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Of all the names that will be presented at the congressional convention for the Big Six there are none so prominently mentioned as those of Judge Wall, of Loup City and A. E. Cady, of St. Paul. The nomination of either will make the pop candidate shake like one with a sudden attack of Missouri ague.

Clifton, Kansas was the scene of a terrible and most destructive cyclone last Saturday night which covered a width of about a quarter of a mile and was about five miles in length. Several farm houses were smashed into kindling wood and six persons killed, two fatally injured and about fifteen more or less hurt.

One of the things that the democrats and populists fail to explain is the attitude of the Lincoln Journal in the present presidential campaign. The opposition has always claimed that the Journal was controlled by the B. & M. railway, but they have never furnished any evidence to prove that there was anything in the claim, and now the claim is proven to be unfounded by the fact that the Journal is supporting McKinley, while the B. & M. railroad is doing everything in its power to further the candidacy of Senator Manderson. The fact of the matter is that the Lincoln Journal is a republican paper first, last and all the time, because it believes the principles of the republican party are right, and not because the B. & M. railroad or any other institution of a like character holds any club over its head.—Shelton Clipper.

The county Supervisors at their last meeting allowed claims to the Times-Independent to the amount of over \$50.00 and to the Litchfield Monitor for over \$70.00 for printing Russia. This notice last year when the NORTHWESTERN had the contract to do all the legal printing for the county for the same year for \$40.00. On top of this outrageous confiscation of public funds the county paid Brown \$10.00 for printing another legal notice in the Nichols case, which notice was handed to the Times by the county Attorney, John W. Long, who drew up the contract between the county and the NORTHWESTERN, and knew that we agreed to do all the legal work for \$40.00, and that the printing rightfully belonged at this office. The other papers were allowed full legal rates in every instance and the total amount paid them was over \$120.00. We probably did more legal work than they did for which we only received the sum of \$40.00, and had it come to this place only \$40.00 would have been paid for the whole amount of work. We call on the Times to tell us where the reform comes in in this instance and to make a plausible excuse for "reformer" Long and the Supervisors of popdom. Would it not be better to practice reform at home than to be preaching state and national reform. We pay four times the amount of taxes for to run our home government than for both state and national.

A special to the State Journal has the following to say regarding Secretary Hoke Smith's position in the case of the land grant by the government to the B. & M. railroad in Nebraska:

Secretary Hoke Smith today forwarded a letter to the attorney-general in reference to the suit recently entered by the government against the Burlington & Missouri River

Railroad company and the innocent purchasers of lands from that company for the recovery of lands said to have been erroneously patented to the company on account of its grant. After referring to previous letters on the subject, the Secretary says: "Upon further consideration of the matter I have concluded that if the consent of the railroad company can be obtained to a stipulation that the pleadings of the government in this case may be so amended or referred as to enable the government to prosecute said case against said company for said lands or the value thereof, the case might be dismissed as to all the parties thereto, except the railroad company." The Secretary says further that he thinks the government will be protected in this way and that the apprehension of the settlers will be relieved also.

General Manderson, who was in the city today, said with reference to the matter that the trouble seemed to lie in the inability of the attorney-general to comprehend the situation. He said that on behalf of the Burlington road he himself had agreed with Secretary Smith to stipulate that the railroad company should not be released from any prosecution for the lands or for their value if proceedings should be dismissed against the settlers, who are absolutely protected by the law and who are unnecessarily and unwarrantably distressed by the proceedings brought against them. General Manderson said that Senator Allen had been most faithful and earnest in his work on behalf of the settlers at the interior department and before the attorney-general; that he personally desired to thank him for his efforts and that he trusted he would receive due credit in Nebraska for his work. General Manderson added that the attorney-general had left for Ohio, but had promised to take up the matter immediately upon his return, when he trusted that the suits against the settlers would be promptly dismissed and that the questions at issue would be permitted to be determined between the government and the railroad company. So far as the railroad company is concerned, General Manderson expressed the opinion that it was fully protected by the act of congress and that litigation which might ensue would be chiefly at the cost of the United States.

CRIPPLE CREEK WIPED OUT.
A special from Cripple Creek gives the following account of a most destructive fire said to be the work of incendiaries and set for the purpose of robbing the First National Bank of that city:

"Positive evidence has been secured to prove that the fire at Cripple Creek was the work of an incendiary for the purpose of making a raid on the First National bank, which now appears to have had on deposit over \$100,000, on account of the near approach of pay day at the leading mines.

Chief Marshall revealed his reasons last night for keeping a heavily armed guard on the town. He said he had positive information that the city was in the hands of one of the boldest gangs in the country, and that the fire was started to loot the bank during the excitement. Every train leaving the city is searched and every road from the gold camp is under a heavy guard of deputies stationed as pickets all the way from Cripple Creek to Denver.

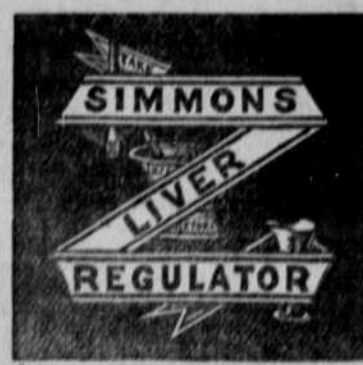
One hundred and fifty men had been sworn in during the night to take control of the burned district and regulate with rods of iron. Each man had big revolvers strapped to his side and the appearance of Winchester was not rare. It required more than moral suasion to preserve a semblance of respect, and save for the fear of lynching the crowds would have rebelled against the seven score men who now patrolled the streets, ready to

shoot at the first indication of mutiny. A horde of hungry brigands was not deterred by the risk from venturing fourth on plunder, and goods disappeared in astonishing fashion.

Building began at day break yesterday, and by 8 o'clock there were twenty-five buildings under process of construction. By noon the vault of the First National bank was opened and the contents rescued intact. The work of opening safes and vaults was commenced yesterday morning, and in most cases the contents were found to be in good shape. The steel-lined vault of the post-office had to be blown open with dynamite, but the valuable government property was safe. A vast amount of mail matter estimated at from 25,000 to 35,000 pieces, were destroyed.

Visited A Second Time.
Last night's State Journal contained two columns giving an account of a second fire which broke out in Cripple Creek Wednesday, and completely destroyed the town save a few residence buildings in the out skirts of the town. The loss of life is quite large and the loss of property is estimated to be not less than \$2,000,000. A thousand people are left homeless and the scene was a most impressive one. The fire originated in the Portland hotel and is thought to be the work of incendiaries. The flames spread so rapidly that it was impossible to check them at any point and the only thing left for the people to do was to gather up what valuables they could and flee for their lives.

Tricks in all Trades.
"There are tricks in all trades but ours," remarked the carpenter, "and we sometimes drive screws with a hammer." A few days ago, not more than a thousand miles from here, a collector called upon a farmer for the payment of a note secured by a chattel mortgage. The farmer was obdurate and gave no satisfaction that he would ever pay the note. Finally the collector said, "Well, I'll have to take the eleven cows named in the mortgage." "Oh! no, you haven't got a mortgage on eleven cows on this farm." "Why, yes I have," and the collector pulled out a copy of his mortgage, and read as follows: "One red and white cow, one cow spotted red and white, one red cow with white spots in forehead, one cow with two white hind feet, one white cow with red spots on side, one white and red cow, one red cow with two white front feet, one white cow spotted red." "Now how do you like that?" "Oh that's all right; I see you've got eleven mortgages on my old red and white cow; there she is down in the pasture; the boy will go down and help you catch her."—Kansas Farmer.



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