

Some cases of destitution are reported from Sioux county.

The Falls City creamery building was completely destroyed by fire.

The citizens of Beatrice favor ward reduction in the interest of reform.

All the churches of Fairbury have united in a series of revival meetings.

John C. Edmondson, a prominent citizen of Fremont, died last week from appendicitis.

North Platte has a bachelor ladies' club numbering twenty-eight.

It recently held a banquet, at which the bill of fare was sandwiches, coffee and pickles.

V. Barton, a farmer living west of Hay Springs, caught his hand in the run gear of his wind mill and was badly lacerated.

H. Fishback, a Beatrice dealer in poultry, last week received nearly 10,000 pounds of rabbits from points in Kansas.

There were about 2,000 of them cotton tails.

The doors of the Standard glass and paint company, one of the largest wholesale houses in Lincoln, were closed last week by local creditors on mortgages aggregating slightly over \$7,000.

Forty thousand pounds of twenty-four-inch iron tubing came in over the Burlington from Columbus, O.

The Tribune, for the Crawford citizens' ditch, a portion of which is to be used at the dam at the reservoir.

William Dacy, one of the early settlers of Box Butte county, became tired of trying to dig a fortune out of his farm and went to the Black Hills to prospect.

He staked out a claim last fall and sold it the other day for \$14,000.

The marriage record in the Cass county judge's office shows 148 licenses issued in 1896.

This is a decrease of fifteen as compared with 1895, the hard times probably affecting the matrimonial market as much as any other line of business.

Church services were resumed in Osceola last Sunday, and the school has also commenced.

The school was closed for three weeks. It is thought the danger from diphtheria is passed, as there are but a few cases, and they all of a mild type.

The directors of the Platte county fair association, after having advertised for many months for bids to sell the fair grounds and all equipments, held a meeting last week and reviewed the bids.

All were rejected. The fair will be held this year as usual.

John G. Kramer of Nebraska City has brought suit against Joe Snyder and his sureties for \$5,000 damages.

Snyder runs a saloon in Dunbar, where, on Sept. 14, 1896, Kramer was beaten over the head with a beer bottle by Snyder. He claims to have lost his power of speech, which he thinks is worth \$5,000.

Frank Youm of Ogallala, who shot and killed James Van while chivaring a newly married couple at the Union Pacific depot in that place, December 23, 1896, had his preliminary hearing and was bound over to the district court under the charge of manslaughter.

His trial will take place at the next term of court.

An agent who has made his headquarters at McCool Junction for a couple of months has succeeded in selling a large number of pairs of spectacles to the farmers, their wives, and even the children and the hired men.

He has convinced nearly everybody that they need glasses, and has taken in nearly a thousand dollars.

The city attorney of Hastings has decided that the last election held in that city for the purpose of voting \$8,000 bonds for water works improvement was illegal.

His decision was made on the grounds that the legal publication notice had only been run ten days, when it should have run thirty days prior to the election.

J. M. Russel & Son of Wymore have recently leased 160 acres of land one mile east of Lincoln Normal for fifteen years for orchard purposes.

Their intention is to grow fruit nearer to railroads. Lincoln being a good distributing point for fruit in car lots or locally, having favorable freight rates.

Their peach orchards at Wymore are from four to nine miles east of the station. Their crop in '96 was 75,000 baskets, selling at 50 cents down as low as 20 cents per basket at wholesale.

They will plant extensively this spring.

Thomas Cooley, a highly respected young man, 19 years of age, and the only son of S. R. Cooley, was kicked in the breast by a horse and killed instantly.

It occurred at their home adjoining Waverly. The shock to the parents is extremely great, it being the death of the second grown son and one daughter within the past fifteen months.

John Connors of Fort Scott, Kan., was in Sioux City en route to Wayne, Neb., where he has been negotiating with John T. Bressler and others of Fort Scott to erect a beet sugar factory in the Nebraska town.

It is proposed to build a factory with a capacity of 200 tons of beet sugar a day. Mr. Connors says the plant will cost about \$150,000 and is confident it will be built.

Bessie Montgomery, youngest child of John Montgomery of Greenwood, died of membranous croup. The mother of deceased is said to be a Christian science healer. The little sufferer passed away surrounded by a few of these believers, and no physician was summoned.

The Floride (New Mexico) Black Range brings to W. F. McLaughlin of Grand Island, the following as a sort of New Year's greeting: "John Yaple has completed assessment work on the Melissa mining claim of W. F. McLaughlin of Grand Island, Neb. The claim is a 1 prospect and is showing up in good shape."

MAJOR M'KINLEY'S CALLERS

JUDGE M'KENNA OF CALIFORNIA AT CANTON.

HE TRAVELED FIVE DAYS.

Decidedly Non-Committal as to the Purpose of His Visit—Quay and Penrose Also Call and Have a Conference—The Inauguration Train Schedule is Now Mapped Out.

CANTON, Ohio, Jan. 18.—After five days of continuous travel Judge Joseph McKenna of San Francisco reached here early this morning.

Asked as to whether he had come here at the solicitation of the President-elect, he replied: "While I always desire to do all I can for the newspapers, I must decline to answer that question."

"How long will you be in the city, judge?"

"Oh, maybe a day or two; maybe not so long; I can't tell."

In further conversation the judge admitted that he was fully aware that his name had been mentioned in connection with a cabinet portfolio, but said he did not know that any more than that would transpire.

Asked as to a preference, if he were asked to express one, for a cabinet position, he said: "That I must also decline to state. You know lawyers are given the right to object even before a question is answered. Naturally to lawyers the secretaryship of the treasury and the attorney generalship would be preferable."

The interior is also a desirable place. Some of the best cabinet officers the country has ever had have been lawyers, who occupied the navy and other portfolios."

IN AUGURATION TRAINS.

Arrangements Are Completed for Mr. McKinley and His Military Escorts.

CLEVELAND, O., Jan. 18.—Colonel George A. Garrison, chairman of the transportation and escort committee for the coming inauguration of Mr. McKinley, has completed a programme for the running of special trains carrying the President-elect and escorts.

The train with the President-elect and party will leave Canton on March 1 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon and arrive in Washington the following morning at 11 o'clock.

By request of Mr. McKinley no attempt will be made at fast time. In addition to the President-elect and party this train will carry the inaugural transportation committee and the newspaper representatives.

The Eighteenth Ohio regiment, located at Canton, will leave on a special train in advance of the presidential train and will act as an escort to the President-elect from the Pennsylvania station to the Eblitts house in Washington.

QUAY AND PENROSE.

The Pennsylvania Senators Guests of Mr. McKinley.

CANTON, Ohio, Jan. 18.—Senator Matthew S. Quay and Senator-elect Penrose of Pennsylvania arrived here this morning and were met at the depot by Secretary Charles O. Cooper of the McKinley household and driven directly to the McKinley home, where they were cordially welcomed by the President-elect.

Senator-elect Penrose said that a part of their mission to Canton was to talk in Governor Hastings's interest as a cabinet possibility. He did not say to which position they hoped to see Hastings appointed. Whatever else was talked over, Senator Penrose had nothing further to say.

TO BRING SIAM TO TERMS.

The Gunboat Machias Ordered to Bangkok for Minister Barrett's Use.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—At the instance of the state department, the secretary of the navy has ordered the gunboat Machias to Bangkok, the capital of Siam, from Canton, China.

The mission of the ship, according to the records of the navy department is "to protect American interests," but the more definite reason is to afford Mr. Barrett, the United States minister and consul general at Bangkok, moral support in representations he has made to the Siamese government in respect to the treatment of Edward V. Kellett, the vice consul general there, who was recently maltreated by Siamese.

Receiver for the Kansas City "Gazette."

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 18.—The New York Life Insurance company made application to Judge Alden in the district court in Kansas City, Kan., this morning for the appointment of a receiver for the Gazette Printing and Publishing company of Kansas City, Kan. The Gazette leases the first floor and basement of the life insurance company's building at Fifth street and Minnesota avenue, Kansas City, Kan., and the company says it owes \$1,072 for rent.

The Schweinfurth Case Dropped.

ROCKFORD, Ill., Jan. 18.—The marriage of "Messiah" Schweinfurth to Mrs. Tuttle last summer and similar precautionary steps by his followers caused the state's attorney yesterday afternoon to have the cases stricken from the docket with leave to reinstate.

Mrs. Canedy Granted a Divorce.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Jan. 18.—The wife of Charles Canedy, the absconding deputy sheriff and well known politician, secured a divorce to-day. The whereabouts of Canedy is not known. The last heard of him was in Arkansas, but he left there when officers started in pursuit.

Sheriffs Have a Strong Lobby.

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 18.—The Kansas Sheriffs' association has a strong lobby in Topeka to oppose any measure for the reduction of the compensation of sheriffs. J. A. McCollum of Chase county is chairman of the lobby.

A DEFECTIVE TREATY.

AN AGREEMENT SAID TO BE TOO SWEEPING.

Both Parties to the Contract Can Dig Up Unknown Cases—Members of the Senate Declare that Its Terms are Capable of Being Used to Overthrow the Monroe Doctrine—What Ex-Secretary Tracy Has to Say.

The Late Peace Treaty.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—A member of the Senate committee on foreign relations stated that the general arbitration treaty subject was so vast that it was necessary to give the matter very close consideration.

He said that one phase might be instanced: At present there might not be anything in view to arbitrate, yet, after general arbitration had been agreed upon, any number of unknown cases might be presented by one of the parties and numerous claims presented which were unheard of, might be brought forward. These unknown quantities might be a serious objection to making any definite agreement.

Another case instanced by a senator who has given the subject some thought was Cuba. Under certain conditions the United States might desire to take action regarding the island and assert the Monroe doctrine. The European powers, Great Britain included, might dispute the right of the United States, under the Monroe doctrine, or any other doctrine, to interfere and the matter so far as Great Britain was concerned must go to arbitration.

Reference was also made to the Monroe doctrine resolutions now pending in the Senate in which the declaration was made that the United States reserved the right to decide when the doctrine applied.

MONETARY REFORM PLAN.

The Indianapolis Convention Idea—For the Gold Standard.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 15.—The monetary conference adopted the following plan of action by a large majority vote. The report was vigorously opposed by Congressman Walker of Massachusetts, chairman of the house committee on banking.

This convention declares that it has become absolutely necessary that a consistent, straightforward and deliberately planned monetary system shall be inaugurated, the fundamental basis of which should be:

"First—That the present gold standard shall be maintained.

"Second—That the present gold standard should be taken to secure the ultimate retirement of all classes of the United States notes by a gradual and steady process and so as to avoid injurious contraction of the currency or disturbances of the business in this country, and an anti-trust retirement provision has been made for a separation of the revenue and note issue departments of the treasury.

"Third—That a banking system be provided which should furnish credit facilities for every portion of the country and elastic circulation, especially with a view of securing such a distribution of the loanable capital of the country as will tend to equalize the rates of interest in all parts thereof.

"For the purpose of effectively promoting the above objects.

"Resolved, That fifteen members of this convention be appointed by the chairman to act as an executive committee while this convention is not in session, with full powers of this convention.

"The executive committee shall have special charge of the solicitation, receipt and disbursement of contributions voluntarily made for all purposes; shall have power to call this convention together again, when and where it may seem best to said committee to do so.

"Resolved, That it shall be the duty of this executive committee to endeavor to procure the passage of the above legislation, which is understood will be called in March next, legislation calling for the appointment of a monetary committee by the President to consider the entire question and to report to Congress at the earliest day possible.

"For the purpose of securing the above legislation they are hereby authorized and empowered to select a committee of eleven members, according to the rules and plans set forth in suggestions submitted to the convention by Mr. Hanna, of Indianapolis.

TO USE THE CORN STALKS.

Edwin S. Cramp Preparing to Start His First Factory in the West.

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—Edwin S. Cramp of the Philadelphia ship-building firm completed plans here to-day for the opening of a factory at Rockford, Ill., about February 1 for the manufacture of ship padding and cattle fodder from cornstalks.

Before the harvesting of the next crop it is expected that several factories will be erected in the corn belt and material which has been heretofore practically worthless will become a source of revenue to the farmers.

Mr. Cramp stated that he had just completed contracts with the American Spirits Manufacturing company to feed their cattle with the substance prepared from the pith, and a goodly portion of the cornstalk crop of 1897 would be used.

"We intend," he went on, "to invest a large amount of capital in making use of the inventions and build factories from year to year in favorable locations throughout the West, so that there would be no expense for transportation to most of those who must have the product."

Mr. Cramp said that the price to be paid for the stalks will be \$2 a ton.

His Fortune Squandered.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Jan. 15.—The body of C. W. Myers, son of a Chicago banker, was found on the floor of his room in a boarding house here to-day, he having committed suicide sometime during the night by shooting himself through the heart. He was 24 years old and had been living in this city about two years. He inherited a fortune from an uncle three years ago, but of late had been in financial straits.

Tied Up by Masked Men.

INDEPENDENCE, Kan., Jan. 15.—As Assistant Postmaster Charles Ray left the postoffice by the rear door about 10 o'clock last night he was met by two masked men, who covered him with their revolvers and demanded his keys. He was then taken into the alley, where he was gagged and tied so that he had to stand on one foot, in which position he remained for nearly three hours. About 1 o'clock he got loose. It was thought that the robbers intended to capture the 1 o'clock mail as it was brought to the postoffice, but when they found that their prisoner had escaped they fled. No clue has been discovered.

THE PACIFIC ROADS.

Senator Morgan Calls for Information in Reference Thereto.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Soon after the Senate met to-day Mr. Morgan of Alabama introduced the following resolution:

"Whereas, It is alleged that certain bonds issued by the United States in aid of the Central Pacific railroad and also the Union Pacific railroad have fallen due and remain unpaid, and that by reason of default the property held and owned by said companies at that time became the property of the United States and that the property of every description so held and owned by said companies at the time of such default now rightfully belongs to the United States.

"Resolved, That the committee on judiciary be directed to examine into and report whether such allegation is true in fact and in law, and that they report the nature and character of the right and title of the United States in and to said property, and the description or class of property that have so inured to the United States under the law, and whether either of said railroad companies has any lawful right or equity of redemption of said property."

The resolution was ordered to lie on the table, Mr. Morgan announcing that he desired to address the Senate upon it.

The House committee on Pacific railroads decided to-day to reopen the question of settlement with the roads, and a subcommittee was appointed to consider the presentation of a substitute for the defeated Powers bill in the line of Mr. Harrison's plan, for a commission to be appointed by the president to represent the government and make a settlement. There will be a hearing on the question next Wednesday.

SHORT SENATE SESSION.

Bacon Upholds the Power of Congress to Recognize New Governments.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The open session of the Senate was much curtailed by an executive session lasting two hours. After this, the balance of the day was given to Mr. Bacon, of Georgia, in a speech upholding the power of Congress to recognize new governments.

In the house a bill to make oleomargarine, butterine and other imitations of dairy products subject to the laws of the states into which they are transported was bitterly opposed by Mr. Williams, Democrat of Mississippi, on the ground that it would establish a dangerous precedent, inasmuch as it would place it in the power of any state to prohibit entirely the sale of a wholesome product by the exercise of its police powers.

The house adjourned at 4:45 p. m., leaving the bill undiscussed.

AGRICULTURAL NEEDS.

Seeds Appropriation Retained—Weather Bureau Provisions Reduced.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The House committee on agriculture has reported the agricultural appropriation bill to the House. The total amount carried is \$3,512,422, a net decrease of \$107,780. The amount carried for salaries is \$25,660 less than the estimates, but \$4,290 more than provided last year.

The appropriation of \$150,000 for seeds was included against the wishes of the secretary of the treasury.

The reduction in appropriations is made under the head of miscellaneous, including the weather bureau. The amount appropriated for the weather bureau is exactly what was finally estimated for and is \$330,000 less than for the current year.

SHERMAN THE MAN.

Will Be Secretary of State Under President McKinley.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—It is positively announced here that Mr. McKinley has tendered the state portfolio to Senator John Sherman of Ohio, and that the distinguished Buckeye statesman has accepted and will be the premier of the incoming administration. Mr. Hanna is to go to the senate. Mr. Alger is also to be a member of Mr. McKinley's cabinet, the post he is to fill being that of secretary of war.

BLISS NOT IN IT.

The New Yorker Positively Declares Himself Out of the Cabinet.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Cornelius N. Bliss to-day confirmed the rumor that he was not to be a member of the next Cabinet, saying: "I am not to be a member of Major McKinley's cabinet." Further than this he would not go. He declined to admit that he had been offered a place in the cabinet. Neither would he give his reasons for offering this statement to-day.

Negotiations Stopped Dealt.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—It is positively denied that the United States and Spain have practically concluded an agreement regarding terms to be offered to the insurgents for the settlement of the Cuban rebellion. It is denied also that a special envoy of Spain has been or is to be sent to the United States as a private negotiator with special instructions from Senor Canovas, the Duke of Tetuan.

\$50,000 for His Wife's Affections.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Frederick B. Colwell, a stock broker, was given a verdict for \$50,000 by a jury of the supreme court against Dr. Charles A. Tinker, for alienating the affections of Mrs. Colwell. Dr. Tinker put in no defense and was neither in court nor represented by counsel.

John D. Rockefeller's Gift.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Jan. 15.—John D. Rockefeller was last night re-elected superintendent of the Sunday school of the Euclid Avenue Baptist church. It was announced that a gift of \$20,000 had been made by Mr. Rockefeller for benevolent work.

Crocker Still an American.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Richard Crocker made a speech at the Tammany Central club last night in which he reiterated that he was out of politics, but denied emphatically that he had taken up his permanent residence in England.

A St. Joseph Traveling Man Flies.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Jan. 13.—A week ago, Traveling Salesman A. A. Quentien for the Englehart-Davison Mercantile company left ostensibly for Key West, but in reality for Kansas City, for his sample trunks are still here.

Miss Lola Francis, an assistant bill clerk for the same establishment and pretty brunette to whom Quentien had been attentive, went to Kansas City at the same time. It is believed that they are now together in New York.

Kid Lavigne Beats Zeigler.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 13.—"Kid" Lavigne, the lightweight champion of the world, and Owen Zeigler, fought six rounds last night in the arena of the Quaker City Athletic club. Lavigne had all the best of the bout, and it looked as if he could have put the Philadelphian to sleep in the first round.

An Old Actor Passes Away.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Jan. 13.—William Stafford, known to old theater-goers as the head of the Stafford company in Shakespearean characters, and a former associate of Booth and Barrett, died suddenly yesterday.

The Success of Frank C. Putnam.

The experience of Frank C. Putnam of Aurora, Hamilton county, Neb., is another proof of the statement that "Nebraska farms pay." Mr. Putnam came to Nebraska in 1872. He had \$100 in cash, two beds, a chest for a dinner table and nail kegs for chairs.

Today he owns 500 acres, all improved, fenced and under cultivation. He also owns a good house in Aurora, where he lives. He says: "Every dollar I possess has been made from my farm."

In our "NEBRASKA BOOK" (40 pages with maps and illustrations), are dozens of statements like that of Mr. Thorpe. They are made by farmers who have made a success of farming. They show that Nebraska is as good a state as any in the Union.

The book in which they appear is as different from the ordinary agricultural pamphlet as day is from night. It is interesting, practical and truthful. It tells you everything you need to know about Nebraska—its climate, people, schools, churches, railroads, markets, soil and crops. It explains why the Nebraska farmer makes money in spite of low prices and hard times. Why land is cheap. And how it is as easy for an intelligent and industrious man to BUY a Nebraska farm as it is to rent one in any state east of the Missouri river.

Every farm renter who wants to become a farm owner; every farm owner who is tired of trying to make money off high-priced land; every father who wants to give his sons a start on the high road to independence, should write for a copy.

J. FRANCIS, Gen'l Pass'r Agt., Burlington Route, Omaha, Neb.

Iowa Patent Office Report.

The largest number of patents ever issued in any one week was 516, on December 29, 1896. Iowa is represented in that number by 13, Nebraska 4, Kansas by 6, Minnesota by 8, New York by 91, and Pennsylvania by 67.

Patents have been allowed but not yet issued as follows:

To G. R. Back, of Gothenburg, Neb., for a design for a brush for killing flies.

To G. B. Nelson, of Redfield, Iowa, for a tool for opening boxes, etc. A multiple fulcrum combined therewith adapts it to be used advantageously as a lever for many purposes.

To J. A. Norton of Odebolt, for an improvement of his table attachment for beds for which a patent was issued on the 29th ult.

To J. U. Orr, of Eagle Grove for a transformable door adapted for use in winter as a storm door and in summer as a screen door.

To G. P. Pamp, of Lynnville, for a rotary engine that he has in practical use.

To A. Roesh, of Downs, Kansas, for a weed cutter and pulverizer for cultivating, corn, etc.

Valuable information about obtaining, valuing and selling patents sent free to any address.

Printed copies of the drawings and specifications of any U. S. Patent sent upon receipt of 25 cents.

Our practice is not confined to Iowa. Inventors in other states can have our services upon the same terms as Hawkeyes.

THOMAS G. & J. RALPH ORWIG, Solicitors of Patents, Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 2, 1897.

LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

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

OMAHA.

Butter—Creamery separator... 20 21

Butter—Choice fancy country... 17 18 15

Eggs—Fresh... 17 18 15

Spring Chickens—Dressed... 6 10 6 25

Turkeys... 10 12 10 15

Geese and Ducks... 10 12 10 15

Lemons—Choice Messina... 3 50 4 10

Honey—Fancy White... 14 15 15

Onions, per bushel... 1 75 2 00

Beans—Hand-picked Navy... 1 35 1 40

Potatoes... 25 30 25 30

Sweet Potatoes per bushel... 1 75 2 00

Oranges—Per box... 3 75 4 00

Hay—Updell, per ton... 4 00 5 50

Apples—Per bushel... 1 00 1 25

NEW YORK.

Hogs—Light Mixed... 3 20 3 40

Hogs—Heavy Weights... 3 20 3 35

Beef—Steers... 3 15 3 35

Cattle... 2 50 3 25

Milkers and springers... 2 50 3 00

Pigs... 2 25 2 50

Calves... 3 10 3 25