

## Sioux County Journal.

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HARRISON, NEBRASKA

Heavy Snow Fall.

SPRINGFIELD, ILL., April 3.—Local officers of the Ohio and Mississippi railroad received word yesterday afternoon that a heavy snow fall began early yesterday morning at the southern end of the Springfield division, and that the track last evening was covered with eleven inches of snow from Fairfield south. The deepest fall is in the vicinity of Enfield and Mill Shoals. The rise in the Ohio river at Shawneetown yesterday was six inches but it had not increased the height of the water within the Shawneetown levee. The office furniture and fixtures of the company at Shawneetown have been removed to a box car on the side track, the office floor being covered with water. Governor Fifer last evening received a telegram from the relief committee at Metropolis, asking him to take measures to relieve the sufferings of the people at that place. The governor has asked for additional particulars.

Five Lives Lost.

HUNTSVILLE, ILL., April 3.—Five lives will probably be lost through a boiler explosion here yesterday. A stove mill of J. H. Husing & Co. of this place was blown to pieces and the proprietor and one of his men instantly killed. Nine persons were injured. Of these three are fatally hurt and the wounds of two others are serious. The force of the explosion was terrific, every building in the town being shaken. The body of Mr. Husing was badly mangled. The factory was literally demolished, much valuable machinery being destroyed. The cause of the explosion is supposed to have been low water in the boiler.

Worse Than the Worst.

NEW YORK, April 3.—The Herald's Aspinwall correspondent writes that he has made a thorough, personal investigation of the condition of the Panama canal work. He finds it worse than the worst has heretofore been reported. The work actually done is but a drop in the bucket as compared with the whole. The difficulties in carrying the cut through Culebra ridge are practically insuperable.

Railway Consolidation.

SANTA FE, N. M. April 3.—Articles of consolidation covering a vast system of lines now in operation and others to be built under the control of the Union Pacific and Denver & Fort Worth companies were filed yesterday. By these articles various sub-corporations owned by these companies in Wyoming, Colorado, New Mexico and Texas are merged into and made part of a new corporation known as the Union Pacific, Denver & Gulf.

Invitation Accepted.

BERLIN, April 3.—[Cablegram.]—The invitation extended by England to the German government to send delegates to an international fishery conference has been accepted.

The reported betrothal of Princess Victoria to Prince Albert of Saxe-Altenberg is denied by the Post.

Great Backing.

CHICAGO, ILL., April 3.—Dick Roos announces that he will back Schaeffer at odds of \$6,000 to \$4,000 at any game on a billiard table, except cushion caroms, play to extend over five nights. Roos also offers to back Schaeffer for \$4,000 or \$10,000 against Siessom at the cushion caroms game to extend over five nights.

Steadily Gaining Ground.

CHICAGO, ILL., April 3.—The plumbers who struck yesterday are apparently steadily gaining ground. This morning and yesterday afternoon several shops sent word to the secretary of the plumber's union asking to have their men come back to work until their present contracts were completed. The men to receive \$3.75 per day, wages asked, while the job lasted.

Conspiracy Discovered.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 3.—The University of St. Petersburg was closed today and 300 students were refused admission. The Technological college also closed and 200 students refused admission. The action of the authorities in closing the institutions named is due to the discovery of a conspiracy among the students.

A Nonconformist.

DENVER, Col., April 3.—Conrad Schimmele, Von Hartman, of Hamburg, Germany, walked into a saloon on Larimer street yesterday and deliberately drawing a revolver placed the muzzle to his head and blew his brains out in presence of half a dozen spectators. Poverty and drink were the causes attributed for the suicide.

U. S. Army News.

Garrison, N. Y., April 3.—Cheney R. Miller, United States district judge of the western district of Texas, has passed.

## STATE NEWS.

NEBRASKA.

South Sioux City's bricklayers are organizing a union.

An Edgar minister yesterday preached on "high license."

An otter was captured on the streets of Tecumseh last week.

Two Davenport boys tied a dog to a post and shot his eyes out with arrows.

L. Z. Guyer of Tecumseh has departed leaving a number of creditors holding the sack.

The grand lodge of the Knights of Honor of Nebraska will meet at West Point April 8.

The Tecumseh National bank, with a capital of \$50,000, will be ready for business in a few days.

West Point's city attorney gives notice that all who are behind in their occupation taxes will be sued.

Fremont republicans nominated Mrs. Jessie Reynolds as a candidate for member of the school board.

Superintendent Backus of the Genoa Indian school returned from Dakota Saturday with a number of new pupils for the school.

A movement is already on foot among leading Nance county men for a mammoth exhibit of agricultural products at the state fair this fall.

Luke Wilkinson killed five coons in an old well within a few miles of Wilsonville one day last week, and he was not loaded for coons either.

Charley Brown of Carleton, who a few weeks ago married his niece, has been arrested on complaint of the girl's father and is now in the county jail awaiting trial.

During the recent storm several head of cattle were driven into Logan creek near Bancroft and drowned. Farmers say the heavy rain and snow will be a grand thing for the country.

Talman Baker escaped from the Valentine jail Friday night by sawing through the floor and digging out. He was awaiting trial upon the charge of rape upon his fourteen-year-old step-daughter.

George L. Burr of the Blue Hill Times has been appointed as chairman of a committee whose duties are to ascertain inequalities in prices which are being paid by the editors of western Kansas and Nebraska for ready prints.

Efforts are being made to hold a horse fair or racing season of two days' duration at Tecumseh some time in June. It is proposed to hand up from \$800 to \$1,000 in purses, and races will consist of trotting, pacing and running.

The boys of Gandy went on the war path one night last week and made a raid on the billiard halls, taking out all the liquor and pouring out what they could not drink. One proprietor of a "hole in the wall" left for parts unknown before daylight.

The county commissioners have awarded the contract for building Pierce county's new court house and jail to Sprecher & Barris of Norfolk for \$22,950. Work on the new court house will begin as soon as the material can be placed upon the ground.

While working around an elevator at Ames a man named Hurlibut had his thumb jerked off. He found it, however, with about ten inches of cord that pulled out of his forearm and is now keeping it in alcohol. He has instructed his family to preserve it against the day of his burial that all of his members may rest together.

A. W. Green, an Elkhorn brakeman living at Fremont, was run over by the cars and killed at Bennington station Saturday afternoon. Deceased has been married only about a year, and a few days ago took out a policy in an accident insurance company for \$1,000.

Already \$100 has been subscribed to defray the expenses of Kearney's hose company to the state firemen's association at Plattsburgh. This hose company has won the state championship, 300 yards run, twice, and if they win again the hose-cart trophy will be theirs to keep.

The Short Line is laying track lively and we are informed that as soon as they reach Randolph, which will be in a short time, they will commence running regular trains. The large combination railroad and wagon bridge will no doubt be completed at the earliest moment. We understand that every arrangement is being made toward commencing work on the shops.—South Sioux City Times.

Blair is bent on having a new hotel. Hastings has a new band made up of the best musicians of the city.

Rushville has a case of alleged bribery that is creating a good deal of excitement.

Two L. O. G. T. judges have been organized in Jefferson county within the past week.

Two cars of free corn have been received at Maryland and four more are on the way.

Livestock walking on four legs is not allowed to run at large in Falls City.

Madison county assessors adopted one-third actual cash value as the basis for assessment.

The Methodists propose to build a hospital in Omaha to cost \$150,000. Bishop Newman is at the head of the project.

A son of James Morris, living at Stella, attempted to shoot some wild geese and killed one of his father's valuable horses.

Judge Crauness of Blair has added a shipment of fine Kentucky hilles to the number of good horses on his stock farm.

The Adams county board has agreed to allow a clerk or assistant to the county judge at a salary not to exceed \$50 per month.

A Dawson dealer says he is unable to keep jugs enough on hand since his precinct went democratic. His last order called for 200.

Rev. Leonard, a Beatrice minister, recently preached a sermon on politics, taking for his text, "Can a man be strictly honest and be a successful politician?"

The editor of the Filley Review for the past twenty years has set out from one to ten trees each spring and expects, if he lives, to do the same every spring for the next twenty years.

Alphonso Marion, secretary of the Parcher and Arabian Importing company, has returned to his home in Fremont direct from Paris with his bride, Mademoiselle Jeanne Villot.

Returns from the election in Antelope county to vote bonds in aid of the proposed beet sugar factory, insure the building of the factory. Only one vote was cast against the bonds in Neligh.

The nine-year-old son of G. W. Mason, living at Diller, while playing with other children in a slaughter house, fell into a boiling reservoir and was literally cooked, dying within a few hours.

At the meeting of the council of administration of the district veterans' association held at Broken Bow, it was decided to hold the next reunion from August 22 to 25, inclusive. The place of meeting has not been decided.

The Murphy family of Preston, Richardson county, who were put on the roll of the Sac and Fox Indians by the interior department a few weeks ago are taking their claims on the Indian lands.

Altogether they will take up ten or twelve hundred acres of the best land on the reservation.

The Blair state bank received telephone notification from the Omaha chief of police that a prisoner in custody at that place had given away a scheme to rob the bank. The bank took precautions to prevent an effort of this kind, but the story turned out to be only the workings of a vivid imagination.

A sensation was created in the courtroom at Falls City when the judge ordered the jury into court for the purpose of sending them to supper. The jury filed into the room and took seats, and on the clerk calling the roll only eleven jurors responded as present says the State Journal. Just as matters were beginning to look serious a pounding was heard on the inside of the jury room door, and a gentleman at the rear of the room informed the judge that one juror was locked in the jury room. A smile ran over the countenance of the audience while a bewildered juror walked down the aisle and joined his fellow. The bar and audience broke into a laugh and even the dignity of the court relaxed.

IOWA LEGISLATURE.

Anti Trust Bill Published—Insurance Companies Presented.—The Pharmacy Bill.

DES MOINES, Ia., April 3.—The house passed the committee's substitute for the Russell anti-trust bill with but one opposing vote. The bill is fashioned after the Missouri law, with sufficient changing in it to avoid that statute's legal defects. There was little of objection to it until the fifth section was reached, which provides that parties buying property of a trust or combination, or their agents shall not be held liable in an action to recover. A motion was made to refer the bill to the judiciary committee for an opinion as to the validity of this section, but the friends of the measure declared this particular section had been taken bodily from the Wisconsin statute for the reason that its constitutionality had been established by the supreme court of that state. The motion to refer was lost and the bill passed.

The house spent all afternoon upon a bill to punish insurance companies and their agents for entering into combinations to keep up rates of fire insurance. It was finally referred to the judiciary committee.

The bill to extend the term of office of county auditors one year, so that their election will hereafter occur in different years from that of county treasurer, was passed.

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Somewhat different version is that given by Gas Inspector Gilbert, who says that Connyster has a wife who lives near Albright. They were married about two years ago. The bride was a widow with three children. Her first husband's name was Millner, and she has been known by that name since her separation from Connyster, which occurred a year ago. During their married life they lived near what is known as the Albright corner, near the Sarpy county line. It is claimed that Connyster insisted on his wife taking in washing for the support of the family while he devoted the proceeds of his business

## SHOT IN THE DARK.

Peddler Murdered near Elkhorn.

W. C. Cronister, a peddler, was brutally murdered last evening in the western part of this county. The scene of the crime was a farmhouse, on what is known as the Tom Murray farm, situated in Chicago precinct, this county, about six miles from Elkhorn station. The house is occupied by Mrs. Reed who sub-rented a part of the dwelling to Charles Strobel, when Cronister was not on the road disposing of his wares he boarded at Mrs. Reed's.

About 9 o'clock last night Cronister and Mrs. Reed were sitting at the table in the kitchen and Cronister was engaged in figuring on some accounts.

Suddenly Mrs. Reed heard a loud report and a crashing of glass and saw Cronister fall over in his chair with blood oozing from his head.

Strobel was sitting with his wife and child in an adjoining room. The door was open and on hearing the report they rushed into the room. The peddler was dead and must have been instantly killed. Without stopping to examine the body the Strobes and Mrs. Reed ran from the house to the residence of a farmer named Tunison, who owns the Reed farm. From thence they went to J. Babbitt's, who hitched up his team and drove to the scene of the murder. He was accompanied by his father-in-law, O. W. Albro, Daniel Clifton and J. C. Reeves.

It was nearly 11 o'clock when they arrived at the Reed farm. They looked through the kitchen window and saw Cronister still in a reclining position in his chair. He had evidently died without a struggle. They entered and removed the body to a sofa.

The peddler's wagon was standing in front of the house and the horses were hitched in the stable. The lamp was still burning on the table. No trace of the murderer was to be found.

The north window was shattered by the shot, which had been fired through the glass.

The people came to Omaha this morning and notified Chief Seavey, Sheriff Boyd, Coroner Harrigan and County Attorney Mahoney of the crime. Mr. Mahoney, Dr. Harrigan, his deputy Dr. McMonigal and Deputy Sheriff Grebe accompanied them to the farm.

At first no particular person could be suspected of the murder and no motive could be assigned for the perpetration of the crime. The murderer had walked up to the window, fired the fatal shot and fled before any of the inmates of the house could catch a glimpse of him. Cronister bought his goods of the W. R. Bennett company, at Fifteenth and Capitol avenue, in this city. The last time he was in the store was last Tuesday, when he bought a bill of goods. He is described as a heavy set man, of medium height and apparently about 50 years of age. He had no family, so far as can be ascertained.—World-Herald.

Following up the Murder.

When W. C. Connyster, the peddler, was shot Sunday night at Mrs. Reed's home at Elkhorn, it was reported that he had a wife and family in that city. The person with whom he dealt knew of no such family, however, and Mrs. Reed's story that he was a widower and had two children in Illinois was accepted.

But at Albright the story of the tragedy excited lively interest. Connyster was known there and the neighbors of a Mrs. Millner, who has lived there for about a year, regarded him as her husband. Mrs. Millner's maiden name was Brown, and her brother, George Brown, has lived next door. She and Millner quarreled about eight months ago and he deserted her, leaving her with three children to support. One of the children has been born since.

Not long after Millner left Connyster, who seems to have known the wife, drifted along that way and took the absent husband's place at the head of the household, and was said to have wedded Mrs. Millner. Some three or four months ago he too quarreled with the woman and then he went to Mrs. Reed's.

Mrs. Millner left her cottage this morning and with her children started up the track for South Omaha.

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to his personal enjoyment. Mrs. Connyster finally grew tired of this condition of affairs and left him. Since then he has made his home with Mrs. Reed.

Antonio Frank, the Elkhorn man charged with the murder of Connyster, was today brought in to the county jail where he now is. Frank is ready to talk to all comers and reiterates the statement of his innocence. He is not a bit nervous and acts and talks quite coolly for an amateur murderer, if such he be.

*Robbing the Dead.*

LOUISVILLE, Ky., April 3.—Thieves and robbers have been at work since the first night after the tornado swept through the city. Numerous bodies have been robbed although but few have been reported to