Wells has been a resident of the state many years and was well and favorably known there.

THE portrait of H. E. Palmer, department commander of the Grand Army of the Republic in 1884, has been received at the office of General Gage. It is the intention to have the portraits of all the ex-commanders in the state at this office eventually.

THE settlers on the reservation near Emerson who were evicted have all returned to their farms, but all are being "chased." The Flourney Land company leases all have to go.

ACCORDING to the assessors' reports there are 28,165 acres in wheat in Johnson county, 69,794 acres in corn, 15,377 in oats, 51,910 in meadow, 750 in barley, 956 in millet, 103 in rye, 2,125 in flax.

THE boot and shoe store of John F. Rowell at Hastings was closed by creditors. An eastern firm was pressing him for the payment of a bill and he gave eleven chattel mortgages aggregating about \$2,800.

A HEMMINGFORD dispatch says that county Surveyor J. P. Hazard was severely if not fatally injured by his team running away. He was thrown from the wagon, breaking several ribs and otherwise injuring him.

A SPORTY individual walked into a drug store at Decatur and poured from a pitcher what he thought was water and drank a half a glass. It proved to be turpentine. A doctor was called and the chances are that he will recover.

THE Farmers' Grain and Stock company's elevator at Prayne was burned. The insurance of the elevator was \$1,500, and on the grain \$1,000. The company's Bros. Milling company had about 600 bushels of rye stored in the elevator on which there was no insurance.

HENRY TEKKER lost his life in a shocking manner on the farm of J. D. Freeze near Elgin. He was bringing in horses from the pasture. He was riding and had his feet through the stirrup straps, as the stirrups were too long for him. In some way he was thrown and his feet remained in the straps. He was found alive but died soon after discovery.

THE Cattlemen's Protective association, which was organized at Alliance last fall for protection against the rustlers in the sand hills, has caused the arrest of Hank Matthews and a man by the name of Tracy. Sheriff J. W. Thompson arrested Matthews as he was boarding the west bound train. The cattlemen claim they have sufficient evidence to convict him.

FRED GILLARD, a widower about 40 years old and well known in the county, was arrested at Big Springs for outraging the person of Mary Foltz, a 15-year-old girl. The girl was injured so badly that she is in a precarious condition. She has always been a good reputation.

WE shall stand up for Nebraska this year, says the Ashland Breeze, by eating home grown potatoes at 25 cents a bushel.

A TON of flour and barrel of rice was shipped to Southern Lincoln county for the benefit of a few families who hadn't enough to bread them till after the harvest.

E. MERRILL, an inmate of the Soldiers' home, Grand Island, has invented a cultivator, which has the prominent feature of enabling the rider to lift the plow without in any way affecting the tongue. This is said to be a new thing and the old soldier has applied for a patent.

# Nearly a Million Dollars Short.

The State Board of Equalization has completed its laborers with the exception of Boyd county. The assessed valuation of the state is, in round numbers, \$171,000,000, as against \$183,000,000 in 1894, a falling off of \$12,000,000. It is expected that the amount realized from state assessments this year will fall between \$600,000 and \$900,000 less than the legislative appropriation of last winter, which were a total of \$2,785,000. This deficiency will, therefore, be added to the outstanding floating indebtedness, which is now about \$800,000. The school fund levy is, maximum, 1 1/2 mills; minimum, one-half of 1 mill. It is claimed that this great shortage in state valuation arises from an apparent competition between taxpayers as to who shall make the smallest return to the assessor in proportion to the amount of property he owns.

State Horticulturists to Meet.

The State Horticultural society has accepted the invitation of J. M. Russell & Son of Wymore to hold a summer meeting with them July 23, 24 and 25. Wednesday the 24th has been designated as peach day for Nebraska and the society members and those interested in horticulture are to pass the day in the Russell orchards, with thousands of bushels of peaches in sight and hundreds of bushels of early ripening varieties to eat. Nebraska has long been known to raise the best apples, cherries and grapes in the west. It is not as well known that hardy varieties of peaches are also grown with commercial profit in the state.

Passes to the State Fair.

For several years the State Fair board has been wrestling with one feature of the pass question which has caused it no end of trouble and also, it is estimated, a loss of over \$10,000 per year in the matter of gate receipts. On account of the change of location of the fair this was considered a good year, which to the board seemed an opportunity to make a radical change has been made in the form of the passes. During the last few years all of the state fair associations, with three or four exceptions, have discontinued the issuing of unlimited season passes and have adopted the coupon or punch system. So that Nebraska in adopting the coupon system this year is really getting behind the times.

The plan of issuing two kinds of passes, a coupon pass and the old style, was discussed, but it was decided that it would cause trouble and therefore only one kind is used. It has attached to it five coupons, each one good for one admission to the grounds. The coupons are dated one for each day of the fair. Under this system the board of managers hopes to break up a "combination" which has been imposing upon it for several years.

Paroled Convicts Disappear.

Warden Leidigh is looking into the question of rewards for the return of paroled convicts who have taken French leave. At least ten of the twenty-five or thirty convicts on parole are said to have fled the state and the warden fears every one will disappear in the same way. Information from the governor's office is to the effect that a majority of the missing men skipped out last summer before Warden Leidigh came into official existence, but no one was aware of it until Warden Leidigh began to devise some way to get them back. There is a fund of \$40,000 to pay officers' fees and sheriffs for the return of fugitives from justice, but it is a question whether such a fund could be drawn upon to pay rewards for the return of paroled convicts. However, if the governor issues reward proclamations, the auditor will be obliged to pay \$200 for each convict returned.

Alfalfa in Red Willow County.

Several thousand acres were sown to alfalfa in Red Willow county this spring, and many thousand more will be sown next. There are 40,000 acres of bottom land in the county, good alfalfa land, and before many years it will be all alfalfa. Last year was the driest known there, and yet alfalfa was cut three to four times and yielded five or six tons per acre. The hay found ready sale last winter at \$10 per ton. Seed runs five to eight bushels per acre, with some fields up to twelve to fourteen bushels. A 200-acre field of alfalfa yielded 1,700 bushels of seed, worth \$5 per bushel, \$8,500. The hay and pasture was worth half as much, making \$12,750 for the crop on 200 acres, which is not bad for a dry year. These crops were grown without irrigation, and almost without rain. Some fields have already been cut twice, and the yield was heavy. A field cut June 6 to 8 turned off three good loads to the acre. The second crop now, July 12, is three feet high. Some sown last spring where land was clean has been cut once for hay and the second crop is a foot high.

# CORBETT DIVORCE CASE.

Marie King Continues Her Testimony in the Divorce Suit.

NEW YORK, July 19.—There was another hearing yesterday before Referee Jacobs in the suit for divorce brought by Mrs. Ollie Corbett against James J. Corbett. Miss Marie King, a member of the dramatic company with which Corbett traveled, continued her testimony as to the relations between Corbett and the woman known as Vera. Miss King related instances of a display of affection as the company were traveling in railway cars. In Corning, Ohio, she had seen upon the hotel register the entry "J. J. Corbett and wife." It was agreed between counsel that if the referee's report should be in favor of the plaintiff alimony should be fixed at \$100 a week. Adjournment until July 26 was taken in order that testimony might be obtained from the West.

A Decrease in Valuation.

Sixty-six counties have reported to Auditor Moore a decrease of \$8,334,329.90 in assessed valuation, while ten other counties report an increase amounting to \$340,680.69. The thirteen counties which are delinquent with their abstracts of assessment are Boyd, Brown, Dawes, Douglas, Furnas, Gage, Hooker, Keith, Keya Paha, Lancaster, Nance, Saunders and Sheridan. Douglas will report a decrease of about \$2,000,000. Lancaster county about \$100,000, and the total reduction for all counties will be about \$15,000,000.

# DUN'S BUSINESS REVIEW.

## INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY SLACKENS DURING THE HOT WEATHER.

## MIDSUMMER LULL IS ON.

Prices Have Declined Somewhat and There is a Falling Off in the Demand for Some Advanced Products, But Wages Advance and Strikes Grow More Numerous and Important.

NEW YORK, July 22.—R. G. Dun & Co.'s weekly review of trade says:

The week's news is not entirely encouraging, but it is all the more natural, because there are signs of midsummer dullness.

Wheat prospects are not quite so good as last week, but still there are lower prices, as corn and cotton have been lowered. The exports of gold and the less favorable treasury returns for July are not unexpected and mean nothing as to the coming business. There is a perceptible decrease in the demand for most manufactured products and the actual distribution to consumers naturally lessens in midsummer. Much of the recent buying was to anticipate a rise in prices and such purchases fall off when prices have risen. There are still numerous advances in wages, but strikes grow more numerous and important.

In part because business was unusually large in the first half of July, a quiet time meets reasonable expectations. The heavy bank failures at Montreal do not affect finances here, and is passing there with less disturbance than was feared.

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## SILVER MEN DISAGREE.

The Conference in Chicago Disturbed by Northern and Southern Factions.

CHICAGO, July 22.—The silver conference at the Auditorium yesterday was marked by a strong difference of opinion between the Southern and Northern representatives. At one time a split in the ranks seemed imminent over a desire of the Southern men to ignore the bimetallic league. They maintained that the avowed purpose of the league was to assist the aspirations of their presidential candidate, Joseph Sibley. The men from the South desired to conduct their work in their section within the ranks of the Democratic party, and in the North to conduct the agitation on a non-partisan basis.

Mr. Rucker of Colorado asserted that the trouble now in the West was "a growing belief that the silver wing was but the tail to the Democratic kite," Congressman Aeklin of Tennessee healed the breach by the formulation of a compromise resolution providing that a sub-committee of five be appointed to take charge of the distribution of literature, and that it be instructed to use its best efforts to avoid any antagonism with any other national organization.

General A. J. Warner, the president of the Bimetallic league, protested against any line of work that attempted to carry forward the silver agitation without being allied to the league. He said it had done all the work thus far in the direction of agitation; that it had spent much money and stood before the people as a non-partisan organization. The resolution was adopted.

An address will be issued to the public setting forth the position of the National Silver league and the members of the national committee will be empowered to organize the various states.

## THEY WANT THE FIGHT.

Dallas Citizens Express Themselves on the Corbett-Fitzsimmons Fight.

DALLAS, Texas, July 22.—One of the largest meetings ever held in Dallas was assembled at the Commercial club rooms at 6 p. m. for the purpose of calling out an expression of opinion and protesting against the proposed moving of the Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight from Dallas to Galveston. The meeting was composed of over 300 prominent citizens, merchants, property owners, lawyers, etc. Resolutions were adopted pointing out the advantages that will result to Dallas and the state if the fight occurs here. A committee of twenty was appointed to confer with the county officials with regard to the legality of the proposed fight.

Chloroformed and Robbed.

WICHITA, Kan., July 22.—Last night Mr. and Mrs. Link Pitzel of Sunnydale were chloroformed and robbed of \$240 and all the valuables in the house. They slept near an open window and the robbers tied a cloth around the mouth, inserted it through the window while they were asleep, and put them so thoroughly under its influence that they did not revive for several hours.

The Insanity Plea Saved Him.

NEWTON, Kan., July 22.—Patrick Rickman was acquitted of the charge of murder here after a hard fought trial. He killed Tom Williams in cold blood upon the street here last February for alleged intimacy with his wife. The plea of temporary insanity saved him. The jury was out a little over an hour.

# THE DEBATE RESUMED.

Mr. Harvey Again Attacks the Demonstration Congress.

CHICAGO, July 22.—The fourth day of the Hor-Harvey silver contention opened in the auditorium of the Illinois club at 1:15 o'clock this afternoon. The attendance showed no appreciable difference from that which characterized the previous sessions.

Mr. Harvey opened the day's talk with a review of the points so far established. They were that prior to 1873 gold and silver were the money of the constitution; that silver was the unit of value; that up to that time the debtor was permitted to pay in the cheaper money, and that silver was not demonetized because of any over production at the time the act of 1873 was passed. Then taking up the debate proper he denied that he had at any time tried to impeach the integrity of the American people, but he did not propose to allow corrupt legislators to throw the mantle of national honesty around them for their own protection. He recognized the integrity of the American people and it was to that he appealed.

The speaker then resumed the statement which was interrupted at the close of the talk on Thursday, of the various steps leading up to the passage of the act of 1873.

Texas Silver Convention.

AUSTIN, Texas, July 22.—The silver meeting called for to-day by ex-Governor J. S. Hogg, ex-Treasurer F. R. Luberick and others, to elect delegates to the Fort Worth silver convention had just seventy persons present, half of whom were Populists. Mr. Hogg made a speech denouncing Cleveland and Carlisle and said that their action in selling bonds was perfidious.

Missouri Pacific Trains Meet.

SEDALIA, Mo., July 22.—Two Missouri Pacific freight trains met near Herman last night. Both engines were badly damaged, but no one was hurt. But few cars were derailed. The accident was caused by the engineer of the first train running by his orders.

Good Words for Texas.

HOUSTON, Texas, July 22.—The Daily Post has just completed a thorough investigation into the present conditions in the state of Texas. Good crops are assured throughout the agricultural section, and nearly all of Texas will soon be an agricultural country.

Postmistress and Office Burned.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., July 22.—The post-office and an adjoining office at La Presa, fifteen miles east, were burned last night and the body of Mrs. Louis Schaeffer, the postmistress, was found in the ruins to-day. The affair is a mystery.

No Cigarettes for Missouri City.

LIBERTY, Mo., July 22.—The council of Missouri City has adopted an ordinance prohibiting the sale of cigarettes there, the fine being from \$10 to \$50. The town officers say that the law will be strictly enforced.

Mr. Towne's Estate Left to His Widow.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 22.—By the will of A. N. Towne, which was filed to-day, all of the property of the dead railroad man is left to his wife, who is named as executrix without bonds.

After the Bulgarian Throne.

LONDON, July 22.—It is stated that Prince Adolphus of Teck, who married the daughter of the duke of Westminster, is a candidate for the throne of Bulgaria.

Joseffy in America.

NEW YORK, July 22.—Joseffy, the Hungarian pianist, has arrived from Europe. His last visit to this country was fourteen years ago.

The President's Baby Named.

BUZZARDS BAY, Mass., July 22.—President Cleveland's third baby has been named Marion.

The Defender Victorious.

NEW YORK, July 22.—The new yacht Defender defeated the Vigilant, with 3:52 1/2 to spare.

## NEWS IN BRIEF.

Sugar men have made objection to the authority of Comptroller Bowler to hold up sugar bounties.

The Dawes Indian commission closed its conference without coming to any definite conclusion.

The treasury department does not attach much importance to the Sovereign banknote boycott threat.

The Canadian war minister is reported to have said that he does not believe that American spies are taking topographical notes in Canada.

Reuben F. Kolb has announced that he will not again be a candidate for governor of Alabama.

Cuban insurgent agents are trying to get United States army officers to command their forces.

Secretary Hoke Smith expresses satisfaction with the progress of the sound money ideas in the South.

Colonel D. N. Barrows, who was assistant treasurer of the Confederacy, died at his home in Jackson, Miss.

In a battle with moonshiners in West Virginia, one was killed, a constable fatally wounded and others hurt.

Government officials do not believe the report that Mexico has ordered Texas cattle to be run out of the Palomas district.

A correspondent who interviewed Bismarck says that he is in good health.

A testimonial was presented to Sir Henry Irving by members of the theatrical profession.

A force of Japanese cavalry on the island of Formosa was cut to pieces by Chinese. But three troopers escaped.

Geoffrey Perkins, an American lawyer, is in jail in London on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.

# THE PRETZEL CHILDREN.

Holmes Virtually Confesses that He Murdered Them.

PHILADELPHIA, July 18.—Herman Mudgett, alias H. H. Holmes, the insurance swindler in prison here, has virtually confessed the murder of the two Pletzel children, whose bodies were found in the cellar of a Toronto house Monday. During the two hours interview he had yesterday with three members of the district attorney's staff he said: "I suppose I'll swing for this."

The district attorney thinks that this is a practical admission of Holmes' guilt. Notwithstanding Holmes' remark, his counsel says that he can prove an alibi in his client's case. He says that Holmes was not in Toronto when the Pletzel children were murdered. Then, he says, can be proved by Mrs. Howard, Holmes' third wife, who is at present living with her mother in Franklin, Ind.

The authorities place but little confidence in the alibi story and are satisfied Holmes is the murderer.

TORONTO, Ontario, July 17.—Detective Geyer is hard at work. To-day he found the expressman who took the trunk, which had invariably accompanied Holmes in all his journeys into the St. Vincent Street house, and this man had no difficulty in picking out Holmes' photograph from a number of others.

The Fifth ward of the city of Wichita has given notice of secession from the municipal corporation, because of the removal of a fire house from the ward.

## SILVER REPUBLICANS.

Candidate Will Be Pledged to Follow Congress, Says Gov. McConnell.

PORTLAND, Ore., July 18.—Governor W. J. McConnell of Idaho, speaking of the policy of the silver Republicans next year, said: "The friends of silver will not force the financial issue in the national Republican convention next year further than to secure a declaration in the platform that the nominee of that party shall sign any measure that passes congress, that not only affects the financial system of the country, but also the pensions of the soldiers of the rebellion, the building of the Nicaraguan canal, the annexation of the Hawaiian islands and other issues of paramount interest to the country. The individual who heads the ticket is of little consequence to me as long, of course, as he is a sound protectionist. I don't care what his views on the financial question are as long as he stands on the platform of the party and that platform contains the declaration we propose."

No Redemption in Gold.

WASHINGTON, July 18.—For the first time during recent years the mail reports received at the treasury yesterday show no redemptions of United States notes in gold. All these reports, however, do not cover the same day's operations. The redemptions during the last few months have averaged about \$1,000,000 a month. The fact has no particular significance but the treasury officials call attention to it as a very unusual circumstance.

Six Thousand Dollars Disappears.

OMAHA, Neb., July 18.—A package containing \$6,000 has mysteriously disappeared from the Pacific Express company office. It came in as United States Express company business and was sent to the Pacific office, where it passed through the hands of four employees and then dropped out of sight. The police are thoroughly puzzled and can secure no trace of the thief or money.

Kansas Farmers Held at Bay.

ATCHISON, Kan., July 18.—T. F. Ostranger was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Donnell this morning for stealing a team of horses, wagon and five hogs in the country last night. A crowd of farmers surrounded the prisoner and tried to take him away from the officer, presumably to lynch him, but he was finally landed safely in the county jail.