

State News

Shubert has organized an anti-saloon league. The loss of cattle from cornstalk disease continues. Clate Badcom has been held for hog stealing in Gering. Hastings' streets are illuminated with sixty arc lights. Tekamah declares smallpox has been stamped out in that enterprising village. The Auburn Commercial club will give a twentieth century banquet January 10.

U. P. and the B. & M. have settled their late differences and will jointly work together for Thompson and Meiklejohn. The railroads never did like Rosewater and now they think that they have a chance to down him. But the old man has fifteen votes all right and they can't elect either Meiklejohn or Thompson without most of Rosewater's men. The railroads imagine that because they have always had things to suit them whenever the republican party was in power in this state, that they can still have it. Rosewater has his eye on that deal. He can make it hot for them and doubtless he will proceed to do it.

State Teachers Meet

The indications are that the meeting of the state teachers' association in this city this week will surpass in interest and attendance anything in the history of the association. More were enrolled the first day than the total enrollment for all previous sessions. There were 1,180 enrolled Wednesday and the highest total enrollment for any previous meeting is 1,089. The annual campaign for the presidency of the association has already begun with several candidates in the field, among them Superintendent A. O. Thomas of Minden, Principal Waterhouse of Omaha and State Superintendent-elect W. K. Fowler.

Down on Irrigation

The policy of the republican party as it is being outlined at Washington is: Millions for an army, millions for a navy, millions for subsidies, but not one cent to make homes for the people on the arid lands of the west through government irrigation. The house river and harbor committee has refused to insert in the bill an item of \$215,000 proposed by Representative Mondell for the construction of an experimental storage reservoir on the headwaters of the Missouri river and the survey of the reservoir sites in western states. Chairman Burton of the committee said tonight: "There will be no legislation through the river and harbor bill for the construction of reservoirs in the arid regions of the west. We defined our position on this ago, when the senate tacked to the bill a similar amendment introduced by Senator Warren of Wyoming. We defeated it in conference and the house refused to recede from this action. We still oppose the reclamation of the arid lands and will defeat any proposition advanced with this object in view."

STRIKE ON TROLLEY LINES

Big System Tied Up in Pennsylvania Mining District. Every one of the 300 car and barn employes of the Scranton, Pa., Railway company obeyed the strike order which went into effect at 5 o'clock December 23, and as a consequence only two cars were run in all the Lackawanna valley. These two cars were manned by Superintendent Patterson and dispatchers, foremen and clerks. No attempt was made to molest them, and although rain fell the greater part of the day the two cars seldom had passengers. The tied up region extends from Pittsburg to Forest City, a distance of thirty miles and includes sixty-five miles of track on which are run ordinarily eighty cars.

CAVING IN OF A BIG MINE

Principal Street of Pittston, Pa., Sinks Out of Sight. The cave-in at the Ravine mine of the Pennsylvania Coal company, at Pittston, Pa., has caused the principal street of the city for a distance of thirty-five feet to fall into the mines. The cave-in is the most serious in the history of the anthracite region. It is feared other sections will also sink. Water and gas mains were broken by today's cave-in and water is flooding the mines. Seven houses have been badly damaged. It is stated the collapse was caused by the robbing of the mine pillars.

Wealthy Man Murdered.

Frank Richardson, a wealthy business man of St. Joseph, Mo., and Savannah, was murdered at his home in Savannah. It was found that a stranger with whom he had quarreled, followed him from town and shot him in the back of the head. Richardson was a brother of John D. Richardson, the general manager of the biscuit trust.

Kaiser Decorates Chancellor.

Sunday, Dec. 23, Emperor William visited the imperial chancellor, Count von Buelow, and personally conferred upon him the insignia of the order of the Black Eagle.

Three Boys Burned.

At Little Rock, Ark., three of Dick Lamberson's sons burned to death. They played with matches, the house caught fire and they could not escape.

Sent to the Reformatory.

Albert the ten-year-old son of John P. Sattler, of Plattsmouth, Neb., has been sentenced by Judge Douglass to a term in the state reformatory at Kearney. The boy was one of those who burglarized the safe in the store of the Sattler Furniture company and also the safe in the City steam laundry. The complaint was sworn out by W. W. Coates.

Boy Fatally Wounded.

At Great Falls, Mont., on December 25, Jacob Werthen shot and fatally wounded his son John. Werthen treated his wife badly and the son interfered to protect the mother. The father drew a revolver and fired a ball into the boy's neck. The son is paralyzed and will die. Jacob Werthen surrendered to the authorities.

Charged With Stealing Hogs.

Charles Spiece, Robert Lovelace and Will Hale of Battle Creek are confined in the county jail, charged with stealing a wagon load of hogs from F. J. Hale. The hogs were located in Madison. Mr. Fraser, who transacted the deal went to Battle Creek and says he identified Spiece. Later Lovelace was pushed and it is alleged he confessed. One of the trio, Hale, is only a boy.

Sudden Death at Ogalalla.

W. A. Forsyth, head of the firm of W. A. Forsyth & Son, grocers of Ogalalla, was found dead in his bed Sunday morning. He left his place of business early in the evening, feeling as well as usual. Mr. Forsyth went to Ogalalla in the rainy days, and was one of its leading business men. He was seventy-six years old. Heart failure was the cause of death.

Disease Among Range Cattle.

Word has been received at Lead, S. D., from the ranges west of the Black Hills, in Wyoming, of the deadly disease that has broken out among range cattle. In many respects it resembles human diphtheria and it is nearly always fatal. The throat swells up and a mucus forms in the mouth which usually results in strangulation. It is believed by the state veterinarian that the disease was started by the warm days and cold nights. The disease is being watched carefully by the veterinarian, but it is believed that it will be difficult to stop. It is hoped that cold weather will stop its spreading.

Fear Fate of Fishermen.

A dispatch from Aberdeen, Scotland, says that five Shetland fishing boats have been missing since the storm that raged last week, and it is feared that twenty-seven fishermen have been drowned.

Boy Protects His Mother.

To shield his mother from abuse and save himself from a beating with a poker, Albert Albertsen shot and killed his father at their home on Wentworth avenue, Chicago. Albert, who is seventeen years old, was arrested.

Delmas a Russian Loan.

"Russia offered Roumania a loan of \$16,000,000," says the Vienna correspondent of the London Daily Express, "to assist her in the financial crisis, but the offer was declined because there were conditions attached undermining Roumanian independence."

Sailing Ship Wrecked.

The sailing ship Iverra was wrecked near Goeteborg, southwestern Sweden. Seven of the crew were drowned. Three managed to reach an uninhabited island, where two died, the third being rescued.

Oil Struck.

A Muskegon, Mich., dispatch says the oil well being developed there was shot and after the explosion the pumps were set and a good flow resulted.

Car Works Burn.

Fire at Joliet, Ill., destroyed the plant of the Fox pressed steel car works, one of the big institutions of the city. Total loss \$100,000.

Murdered for Money.

At Gober, Tex., J. J. Johnson a prominent farmer was found dead in his yard. He was evidently murdered for his money.

Navy Officers to Retire.

On March 4 next two officers well known to the navy will retire from the active list. These are Rear Admiral Philip Hichborn, U. S. N., chief of the bureau of construction and repair, and Pay Inspector Henry G. Colby, U. S. N., both of whom will reach the age of 62 years on the same date.

Bridge Rapidly Replaced.

A smart piece of work was recently accomplished on the railway at Streetville, near Toronto, where an old bridge was replaced by a new steel lattice girder bridge of 130 feet span the traffic being interrupted for forty minutes only.

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SATAN'S VICTORY.

Old Satan sat down in an easy chair, With a very nice and satisfied air; To tell his friends who to him had come, How the glorious victory was won. "Sit down and I'll try to make it clear, Why we are the winners again this year. "Now this is the way I managed the poor; I told them the wolf would be at their door, As sure as they thought of the Philbin crime, And cast their ballots for Billy Bryan, crime, Why, they were so scared they came in a swarm To the side that would promise to keep them warm. "The farmers, I told, there was no such thing, As a Sulu slave, or a money ring; 'Twas foolish to think of injustice and vice, To vote for us and we'd give them good prices. (I never mentioned the price of wire, Nor asked if they knew that sugar was higher.) "I told the young men if they wished to succeed, The cries of oppression they never must heed; Gain favor with rich men, to take my advice, And kill out their conscience, 'all men have their price,' They knew what I meant, without explanation, And voted to tear out their country's foundation. "The church people took the most of my time; But I told them all of this work was divine; That the Lord was leading and aiming our guns, And the rich men would give them larger sums; That we must expand, give our young men room, Though it be the cause of the brown man's doom. "The monied men took none of my time, For most of them were always mine; But I must confess it wasn't for them, We'd never have got in the White house again, For, friends, you'd be surprised if you knew, The money it took to carry us through. "On a very large crowd I can always depend, And many I found who the cash would demand, To some 'whisper party'; 'twas all that was needed, Sometimes I have threatened, at other times pleaded But, Oh! how they came till they made my head swim, When I told them to vote with the side that would win. "There's very few people, I cannot use some, And I host them all of this work was divine; Why, even the Lord must look down from the skies, And view my power with perfect surprise, But my helpers are faithful, and work with their might, Much harder, I think, than His do for the right." -O. H. C.

THE NEWS SHORTENED.

Boers threaten Kimberley. Lord Kitchener has completely shot off news.

The storm of the first part of the week was quite general. Stock in many states suffered considerably.

Nick Gentleman, who killed Soren Oleson at Platte Center, Neb., has been held to answer to the charge of murder.

The Missouri River commission, now considered to be useless, will, it is said, be abolished in the river and harbor bill.

Forbes Robertson, a London actor-manager, and Miss Gertrude Elliott, sister of Maxine Elliott, were married recently.

Christmas trade in Lincoln and Omaha, as well as in many other of Nebraska's larger towns, was exceptionally heavy.

At Cleveland, O., Judge Neff sentenced Edward Ruthven, colored, to be electrocuted April 12, 1901, for the murder of Patrolman Shipp.

At Hastings, Iowa, Inez Gibson, aged 12 years, committed suicide because she was below her usual average at the monthly school examination.

The libel suit of Baron von Schroeder against John D. Spreckles, proprietor of the San Francisco Call for \$200,000 was decided in favor of Spreckles.

H. D. Porter, editor of the Genesee, Ill., Republic, died suddenly at Emporia, Kansas, whither he and his wife had gone to spend the holidays with relatives.

John T. McCutcheon, the Chicago Record's artist and newspaper correspondent is critically ill at his home in Chicago. He was stricken with pneumonia a few days ago.

It is said there is a growing discontent among the English volunteers in South Africa. Their pay has been increased to still the tumult. The colonials are demanding to be returned. This in the face of the great Boer activity.

Judge Prouty, in the Polk county district court at Des Moines, Ia., has rendered a decision holding the so-called "tax ferret" law valid, which if sustained by the state supreme court, will enable Iowa counties to collect several hundred thousand dollars of back taxes.

Touch on Their Conscience. A preacher in southern Missouri, after having announced that he would preach the following Sunday on "Hell and who will go there," received several letters from parishioners threatening dire vengeance in case he dared to make use of their names.

The Leading Druggist

It is always interesting in a city to observe the success of the different business men. Some will thrive; many will fail. It is a noticeable fact that out of twenty-four corners along O street the main street in this city from 10th to 15th street of them are occupied by drug stores. Some of them are successful and some are not. Apparently the best located and most liberally patronized is that of Mr. J. E. Riggs at 12th and O. He is an old-time druggist, having served in all branches of the business. He first entered the drug business at the age of fifteen. He worked six years under one of the most skilled pharmacists of eastern Indiana. Later he took Horace Greeley's advice and came west, if possible, build up a fortune. In 1880 he settled in Hastings, Neb., in the drug business, but on account of crop failures and business depression he disposed of his interests and came to Lincoln to work for the wholesale firm of Leighton & Brown. The position not proving very satisfactory from a financial standpoint he decided to make a change, and as an opening

presented itself with the Kennard Bros. & Co., a wholesale drug house in Omaha, he was not long in decid-



J. E. RIGGS.

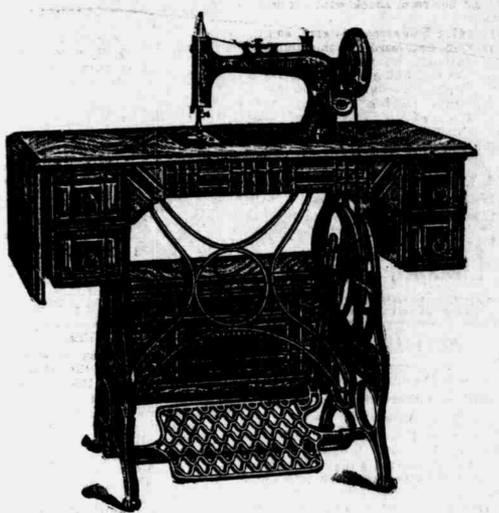
ing. He was given an important clerkship in the prescription department. Later on he represented them on the road throughout the western territory, including Wyoming, Utah, Colorado and Idaho. In the fall of 1883 he quit the road and located in the drug business in Lincoln, Neb. In 1890 he was elected a member of the examining board of pharmacy for a five-year term. Two years later he was made president of the board, but inasmuch as he had sold out his drug business and according to the custom of the board of pharmacy, his resignation was in order. He resigned after receiving all the honors due a retiring president. In 1891 he engaged in the wholesale glass and paint business, continuing this for some four successful years. Later on he disposed of his interest to an advantage and went back to his first love, the retail drug business, being now located on the corner of 12th and O streets, Lincoln, Neb., where he enjoys a very flattering trade.

Platform Scales advertisement with image of a scale.

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