THE HERALD.

TELEGRAPHIC!

THE KING OF ITALY DEAD.

Statement of English Crops.

Kansas City holds a Silver Meeting.

ROME, January 9, 1878.—In the afternoon sacraments were administered to King Victor Emanuel. The King then summoned Prince Humbert, the heir apparent, and his wife, Princess Marguerita, to his bedside, with whom he conversed a few moments. The King then summoned all those who were in the habit of approaching him. He addressed to every one present some words, and a few moments after died. The news of his death soon spread through the city, and caused great emotion among the people. All shops were closed.

Prince Hubert was proclaimed King of Italy. He confirmed the present ministers in their posts.

KANSAS CITY, January 10.—A meeting of business men, merchants and bankers, was held at the Board of Trade rooms yesterday, at which strong resolutions were passed demanding the remonetization of silver and the repeal of the resumption act. A resolution was also passed in regard to the refusal of the Union Pacific railroad to prorate with the K. P., and calling on Congress to declare the charter of the Union Pacific void unless it complied with the laws. The meeting was the largest and most representative assemblage of business men ever held in the city.

LONDON, Jan. 9.—A Russian official telegram states that a Russian detachment which had crossed the Balkans by by ways, occupied Tuesday's position in the rear of the Turkish fortifications in the Trojan pass. The Turks being also attached in front, abandoned their positions, which were occupied by the Russians whose vanguard advanced in the direction of Tek. The Russian loss in these operations is unimportant.

A St. Petersburg dispatch says the hollowness of the Turkish resistance in Trojan pass, is regarded here as a sign that the Turkish losses are irretrievable. It is pointed out that the Russian losses although great, are considerably less than half a normal year's contingent recruits.

The Mark Lane Express' crop returns for the year 1877 show that except hay all crops have been below the average. The wheat crop has been the most deficient of all, only six of the 509 returns representing it as over the average, and no less than 369 describing it as below. According to the tables, it was even a worse crop than that of 1875, which was the most deficient crop previously had during fifteen years.

The barley crop, too, was the smallest grown within the same period.

THE pupils of Mr. and Mrs. McMurphy's female seminary, Racine, gave an entertainment on Monday evening in the chapel of St. Luke's Church for the benefit of that society, which was attended by a very large and interested audience. The entertainment was opened with some choice music by that excellent trio Miss Duncombe, Dr Munroe and Russie McMurphy. Tableau—The First Earring. Robin Adair by Miss Duncombe. The principal feature was the play of Rosiere of Salency, in which the characters were cast as follows.

Countess de Belleville	Miss Coleman
Mme. Bonneaur (old lady)	Miss Baker
Mme. Mimago (Gossip)	Miss Bacon
Claudine, Martin, Jeanneaton, Louison, Marguerite (Peasant Girls)	Miss Erskine, Miss Tillapaugh, Miss Duncombe, Miss Elmendorf, Miss Rogers
Adele (The Rosierie)	Miss Annie Elmendorf
Bethna (Servant)	Mrs. McMurphy

The characters were all well teiken and in some of them real dramatic ability was displayed. Between the acts Miss Clara Rogers gave an exquisite rendition of "Sonatu" and Miss Annie Elmendorf "Waiting". G. R. McDowell, of Racine College, sang a solo which was received with general applause, and some excellent tableau statuary, "Sisters of Bethany", be Misses Doolittle and Case completed an entertainment which was a credit to all concerned and a rare pleasure to the audience.—[Milwaukee *Sentinel*.

An Engine Of Destruction.

BOX 150, BATON ROUGE, LA. Dec. 31, 1877.

To the Editor of The Inter Ocean.

I will feel under obligations to you if you will place me in communication with your correspondent at Washington, D. C. If my Union feelings were not very strong, I could have accepted a commission in the rebel service, and could have made known a new mode of warfare, by which every harbor in the United States could be made shipless and homeless, I wish to bring the matter now before the government.

When the United States fleet came to New Orleans, in 1862, I went on board the flag-ship Hartford (Commodore Farragut, late Admiral), and asked to be sent to Washington. I explained the method. When he heard me, he said: "If my government would use such a barbarous mode of warfare I would resign."

He treated very kindly to cigars and brandy, and sent me to my home on the supply steamship Tennessee, there being no communication allowed by General Butler between New Orleans and Baton Rouge at that time. After the war I called on him (the Admiral) at the Ebbitt House, and at his private house in New York City, by invitation. I asked for a letter to the Navy Department, telling of my offer at New Orleans, which he declined, saying he could procure a pilot boat for me in New York harbor. As I had introduced myself as an engineer and chemist, I felt a little hurt at the offer, but when I remember he sent me on board the Richmond, Captain Alden (late Admiral), to examine the damages reported to have been done by the rebel ram commanded by Hollins, that "I might tell the lying rebels what I saw." Again at Baton Rogue he sent me on board the Essex, Commodore Porter (now Admiral) that I might see the Essex received at Vicksburg While at Baton Rouge he received instructions from me three times referring to inventions of mine in reference to navigation. One was a simple way of finding out a ship's lee-way in a storm; the other was a sure way to correct local attraction of the compass on board by the use of a solar compass Therefore I conclude he took me for a sea captain when he offered a pilot-boat.

On every occasion that he sent me on board any vessel he sent his private Secretary with me. What I want to find out is if Admiral Porter remembers the circumstance. I would like to know the name of the private Secretary of that flagship, also the name of the officers of the gunboat Varona, as the had charge of the Tennesee after the loss of the Varona at Fort Jackson.

I claim no ironclad can be built that I cannot sink with one invention, or burn up with the other. The latter I can apply to any merchant steamer in twelve hours. If she could run thirty miles an hour she would not run as fast as my invention could destroy everything she would pass. My invention inside a fort would make twenty men equal to 2,000 outside. My invention outside would destroy the fort and make things equal. I remain your obedient servant.

THOMAS BYRNE.

Nebraska Volunteer Weather Service.

To the Editor of the Herald.

The accurate and full knowledge of the distribution of rain over our State is of great importance to the agricultural interests of the people and to physical science. No general system of observations is in operation whereby the people, especially the farmers, can learn how much rain has fallen during the season, or how this fall compares with that of the past seasons. This knowledge is not only of great scientific importance, but of high practical value, since the amount of rainfall and its distribution each season necessarily influences the condition of the crops.

A full system of reports will soon enable the people to decide a number of questions which depend on this knowledge of our climate. In order to supply this deficiency it is proposed to establish a system of weather stations similar to those proposed by the International Meteorological Congress, and now in successful operation in Iowa and a number of other states, to be known as "The Nebraska Volunteer Weather Service." It is not intended to invade the field already filled by the signal service, the aim being to study as carefully as possible the climate of the state.

The only instruments absolutely necessary are a rain guage and scale, which will be furnished at cost. Any other instruments desired will be furnished at cost. The cost of rain gauge and scale will not exceed one dollar, with graduate glass cylinder, (the most accurate measure) the cost will not exceed three dollars. All blanks for records will be furnished in duplicate, one set to be retained and the other to be forwarded at the end of the month to Lincoln. Full instructions for recording all phenomena that can be observed without instrumental aid will be furnished by volunteers. Reports will be furnished to the press of the state monthly, Volunteers are requested from every county in Nebraska. Please forward your names at once. If sufficient encouragement is received work will commence with February 1st. 1878. It is proper to state that this work is undertaken under the auspices of the Agricultural College of the State University, Lincoln being the central station, and that for my services as director, I shall receive no pecuniary compensation.

Papers throughout the State are requested to copy. Respectfully yours.

GILBERT E. BAILEY, Director.

E. B. FAIRFIELD,
President University of Nebraska.

A Wonderful Invention.

[From the N. Y. Daily Graphic.]

An invention all frugal wives will appreciate—in fact, an article that even rivals the sewing machine in usefulness—is now on exibition at the Broadway store of the Wilson Sewing Machine Company, in this city; yet it is so wonderfully simple that it can scarcely be classed as an invention, and a wonder to everybody that it was not discovered years ago. The invention consists in a very simple little attachment of the Wilson shuttle sewing machine for darning all kinds of rips, tears, worn out places, etc., in clothing, table and bed linen, stockings, underwear, etc., in the same manner that it is done by hand, and leaves the repaired part scarcely discernable. The operator of the sewing machine can darn a large-sized hole in a bed sheet or table cloth almost instantaneously. It is to be regretted, however, that this wonderful invention is patented and owned by the Wilson Sewing Machine Company, of Chicago Ill., who will not permit its use except with one of its make of sewing machines, which, the Company's manager states, is furnished with each of the Wilson shuttle sewing machines without extra price. Truly, this is a golden nest-egg for the Wilson Sewing Machine Company, and, it is said, they are running their works day and night and making and selling 300 machines a day.

As two children were playing together, little Jane got angry and pouted. Johny said to her, "Look out, Jane, or I'll take a seat up there on your lips." "Then," replied Jane, quite cured of her pouts, "I'll laugh, and you'll fall off."—Boston Journal.

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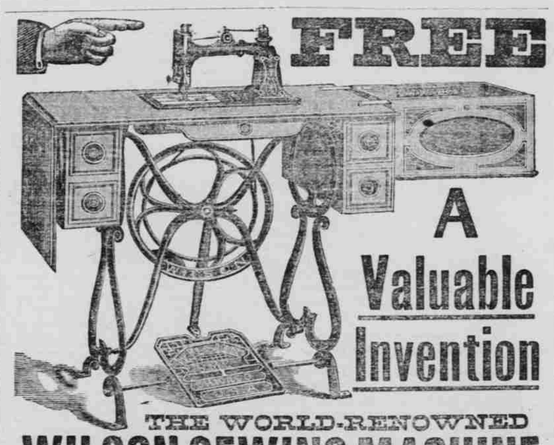

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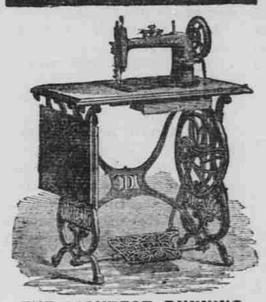

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