WHISPERINGS OF THE WIRE IN FEW WORDS.

Miscellaneous News Notes Gathered From This and Other Countries-Accidental. Criminal, Political, Social and Otherwise-Crisp Condensations From All Quarters.

Monday, Feb. 7. The appointment of Robert Bredon

as deputy inspector general of Chinese customs is officially anounced. The German ship Else, which was wrecked at Maasvatke, Holland, on January 22, while bound from Savan-

nah for this country, has gone to pieces.

The annual report of Department Commander Young, of the Oklahoma G. A. R., shows that on January 1, 1898, there were fifty-four posts in the territory.

Assistant Secretary Webster Davis has been selected to deliver the oration at the annual Memorial day ovservances by the G. A. R. on the battlefield of Gettysburg.

In a padded cell at the San Francisco receiving hospital, C. Dordano, a nephew of Francisco Duernas, expresident of Salvador, is trying to starve himself to death.

James Allison was hanged at On-tarlo for the murder of Mrs. Anthony Orr, near Galt, on August 9.

Senator Walthall of Mitsissippi is recovering from his late attack of grippe. His progress toward recovery is satis-

Daniel McClelland, aged 44 years, employed in paint works, committed suicide at St. Louis by putting his head beneath the ponderous wheels of a machine known as a "putty chaser."

An almost perfect fresco, painted by Domenico del Ghirlandajo, the illustrious Florentine painter, has been dis-covered in the Church of San Salvadore d'Ognissanti, in Florence. Among the figures is a portrait of Amerigo

An order reducing the shop forces between Omaha and Ogden 10 per cent was issued by the Union Pacific. Two hundred and seventy-five men are dismissed from the shops at Omaba, Grand Island, North Platte, Sidney, Cheyenne, Laramie and Ogden.

A cablegram received at the war department from Dr. Jackson at Alten, Norway, says that the steamer Manitoba had just sailed from that port with 500 reindeer and eighty-seven Lapland men and women to care for the animals and drive them on the government relief expedition when they arrive in Alaska,

Tuesday, Feb. 8.

Joseph P. Smith, director of the Bureau of American Republics, is dead.

The house committee on labor reported favorably the bill for a commission to inquire into the conditions of

labor, agriculture, etc. By the premature explosion of a blast at the Alabama mine at Whitlock, Ariz., Thomas Beckerleg and W. J. Delbrige were killed.

Mr. Gladstone, accompanied by Mrs. Gladstone, drove to church on Sunday and received communion. He was able to wak without assistance.

At a meeting of representative popuilsts held at Birmingham, Ala., it was decides to return to the democratic party and participate in democratic

James A. Hearne stepped from the stage to the pulpir at Chicago to deliver a eulogy of Henry George, who was his personal friend, in the Church

of the Redeemer. The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says a telegram re-ceived there from St. Petersburg says Russia and Germany have signed a icontract for the issuance of a Chinese

John E. . ierce of Ma a Gorda county. Texas, has sold 25,000 acres of land to the Grand Army of the Republic people, upon which they intend to establish a colony and organize a co-operative community.

Mrs. John A. Martin, wife of the late ex-Governor Martin of Kansas, who now receives, by special act of congress, a \$40 per month pension, is be ing talked of as a candidate for the Atchison, Kan., postmastership.

Mrs, Christine Biancoch of St. Louis has commenced suit agains ex-Cashier C. W. Bergesch for recovery of several mortgage bonds of the Citizens' railway, valued at \$7,620, which she alleges

Bergesch has failed to account for. According to a special dispatch from Shanghai Admiral Sir Alexander commander-in-chief of the British fleet on the China station, has arrived there and an important ex- ery. change of views by cable has occurred.

Wednesday, Feb. 9. Five workmen were rescued from an

an ice flow near Cleveland. The new fast train from Chicago to

Denver got through on time. Stock in the Standard Oil company

is in great demand in New York. Congressman Greene of Nebraska

has introduced an anti-trust bill. It is reported that Sir Robert Peel London, is to adopt the stage as a ca-

The Lee party of ten men left Du-buque, la, last night for the Klondike, the fourth party to leave there for the gold fields.

At a sale in Edinburgh of Burns' works a copy of the first Kilmarnock edition in the original paper covers. uncut, brought £572.

The Buffalo Beet Sugar company of Brant, Erie county, tN. Y.i. was incorporated with a capital stock of \$600,000 in shares of \$100 each, to manufacture and refine best sugar.

The correspondent of the Associated Press is privately informed that the estions in dispute between Peruand Chille will be satisfactorily arranged before the end of February.

The property of the Anchor line, which recently failed, was put on sale at Cario, lit, by the United States mar-shal. The steamer Hill City was sold o Captain Sims of St. Louis for \$25,-

The American National bank, Chi- GLAD HAND HELD OUT IRRIGATION MOVING. cago, has been authorized to begin business: capital, \$1,000,000.

John W. Breidenthal, state banking commissioner of Kansas, revoked the icense of the Westmoreland State bank today. It is the first time in the history of the state that a solvent bank has been closed in this way.

The delegations of Lower Brule and Rosebud Indians from South Dakota, which have been in Washington for the past ten days, have about reached an agreement, whereby 450 of the former tribe will locate on the reservation of the latter.

Thursday, Feb. 10. Illinois democrats will hold their

state convention Tuesday, May 17. The city council of Victor, Colo., has dismissed the entire police force and appointed new officers.

Porch climbers in St. Louis got \$7,000 worth of Gems from Mrs. West. They missed \$23,000 worth.

H. J. Heinz of Boston has consented to extend his donation of \$10,000 to the Kansas university to June 1.

Armed troops of the United States will not be allowed to accompany the American relief expedition to Daw-

Hugh Matheson, head of the firm of Jardine, Matheson & Co., and president of the Tinto Mining company, London, is dead.

Jesse Grant has a scheme on foot for buying 50,000 acres of land in Old Mexico, which he proposes to colonize with Americans. The south and west commercial congress met in their fifth annual ses-

sion at Tampa, Fia. The first day was devoted to addresses. J. H. Polk, aged sixty-five years, and postmaster of Goodwin's station. Georgia, was murdered at his home by

unknown parties and his store robbed. Commencing next Sunday, the Burlington will put on a fast train on the Billings, Mont., branch, shortening the time between Lincoln and Eillings

H. Sheeler of Chicago has made a proposition to lift the massive capitol of Ohio and place another story under Mr. Sheeler says he will accomp-

lish this remarkable feat for \$300,000. Superintendent Charles E. Clark of the union printers' of Colorado Springs, Colo., has mailed his resignation to President William Prescott of the International Typographical union, to take effect June 1, next.

Friday, Feb. 11. Ft. Worth, Texas had a \$250,000 fire

The Bartley bond litigation case is now on trial at Omaha.

One Deadwood mining company has sued another for \$22,000. John Schofield of Louisville, Ky.,

shot and killed his father, The Denver water works dispute has been satisfactorily settled.

The de Lome incident is regarded in Madrid as a jingoism intrigue. Four companies of troops will be

dispatched to Alaska by Uncle Sam. Manitoba wheelmen are likely to withdraw from the Canadian associa-

Arthur Sherman, cashler of the Gallatin national bank. New York, is

The gross receipts for the Lilinois Central road for traffic for the month of January are estimated at \$2,303,-Cada

insists that the spirits keep him in bed. He'll be given a bunk in the asy-The house by a vote of 143 to 113,

unseated Mr. Plowman (dem., Ala.) and gave the seat to Mr. Aldrich, re-

About 3,000 trouser makers, of New York, Brooklyn and Brownsy lie, who get from \$5 to \$9 a week for working sixteen hours a day have struck

Saturday, Feb. 12. Williams Bricker, aged 113, died in Pickens county, I. T., the other day.

Eleven dead and twenty-seven missing is the record of the Pittsburg

Senor Segasta says the DeLome inident will not affect relations between the two nations.

Senator Hanna says the feeling in congressional circles is extremely bitter against DcLome.

Gottlieb Fischer, who has painted portraits of kings, is in New York

awaiting pauper transportation. A nervy Emporia (Kansas) woman tackled escaping prisioners and succeeded in preventing a general deliv-

State Senator Robert J. Hanby, prominent as the leader of the Addicks faction of the republican party in Delaware, died suddenly a few days

months.

King Humbert, of Italy, has con-sented that the Duc D'Abruzzi shall andertake the proposed expedition to the North pole. The widow of the late Senator

Kenna will probably remain in Wheeling. W. Va., postoffice, thanks to her senatorial friends. A consignement of 300 birds, representing nearly every species of the

southern climate has been received by the Kansas state university from Yu-The Italian senale has approved the proposal of the savernment prolonging the reduction of the corn duties

from 75 live to 5 . re from April 4 to

May 31 next.

Walker: "I am inclined to thick that the curfew law, keeping children off of the atreets after 3 o'clock, is a good thing." Wheeler: make any difference to me. I herechurt myself to any amount to anything running over them."-Indiana-

polis Journal. Madamer P. party out of office can see a need of.

THE BLUE AND GRAY A HARMO-NIOUS WHOLE.

Nebraska Veterans Gather at Norfolk for Their Annual Encampment and Reunion-An Address of Welcome From an Ex-Confederate-The Glad Hand Cordially Extended.

The Veteran's Encampment.

The Grand Army of the Republic encampment recently held in Norfolk was well attended. It was opened with an address of welcome by Mayor Alexander Bear, who during the war was a surgeon in the confederate army. His remarks were highly appreciated by the "boys," his address being interrupted by enthuisastic applause. At the close of his address he was heartily congratulated and given a rising vote of thanks and his address ordered made a part of the records. He said in part: Gentlemen of the Department of the Grand Army of the Republic: As the

chief executive officer of this city it is my privilege as well as pleasure to welcome you in the name of the city and its inhabitants and to tender you its freeedom and hospitalities. I wel-come you as the survivors of the grandest army that ever marched to battle. I welcome you for your he-role achievements which have been woven into song and story and shall be sung by the children of the republic until time shall be no more. I welcome you because in sunshine and in storm, in victory and defeat, you fol-lowed your flag as a pillar of cloud by lay and fire by night, and left the ecord of your achievements on the brightest pages of your country's hisory. I welcome you, ladies of the Reief corps, for in your sphere you did no less than your fathers, husbands, sons and brothers. You cheered and fanned the flame of their patriotism and gave with resignation your fallen heroes and welcomed home with glistening eyes and grateful hear's the victorious veterans. Lasily, I welcome and salute you as comrades, a oidierly word with all its tender reollections and clustering memories. Yes, I salute you as comrades and though I wore the gray my greeting arries with it my kindest wishes, my warmest esteem and my earnest hopes for your prosperity and welfare. I shall attempt no culogium on the chievements of comrades. living or dead, absent or present. The soldiers on either side of that gigantic struggle gave imperishable prestige and honor to American valor; both sides were actuated by the most exalted motives. Whatever may be the difference about the war and its cause, no brave or generous person can deny that it was made up of deeds of desperate val-great military strategy, unparalleled endurance of hardship and patriotic heroism on either side. You, my friends, felt that republican government and liberty itself was gone if the union of the states was dissolved. The southern soldier believed in the sovereign rights of the states and the union with only certain delegated owers and guaranteed rights and de fending his home and his property from invasion.

The ardor with which they rallied wound their respective flags from invasion and followed them through sacrifices, through danger and death was equal and proves their conscientious patriotism. Each soldier who laid down his life on either side for his country thought that he died for a holy cause. Both sides believed they were right. Self-sacrifice unto death for what a man believes is heroism. and heroism that deserves immortality yes, more than deserves it, carries mmortality in his breast.

On the sixth ballot H. B. Stafford of Plainview was elected junior vice comander. Dr. Jaggard of Lincoln was elected medical director and W. P. lease of Hav Springs as chaplain. Charles F. Manderson was elected delegate-at-large to the national convention at Cincinnati.

The next encampment is was derided should be held at York. A resolution in fevor of substantial ions to the Soldiers homes at Grand sland and Milford was adopted

Reunion of Jayhawkers.

Beaver City dispatch: A reunion of the members of a hardy band of pioneers known as the Jayhawkers of '49 was held at the home of Luther A. Richards near this place the other day. Those present were Col. John B. Colton of Kansas City and Luther A. Richards of Beaver City. Other members were detained by sickness. Letters were read from eight of the old timers. Col. W. F. Cody and Alexander Majors were expected, but were prevented by business engagements.

This association of the survivors of the perils of Death Valley in 1849 meets annually and the day is passed in recounting the adventures and privations of the "days of old, the days of gold." On April 5, 1849, a large number of

The black piagus has broken out in and the newly discovered gold felds. Eastern Yunnan, China. At Chan The party crossed the Missouri river theo 600 deaths occurred in two near where Omaha now stands and the journey across the long stretch of prarie, mountain and desert was commenced. No trouble of importance was encountered until they came to the desert known as Death Valley. They entered the alkali land; hale and hearty men; and those who lived came out living skeletons. It was starvathree months in which they was: in the most desola'e and horr

region. Only thirty-aix of their numhere eleven still survive. The date of their deliverance was February 4,

Bright Prospects for Stockmen. Whitmore dispatch: The cattle in this section are all in good condition, and unless very hard storms and a

great many of them come between now and grass time the losses to cattle growers on the hills will be less this winter than ever known. A carload of young thoroughbred bulls was prought in here a short time aince and they were quickly disposed of at good figures. The stockmen of this section are spending large suma to improve the quality of their herds and expect to rean their reward in better

prices for young stock.

FICURES SHOWING EXTENT OF THE INDUSTRY.

Many Miles of Ditch are Being Used and Thousands More are Under Construction-Total Cost of the Work Compared With Total Value of the Land-Big and Valuable Investments.

Ditching the State.

If all the irrigation canals in Nebraska were stretched out in a straight line they would reach from Omaha to Boston, and the canals now being constructed, if attached to the west end of the line would reach from Omaha to Ogden. The projected ditches, permits for which applications have been filed, if added to the canal would stretch from Boston to San Francisco and then many miles north toward Alaska. The increase in the value of the land now under irrigation, if converted into money and divided up among the people of Nebraska would give each man, woman and child \$9 apiece, with an odd \$750,000 over and above. Most of the canals now in use or being constructed were established by permits secured under the old irrigation law. The law was changed in 1895, but practically all of the water permits up to the present time have been secured under this law. The applications made under the new law since 1895 have mostly been compelled to wait until it could be ascertained that there would be water to spare after the ditches under the old permits had been put in. Thus the following showing of the irrigation ditches constructed or in course of construction, up to December 30, 1897, are all from permits secured under the old law:

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	Miles	con-	course of
County.		ucted.	contruc'n
Adams		0.50	
Anterope		1.75	0.40
Banner		9.95	2.25
Blaine		4.65	2.25
Box Butte		3.50	
Boyd		1.25	0.50
Brown		3.60	14.90
Buffalo		16.65	34.95
Boone		0.75	3.75
Chase		51.35	16.50
Cherry		6.50	10.90
Cheyenne		161.68	69.91
Custer		48.25	51.65
Dawes		90.20	76.65
Dawson	1	128.75	125.00
Deuel		75.10	145.40
Dundy		68.39	20.40
Franklin		2.88	2.75
Frontier		2.06	1.56
Furnas		18.80	17.00
Garfield		8.60	1.75
Hayes		1.45	0.80
Hitchcock		57.25	84.90
Holt		125.65	12.60
Keerney		4.10	0.40
Keith		73.90	39 21
Keya Paha		27.96	15.70
Kimball		23.85	0.60
Loup		8.00	34.75
Lincoln	1	158.65	102.55
Platte		1.60	3.50
Red Willow		18.52	11.50
Rock		1.00	15.00
Scotts Bluff		91.25	26.75
Sheridan		4 20	33 70
Sherman		15.00	11.09
Sioux		59.33	13 91
Thomas		5 50	36.50
Valley		48.55	35.00
Grand total	1.4	30.38	1.067 94

In the thirty-nine counties 1,216,524 acres of land have been placed under irrigation and the estimated increase in the value of the land on account of the irrigation is \$9,732.192, or at the rate of \$8 per acre. The cost of the irrigation work up to date has been \$1,576,383.44, and the estimated cost of the total mileage when the ditches now in course of construction are completed, reaches \$3.140.385.54. The largest amount expended in any one county has been in Dawson, where up to date the 253.75 miles of ditches, completed and in course of construction, have cost \$474.813.23, and almost as much more will be needed to complete the work. The number of acres in this county receiving water from these ditches is 257.720, and the estimated increase in the value of the land is \$2,061,760. Next to Dawson the county having already expended the most money is Hitchcock, where it has cost \$160,290.79 to prepare ditches for the watering of 42,480 acres, it being estimated that the completion of all the works in this county will cost \$225,027. In point of number of acres watered Deuel county comes next to Dawson, having 166.333 acres of watered lands, the cost up to date being \$45,844.25. and the estimated cost to complete all works. \$358,045.25. Adams county for the smallest cost, its one-half mile of ditch having been put in at an expense of \$250, watering seventy acres land and increasing the value of the watered lands \$560, or over double the cost of the ditch. Taking into consideration the small mileage the most expensive works are in Franklin county, where the 5.63 miles of duch will cost \$23,803, watering 345 acres of land, the value of which is increased

\$2,760. Under the law the applications filed with the state board of irrigation between April 4, 1895, and December 20. 1897, from 415 persons and companies who desire to appropriate the public waters of the state are distributed over fifty-two counties and foot up to the following to:als: Miles of ditch, 2570,-95, estimated cost, \$6 573,371 55; number of acres to be watered, 3.159,797; estimated increase in the value of the land when placed under irrigation, \$25,278,-

A party of Kearney business men are clubbing together to send a represen-

Schools and the Exposition

Lincoln dispatch: The applications from the schools of Nebraska for space in the educational exhibit at the expostion are now all in and on file at the of the state superintendent. Schools employing a total of 2,239 teachers have applied for space. These applications come from 293 rural dis-tricts, 178 graded schools, 8 state in-stitutions, 5 private schools, 4 denominational schools and 1 Chautauqua. The rural schools employ 293 teachers: graded schools, 1,696; the state institutions, 165, and the private and denommaticnal, 85.

Lady Guest (to hostess): "Really I don't know how many I've had al- who is in the Klondike:

"What did you think of the living pictures?" asked the student boarder. "I thought they were barely fair." "I." answered the Cheerful Idiot. "thought they were fairly bare."-Indianapolis Journal.

"I am going to start a little magazine. Give me a snappy name for it."
"Well how will the 'The Yellow Dog' do?"-Chicago Tribune.

The number of minor planets known between Mars and Jupiter now considerably exceeds 400, of which M. Charlois of Nice has discovered eighty-six while Herr Palisa, the Australian astronomer, has detected eighty-three. 'em anywhere."-Truth.

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Delusion-Something a man likes to hug, especially if it's in the form of a

couldn't eat another hot roll, dear. I the following letter from his brother ready!" Freddy (sitting opposite): "I Stay weher you aid. I'm sorry I ever do; you've eaten eight! I've been come here. At this writin' my hat is counting."—Boston Globe. froze to my head, and if I wuz to go to church I could'nt pull it off. My

boots is likewise. Two weeks ago I Watts-"There is no such thing as telling the quality of whisky that you Lushforth taste these days, is there?" —"No. The only test is the feel." Watts—'The feel?" Lusforth—"Yes. And you have to wait till the next morning for that." Indianapolis Journal.

"I'm told Baldry loses his head the minute he begins to drink liquor." 'No, he keeps it and uses it for a funnel."-Detroit Journal.

The B. and O. and Greater New York.

The Baltimore and Ohio rallroad now runs its freight trains over its own tracks into New York city. Years ago a line was built from Cranford Junction on the Jersey Central railroad to St. George's, Staten Island, crossing the Kill Von Kull on a long bridge and trestle work, and all B. & O. freight, either inbound or outbound, was handled from that point. The recent extension of the limits of New York city has made Staten Island a part of Greater New York, and the B. & O. now enjoys the distinction of being the only line from the west, except one, which has its own rails into the city of New York.

CAUSE FOR ALARM.

How baldness begins. How to prevent it.

Every person, male or female, shrinks from baldness. It adds to the appearance of age and is a serious discomiort. The cases are rare when the falling out of the hair may not be stopped, and a new and healthy growth of the hair promoted. The soil. If a plant flourishes, it must have constant attention; it must be watered regularly and find its food in the soil where it is rooted. It's so with the hair. Neglect is usually the beginning of baldness. Dandruff is allowed to thicken on the scalp. The hair begins to loosen. The scalp loses its vitality. The hair, insufficiently nourished, begins to fade and to fall. The instant need in such a case is some practical preparation which, supplying the needed nourishment to the scalp, will feed the hair, give it strength, and so produce a strong and healthy growth. All this is done by Dr. Ayer's Hair Vigor, the most practical and valuable preparation for the hair that can be obtained. It tones up the scalp, does away with dandruff, stops the hair from falling, restores the original color to gray or faded

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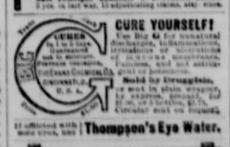


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