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The JOURNAL wishes all its readers a merry Christmas.

Don't fail to get a membership ticket in the Sioux county agricultural society.

The semi-annual apportionment of the state school fund will be one of the largest ever made. The amount to be distributed is \$274,558.35.

A storm partaking of the nature of a cyclone passed over Southeastern Nebraska the first of the week and did considerable damage. No lives were lost so far as heard from.

It is reported that the death of Senator Plumb will remove the only formidable rival of G. M. Lambertson for the appointment as member of the inter-state railway commission.

A corporation has organized at Crawford for the purpose of erecting and operating a motor line between that town and Fort Robinson. The people of northwest Nebraska are beginning to demonstrate that they have the true western push which rapidly develops a new country.

Senator Plumb, of Kansas, died suddenly of apoplexy at Washington, D. C., about noon last Sunday. He had been ailing for some months, but no one supposed it was at all serious. Senator Plumb was one of the hardest working senators and was a power in all matters to which he turned his attention. He had served in the senate for fourteen years and his present term would have lasted until 1895.

Chilian authorities appear to be determined to get up a row with the United States. They continue to insult the American minister and act in a manner unbecoming by one nation toward another. It may be necessary for Uncle Sam to administer a severe rebuke to Chili. This nation has such a reputation for pursuing peace policies that the time is approaching when more arbitrary methods will have to be adopted in order to retain a proper respect from foreign nations.

A strong effort has been made by Secretary Rusk and Senator Paddock to open a new field for American products by inducing Europeans to adopt corn as a breadstuff. The result has been a partial success. The fact that in Russia there are thousands of people on the verge of starvation offers an opportunity to further press the claims of our corn. With this end in view a movement has been inaugurated by Gov. Thayer to have Nebraska send a train load of corn to Russia as a contribution. While it will afford comfort to many a person suffering from hunger it will also be one of the best advertisements of corn that could possibly be made and it is quite likely that the train load of corn will soon be ready to ship.

The famine in Russia is still of appalling proportions and it will require the expenditure of a vast amount of money by the government to keep the people alive. The condition of the masses is worse than the people of the United States can comprehend, for in Russia the masses do not enjoy the prosperity and opportunities of other countries for the accumulation of means to meet the demands of a crop failure. There, life is a sort of hand-to-mouth existence and when the daily supply is cut off they are reduced to the verge of starvation. The combined efforts of the Russian government and aid from other nations will greatly assist in the work of relief, yet, notwithstanding that, a great deal of suffering will have to be endured by the poorer classes of that nation.

It is a pleasing contrast to note that while the papers of many of the counties of the state filled with notices of real estate foreclosures there are none in the papers of Sioux county. It has there been except in a few instances and these were strictly those of parties who had moved out. There are two reasons for this. One is that the loans made in Sioux county were not of the wild-cut order and the other is that the settlers of Sioux county are trying to meet their obligations and did not make the loans simply for the sake of selling their land. The condition, relatively, of Sioux and other counties in this direction is being noticed by capitalists and investors and it is well to predict that such counties will find the way into Sioux county loans that will show many of the same results as the loans made by the state.

The condition of trade as reported by the commercial agencies indicate a sound and prosperous condition of business all over the United States. The prospects for increased prosperity during the coming year are good.

There is no reason why northwest Nebraska cannot have a place in the front rank as a sugar producing locality. It will take some time and a good deal of hard, earnest work, but persistent effort will bring the desired result.

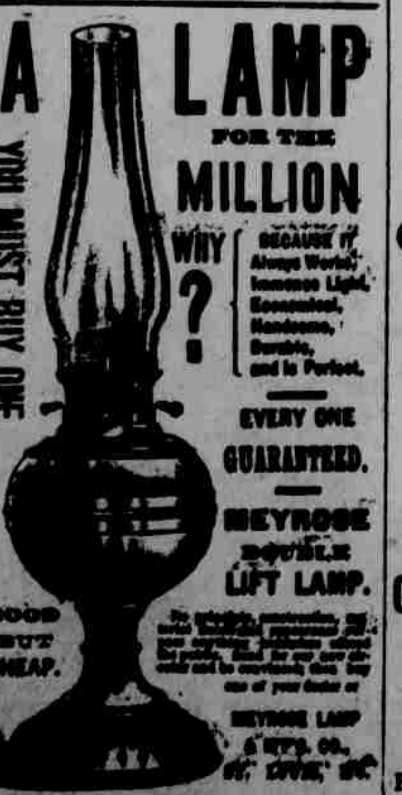
President Harrison has named Stephen B. Elkins as secretary of war to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Secretary Proctor. He is a man of large and varied experience and will conduct the affairs of the office with credit to himself and the administration.

The crop reports from Illinois are to the effect that winter wheat has been very much damaged by drouth. A short crop or total failure in that state means a great loss by reason of the land being so high priced, and the thousands of farmers there who are paying high cash rent will receive a heavy setback.

A body of fifteen or twenty masked men entered the jail at DeWitt, Ark., last Monday morning and shot to death three prisoners confined there, charged with an attempt to murder the divorced wife of one of the prisoners. No clue was left as to the identity of the perpetrators and no excitement followed the event. It was simply one of those cases where the law appears to be inadequate or too dilatory and the people took the matter into their own hands.

The increase of business and rapid growth of Grand Island and Norfolk demonstrates that a sugar factory is a grand thing for a town. The growth of these places is not of the mushroom character, but a solid substantial improvement founded on good business. Take a factory which consumes the product of 5,000 acres of beets. Estimate the yield at only ten tons per acre and base the price on the offer now made of \$4.50 per ton. This distributes the snug sum of \$225,000 paid to the farmers who grow the beets. In addition to that there is the cost of the plant, the wages of the operatives and coal, lime and other material consumed. Then there is the necessary of life which those employed in growing the beets and converting them into sugar have to have, thereby creating a good market for the products raised by those not growing beets and the stocks of goods handled by the merchants. These few facts are sufficient to prove to all men who have any idea of business that a sugar factory is one of the greatest acquisitions a locality can make.

The best sugar convention at Lincoln last week was one of the most notable gatherings ever held in the state. The leading men of all localities, creeds and parties met there on a common level in the interest one of the most important matters that has ever called a representative convention together in the state. A great deal of valuable information was gathered and almost every county in the state was represented at the convention. Dawes county had large delegations from both Chadron and Crawford. Sioux county was represented by C. E. Holmes. The trend of opinion was strongly in favor of a bounty to be paid direct to the grower and that is simply the reflection of the opinion of the masses all over the state. It was decided to form a permanent state organization and to carry on the work by organizing county societies in the interest of the sugar beet culture. The following permanent officers were elected: Hon. Geo. D. Meiklejohn, president; W. N. Nason, secretary, and four vice-presidents and an assistant secretary. Nothing in the line of agriculture has so stirred up the people of the state of Nebraska as has the sugar beet enterprise and it bids fair to increase in interest and proportions until this state becomes the greatest sugar producing state of the union.



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