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The recent thaw has put the roads in bad condition. The cold weather spoiled 110 acres of beets in Dodge county.

A lodge of the order of Highlanders has been organized at Ansley. Diphtheria and scarlet fever are alarmingly prevalent in Brock.

The woman's club of Fremont opposes co-operative housekeeping. There is complaint in Beat 10 of an unusual amount of petty stealing.

The hog cholera is still causing the farmers of Harlan county much trouble and loss. There will be 87 farmers in the next Nebraska legislature out of a total of 133 members.

G. W. Bratton, an old settler of Nemaha county, was taken to the asylum last week. Hon. John C. Watson of Nebraska City, who recently lost his house by fire, will rebuild.

Madison has a Chinaman who has given up the laundry business to attend the public school. Public schools of Broken Bow were temporarily closed on account of the prevalence of diphtheria.

John Lohoff of Boone county has been pronounced insane and given a place in the state asylum. Teachers of the Beatrice schools are working for a raise of wages, but thus far have been unsuccessful.

By the partial burning of a stable in Omaha eight horses perished. There was no insurance on the animals. An explosion in the Fremont Gas and Electric Light company's works, quite severely injured Engineer Martin.

Grand Island publishers are preparing to royally entertain the editors at their coming convention in January. The curfew bell in North Platte will hereafter ring at 8 o'clock instead of 9, and children must be at home to avoid arrest.

At Tekamah last week Judge Powell sentenced a number of prisoners to the penitentiary ranging from two to six years. The pender dentist who is thought to have poisoned his wife, was unable to give bond in the required sum and is under the sheriff's watchful care.

Frank Giles, who works on Tucker's ranch, some distance from Gordon, in attempting to bring down a wolf, shot off the third finger of his left hand. Edward Simington, a young merchant at Ashland, while practicing with Indian clubs, threw his left shoulder out of joint. Two doctors were called and reset it.

Court in Lincoln county was held last week. During the term John Curtin was convicted of robbery, and John Christy and Wm. Mason were convicted of grand larceny. Burglars broke into the Union Pacific station at St. Paul and blew the outer door of the safe open, but did not succeed in bursting the inner steel door and got nothing.

Richie, Page and Cayvie, three alleged bootleggers, were arrested at Decatur by a deputy marshal and taken to Omaha. A number of indictments are already on file against them. The E. P. Worcester stock of general merchandise at Tecumseh was sold at chattel mortgage sale to H. H. Smith of Tekamah. It brought \$7,602. There were claims against it aggregating over \$13,000.

In Colfax county Claus Delt shot and instantly killed a young man named Gleason, brother of a girl whom Delt wanted to marry in opposition to the wishes of her parents. He then escaped. The county attorney of Douglas county has been instructed by resolution to proceed against the sureties on the bond of the German Savings bank to recover the sum of \$39,690.47 on deposit with that bank when it failed.

In addition to the large number of cattle that are being fed in Platte county this winter, John L. Sturgeon has 3,000 sheep which he will winter on his ranch, just west of Columbus. The sheep are from the Umatilla range in western Oregon. Chief Oil Inspector Edmisten has appointed Edward Lyon deputy oil inspector to succeed J. C. Dahlman of Chadron, who has been selected as one of the secretaries of the state board of transportation. Mr. Lyon is a resident of Fairbury, which is in the fifth district.

John D. Johnson, working in a Fremont steam laundry, met with a painful accident. He was adjusting the lox of the collar machine when his hand caught in the rollers. A woman near by saw the predicament and stopped the machine, though not before the hand was badly mashed. The offer of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Prickett of Pomona, Cal., of a gift to the university of 100 acres of land in Red Willow county, this state, said to be worth \$1,800, was referred to the executive committee to investigate the desirability of accepting the same and the legality of the transfer as proposed.

The Ogallala Land and Cattle company last week held its annual meeting. Reports of officers showed affairs of the company to be in a prosperous condition. About 4,000 head of cattle have been marketed during the year, and almost \$1,000,000 has been distributed among the stockholders. The property of the company was shown by the reports to be in first-class condition. The old officers were all re-elected. The will of the late J. D. McDonald of Fremont was admitted to probate last week in the county court. One-third of his estate was bequeathed to his widow and the balance to be equally divided between his four children. The estate is estimated at about \$125,000.

Mrs. J. L. Windolph of Grand Island died very suddenly of heart trouble. Her husband was aroused by her heavy breathing and attempted to raise her up in bed. She breathed her last before the family could be aroused. The deceased was 55 years of age. Her husband is one of the pioneer settlers of Platt county.

A few weeks ago the Morton House at Nebraska City, which had been vacant for some time was fitted up and Robert Nichols and John Haney furnished and opened it to the public. It has proved to be a losing venture and last week it was closed and a bill of sale on fixtures and hotel furniture given for \$1,800 to Christian Haney. Last week occurred the dedicatory services of the new German Lutheran church, nine miles southeast of Tecumseh. Rev. Mr. Atal of Sterling and Mr. Reidheimer of Falls City were the principal speakers. The new church is a handsome structure. Fire destroyed a similar building for this congregation last spring, hence the erection of this new one. Attorney General Churchill has handed in an opinion on the law governing the salaries of official court reporters for Nebraska. The attorney general's opinion is that the court stenographers must now take their pay under the law of 1877, which allowed them but \$1,000 per annum, instead of \$1,500 provided for under the law of 1879, which has been held unconstitutional. Sheriff Nelson went to Beatrice from Hastings with James Burns, who robbed Pat Rowley's store at Barnston last September. He was arrested by the Table Rock marshal soon after the robbery and placed in the Wymore jail, where he sawed his way out and escaped. He is supposed to belong to the band of burglars arrested at Hanover, Kan., who robbed the Davenport, Neb., bank. Four tramps entered Einstein's store at Arapahoe, and while one made a small purchase, one of the others took four pairs of pants and departed. They then visited the store of Fred Bohner, where they procured two pairs in the same manner. Later in the day Einstein recovered his, finding them stowed away under a corn crib near the depot. The culprits made good their escape. The entire plant and fixtures of the Nebraska City distillery were sold last week for \$60,000 by Gen. John McNulta, the receiver of the company. There was but one bid made, which was by the attorney of the reorganization committee of the Distilling and Cattle Feeding company, and title to the property, which originally cost the trust nearly \$300,000, passed at the above figure. Phillips & Marwood's general store at Clearwater was entered by burglars, who blew the safe and set fire to the building, securing something over \$200 and destroying all the books and accounts. The sheriff and two detectives are on the trail and expect to capture the thieves, as they have a good description of them. The fire was discovered in time to save the building and stock. A Washington dispatch: Following is the issue of Nebraska pensions: Jas. Heath, Geneva, Fillmore county; John Nolan, Columbus, Platte county; Jas. Stevenson, Lincoln, Lancaster county; M. J. O'Connell, Omaha, Douglas county. Additional—Ira Titus, Fairfield, Clay County. Restoration and increase—D. A. Anderson, Deweese, Clay county. Increase—Daniel Fox, Lavaca, Cherry county. The West Point community was considerably startled when the news was passed that Grandpa Kerkyog had dropped dead at his home. He had been to church the evening before and down town Monday morning, apparently in the best of health. He had watched a neighbor kill a hog and just entered the house when he dropped dead. The supposition is that death was caused by heart disease. The state convention of county supervisors and commissioners, in session in Lincoln, adopted resolutions looking to future legislation. One or two were adopted, but the major portion of the more important suggestions was left to the following legislative committee, which was selected and given full power to act: Fred Beckman, Lincoln; E. M. Sternberg, Omaha; D. W. Wood, Osmond; L. B. Moorehead, Boone. Numerous cases of diphtheria are reported at Clarkson in the northern part of Colfax county, where it has been prevalent since early in the fall, that community having been afflicted with the malady at frequently recurring periods for several years. Stringent precautions have been enforced from time to time, yet the disease ofttimes appears and carries away a father's and mother's entire group of children. Last week 16,058 cattle were received at the South Omaha stock yards. This is an increase of 2,500 over the preceding week, and of 4,500 over the corresponding week of 1905. Hog receipts for the week numbered 41,436, as against 21,759 a week ago, and 43,172 during the same week last year. The average weight of hogs for the week was 290 pounds. Sheep receipts were fair, numbering 6,658, a gain of 3,700 over the receipts during the same week last year. In accordance with instructions of the metropolitan court, recently in session at Dubuque, Rev. Wm. Murphy last Sunday morning read the judgment of that ecclesiastical body in its findings in the Bonaeum-Murphy-Fitzgerald case, in St. Andrew's church at Tecumseh. The large temple of worship was crowded to the doors with an audience of both Catholic and Protestant citizens, who were deeply interested in the case, and who have been patiently awaiting the outcome of the controversy for months. The Nebraska Club has arranged for a standing advertisement during the winter of 1896-97, of about four inches, attractively gotten up and setting forth just enough to excite the inquiry of those thinking of coming west, and directing attention where to write for complete information about the state. It is already running this advertisement in some twenty leading home and farm publications in the middle and eastern states, with an aggregate circulation of nearly 1,000,000 copies and nearly a half a million readers per month. Boys in the industrial school at Kearney, to the number of about sixty, made a break for liberty the other night. At this writing the most of them have been captured, and it is expected the remainder of them will be. At Lincoln the jury in the case of the state vs. Frank Hilton, to recover the fee alleged to have been retained unlawfully, were unable to agree upon a verdict, whereupon they were discharged and the case will go to trial again. It is reported they stood eight to four in favor of giving the state a verdict for the full amount asked.

CASTELLAR ON THE MESSAGE

IT IS NOT UNFAVORABLE TO SPAIN. TROUBLE NOT PROBABLE.

The Spanish Statesman Thinks the President's Message is Merely Calculated to Arrest the Impatience of the Jingoists in This Country and That Nothing Will Be Done.

MADRID, Dec. 14.—Senor Emilio Castellar, the noted Spanish republican leader, gives the following statement of his opinion of that part of President Cleveland's message which refers to the Cuban question: "I do not consider the President's message unfavorable to Spain, because the attitude of Mr. Cleveland reminds me of that of General Grant in 1873, only that Mr. Cleveland reads harder lectures to the insurgents and the jingo elements in the United States. His silence on Cuban independence and his opposition to recognition of belligerency shows really honest, correct, statesmanlike conduct. So does his official disposition toward Spain. I persist in believing that the more reasonable, the far sighted element of the American people, the old Puritan stock, will give us fair play. I approve the temporizing attitude of Mr. Cleveland in the first part of his message. I consider his reply to the party resolution of the American congress last winter as a damper for the insurgents. In the latter part of the message undoubtedly there are unpalatable declarations, against which all patriotic Spaniards protest—for instance, what he says about the sale of Cuba, the inaccurate statements concerning the situation in the colony and the conduct of our forces and generals. But we must distinguish in the latter part of the message between the purely hypothetical surmises as to what America would deem herself justified in doing if Spain were impotent to crush the insurrection promptly, and the friendly advice and suggestions volunteered by Mr. Cleveland when he recommends and even offers to cooperate in obliging the Cubans to accept autonomy or home rule, which we ourselves offered them a large installment of in the law which the Cortes passed last year. We must be practical and understand that this part of the message is calculated merely to arrest the impatience of the public in the United States and to check once for all any European power attempting to interfere with the politics of the new world. Mr. Cleveland thus gains time and allows us to expect that he will remain friendly to the end of his term of office."

LIBERTY, MO., VIGILANTES. Two Thieves Taken From Home and Whipped With Ropes. LIBERTY, Mo., Dec. 14.—At 11 o'clock last night forty horsemen rode to the houses of J. J. Overstreet and "Curley" Eggleston, near the new cemetery, took the two to a pasture nearby and, after tying them to a tree, severely whipped them with pieces of rope. The two had been stealing chickens, harness and other things and had served several jail sentences for such offenses. They lived in a row of houses near the Hannibal track. A third man was warned to leave the community. The vigilantes have been very active recently, and appear to be determined to reform bad characters or force them to leave the community.

CHAIRMEN NAMED. Lieutenant Governor-Elect Harvey Announces Five Committee Chiefs. TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 14.—Lieutenant Governor-elect Harvey, president of the senate, caused surprise to-day by making the announcement of his selection of the chairmen of five important senate committees as follows: Ways and means, ex-Governor L. D. Lewelling of Wichita; judiciary, W. B. Crossen of Miami county; railroads, ex-Congressman W. A. Harris of Leavenworth county; fees and salaries, H. G. Jumper of Osage county; agriculture and irrigation, L. P. King of Cowley county.

The Steel Trust Still Stands. PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 14.—The Bessemer Steel association of the United States adjourned after a three days' session when George S. Griscom, the secretary, gave out the following statement: "Owing to conditions existing in the iron and steel trade, no fixed price has been arranged by the association for billets, slabs and sheet bars, covered by the association. However, the association continues intact and the adjournment was taken with a harmonious feeling existing among the members."

A Big Alabama Company Falls. BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Dec. 14.—A bill has been filed asking for a receiver for the Elyton company, the largest land concern in Alabama, it controlled over \$2,000,000 worth of property in and around Birmingham and has \$1,700,000 bonds outstanding with the trust company. Seabirds Prices Take a Fall. LONDON, Dec. 14.—The first big sea-bird sale of the season occurred on Wednesday. Although the offerings were far below the usual number, being only 60,000 pairs, there was a great decline, averaging 20 per cent, in prices. The reason given for this is that the trade in America has not yet recovered from the turmoil of election.

American Warship at Havana. HAVANA, Dec. 14.—The United States warship Newark arrived here this morning. Nothing can be learned of her crew or whether she is bound.

GOV. SMITH IMPUGNED.

Ex-Clerk Redding Makes Sensational Statements About the Home Manager. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—William F. Redding, an inmate of the Hampton, Va., Soldiers' home, who was the clerk of Governor Smith of the Leavenworth home from 1889 to 1892, appeared to-day before the House committee investigating the Leavenworth home and testified that he drew the contract with the Leslie Keeley institute, by which cures of the morphine and alcohol habits were to be administered to the inmates. By the terms of the contract, \$10 was to be charged for the cure of the morphine habit and \$8 for the alcohol habit. Redding swore that on one occasion Governor Smith told him, when it was suggested that the temperance societies should give him a medal for his activity in pushing the Keeley cure, that he did not want a medal, what he wanted was "the \$1,000." This was when negotiations with the institute were pending. He also testified that Governor Smith raised the sum charged to inmates for the administration of the cure to \$30, although the contract price was \$8. He said that Governor Smith took the cure himself, and that subsequently he (Redding) saw Smith under the influence of liquor. He testified that Governor Smith frequently went to Excelsior Springs and remained for several days. Redding testified to various minor incidents tending to show Governor Smith's arbitrary and oppressive treatment of the inmates. He attributed his removal from a position he held at the Northwestern home to Governor Smith's influence. He was the only witness to-day.

DEATH FOR TRAIN ROBBERS. Governor Stone Speaks in Most Positive Terms of the Crime. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 14.—Governor Stone this afternoon offered a reward of \$100 each for the arrest and conviction of the persons connected with the attempted train robbery on the Iron Mountain road in St. Louis Wednesday night, and \$200 for each of the robbers who might be sentenced to death. The governor said of train robbery: "In 1895 a law was enacted by the legislature of this state making train robbery a capital offense. I heartily endorsed the enactment of this law. Train robbery is a crime which greatly endangers human life, as it is accompanied by circumstances of risk and danger and is perpetrated by armed and desperate men. It is usually accompanied by actual violence done those in charge of trains and express cars. But in addition to the foregoing it is a crime which brings a state into public disrepute greater than that of any other crime in the calendar of which I have knowledge. Its frequent occurrence will do incalculable harm to the state. It is a crime that should be broken up, and I confess disappointment and impatience that juries do not deal with criminals of this class with the utmost severity. The execution of a few of these highwaymen—a punishment always richly deserved—would, in my judgment, put an end to this description of crime in this state."

AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS. Ballington Booth's Model the Constitution—Stars and Stripes the Banner. NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—Commander-in-Chief Ballington Booth and his staff field officers of the Volunteers of America have draughted a constitution for the organization, following the spirit of the constitution of the United States, removing entirely any semblance of autocratic power and avoiding any possibility of theological discussion, the theological tenets being such as will be readily accepted by all evangelical bodies with whom it is the desire of the Volunteers to co-operate in all Christian work. The stars and stripes has been adopted as the banner of the organization. The Proposed Army Appropriation. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The army appropriation bill for the fiscal year of 1898 has been completed by the House military affairs committee, and Chairman Hull expects to call it up early next week. The amount is \$23,122,400, \$150,000 less than for the current year and \$716,000 below the estimates, the reduction being due to provision for average instead of full legal strength. The principal reductions in estimates are in pay, subsistence and the quartermaster's department. A provision is embodied to turn over to the interior department the hospital at Hot Springs, Ark. Ten Years Each for Footpads. SALINA, Kan., Dec. 14.—Andrew Johnson and Edward Manning have been sentenced to ten years each in the penitentiary for holding up three boys here last August, from whom they secured \$7. Johnson is said to have served five years in the Iowa penitentiary for burglary. He claims to be a printer of Kansas City. Manning is 59 years old and is known to the tramp fraternity throughout the West as "Denver Red."

A Reporter in Contempt. FRANKFORT, Ky., Dec. 14.—Frank G. Robbins of Cincinnati, who has been here assisting E. G. Burkan of the Times-Star in court of appeals work, was arrested to-day for contempt of court. It is claimed that he clandestinely secured means for eavesdropping in the court's consultations and gave out the decision in the Walling case to the Times-Star over an hour before it was announced by the court. Still Doubt Mace's Death. KEY WEST, Fla., Dec. 14.—The story of Mace's death is still discredited by the greater number of prominent Cubans here. Yet there are a number who favor it. All await the arrival of the steamer from Havana to verify, however, before conceding it to be true. Thousands Starving in Russia. LONDON, Dec. 14.—An Odessa dispatch to the Daily News says that there are reports there of famine in the Anzur district of Russia and that 10,000 people are starving there.

ARE AWAY TO STAY.

SILVER SENATORS NOT WITH THE GOLDITES. They are Out of the Republican Fold for Keeps—Mr. Dubois Resigns His Position of Caucus Secretary and Steering Committee Member—Non-Holding Silver Men all in the Conference. No Caucus for Bolters. WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—When the determination was reached to hold a Republican caucus to-day it was not decided whether to invite the silver Republican senators who bolted the St. Louis platform and ticket to attend the caucus, and many conferences were held. Mr. Chandler of New Hampshire was particularly active in recommending that the bolters be notified of the caucus—practically an invitation to attend. Senator Quay took the same view and it was finally concluded that notice should be sent to them as before. This placed the burden of action on the silver Republicans. They conferred until late in the night to settle upon a line of policy, and when the caucus met Messrs. Teller, Dubois, Pettigrew, Mantle, Cannon and Squire were conspicuous by their absence. All of them except Mr. Teller were in the city and could have attended if they had been so disposed. Indeed some of them were in their committee rooms in the capitol while the caucus was in progress. The following letter was sent by Senator Dubois to the caucus and was read soon after the meeting was called to order by Senator Sherman: "I hereby resign my position as secretary of the caucus of Republican senators. I also resign my position as a member and secretary of the Republican advisory or 'steering' committee of the Senate." The silver men had found it impossible to communicate with Mr. Teller, but all expressed confidence that if here he would not have gone into the conference. The holding silverites were conspicuous by their absence, the silver men who remained within the party were, as a rule, exceptionally prompt in their attendance. Mr. Carter, who refused to accept the Dingley tariff bill and declined to walk out of the St. Louis convention, was the second man to enter the caucus chamber, and he was followed closely by Messrs. Wolcott, Mitchell, Shoup, Hansbrough, Cameron, Pritchard, Perkins and Clark, who heretofore had always voted for silver when the question was before the Senate. THE ACTION OF THE CAUCUS. Mr. Dubois' resignation was received without a word of comment. "We have just closed up the ranks and marched on," said one of the participants, in referring to the incident after the close of the meeting. Mr. Lodge moved the election of Mr. Wilson of Washington as secretary, while Mr. Shoup was placed on the steering committee, which was enlarged by the addition of the name of Mr. Hansbrough of North Dakota. The Dingley tariff bill was referred to the steering committee with instructions to investigate as to the likelihood of getting it through and to devise a means to that end if possible. It was the prevailing opinion that the best policy demanded the passage of the bill if possible, but the opinion seemed to be quite as general that this was not within the range of possibility. Mr. Gear brought up the Pacific railroad question, as did Mr. Lodge the immigration bill. The former was referred to the steering committee with instructions to investigate as to the likelihood of getting it through and to devise a means to that end if possible. It was the prevailing opinion that the best policy demanded the passage of the bill if possible, but the opinion seemed to be quite as general that this was not within the range of possibility. Mr. Gear brought up the Pacific railroad question, as did Mr. Lodge the immigration bill. The former was referred to the steering committee with instructions to investigate as to the likelihood of getting it through and to devise a means to that end if possible. It was the prevailing opinion that the best policy demanded the passage of the bill if possible, but the opinion seemed to be quite as general that this was not within the range of possibility.

CUBANS ON THE MESSAGE. Junta Leaders in New York are Disappointed Therewith. NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—The World publishes the following interviews on the views of prominent Cubans on the President's message: Piedad Pierot, of the junta—"The message is an enigma and a puzzle. I should have a far higher regard for Mr. Cleveland had he simply announced that the United States government was opposed to the cause of human liberty and sympathized with Spain's efforts to crush the revolution. The message will not make a particle of difference one way or the other, so far as the revolution is concerned. If the soldiers of Gomez and Maceo realize that the measure means that the United States will not raise a finger to stop Weyler's butcheries they will fight with that terrible energy that is born of despair. Cleveland's talk about autonomy only shows how little he really knows of the real state of affairs. The idea of autonomy is dead. Scarcely anyone in Cuba, even among the Spanish themselves, considers it seriously. The autonomist party went to pieces months ago. For us now there are left only the two alternatives— independence or extermination." Dr. Henry G. Zayas—"The president's message is decidedly unsatisfactory to both sides. The Cubans had a right to expect more, but the consolation remains that he treats Spain with the scorn which she deserves for her weak and cruel rule. Toward the end the president promises that at some future time his attitude will be clearly defined. Let us hope, then, that he will act in accordance with the expressed wish of the American people." Dr. Rafael Navarro of the Cuban sanitary corps—"Cleveland does not say anything in his message; he does not mean to say anything. It is words, words and only words. My hope is in Congress."

Lady Brooke Acquitted. PENNY, Ohio, Dec. 10.—Lady Brooke, wife of Lord R. T. Brooke, who is said to be very wealthy, was acquitted here of perjury in the United States court. The trial lasted several days and was exciting from the first. Able counsel were employed on both sides. The case grew out of land contest in the local land office. At the Same Old Game. MANASSAS, Va., Dec. 10.—A farmer named Springston, residing in Clark county fifty miles south of this place, has just been hanged and robbed of \$200 by the old game goods awboda.

RESOURCES OF ALABAMA.

Recited in the Inaugural Address of Governor Johnston. Governor Joseph F. Johnston was inaugurated Governor of Alabama Dec. 1. Before taking the oath of office he delivered a long address, sounding the keynote of his administration, which is to promote the development of Alabama's resources and improve the condition of her people. Speaking of the resources of the state he said: "With an area of but little more than fifty thousand square miles, there is no territory of like size in the known world so prolific in the variety of its resources; were a wall erected around our state, cutting off all access, we could produce within our borders everything necessary for the comfort or convenience of man. Great veins of iron ore and seams of coal put at our command almost boundless resources in fuel, iron, and steel. Splendid forests of yellow pine here stand ready to build homes for millions of people. Building stone and marble, fire clay, kaolin and lime exist in great abundance; walnut, maple, oak, cherry, ash and other hard woods await the hand of man for manufacture or the adornment of our homes. In the production of pig iron we take rank as the fourth state in the union; in iron ore, third; in coal we stand fifth; in the production of cotton, fourth, and in its manufacture, fourth. In lumber we are near the head of the list. It would be unjust should I fail to include in our minerals copper, lead, graphite, marl and gold; indeed, the only mineral that we seem to be without and to want most is silver. Leaving forest and mine and coming to our fields we find that they produce generously cotton, corn, wheat, rye, oats, tobacco, rice and the grasses and here is the home of the pear, the peach, the grape and all small fruits. Vegetables are grown with great success, and this industry is steadily developing. Our splendid rivers, the Alabama, Coosa, Tallapoosa, Warrior, Cahaba, Bigbee and the Tennessee, are the liquid arteries of the commonwealth, fed by innumerable creeks, all fruitful in power to convert our raw products into articles of merchandise. Over 3,000 miles of railroads traverse our state from north to south, and east to west, furnishing quick transportation to market for our products. When we come to our climate we find that the Giver of all good things has not stayed His hand, and that He has blessed us with opportunity to labor twelve months in the year without detriment to health or comfort. Indeed, we can scarcely appreciate the blessings we enjoy in this respect when compared with less favored regions, for even now we are seemingly unconscious that roses are blooming in our gardens, and the fragrant air is sweet with their perfume."

With a profound gratitude to the God of our fathers, that our lots have been cast in this sunny land, let us beseech Him to send warmth and vitality and enduring growth into every field of endeavor, that will make us strong to accomplish the things that make a state loved at home and revered abroad."

The Shoe and Leather Reporter publishes each week a list of shipments of boots and shoes. The issue of November 26 shows a total for the preceding week of 67,965 cases shipped; the corresponding week of last year showed 60,825 cases. Only five houses in the United States had a larger number of cases shipped to them than did Bentley & Olmsted of Des Moines, who had a little more than twice as many as all the other dealers in Iowa.

LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

Quotations From New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha and Elsewhere.

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