

# The Sioux County Journal

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## HARRISON, - NEBRASKA.

Japan made war against China much more easily than she can make peace with Russia.

Mr. Keely has been heard from and it's really worth a note that at last he thinks his motor is in a mood to motor.

Mysterious disappearances still continue. But there is a very apparent reason for them now. The spring cleaning season has opened.

Besides beef there are mutton, poultry, game, pork, fish, eggs, etcetera. There seems to be a chance to escape high prices for substantial nourishment.

The State of Washington is not only shipping horse beef to Europe, but is shipping fresh strawberries to Chicago. The State of Washington is getting decidedly frisky.

Whether or not Miss Willard is right in her proposition that poverty causes intemperance, we can all agree with her that poverty ought to be abolished as speedily as possible.

A New York boy who was hurt by a gunpowder explosion last Fourth of July has been patched up with 15,000 pieces of skin contributed by his friends. That's a queer way to hide personal defects.

A new national society has been formed at Toronto with the motto, "Canada for Canadians." The motto which has been doing the big unorganized business in that country is, the United States for Canadians.

A man in Putnam County, Ohio, edits a paper, dyes clothing, sells sewing machines, and deals in lawn mowers and second-hand shoes. He publishes the paper, doubtless, in order to get his advertising cheap and carries on the other branches of business to provide his paper with plenty of advertising.

A Parisian dressmaker has just made for an American lady a dress with unique sleeves, which represent stained glass windows, the different panels being exquisitely tinted in rich, subdued colors. This forecasts a decided improvement. When the lady gets into a theater she can open some of her sleeve windows and allow the people behind her to see the play.

One filthy well used by a milkman at Stamford, Conn., has caused over 500 cases of typhoid fever and twenty-four deaths. Since Chicago began to get its lake water four miles from shore the death rate from typhoid has fallen off over 50 per cent. The fact is well established that typhoid fever is a wholly needless disease, and sanitarians should keep up the fight against it until it disappears.

The power of the press has seldom been more strikingly manifest than during the past few months in the way the united and persistent voice of the great journals of London—with the shameless exception of Astor's Pall Mall—compelled the world to stop and heed the outcry of the tortured Armenians against the unspeakable Turk, and forced Great Britain and the other European powers to interpose in the name of humanity, and do something about it. It is the press that has done it.

A guarantee of \$80,000,000 which Russia has furnished for China in the London money market, is probably the largest sum ever paid for a right of way; and it not only represents an outlet for the Siberian Railway, but shows that Russia is beginning to realize that it is better sometimes to buy favors than to steal them, or take them by force. Which shows Russia to be advancing in diplomacy as well as closer and closer upon English influence in the Asiatic Pacific.

Agriculture can only be made successful by adopting the same methods that apply to any other business or profession. Wherever the farmer has adopted labor-saving appliances, systematized methods, looked after his employees just as well as the mill owner does after his, made every moment of working time count, and allowed no material or product to go to waste, he has been successful. This applies as well to the man who has a farm of 50 acres as it does to one with 500, and where you see a small farmer paying off the mortgage on his land and "getting ahead" in other ways, you will find a good business man and one that works his farm just as another works his mill or factory.

A dispatch from McKeesport, Pa., tells, in a few words, of a tragedy almost unique in the history of the race. A man who was being shaved at a barber's shop was telling a funny story when he suddenly expired. It is not too much to say that this sad event was in opposition to all precedent. If the barber, instead of the customer, had been narrating a side-splitting story, after the manner of tonsorial artists in places like McKeesport, no one would have been astonished at the death of the customer. It is the habit of provincial barbers to act as if they were always scraping an acquaintance. It is probable that the unfortunate McKeesport customer died of shock. He had strained his nervous system too far by attempting to get a laugh out of a barber. Perhaps he was attempting to make off a demand for "a shunoo."

or a "hair cut," but, whatever was his motive in telling that story, his fate is a warning. When your chin is being shaved repress its music.

Size does not make a city great. New York with several additional swamps and townships annexed would still be Gotham. If territorial extent were the only test of municipal greatness Chicago could easily annex enough prairies to make her the greatest town in the world. But here is a pretty good test. New York's schools were in full blast during May and had a total enrollment of 176,439 pupils. At the same time Chicago's public schools had an enrollment of 200,948. These figures are official. They are correct beyond any question. No partisan census clerk with a calloused conscience has had any hand in their compilation. The fact is that last month Chicago sent 24,500 more pupils to the public schools than New York did. New York is not the metropolis.

A young student of the Gymnasium di Sassari at Rome, Italy, named Pina, recently committed suicide because he could not master the declensions of his Latin grammar. It is seldom that the blighting influence of a dead language has been carried to such an heroic extreme. Young Pina took his Latin grammar too seriously. His mood was too tense. A man who can not decline the Latin nouns is in much better case than one who is unable to decline cigarettes or cocktails. Parts of speech should be always taken with a grain of salt, especially if they have been out of general use for centuries. Nobody who has ever studied Latin will fall to sympathize with Pina's discontented state of mind. But he went too far. Suicide may be an effective method of translation, but it is of no value in the acquisition of Latin grammar.

A New York newspaper, applying westward, discovers Chicago's drainage canal and raises a cry of alarm. By the end of the century," it says, "Chicago will have a fourteen-foot waterway to the Gulf of Mexico." Wherefore it demands that New York instantly deepen the Erie canal for the accommodation of lake vessels, reduce its port charges and generally prepare for Chicago's competition as a deep sea port. The panic of our New York contemporary is only amusing at this moment. Chicago is not hoping to send any freighted argosies to European markets as soon as the year 1900. The humble canal boat fit to glide under the railroad bridges by which free navigation of the \$25,000,000 canal will be impeded for years to come may indeed ply between Chicago and Lockport, but completion of a deep water channel to New Orleans is as yet a dream irreducible. The national government will have to come to the aid of Chicago and the State before that end—surely a desirable one—can be accomplished. Meanwhile if instead of floating stately ships the canal shall bear swiftly away the city's sewage its chief aim and purpose will be attained. Nevertheless New York is right in striving to better its Erie canal. The people of that State are to have an opportunity to vote upon the proposition this fall. Naturally the railroads, which in New York as everywhere exert enormous influence, are against it. Even in its imperfect state the Erie canal serves commerce and menaces railroads as a passive regulator of freight rates. Though few boats ply upon its waters, railroad managers know that only low rates of toll keep the canals idle. As a governor of railway charges the canal has been worth vastly more than its cost to the State of New York. There is no doubt that profit to New York would result from the enlargement and improvement of the Erie canal.

**As to Snake Bites.**  
That no less than 20,000 people should have perished last year in the Indian province of Bengal from snake bites shows how little progress has been made by science toward the discovery of some antidote for the poison of these reptiles. The trouble is that the poison of nearly every species seems to affect a different organ of the body. Thus the bite of a cobra seems to paralyze the lungs, while the cobra produces terrible convulsions. From time immemorial physicians of every clime and race have devoted their energies to the discovery of cures for these bites; but judging from the heavy list of casualties from this source alone in Bengal, the most highly civilized province and possessed of the best system of medical supervision of all English colonial dependencies, it would seem that all efforts in this direction have been abortive.

**Mrs. Paran Stevens' Carriages.**  
The carriages and harnesses from the stable of Mrs. Paran Stevens were sold at auction recently at Newport, several hundred persons being present, including farmers from great distances and hack drivers. Six vehicles were sold, bringing \$84.50. The harnesses brought enough in addition to raise the amount to \$100. All the property was in a very dilapidated condition and the carriages were very old-fashioned. One was badly broken up. A French landau, in fair condition, brought only \$23. Mrs. Stevens' favorite spider phaeton was knocked off to a farmer for \$20. A farmer bought another phaeton at \$10.50. There was little or no competition. Mrs. Paget, Mrs. Stevens' daughter, ordered the sale.

The carriages of Mrs. Alexander Van Rensselaer of New York, who, because of her health, cannot continue in Newport, were also sold and brought high prices.—New York Times.

If you wish to be unpopular in a small town, just mind your own business.

## Savage Forest Fires.

DETROIT, Mich., July 12.—The upper part of the peninsula of Michigan is dotted with savage forest fires. Already the lumber towns of Wallin, up in Benzie county, and Cleary, another little town, have been leveled to the ground. Several people have been badly burned and no one knows how far the damage has extended. The town of Thumb has been invaded and the town of Kindee is girded with fire and ashes and black leaves are sifting down on the people in the resorts of the north. Wallin, as far as can be learned, is totally destroyed. The Sullivan Lumber company's mill there and two million feet of lumber are burned, together with thirty houses that made up the little settlement. The people lost all they had. Most of them are at Thompsonville, a neighboring town. They are said to have been in a greatly exhausted condition. No deaths are as yet reported from that point. Two Chicago & West Michigan trains are blocked by the fire just below Wallin and the telegraph poles are burned and all wires are down.

**ALARMING REPORTS COME IN.**  
Late last night intelligence came that Cleary, a small lumber town near Wallin, was destroyed that evening. The fire, which has been burning for several days, suddenly grew worse and before the inhabitants were aware of it they were nearly hemmed in. They made a rush from the burning town and as far as is known left no one behind. Several people were badly burned, but as far as known no lives were lost. From Kindee, a few years ago, come the most alarming reports. The town is surrounded by flames that every moment are sweeping nearer the place. The news as sent from town near by is that the people of Kindee are wetting the roofs of their houses and plastering the sides with wet blankets in the hope that they may save all that they have in the world. It is feared that the town will go and messages urging the people to flee for their lives have been sent from several places. Reports from Traverse City, Petoskey, Charlevoix and the other towns are all of the same tenor, that the fires have been burning for over two weeks and that a sudden strong wind has fanned them into sudden activity. Already a number of farm houses have been burned and the people are coming into town telling that they have lost all they had on earth. Late reports from the extreme western edge of the state are that there is little improvement in the situation, but that it is feared that the fire has worked havoc among the famous orchards of that vicinity.

**Frank P. E. Woodward Alive.**  
NEW YORK, July 12.—Frank P. E. Woodward, the Cuban war correspondent, who was said to have been killed in Cuba, was a passenger on the steamer Ardath, which arrived at quarantine early yesterday morning. Woodward left New York last April as correspondent of the Morning Journal. He was twice captured by the Spanish soldiers, but escaped. While with the insurgent army under Maceo he lost his money and papers. He was detained by the Cubans who tried to make him serve. After making his escape from the Cuban army, he managed, near Gibara, where he applied to Captain Walker of the British steamer Ardath for protection and assistance. The United States consul at Gibara refusing to recognize him as an American citizen.

Woodward complained bitterly of his treatment by the United States consul at Gibara, Jose H. Beola, whom he claims holds a commission in the Spanish army. Beola declined to investigate Mr. Woodward's story by communicating with Santiago de Cuba where Woodward stated his papers had been filed with Consul Hyatt, and insultingly declared that all American reporters were hired by the Cubans to write lies. He strongly recommended that Mr. Woodward give himself up to the Spaniards, which would have meant close confinement at this time. Captain Walker then promised Woodward protection under the British flag in the face of all obstacles and took him away.

**Will Not Marry a Jap.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 12.—Olney V. Ashford, the Hawaiian refugee, says the dispatch from Tacoma recently stating that Queen Liliuokalani would soon marry a Japanese count is erroneous. "It was formerly rumored for some time," he said, "that Princess Kaolani would marry a titled Japanese, but this was before she went to England to school. There is probably nothing in it."

**Counterfeiters Arrested.**  
LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 12.—J. H. Ormandy and his wife, son and daughter were arrested yesterday for conducting an extensive counterfeiting establishment in the outskirts of the city. Ormandy confessed, but said his family were ignorant of the business in which he was engaged. The coins counterfeited were of small denominations.

**Charged With Fraud.**  
CHICAGO, Ill., July 12.—Fraud is now charged in the "Leader" department store failure. Late Wednesday evening a copias was issued for Carl Dernburg, Lipman Glick and Joseph Horner, members of the firm, upon an affidavit made by J. V. Farwell & Co., charging the dry goods firm with having made false statements in regard to their credit and obtaining goods on the strength of this statement. Glink was arrested and gave bail in the sum of \$12,000.

## The Flooding Gave Way.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 11.—A frightful accident terminated the Elk festivities at the Casino last night in which a large number of persons sustained terrible injuries from which some will die. It was at 9:30 when the grand exalted ruler of the Buffalo body, Meade Detwiller of Harrisburg, had finished his address at the opening of the social session of the Elks and was about to introduce James J. Armstrong of New York, when a crack on the stand was heard. A moment later the stand, upon which were almost 1,000 people, slowly settled and the mass of humanity was precipitated to the first floor, a distance of twenty-five feet. Men, women and children were plunged into the hole upon one another. The cries, shrieks and groans were deafening and the direst confusion reigned. An alarm was immediately sent out and all the physicians in town responded. The work of extricating the injured proceeded rapidly and by 12 o'clock they had all been removed to the hospital and their hotels.

By 9 o'clock more than 1,200 people had gathered on the second floor of the pavilion, anticipating a pleasant evening's enjoyment. The bands attached to the visiting lodge had given a fine concert, and Capt. Samuel Perry of the Atlantic City lodge had just begun the preliminaries of starting the social season. The night was a fine one and as the strains of the music floated over the room it seemed that a more joyous crowd could not have been gathered anywhere. But there were several hundred of the people who had noticed the vibration of the floor and left the pavilion, fearing that the great weight would lead to its destruction and the consequent injury of the merry-makers. Among these cautious people were a number of the members of the Camden lodge, prominent among whom were ex-Assemblyman William J. Thompson and County Clerk Robert J. Barber of Camden. Fearing to create a panic, they quietly approached some members of visiting lodges and discussed with them the advisability of bringing the affair to a close, so as to relieve the floor of a portion of the weight. While they were yet talking the crash came. A portion of the floor, about thirty feet square, located at the middle of the pavilion and near the railing on the broad sidewalk came tumbling down, bringing along probably 100 people. In a second the electric lights on the second floor were extinguished, but luckily those on the lower floor kept burning long enough to permit some of the panic-stricken people to get to the stairway and reach the walk. Women and children were jammed together trying to escape by the stairway, while the victims of the crash were screaming for aid to extricate them from the falling beams and timbers.

**WORK OF RESCUE BEGAN PROMPTLY.**  
When the first feelings of the panic had subsided the surviving Elks rushed to the aid of their brothers and friends, indifferent as to the danger that confronted them, as they did not know but what the remainder of the pavilion might bury them beneath its ruins. While the work of rescue was going on the lights on the first floor became extinguished and plunged the place in darkness. Men ran to the trolley barn of the road near by and obtained a number of headlights from the cars. These were most useful in assisting the work of the rescuers. In the meantime the people who were seated in the vicinity of the trunk found themselves in imminent danger of falling through the hole. Indeed some were obliged to clutch the edge of the floor to keep themselves from falling. Maurice A. Rogers, ex-resident of the senate of the New Jersey legislature, a member of the Camden lodge, was seated by the side of his wife in the section that fell. Mrs. Rogers was precipitated to the ground, sustaining only a nervous shock. Senator Rogers had both hands caught between two beams and hung suspended in the air until released by someone unknown. An alarm of fire was turned in, but when the firemen arrived all the victims had been released. Before the arrival of the ambulances a number of omnibuses were pressed into service to carry the wounded to their hotel or the hospital.

The utmost excitement prevailed everywhere on the streets and in the hotels, as it was not known just who had been injured, and the most extravagant stories prevailed of the extent of the accident. These stories arose from the fact that many women fainted and had to be carried out of the Casino and conveyed to their homes in carriages and omnibuses.

**Think he is Insane.**  
DENVER, July 11.—DeWitt Ray, who claims to own an interest in the Hide and Leather Journal of Boston, is in custody in this city on account of his violent actions, indicating insanity. He says he was lieutenant governor of New York at one time. He is about fifty years of age and of polished appearance.

**A Reported Killing.**  
BEDFORD, Ind., July 11.—It is reported from Indian Springs station that W. E. Colvin, a lawyer, shot and killed Josiah Stevens, a preacher. Both men had been drinking.

**Boat Captured.**  
NOFOLK, Va., July 11.—Near Wanchapreague, Va., Tuesday a rail boat with a party of thirteen excursionists aboard capsized in midstream. Only four men were in the party and these rendered all possible aid to the struggling women, five of whom were drowned. One of the men was dragged under and drowned by the girl he was trying to save. The crew of the schooner yacht Christine picked up the survivors.

## A Terrible Accident.

CHICAGO'S ROAD, Que., July 10.—In the early hours yesterday morning there occurred an accident on the Grand Trunk road at this station here that has seldom been exceeded in horror by any similar event in Canadian railway annals. A special excursion passenger train, rushing along in the darkness, crashed into another train of the same kind preceding it and killed thirteen people and wounded thirty.

**FILLED WITH EXPECTANT WORSHIPPERS.**  
The train that came in collision with special excursion trains filled with pilgrims en route from Sharbrooke, Richard and Windsor Mills to Levis, where they were to cross over to Quebec and proceed to the shrine of St. Anne de Beaupre, and were following one another with an interval of twenty minutes. The forward train was making good time, having left Richmond at 10 o'clock the night before. On the rear of this train was a Pullman, in which were the priests and others in charge of the party and it was in this car that most of the loss of life occurred. The first train reached this station, fifteen miles west of Levis about 3 o'clock and stopped at the tank to take water. Precautions were taken and the semaphore thrown as a danger signal for the following train. Only the trainmen were out and about attending to their duties. The Pullman in the rear was wrapped in silence and the sleepers were unaware of the terrible fate that was rushing upon them.

Suddenly there was a great crash, the second train coming at full speed into the rear Pullman of the train. So great was the impetus of the colliding train that the engine plunged forward and partly telescoped the first class car in front. Every berth in the Pullman was wrecked and some of the occupants will never know what happened to them. They died sleeping. Others awoke to their horrible surroundings maimed, bleeding and bruised, conscious of little else but the agony that they were in. It was an awful scene.

The work of rescue was begun as soon as possible. When the blinding clouds of steam had subsided the trainmen, priests and others got together and the dead and wounded were taken from the ruins of the engine, the Pullman and the first class car and removed to temporary quarters, where the women of the party ministered as best they could to the wants of the maimed pilgrims. They tore off their underclothing and made bandages for wounds and tried in the absence of enough medical aid to "go" around to staunch the flow of blood and properly cleanse the wounds. Word was at once sent to Montreal and an order from there was sent to Levis to send out a force of doctors from Quebec to attend to the wounded, and a force of men to clear the track. The special train from there arrived at an early hour and all of the wounded that could be moved were placed on board and sent east to Levis where they could be cared for in hospitals.

It is hard to say where the blame of the accident rests. It has been suggested that engineer McLeod might have dozed off to sleep and thus missed seeing the warning semaphore and was unconscious of his whereabouts. Indeed this would seem to be the only theory that can be advanced, but a strict investigation will be held at once to determine where the responsibility rests.

**Trouble Expected.**  
SPOKANE, Wash., July 10.—Under instructions from Governor McConall of Idaho, A. James Gensler, a resident of Idaho, proceeded to the City of Boise yesterday with eight boxes of arms and 500 rounds of ammunition, where he will recruit and equip a company of militia from the miners of the Bonker Hill and Sullivan mines in anticipation of an outburst similar to the bloody riots of three years ago. The present trouble is expected from the fact that the above named mines recently resumed operations with men regardless as to whether they belonged to the union or not, and the Canyon Creek union has openly threatened that they intend closing the mines if they have to kill or run every "scab" out of the county.

**The Fair Will.**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., July 10.—The Examiner publishes a story to the effect that the stolen will of ex-Senator Fair is in the possession of Detective John Curtin. It is further alleged that the detective has been passing between the administrators of the estate named in the stolen documents, offering to surrender the will for \$5,000. All overtures to that effect have been rejected by the executors on the advice of Judge Slack. None of the administrators will admit being approached in person by Curtin, but the Examiner makes the first statement that the will is now in Curtin's possession and that he is the man who stole it from the clerk's office January 28 last.

A sheet of pen drawings by Michael Angelo was discovered recently in a London auction room. The subjects were sketches for holy families and allegorical groups. The prize brought \$1,500 at auction.

**Ice Fastest in July.**  
SIOUX CITY, Ia., July 10.—Ice formed on water in tubes forty miles north of here Monday night. Corn looks as if it was injured, but it is thought to be too far along to be seriously damaged. There were light frosts in low places in South Dakota, but no damage was done.

## STATE NEWS ITEMS.

A Wilsonville lady received a draft from the government last week for \$1,182 back pension.

Considerable damage from hail is reported near Bancroft. The storm was not of great width.

A Pender bicyclist started for St. Joe on his wheel and made Plattsmouth, 110 miles, the first day.

The fast mail on the Union Pacific ran into a bunch of cattle at Silver Creek, killing three and crippling others.

The first church built at Kearney was consumed by fire recently. The building was erected nineteen years ago.

Dunk Livingston, brakeman at Fremont, lost the best part of the index finger of his right hand while coupling cars.

W. N. Huse of Norfolk issues six papers a week and does all the local and editorial work. Pretty good for an invalid.

Fullerton is having trouble with its water works plant. The reservoir leaks in places and requires another coat of Portland cement.

David Simmons of Beaver City has received notice of pension allowance, dating back to 1865. He will get nearly \$1,200 at one haul.

A number of newly converted people were immersed in the Ekhorn river at Tilden last Sunday. Rev. J. J. Keeler did the heavy work.

Rev. T. Hamilton, at one time pastor of the Presbyterian church at Republican city, lately passed away at his home in New York.

Anthony Stanton, a Tilden lad, while visiting his grandparents at Council Bluffs, climbed to the top of a tall tree. His arm was broken by the subsequent fall.

The ninth annual session of the Long Pine Chautauqua will begin July 29, and keep a going until August 6. One fare for the round trip from all points in the state.

Fruit growers at Seward are made unhappy by the nightly raids in their orchards of lean and cadaverous kids with an uncontrollable appetite for green apples.

The summer meeting of the state horticultural society will be held at Wymore July 23 to 25 inclusive. A very interesting program has been arranged for each day.

Rev. Mr. Burton, pastor of the M. E. church at Madison has been transferred to the Seward street church in Omaha, to succeed Dr. W. K. Beans who has accepted a charge at Salt Lake City.

M. E. Tierney and wife, of O'Neill who are arrested, charged with counterfeiting, and who were to be given a preliminary hearing Thursday, are still in jail. The hearing was postponed until Friday morning. A deputy United States marshal will arrive on the evening train and the authorities will turn the prisoners over to him.

There is considerable interest at Exeter in the discovery that the ground in the bottom of a small draw in J. P. Kettlewell's grove in the southeast part of town is sinking. In one place a piece of ground about ten feet across has settled several feet and there are indications that other places are undermined and will soon settle down. It is thought by many that the disturbance is caused by an underground current of water.

Thursday night Dr. Ashley and Wallace Wheeler were taking a bicycle ride. Wheeler at half a mile south of Fremont they were overtaken by James Boyd and W. O. Hoffman in a road cart. Boyd was driving. He says he thought he would have a little fun, so he yelled at his horse. It startled Wheeler, who, in trying to leave the road fell, and that frightened the horse, which wheeled around and upset the cart. Boyd has a badly bruised hip, Hoffman a bruised leg and Wheeler a sprained ankle.

The county board is in session at O'Neill this week and they have some weighty questions to solve. There are numerous propositions to divide the county before the board, which is the principal topic under discussion at the present time. O'Neill, Stuart and Chambers have gone in together and want to make three counties out of the territory now comprising Holt, which proposition would give Atkinson in this county and give Stuart a county seat. Atkinson, Amelia and Ewing have pooled issues and want to make four counties. It was left in the hands of a committee.

A serious accident happened to the four-year-old child of Charles Allen of Dawson, Neb., Wednesday morning Mrs. Allen and the child were coming to Humboldt in a buggy and when in front of Willis & Snow's livery barn the child fell out of the rear end of the buggy and one of the horses, hit into the buggy, stepped on the forehead of the child, causing a very ugly scalp wound. The skin was pulled back over the forehead about three inches. The child was taken to the office of a doctor, who dressed the wound and he thinks nothing serious will result from it except that a bad scar will be left.

A fool at Nelson threw a lighted firecracker under a wagon loaded with people and so frightened the team that they ran away, upsetting the vehicle and seriously injuring one of the occupants.

The stock season is beginning to open up on the Ekhorn, several trains of western cattle having already been sent through. By the end of the month there will be four or five trains a day bound for the eastern market, and the range is expected to be unusually heavy this year.