

OVER THE STATE.

A GRAND ARMY post will soon be organized at Bayard.

LEFFLER STULL, the father of Judge Stull, of Auburn, died last week.

THE rainfall over Hall county amounted to one and a half inches.

GUS B. SPEICE, the mayor-elect of Columbus, "got there" by four majority.

STEPS are being taken to organize a G. A. R. post at Harrison, Sioux county.

REPUBLICANS of the Fifth district renominated Congressman Andrews by acclamation.

W. H. HARRISON, a former resident of Kearney, recently died at Longmont, Colorado.

THE German Lutheran Teachers' Association of Nebraska was in session in Fremont last week with a good attendance.

FREMONT'S new city directory contains 4,620 names of adults, doubling which gives the city a population of 9,240.

CHADRON people are determined on having a sugar beet factory and are encouraging farmers to cultivate the vegetable.

SWAN OLSON, of Omaha, last week took his life by hanging. Accounts go to show that he had been deranged for some time.

FARMERS of Cheyenne county not otherwise engaged find plenty of work fixing up the old irrigation ditches and digging new ones.

HON. LORAN CLARK of Albion, who was thought to be fatally injured, is now at the Battle Creek, Mich., sanitarium, and said to be slowly recovering.

C. J. BILLS, colonel of the Second regiment, Nebraska National Guard, has been chosen brigadier general, succeeding Gen. Colby, who refused renomination.

THE shipment of packing house products and dressed beef from South Omaha during March was 197 cars more than during February and 168 more than during March, 1895.

COMPTROLLER ECKLES has been notified of the selection of Ed F. Gallagher as cashier of the First National bank of O'Neill, and Benjamin Lindsey as president of the First National bank of Pierce.

THE thirty-fourth anniversary of the battle of Shiloh was celebrated at Milford by the Shiloh veteran association in its fourth annual reunion on April 6 and 7. The exercises included music and recitations.

CHARLEY HALEY of Lincoln covered the distance forty-three miles, between Lincoln and Beatrice on his wheel in two hours and eight minutes. He says he lost forty-five minutes repairing a puncture.

THE Young Married People's club, an organization of the younger Benedicts of North Loup and their wives, for purposes of social enjoyment, has entered upon its fourth year of uninterrupted existence.

N. E. BOTTOM, of Ong, who was clandestinely married to Alma V. Sandberg the first part of last week, has left for parts unknown. It is charged that he made an unsuccessful attempt to shoot his brother-in-law, Oscar Sandberg.

A YOUNG son of Ed Ackerman, living six miles northeast of Liberty, was playing with matches about the stable and set fire to it, burning stable and contents. Ackerman is a poor man and the loss falls very heavily upon him.

THE Commercial hotel in Ogalalla is a mass of ruins. Fire caught from a defective flue and only by hard work was a small portion of household goods saved. The loss is \$4,500. Insurance, \$3,000.

THE supreme court has made an order suspending the sentence of John and James Casey, who were convicted in Richardson county of robbery and sentenced to three years each in the penitentiary. The cases have been brought up to the supreme court for review and the suspension is pending the hearing.

ONE thing that has particularly favored the Nebraska farmer this year has been the exceptionally mild weather during the past winter. This has enabled farmers to bring their stock through in excellent condition and at a minimum cost, which they are now selling for very fair prices and at a good profit.

JAMES L. PAXTON, Chief Government Live Stock Inspector Ayers and L. C. Reddington, a prominent live stock commission man, were recently in Fremont. The object of their trip was to examine an improved apparatus for the inspection of diseased sheep at the South Omaha stock yards if any such should be received there.

JOHN ANDERSON, a wealthy Swedish farmer residing about five miles east of Wilcox, committed suicide by hanging himself. The body was found in a cow shed on the premises by members of the family with the knees almost touching the ground and life extinct. No cause is assigned for the action. He was an old settler in the community.

JOHN O'DONNELL, who lives near Goodwin, Dixon county, was badly injured by being attacked by a fierce bull. The bull bunted him, throwing him about ten feet. The blow crushed one of his shoulders, and he was otherwise considerably bruised. Assistance came to him before the infuriated animal had time to repeat the attack and trample upon him.

TWINS were lately born to Mr. and Mrs. Everhart of Grand Island, but as one was born before midnight and the other afterward, the same birthday can not be observed only, as Captain Billingsley would say, by stipulation.

A FREMONT man was fined five dollars for allowing his hens to sport in a neighbor's onion patch.

WHILE Mrs. Lashbrook of Fairmont and her daughter Nellie were out taking a pleasure ride, a neighbor's dog ran out and frightened their horse so that he became unmanageable and ran away, upsetting the buggy and throwing both ladies to the ground. Nellie sustained a broken leg and Mrs. Lashbrook a badly sprained ankle.

LAST week attorneys for George Morgan filed with the clerk of the supreme court a petition in error suggesting diminution or record and transcript in the case of his application for a new trial. Morgan was sentenced in December last in the Douglas county district court to be hanged on April 17 for the murder of little Ida Gaskill.

GEN. L. W. COLBY will not be a candidate for re-election as brigadier general of the Nebraska National Guard. Company C recently met and requested him to become a candidate, and he replied in a card in which he says he has decided to sever his connection with the Nebraska militia at the expiration of his term of office. The old guard will miss him.

MRS. CHARLES CUTKOMP came to Fremont the other day and proceeded to County Attorney Quivry's office. She was battered and bruised and stated that she could not live with her husband any longer and wanted a divorce. Mr. Cutkomp, who also drove to town and told his troubles to the county attorney, was hacked and cut. He also wants a divorce.

THE Great Eastern canal, which was projected by H. E. Babcock, of Geneva, is already an assured success. The first section of twenty-five miles has been surveyed, staked and located and the right-of-way obtained for nearly the entire distance. There appear to be few kickers, principally those whose land lays so high above the ditch that no water but that which descends from the clouds can ever reach them.

WASHINGTON dispatch: Acting Secretary of the Interior Reynolds today affirmed the commissioner's decision against Elijah P. Steen, applicant for a tract of land in Valentine district, Nebraska. The decision is affirmed, on the ground that F. M. Wolcott, Steen's attorney, had not been admitted to practice before the department and could not therefore be recognized.

THE Douglas Grove (Custer county) Farmers' club passed the following resolution: That we ask the co-operation of the press of the state, of the state agricultural society, of all farmers' clubs and of all societies in any branch or development of agriculture in obtaining an appropriation from the next legislature for the purpose of holding institutes throughout the state on the plan so far as practicable as followed in Wisconsin.

OTTO WAGNER, a farmer living about Fort Calhoun, has brought Assayer Carraway of Omaha a specimen of gold ore that assays \$16 to the ton, proving exceedingly valuable. Mr. Wagner first stated that he dug the ore from the bottom of a 160 foot well that he was excavating. Later he hinted mysteriously that he had dug it up in the city. Whenever he found it, there is evidently a small bonanza lying back of the piece.

A QUESTION is being agitated in the three counties of Kimball, Banner and Scotts Bluff of segregating Banner county and attaching a portion to each of the other counties named. Kimball county has a large amount of railroad land and railroad bed available for taxation, and Scotts Bluff county is developing through irrigation a healthy assessment roll. Banner county has neither of these, although an excellent stock region, and her county organization being a burden, the agitation is quite strong there. The other counties have made no serious objection to the plan.

WILEY George Bartholomew of McCook Junction was assisting in un hitching a livery team at his barn, George Wallin rushed at him with a revolver in one hand and an oak club in the other, threatening to kill him. Bartholomew knocked the revolver out of his assailant's hand, but received the full force of the oak club on his head. The former could separate them. Wallin had struck Bartholomew three times, laying his head open in three places. Bartholomew is a white-haired old man, and, although his injuries are severe, he will recover.

NO OTHER industry has yielded so great a profit to all concerned in this community, says a Lyons special, as the Lyons creamery. The receipts and output show they have been over 4,000,000 pounds of milk received and \$30,000 has been paid to the farmers the past year. Many farmers say it has been the means of carrying them over these hard times. Why more farmers do not keep more cows is hard to understand. Over \$2,000 is paid to farmers each month. Many are beginning to realize that they receive more profit from a few cows than from any other source on the farm.

THE Veterans' Association of the Battle of Shiloh, at their gathering in Milford last week, passed the following: Resolved, That the fraternal greetings of the Shiloh veterans assembled at Milford, Neb., April 6, 1896, the thirty-fourth anniversary of the battle of Shiloh, are hereby extended to our heroic comrade, Gen. John M. Thayer; that we heartily unite with the national representatives in recognition of his honorable services to his country. Further, that we are gratified to learn of his improved health, and hope for a speedy recovery and his presence with us at the next anniversary.

PRELIMINARY arrangements for the Arbor day celebration at the state fair grounds were made at a meeting of the executive committee of the Fair and Speed association in Omaha the other day. Five hundred trees of all kinds, elm, birch, sycamore, catalpa, oak and other varieties, have been purchased from ex-Governor Furnas, and he has in addition donated 100 extra ones. These are to be planted about the courts, boulevards and walks in a fashion still to be laid out by a landscape artist, who will be employed for the occasion. The program further provides for a series of addresses and music. Invitations to speak have been extended to Governor Holcomb, ex-Governor Furnas, Dr. S. Wright Butler, V. J. Bryan, Chancellor MacLean, Dr. Geo. L. Miller, and others.

A HOME talent minstrel show is being organized in Aurora to give an entertainment for the benefit of the poor.

FOR some weeks Miss Minnie Calbee has been an inmate of St. Elizabeth's hospital at Lincoln, suffering from aberration of the mind. The best medical treatment was given her without avail. The other day she escaped from the hospital and was found southwest of Lincoln, sitting on the banks of Salt creek. She was taken before the board of insanity commissioners and adjudged insane and committed to the asylum, hopelessly wrecked in mind. The lady was a very bright young woman and for years a successful school teacher in this state.

CULLOM MAY WITHDRAW

THE SENATOR CALLS A CONFERENCE OF ILLINOIS FRIENDS.

HIS BOOM NOT HEALTHY.

The Feeling of the State Not Strong Enough to Please the Aspirant for Presidential Honors—Retirement From the Race More Than Likely—Too Much Sentiment for McKinley.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—United States Senator Shelby M. Cullom of Illinois, whose state has not received with enthusiasm his candidacy for the Republican nomination for President, judging from McKinley instructions in various congressional conventions, has called for a conference with leading Republicans of Illinois to consider his continued candidacy. It was reported yesterday that he had written a letter withdrawing from the race, but had decided to defer its publication, but later it was declared that he had not prepared the letter and would not do so until after the conference.

Cullom's friends in Illinois have informed him that he can have the convention's indorsement, but that it will be by a small majority. Several of them have, within the past week, advised him strongly to withdraw, arguing that indorsement by a little over half of the convention would be worse than nothing. The Senator has listened seriously to these advisers, but has postponed final answer until he can meet those leaders of the party in the state on whose original advice he consented to be a candidate.

The convention will not meet until April 29, and the Senator feels that there is no need of haste in acting upon the question of withdrawal. While he personally will not admit that he has reached any decision, and while he probably has not fully determined in his own mind what he is going to do, his friends here, especially members of the Illinois delegation, are satisfied he will in due time announce his withdrawal. They consider it as good as settled that the State convention will not be asked to indorse him for the presidency.

TWO CONVENTIONS. Kansas City Democrats Split on the Gold and Silver Question.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 13.—The Jackson county Democratic convention for the selection of delegates to the Sedalia convention split wide open to-day on the financial question. The Stone-Brown silver faction and the anti-gold faction on question of contested city delegates, and immediately two chairmen were presiding. This caused pandemonium to break loose, and for a time unparalleled disorder prevailed. The convention turned itself into a yelling mob that had no equal in the record of Kansas City's politics. After it had tired itself out it finally adjourned to allow the leaders to confer on a compromise. The anti-gold faction let the Brown-Stone men name the delegates if Macey K. Brown and Fred Fleming, Governor Stone's Kansas City managers, were not on the delegation, but the Brown leaders spurned the offer. The two factions then split and two conventions were in full force in the same hall, with the wildest kind of pandemonium reigning.

SHOT HER HUSBAND. Tragic Sequel to the Boyce-Howard-Smith Scandal of Houston.

HOUSTON, Texas, April 13.—Last night Frank Smith, a well known young man of this city, was shot and probably fatally wounded by his wife, Bertha Boyce Howard Smith. One bullet passed through his leg, the other through his neck.

About a year ago Mrs. Smith, then the wife of William Howard, a cotton man, of this city, eloped with Smith, going to San Antonio, taking one of her children and leaving one with her husband. They returned and Smith and the woman's brother became involved in a shooting affray, no one being hurt. Howard and his wife parted, and she married Smith about three months ago.

The Boyce family is one of the oldest and most highly respected in this county, and the various sensational happenings of the past year have attracted a great deal of attention.

MAJ. J. H. FINKS ACQUITTED. SALISBURY, Mo., April 13.—In the circuit court of Chariton county the case of Major J. H. Finks, who was cashier of the Bank of Salisbury, and indicted for receiving deposits when the bank was in a failing condition, was tried by a jury and a verdict of not guilty was rendered. The case of Mr. P. B. Brenham, assistant cashier, charged with the same offense, nolle prosequit.

Denied by the Porte. CONSTANTINOPLE, April 13.—An official note has been issued by the Turkish government categorically denying that the Rev. George P. Knapp, the American missionary, who is "visiting" the valley of Bitlis, is imprisoned there, as has been reported. The note also states that the threatened exclusion of other missionaries from Asia Minor is devoid of foundation.

Big Mining Company Formed. TOPEKA, Kan., April 13.—A charter has been filed with the secretary of state by the Colorado Gold and Silver Mining Company, with headquarters at Kansas City, Kan. The capital stock is fixed at \$7,500,000, and the directors are Leroy Harvey, J. S. Caldwell, C. J. Woodruff and Thomas H. Rowland, all of Kansas City, Kan.

Shot His Wife's Companion. SPRINGFIELD, Mo., April 13.—Harry Carson went home last midnight and found William Snyder locked in a room with his wife. Carson broke open the door and shot Snyder in the breast. Snyder cannot live. Carson is in jail. Both are railroad brakemen. Carson is the son of J. L. Carson, a leading grain dealer.

Murder at Kansas City. KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 13.—John A. Jones was shot and almost instantly killed shortly after 11 o'clock last night by George Fremont, a Salvation army recruit. The murder was the outgrowth of jealousy and anger over real or fancied wrongs on the part of Mr. Jones.

Governor of Nevada Dead. SAN FRANCISCO, April 23.—Governor Jones of Nevada died at the Palace hotel in this city last evening. Governor Jones has been ill for several months and came to this city for medical treatment.

EXPERTS ATTACKED.

Lieutenant Menocal Speaks for the Nicaragua Company and Its Plans.

WASHINGTON, April 13.—Lieutenant A. G. Menocal, United States navy, chief engineer of the Nicaragua Canal company, appeared to-day before the house committee on commerce, which is investigating the question, and submitted a review of the report of the commission sent to the isthmus last summer. He said: "The company regards and has treated the project as a business enterprise, with a view to commercial requirements, technical success and financial results. The board entirely ignores two of these conditions and considers it from the point of unlimited expenditures without any question of financial results and provides beyond commercial requirements of the present for demands that can be only rarely occasional."

The lieutenant said the board had made a hasty trip through the territory, touching only here and there the route of the canal, when it was convenient and had an imperfect knowledge of the physical conditions of the problems presented and the work already done. The plans of the company were not for an ideal canal regardless of cost, but for one ample to satisfy the needs of commerce and larger than any ship canal now in operation. None of the changes proposed by the board was in the interest of economy or of a better canal.

There was a long examination of Mr. Menocal by members of the committee. The company, he said, had paid to the Nicaraguan government \$100,000 for its concessions and \$5,000 for its right of way and nothing to the Costa Rican government.

THE ATTITUDE OF THE A. P. A. TOWARD HIM.

They Start a Boom for Linton of Michigan—Judge Stevens of the National Advisory Board Declares that the Order Holds the Republican Balance of Power and Will Use It Effectively.

SAY HE MUST NOT BE NOMINATED. ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 9.—A scheme was sprung in this city yesterday which its promoters declare will defeat Major William McKinley for the nomination for President of the United States. It was the launching of the boom of Congressman William S. Linton of Michigan for President by Judge J. H. D. Stephens, chairman of the National Protective Association.

The A. P. A. has established headquarters in St. Louis at 613 Pine street, from whence Linton literature will be sent broadcast throughout the country. Linton himself is expected in St. Louis in four days, when his boom will formally be launched at a demonstration to be held in the Exposition building. He will also speak in Omaha, Kansas City, Louisville and other places and Linton clubs will be organized in every large city in the union within the next ten days.

The national advisory board met in Washington about two weeks ago and sent a letter to the managers of McKinley, Reed, Morton and Allison, asking that they appear before the board and state their positions in regard to the order. The managers of all the candidates except McKinley obeyed the summons and appeared before the committee. They argued for their candidates and made promises of all kinds. Mark Hanna, McKinley's manager, did not put in an appearance. A second letter was sent him, and it brought a response, not to the liking of the board. It simply said that Mr. McKinley declined to treat with any faction, association or society within the party.

This caused the board to place a ban on McKinley's name and it was decided to use every means in the power of the organization to encompass McKinley's defeat. It is claimed that at least 100 of the delegates already chosen are A. P. A. men, and the order figures on securing 50 more delegates by the time the convention meets. With 150 votes they believe they can defeat McKinley and practically dictate who shall be nominated.

In an interview Judge Stevens said: "There are nearly 4,000,000 members of the A. P. A. in this country, and 90 per cent of them will vote as one man. We propose to beat McKinley for President of the United States. We already have 100 of the delegates elected so far and we will have more by the time the full number are elected. We can, and will, beat McKinley for the nomination, and if by any hook, crook or political trick he should succeed in being nominated we will defeat him at the polls."

STRICTLY NON SECRETERIAN. The House Cuts Off All Private Charities.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—The District of Columbia appropriation bill which was recommitted to the committee by the House because of the aid carried by it to charitable institutions was to-day considered by that committee and remodeled so far as it applied to private institutions, all of the items for private and semi-private institutions which had heretofore depended largely upon the government for support being stricken out and a lump sum of \$94,700, equal to the total of the various items added for the relief and care of the poor and such charitable and reformatory work as have heretofore been provided for by direct appropriations, to be expended by the district commissioners, either under contract or by employing the public institutions of the district. Contracts are limited to June 30, 1897, and the commissioners are required to render an account of their disbursements and strict limitations are placed upon their powers. The amendment ends with this clause: "That no part of the money here appropriated shall be paid for the purpose of maintaining or aiding, by payment for services or expenses, or otherwise, any church or religious denomination or any institution or society which is under sectarian or ecclesiastical control."

SOLID FOR FREE SILVER. Every Missouri Convention Held So Far Has Declared for Free Coinage.

LEBANON, Mo., April 9.—Forty-six counties have elected delegates to the Democratic State convention to be held at Sedalia April 15, for the election of delegates to the national convention. Every county, so far, has elected solid silver delegates and has declared in positive terms for the free coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1. More than two-thirds of the counties mentioned have instructed their delegates for a solid delegation of uncompromising silver men to the Chicago convention, and instructed for Bland, Stone, Vest and Cockrell for delegates at large.

The Metric System for America. WASHINGTON, April 9.—By a vote of 119 to 117 the House to-day passed the bill to adopt the metric system of weights and measures in all departments of the government after July 1, 1896, and to make it the only legal system after January 1, 1901.

Connecticut Methodists Against Women. NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 9.—At yesterday's session of the New York Eastern conference the proposition that delegates to the general conference may be men or women was lost by a vote of 36 to 140. The result was greeted with applause.

A Negro Shoots His Wife Fatally. LINNEUS, Mo., April 9.—Luke Alexander, a negro of Milan, followed his runaway wife to Brookfield yesterday and last night, after her refusal to return with him, shot her three times, fatally wounding her. He was in jail here before daylight this morning.

NEWS IN BRIEF. The Senate Territories committee has recommended admitting a delegate to Congress from Alaska.

The proposition for an electric railway through Yellowstone Park has been killed by the Senate.

The House Invalid Pension committee has recommended pensioning the heirs of Quantrell's victims.

The House Indian committee has petitioned for an opportunity to take up the Dawes Indian territory organization bill.

DON'T WANT M'KINLEY

ARBOR DAY IN NEBRASKA.

Gov. Holcomb Enjoins Citizens to Continue the Custom.

LINCOLN, April 7.—Governor Holcomb has issued the following proclamation for the usual observance of Arbor day in Nebraska:

By legislative enactment, the 22nd day of April of each year is designated as a holiday to be known as Arbor day. In conformity with this provision I would earnestly recommend to all citizens of the state that Wednesday, April 22, 1896, be devoted to the planting of trees, shrubs and vines on the highways, public grounds and private property, to the end that the landscape may be rendered more attractive, the climate ameliorated, the beneficial use, comfort and convenience of the present and future generations encouraged. No greater service to his state can be at this time performed by a Nebraska citizen than by devoting at least one day of every year to the planting and cultivation of trees upon the broad prairies and fertile valley lands.

The observance of a day especially devoted to arboriculture which has its birth in Nebraska has now grown to be national in its character and it is to be hoped that the commendable spirit which prompted Nebraska to take the initiative in this salutary movement will ever continue to characterize the observance of the day.

By common consent, the cultivation of a sentiment favorable to the planting in our state has been entrusted to the public schools, and nobly have both teachers and scholars performed this important duty. In the early history of our country, pioneers settled in the forests and cleared away the timber in order to make room for fields of grain. The work of devastating the forests has gone steadily on for years, until there is now urgent need for united efforts in all sections of the country for the planting of trees. It is well fitting that this necessity for tree planting should be instilled in the minds of the youth, and to that end I would urge the importance of a continuation of the appropriate exercises which have heretofore characterized this observance of the day in the public schools of the state.

In testimony whereof I have heretofore subscribed my name and caused to be affixed the great seal of the state of Nebraska.

Done at Lincoln, the capital of the state, this eighth day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ninety-six, of the state the thirtieth and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and twentieth.

SILAS HOLCOMB, Governor. By the Governor: J. A. PIPER, Secretary of State.

CORBETT ARRESTED. The Charge is Giving a Boxing Contest Contrary to Law.

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