

Nebraska Notes

Col. W. F. Coyle is at the ...
 Range cattle are enduring the severe weather fine. Feed is plentiful.
 North Platte's gamblers have been closed by order of the mayor.
 Lincoln county reports it below zero is the minimum temperature for the month.
 The Advocate, published at Sargent, has gone she way for want of the needful.
 Three bad boys of Rising City were fined \$5 each for disturbing a religious meeting.
 A gang of stove peddlers are working in Hall county. They get better prices than local dealers.
 The Madison Times devotes a column to editorial consideration of the president's message.
 J. P. Israel of the Benkleman Chronicle, writes poetry that will some day make him famous.
 A third paper is to be started at Friend. There is room for but one to do a good business.
 The bonds voted by Red Willow county for court house purposes were recently sold at par.
 The night telegraph service at Hershey and Big Spring has been discontinued on account of slack business.
 Fairview addition to Superior has been abandoned for municipal purposes and will be planted to corn.
 The wild geese have settled down in the cornfields of Lincoln county and are expected to stay all winter.
 Pender, Thurston county, is to have a new creamery and cheese factory as an evidence of prosperity for the new year.
 House rats are so plentiful at Brock that a scheme is on foot to make general warfare upon the pests and spare not.
 A. P. Childs, the veteran newspaper man of Wayne, has leased the Madison Reporter and will take charge about the 20th inst.
 The farmers about Geneva are taking hold of the sugar beet question and propose to put out a large acreage the coming year.
 The Catholics of Naponee are arranging for building a handsome new church and have work on the foundation well under way.
 The new contract has been let for the new court house at Gering, Scott's Bluff county. It will be built of brick and be a substantial building.
 A corn-busker near Davey made a record of twenty-seven hundred bushels in twenty-six days. He is thought to be the world's champion.
 A Shelton company has secured a contract to furnish the Union Pacific railroad with several hundred cars of ice to be shipped to North Platte.
 Twenty-seven old bachelors at Alliance have formed an organization and will celebrate their advent into society with a grand ball on Christmas eve.
 The railroad shops at North Platte have been put upon reduced time, the workman now having seven instead of eight hours a day employment.
 Sports at Brownston are talking up a hunt for rabbits, so numerous there, and shipping those killed to the cities for a Christmas dinner for the poor.
 One of the recent acts of the village boards of Ohio is reported to be the purchase of a blood hound to be kept for the purpose of running down criminals.
 Frank Cejla, a West Point merchant, has made an assignment for the benefit of his creditors. His liabilities are estimated at \$5,000 and his assets \$10,000.
 Lewis Wilson of Banner county must answer in district court to the charge of horse stealing. He put his brand on animals belonging to L. C. Kenney of Kimball.
 Pay day on the Rock Island and Fairbury left nearly \$17,000 for employes of the road trees, the pay roll of the road at that point being nearly double what it was one year ago.
 A large part of the corn around Fairbury will be fed or held for higher price. Four farms at Fairbury are cribbing all they can buy and increasing crib room for future purchases.
 The commissioners of Dakota county have ordered all newly elected county officers to furnish security company bonds and pay for them out of excess fees in their respective offices.
 The treasurer of Cherry county has called in \$4,000 in county warrants and is paying them off. The county is also reducing its bonded indebtedness by calling in outstanding bonds.
 There was one fair in Nebraska last fall which was a success. The Johnson county agricultural society has held its annual meeting, settled all bills, and is ready for a big fair next year.
 Mathew Skelton of Milford is in bad shape. He was riding a horse with the harness on when the animal threw him. A portion of his system was caught on the check hook, and he has been under the doctor's care ever since.
 The Kearney cotton mill is again running on full feed.
 There is talk of another sugar factory at Norfolk. A guarantee of bonds sufficient for consumption has been secured from farmers and a committee has gone east to present the matter to capitalists.
 When we meet a woman, says the Grafton Courier, we always look upon her as a lady until she proves herself otherwise, but a man—well, he will have to show us he is honest before he can owe us more than a year's subscription.

OBANS STARVE

It is expected of the American People that they are too late.
 PRESIDENT D FS ALL IN HIS POWER
 Call for Aid is to be Made Through the ...
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—The most dire distress prevails among the inhabitants of Cuba. Starvation not only impends, but is an actual fact. The president has been informed of the facts from sources whose credibility cannot be doubted. He has gone to the length of his constitutional power in calling the state of affairs to the attention of the American people. The state department has used all of its authority to mitigate the conditions there and the letter to the public, sent out by Secretary Sherman, the day before Christmas pointed out the way to further alleviate the miserable condition of the reconcentrados. Yesterday the sum of \$1,000 was received by Assistant Secretary Bay from certain charitable disposed persons whose names are not disclosed, and this sum will be resubmitted by telegraph early tomorrow morning to Consul-General Lee for disbursement among the more pressing cases.
 It is hoped by the department of state that the American people will come to the relief, and that promptly, by subscriptions of money, clothing and supplies of various kinds. The necessities are expected to lead a generous aid in carrying forward this movement. The machinery for distribution has been provided by the state department, and Consul-General Lee has undertaken with the aid of the American consular officers in Cuba, to give personal attention to the alleviation of distress by the distribution of the gifts of the American people. One line of steamers plying between New York and Havana—the Ward line—it is said, has undertaken to forward any contributions of goods to General Lee at Havana, and it is believed that the American railroads will do their part by carrying the goods to the seaboard. The Spanish authorities have consented to remit all duties on relief supplies so forwarded. The state department directs that they be sent to Consul-General Lee, either money by draft or check, or goods.
 Est. Accident.
 NOBLESVILLE, Ind., Dec. 28.—A fatal accident occurred at Terhune, a small town northwest of this city, last night. Mr. and Mrs. John Moore and Miss Clara Brattain were returning from a Christmas entertainment when the northbound freight train on the Monon struck their carriage. Miss Brattain's skull was fractured and she died at midnight. Mrs. Moore cannot recover. Mr. Moore was slightly injured.
 Mr. and Mrs. Moore were married on Thursday and this was the first time they had been away from their home together.
 Leuziger's Birthday.
 CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Yesterday was Leuziger's fifty-second birthday, and while his trial was in session before Judge Cary he wore a rose in his button-hole to celebrate the event. He was in a good humor, and frequently lauded Mrs. Agatha Trench told of damaging statements he had made to her. She was on the stand nearly all day and was followed by C. Clark and Svan Nelson, clerks, through whom Leuziger purchased the potash and arsenic.
 John Blak, the last witness of the day told of meeting Arnold Leuziger in Trench's saloon, when Leuziger asked him what the police wanted of his father and also urged the son to tell the old watchman to come and see Leuziger. It was through the son that Leuziger went to the watchman's house on the occasion when Klinger was under the bed and heard the conversation.
 Tomorrow the state will begin the identification of the rings.
 A Foot for Love.
 St. Louis, Dec. 28.—Late this afternoon Marcus Nasauer, a young man living in Clayton, a suburb of this city, shot his sweetheart, Miss Kate Dosenbach, daughter of the sheriff and then lit a out his own brains.
 For sometime Nasauer had been paying his attentions to Miss Dosenbach, but he was a comparative stranger to the family, who knew nothing of his past, the young lady repulsed him. He called at her home yesterday afternoon, and as soon as Katie entered the parlor Nasauer drew a revolver and shot her through the breast. As she fell he put the weapon to his own head and blew his brains out.
 Miss Dosenbach's father who was for many years sheriff and collector in St. Louis county. In 1893 he shot and killed Major Smith, a well known attorney. He was sentenced to six months in jail and fined \$500. Since then, although wealthy, he lived in retirement.
 Killed by His Brother-in-Law.
 HAVERHILL, Mass., Dec. 28.—William Dolan was stabbed to the heart with a knife and killed last night by William Daly, his brother-in-law. The men were about seventy years old. Both had been drinking.
 Dr. Goddard Out on Bail.
 KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28.—Dr. J. C. Goddard, under sentence of sixteen years for the murder of F. J. Jackson, was released on bail of \$13,500 by Special Judge Longan yesterday.

A NEW SCHEME

For Paying Pensions Brought up by a Manufacturer.
 WOULD ISSUE BONDS TO PENSIONERS
 Paying Them up at Once, Basing Life on ...
 NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—The Press says: W. F. Rockwell, a prominent manufacturer of Meriden, Conn., has in view the presentation of a bill in congress through the pension committee looking toward the funding of the pension appropriation. This bill, according to Mr. Rockwell, promises to be of great benefit, not only to the government in the saving of many millions of dollars, but to the vast army of pensioners also. Rockwell has talked about his plan to President McKinley, Secretary Bliss, members of the ways and means committee and to pension officials, all of whom he says, think well of it, but they have not decided yet how it would be received by the country.
 Pensioners who have been approached by Mr. Rockwell on the subject also think well of the idea and are inclined to view it in a favorable light. He has consulted also numerous bankers, commercial men and life insurance actuaries, who approve of the scheme and admit its feasibility, believing it to be entirely practical.
 "It has long been an idea of congress," said Mr. Rockwell, in speaking of his plan, "that pensioners are dependent, whereas, as a matter of fact, the great bulk of them are independent. Thousands of them are owners of farms in the west which are mortgaged, the mortgages bearing interest anywhere from 8 to 12 per cent. My idea is to issue negotiable bonds to the pensioners or to pay them the cash at their option to cover the amount they would receive from the government, based on life insurance expectancy. This would enable them to pay off their mortgage, thus saving them the differences between the lowest rate of interest in any state, 6 per cent, and the interest on the bonds, 2 1/2 per cent.
 "This would relieve them from their present entanglements. There are, in round numbers, about 950,000 persons on the pension rolls and to those who are not owners of farms the payment of the entire amount which, according to my table, would be due them, would enable many of them to start in business and this in itself would put into circulation a large amount of money that would insure to the benefit not only of the community in which they reside, but to the country.
 "It would be a great saving to the government in the matter of salary since it would do away with the pension office machinery, while the only expense the government would incur would be in the issuing of the bonds. It would also do away with pension attorneys, who receive from pensioners a good share of the money paid out for them."
 Mr. Rockwell has no interest in this bill, he says, beyond the benefit which would accrue to the government and pensioners by its adoption. He thinks the pension roll is becoming a greater burden upon the treasury each year and that a sooner or later something must be done with it. He believes this idea in a great measure will relieve the strain. While viewing his plan in a favorable light, Mr. Rockwell admits that it is open for discussion and invites criticism.
 Murder at Maryland, Mo.
 MARYSVILLE, Mo., Dec. 23.—John J. Joyce, a retired farmer, shot and killed R. C. Montgomery, a prominent and wealthy real estate agent, just after noon. There had been bad blood between the men for some time, and when Joyce met Montgomery he shot him without a word. Montgomery died instantly. The murderer made no effort to escape.
 Causes Many Sensations.
 NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 23.—The trial of John Anderson, cook of the schooner Olive Pecker, for the murder of Mate Saunders, was concluded yesterday and the case went to the jury at 5:30 this afternoon.
 Under the ruling of the court the jury must either find Anderson guilty as charged in the indictment or not guilty. There can be no verdict of manslaughter.
 The prisoner was frantic to the last. Just before the district attorney concluded his argument, telling the jury that if Anderson had been innocent he would have adopted another course, the accused man sprang to his feet, saying: "I am innocent, Mr. White," and had to be forcibly pulled back into his chair by the court bailiff.
 Look for a Lynching.
 SPOKANE, Wash., Dec. 23.—A telegram from Colfax received at an early hour says all of the electric lights had just gone out and it was thought a mob was operating to raid the jail and lynch the murderers of Orville Heyden.
 Arrested for Murder.
 LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 23.—Advice received from Clinton, Van Buren county are to the effect that the murderers of the Patterson family, on Culpepper mountain, have been arrested and placed in jail there. The men charged with the crime are Lee Mills and William Hardin, two young white men, and the evidence against them is said to be circumstantial. The sheriff, fearing an attempt at lynching has placed a strong guard in the jail.
 May be a Bank Robber.
 KANSAS CITY, Dec. 24.—William Sauer, son of W. G. Sauer, a Detroit publisher, is under arrest here charged with complicity in a bank robbery at Vermilion, Kas. Sauer was found Wednesday night suffering from injuries which will cost him an eye, and which he said yesterday were received while preparing nitro-glycerine for his pals, who, he alleges, committed the actual robbery. Sauer says he is a graduate of Trinity college, Michigan.

EXPLOSION AT A FIRE

Chicago Building Wrecked by Gas Explosion—Many Wounded.
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