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NEBRASKA ITEMS.

O'Neill Frontier: Joe Hall, of Valentine, is in town for a few days, and yesterday called on the Frontier. Joe tells a far different story concerning the killing of Hamlin, and unhesitatingly pronounces it a brutal murder.

Blair Pilot: There is a popular craze here in Blair at present—in fact, a couple of them. It has run until it has assumed a mild form of insanity in a number of cases. Young men with small heads and young ladies with large feet seem to be most susceptible to the roller skate craze, while poor housekeepers and feeble-minded women are the first to be attacked by the painting craze. Both "diseases" are having a big run in Blair at present, but the Pilot representative thinks that reaction is setting in, and that it will be but a short time till marked improvement may be noticed.

Fremont Tribune: On Thursday or Friday evening last week, two masked men called on Henry Meyer, in the western part of Washington county, and asked for supper. Mrs. Meyer became frightened and they at once told Meyer to get them what money he had. He told them he did not have any, but they knew he had. Meyer had sold a horse and some hogs a day or two before. He gave them something over \$100.

Blair Republican: A sad accident occurred at the home of Peter Johnson, on State street, last Thursday. Mrs. Johnson was washing her floor and went to the door to get water to cool her bucket of hot water left sitting in the room. In her absence two little ones were amusing themselves by pulling at the end of a suspender. The youngest two years old this Christmas, stepped back against the bucket, fell into it and was scalded so badly as to cause its death the next day.

James Connell, a brakeman on the St. Paul & Omaha railway, was caught and fatally crushed at Lyons on the 1st, while he was making a coupling between two passenger cars. He died half an hour afterward.

Hardy Herald: Mr. Geo. Lewellen, seven miles north of town, is putting down a well at his place, and at last accounts was down something over 350 feet. We understand that the drillers passed through a few inches of coal and that the indications are very favorable for striking a larger vein.

Craigton Pioneer: A terrible accident occurred near Jessup a few days ago. Clint Sherman, while out hunting with his father and cousin, accidentally shot himself. His father getting tired, had returned home, and the boys were alone when the accident occurred. The boys coming to a creek, Clint's cousin handed his gun to him and stopped to get a drink. Clint carried the gun across the creek and was setting them down when one of them went off, the charge striking him in the left eye and coming out at the ear, causing instant death.

Valentine Reporter: The present indications show that this section of the great northwest will be filled to overflowing with new settlers next spring. Our business men should now begin making preparations for the rush.

Hastings Gazette-Journal: General Bowen has returned from Washington, D. C., whither he went to argue his motion to have the United States supreme court reverse their decision in the Junista mill bond case. The court, however, refused to open the case, but affirmed their former decision. This ends the suit and releases the precinct from paying the bonds.

Miss Tousley, the evangelist, has ceased her labors in Hastings, about thirty persons having been converted.

Hastings Journal: Greeley county recently had an accession to her population that would be welcome in any locality in the state. Francis Cutler, from Ashtabula county, Ohio, purchased a section of land sixteen miles northwest of St. Paul and leased another one for five years, on which he is going to keep one hundred milk cows and make butter from them and raise the increase and hogs on the milk.

The diphtheria appears to have been headed off in the town of Hartington, no new cases having developed of late.

Our Eye: We saw a package in the express office a few days since, directed to "Henry Tedrahn, Nobesville, Lancaster county, Nebraska." It was sent by loving relatives as a Christmas present, and a reminder that, although in the penitentiary for murder, the hearts of a loving father and mother still yearned for their boy, who is condemned for nearly fourteen years yet to serve in the state prison for taking the life of a fellow man.

The second term of the Bellevue college opened on the 2d, Rev. F. S. Blayney, acting president, conducting the services. About thirty students will be enrolled this term and the institution surpasses even the expectations of the professors in the number and quality of the applicants.

James Crawford, rebring county commissioner of Cass county, and his wife, were given substantial testimonials by the citizens of Plattsmouth a few days ago.

A man named W. O. Brien was killed by falling or jumping from the cars while in motion near the town of Grafton on the 2d. He was intoxicated and it is supposed lost his balance. The corner of the car struck him on the right side of the head, crushing the head in a horrible manner and killing him instantly.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

GENERAL.

Brigadier-General Andrew A. Humphreys, who recently died suddenly at Washington, in the early part of the war served on the staff of General McClellan. He was rapidly promoted for gallant and distinguished services, and on July 8, 1863, received a commission as major general of volunteers. He was mustered out of the volunteer service August, 1865, promoted to the rank of brigadier general in the regular army, and assigned to duty as chief engineer, which office he filled until June 30, 1879, when he was retired on his own request.

According to a resolution adopted at the last meeting of the Western Nail association, all the factories closed down on the 29th for a period of six weeks. Manufacturers hope to improve trade by restricting production. The suspension throws over 6,000 men out of employment.

Hanlan, the champion oarsman, lately offered \$1,000 to any man on the Pacific coast who would out-row him. Stevenson accepted. Hanlan now asks the latter to release him from engagement. He will not give his reasons for making the request.

Advices have been received at Chicago which confirm the report that the Northwestern and Wabash roads have joined the new western railway alliance on terms satisfactory to the officials of both roads.

The engine building and iron firms of Milwaukee reduced the wages of employes January 1st ten per cent., and in some cases from fifteen to eighteen.

Mr. Joseph Longworth died at his home in Woodburn, Ohio, a few days ago, aged 73 years. Longworth was a son of the late Nicholas Longworth, who amassed a great fortune in real estate left by his father.

Great excitement prevails over the mysterious death of the wife of Frank Colts, at the top of Luzerne mountain, New York where the Colts occupy a rough structure in the woods. A woman of bad character had been an inmate of the place. She and Colts lived together in idleness while the wife was compelled to work to support them. The pair are suspected of poisoning Mrs. Colts.

Advices from the Indian territory say Speichee, the newly elected principal chief of the Creek nation, has submitted a long message to both houses of the Creek council. He deals with various subjects touching the interests of his nation, but treats mainly of the troubles which arise from giving the nation the present dual government, and while asserting his own claims to the office of chief, he is extremely conciliatory. He makes no threats, but advises that the laws be upheld and order maintained.

In the suit of the Midland railroad, at Trenton, N. J., against Anna L. Hitchcock and others, in the court of errors and appeals, it was held that coupon railroad bonds were non-liable after a suit was begun to foreclose the mortgage upon which the bonds were issued.

Rev. Horace Warden, 70 years old, was attacked at his gate in Quincy, Ill., by three footpads and robbed and so brutally beaten that it is thought he cannot recover.

The Litta monument committee at Bloomington held a meeting to consider plans for the erection of a monument to the dead singer. It was decided to spend \$2,000.

The west-bound express on the Wabash road, near Napoleon, Ohio, struck a wagon containing five young men, killing Frank Long and William Roberts, and badly injuring George Ayers.

An election for congress has been ordered for January 17th in Massachusetts, owing to the resignation of Governor-elect Robinson.

The steamboats Colorado and City of Alton burned to the water's edge, near the Sectional docks at St. Louis on the 2d. The overturning of a stove on the Colorado was the cause of the fire.

The annual trade review of Arizona shows the population of the territory at 85,000, having doubled within three years; the assessed wealth at \$24,200,000, against \$12,000,000 in 1880; stock increase for the year, 50 per cent.; silver and gold bullion output for the year, \$8,000,000; copper bullion, \$28,000,000 pounds.

Geo. W. McCray, judge of the Eighth United States judicial circuit, embracing Minnesota, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas, Nebraska and Colorado, has forwarded his resignation to President Arthur, to take effect March 1, 1884. He has contracted with the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe railroad to fill the position of general counsellor for a term of five years.

In the Emma Bond rape case, on trial for several weeks at Hillsboro, Ill., the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty.

The will of Joseph Longmont, of Cincinnati, has been admitted to probate. The estate was given to his son and daughter, with a bequest to a sister. The will names certain ground rents intended for an art museum, but they are given to the son, with a request that they go to an art museum at a favorable opportunity.

It is expected that Gen. Grant will visit Havana during January, as the guest of Gen. Badeau, United States consul-general to Cuba.

An interview appears in a Kansas City paper in which Mrs. Harriott (Clara Morris) is made to give utterance to the severest strictures against the personal character of Mrs. Langtry.

A number of gentlemen are anxious to command expeditions to go to the relief of Lieutenant Greely.

Two tow-boats on the Ohio ran into a bridge pier below Pittsburg, and one boat burned. Four of the crew are supposed to have drowned. Loss, \$50,000.

Rev. Lawrence Walsh, formerly treasurer of the American land league, died at the Commonwealth hotel, Boston, on the 3d.

It is rumored that Judge Moses Hallett, of the United States district court, Denver, will succeed McCrary as judge of the Eighth judicial circuit.

The solicitor of the treasury considers it probable that the treasure at the bottom of East river will be recovered.

At New Orleans, on the 5th, Judge Pardee, of the United States circuit court, rendered an opinion in the case of the New Orleans National bank against Postmaster W. B. Merchant. The case came up on motion to dissolve the injunction against Postmaster Merchant from interfering with mail matter addressed to the bank, such action having been taken by Merchant in obedience to the postmaster-general's order, on the ground that its letters were intended for the Louisiana lottery company, who have been denied the use of the mails to carry on the lottery business. The court decided in favor of the bank, declaring that it is entitled to the full and free use of the mails, and further ordered that the motion to dissolve the injunction be denied.

The first mails from the country parishes since the great storm, which set in on the 1st of January, reached Quebec on the 5th. The bags were carried in on snowshoes. Such a complete stoppage of communication in the country has not been known for twenty years past.

The suit of Mrs. C. F. Nutt, widow of Captain Nutt, against the Accident Insurance Company of North America, to recover \$5,000 on the life of the deceased, has been withdrawn, the matter having been satisfactorily adjusted.

CRIME.

James William, alias O'Brien, confined in the county jail in Ottumwa, Iowa, escaped on the 2d by shooting dead the turnkey.

Louis Griffin, a prominent farmer near Salem, Ohio, had a quarrel with his 17-year-old son, and followed him into a piece of woods near their home. Soon after a shot was heard, and young Griffin emerged from the woods with the information that his father had killed himself.

Three of the Southern Pacific train robbers and murderers are in custody Silver City, Ara. The first one was caught at Las Vegas. He is a negro and confessed. The two others were taken at Eagle, N. M., and the fourth is expected to be taken soon.

Judge Krekel, of the United States court at Kansas City, on the 2nd, announced his decision on the question of the right of the federal government to the custody of Frank James on a charge of the Mussel Shoals robbery, in Alabama, the court ordering the prisoner remanded to his bonds for the Blue Cut robbery, holding that the state tribunal, first gaining possession, is consequently entitled to his custody until the case is disposed of. This leaves James at liberty on bond.

A dispatch from Hillsboro to the associated press says: "There is still great excitement here over the verdict in the Bond case. To-night a meeting, with Mr. Gienn, a prominent miller, as leader, was held and resolutions adopted that if any of the defendants are in town to-morrow morning a public meeting will be called and they notified to leave immediately. A movement was made to hang the jury in effigy in front of the court house, but the idea was finally abandoned. The sheriff is very nervous in regard to the situation.

James B. Graves was hanged at Newark on the 3d. He was carried to the scaffold. Graves was a recluse and 65 years of age. In the house where he lived was a family named Soden, which included a boy named Eddie. Graves was annoyed by the boys, and among them Eddie Soden, and on the night of December 20, 1880, he crept up behind Eddie, while the latter was lighting a lamp, and shot him dead.

Thomas Coffee, one of the men accused of robbing a grave at Sycamore, Ill., and selling the body to a medical college, made a confession that he and his companions were regularly engaged in the traffic, and that the body of the lady resurrected at Sycamore was sold to the college of physicians and surgeons at Chicago, and implicated Dr. Hoadley, of that college, in the transaction.

Palmer Rector, colored, was hanged on the 4th at Baton Rouge for the murder of Duncan Williams, December, 1882. On the scaffold Rector addressed the people, and warned all to avoid whisky; which had brought him to the gallows.

James L. Rollins and **A. J. Rogers,** conductors of the Pennsylvania railway, and **Wm. B. Pettit,** Pullman palace car conductor, have been arrested upon charges of embezzling tickets and money of that company.

Another Pullman car conductor, named G. W. Foster, has been arrested at Philadelphia charged with embezzling tickets belonging to the Pennsylvania company. He confessed that he failed to cancel certain tickets. He was held in \$1,000 for trial. Other arrests are expected.

Edward H. Kobbs, clerk for Sperry & Barnes, New York, who absconded after embezzling \$5,000 belonging to his employers, was arrested in a suit brought against him by the firm for the recovery of the money. His bail was fixed at \$2,500.

Jerome B. Cox, who shot and killed

McLaughlin, the millionaire in California, was acquitted in San Francisco by the police court judge.

WASHINGTON.

The funeral of the late Brigadier-General A. A. Humphreys took place on Wednesday.

The supervising architect of the treasury has completed plans for government buildings in Quincy and Peoria, Ill., and will soon advertise for proposals for their construction.

The total receipts of internal revenue for the six months of the fiscal year ending the 31st, was \$61,126,201; receipts for December, \$9,855,706; issue of silver dollars for the week ending December 29th, \$297,498, against \$1,041,000 for the same time last year.

Congressman A. J. Holmes, of Iowa, will introduce a bill appropriating a small sum for the education of "Brave" Kate Shelby, the fifteen year old girl who saved a Chicago & Northwestern passenger train from destruction at Moingona, July 9th, 1881. The medal to be presented to her by the Iowa legislature has already been prepared by Tiffany, of New York.

The committee on public lands expect to report a number of separate bills when congress reconvenes declaring forfeited lands granted to certain railroad companies. The companies most interested are those in the northwest and south. The amount of land involved reported by Chairman Cobb is between fifty and one hundred million acres.

Chairman Bland, of the committee on coinage, weights and measures, of the house of representatives, will have earned support from at least one of his fellow-committeemen in his opposition to Judge Kelley's scheme to limit the coinage of the standard silver dollars. Congressman Belford thinks it could not be possible for one to go further wrong on the silver question than the Pennsylvania protectionist has in his proposed bill. Judge Kelley hopes by virtually stopping the coinage of the standard dollar to force England to unite with France, Germany, and the United States in restoring silver to its true value of 60 pence per ounce by the re-establishment of bimetalism by international treaty.

A letter signed by the heads of the various bureaus of the navy department has been addressed to the secretary of the navy, expressing confidence in the present chief of the bureau of medicine and surgery, P. S. Wales, and urging his reappointment at the expiration of his present term. Secretary Chandler requested that the letter be withdrawn, as he wished to be entirely free in his action in regard to the reappointment. The letter was accordingly withdrawn with the explanation that the signers had merely intended to express their confidence in Dr. Wales.

Secretary Chandler received the following cable message from Minister Hunt, St. Petersburg, on the 2nd: "Harber telegraphs from Tomsk of his arrival there yesterday. He expects to reach Orenburg on the 15th inst. Harber has in charge the bodies of Do Long and comrades and is bringing them home via St. Petersburg. At Orenburg Harber will strike the railway that will take him to St. Petersburg in two days. He should reach New York February 1."

The funeral of General Humphreys took place from his late residence on the 2d. In accordance with the wishes of his family there was no military display. The secretary of war and their families, and many prominent people were present.

Representative Bland had an interview with Burchard, director of the mint, in regard to the number of trade dollars now in circulation. The latter expressed the opinion that between five and six millions were out and in the hands of the tradesmen and people generally. Instead of in the possession of speculators. The remainder of the \$35,000,000 originally coined he thought had been exported or remitted. Bland says it is questionable whether the government, having issued the trade dollar with the stamp of the government upon it, could not be required to take it for government dues at the nominal value of one dollar.

Linden Kent, Lieutenant Garlington's counsel, made argument before the Proteus court in defense of his client, and asserted that great wrong was done Garlington by the authorized publication of the supplementary instructions as part of his order from the signal office, and its failure promptly to correct such error through the public press when it was discovered. They were not part of his instructions. General Hazen, chief signal officer, then read a long statement defending the signal service and himself against the charges of ignorance and incompetency brought out in the evidence before the court of inquiry.

The commercial agreement between Spain, and mentioned in a London dispatch, was signed by direction of President Arthur on the 2d inst.

The committee appointed under the act of March 3, 1873, to devise a plan for re-adjusting the railway mail service has submitted its report. A majority of the railroads want the existing system of compensation changed.

Employees of the postoffice department have been notified by the postmaster general that to purchase lottery tickets hereafter will be regarded as sufficient ground for removal.

The coinage at the various mints for the calendar year of 1883, was \$69,092,749, of which \$28,470,639 were standard dollars. Representative Cobb, chairman of the house committee on public lands, has appointed the following sub-committees:

Homestead and pre-emption, Scales, Henley and Anderson; desert, swamp and overflowed land, Oates, Belford and Payson; land grants and forfeitures, Cobb, Payson, Oates, Lewis and Anderson; school lands and timber culture, Shaw Van Eston and Brents; reservation and mineral lands, Henley, Scales and Belford; land offices and surveys, Lewis, Strait and Brents; claims of states on net proceeds of the sales of public lands, Shaw, Van Eston and Strait.

FOREIGN.

CHINA.

The London Times has the best authority for stating that China wants peace, and if France will return to her original position in Tonquin and abstain from further hostile action on the Red river a pacific agreement is almost certain. China will abate some of her first pretensions if France will show a conciliatory spirit. The government of China, seeing countries well disposed toward her, is desirous of a settlement of the question whether Tonquin, in the Chinese dependency, is ready to recognize the accomplished facts and negotiate upon a basis of statu quo; but the establishment of this position involves a cessation of further naval and military movements beyond merely defensive ones, and, above all, an understanding that Bacinh must not be assailed. So much China is prepared to concede. If France responds to her well-meant concessions, she will not stop to consider how far her present attitude may tally with her original position, when she insisted upon the full letter of her rights.

IRELAND.

Meetings of both Nationalists and Orangemen were held at Dromore on the 1st. Twenty thousand people were at the meeting of the Orangemen. All the magistrates in the country were there, and great excitement prevailed. The meetings were held in full view of each other. One band of Nationalists marched from the Catholic chapel in military order. The Nationalists, of Trillick, when marching to Dromore, encountered an Orange procession, and the Orangemen charged upon the Nationalists. The military separated the combatants and proceeded to clear the streets. The rioting was terrible. Several men were stabbed.

The National meeting was held in a field opposite the end of town. Both bodies were kept apart by large bodies of cavalry, infantry and police. Even this force was hardly able to prevent a collision. When the meetings were breaking up in the evening several attempts were made to attack each other but the lancers, huzzars, infantry and police prevented serious disorders. In the attempt of the troops to disperse the crowds a young man named McGivran was wounded with a bayonet and it is expected he will die. Another man was seriously wounded. Great confusion prevailed at the railway station and while the delegations were boarding the trains to return home, the Orangemen sang "God Save the Queen," and other patriotic songs.

EGYPT.

A Saigon telegram confirms the report that the Black Flags massacred the prisoners captured before Sontay. Admiral Courbet has decided to take active measures of redress. It is rumored that Chamfaux, French resident minister at Hue, has resigned, owing to disagreement with Dr. Harmond.

FRANCE.

The trial at Paris of Marquis de Rays, charged with falsely inducing many people to subscribe to an alleged enterprise for the colonization of the island of Port Breton, South seas, and with the misappropriation of the funds and also with inducing several hundred persons to settle upon the island, most of whom perished through privation, has been concluded. The marquis was condemned to four years' imprisonment.

A Boyonne telegram states that a revolutionary movement is expected to occur on the Franco-Spanish frontier. The Spanish minister of the interior advised French prefects on the frontier to take precaution to prevent on uprising.

EGYPT.

A Cairo dispatch states that the position at Khartoum is critical. It is reported that the rebels are drawing around the place.

RUSSIA.

The murder of Sudeikin is attributed to revenge for the arrest of Mme. Wolkstein, who recently arrived at St. Petersburg from Kharkof, for the purpose of murdering the czar. Her arrest was due to the energy of Col. Sudeikin and his nephew.

GERMANY.

The German government forwarded a favorable reply to the proposal of the government of Japan that the latter should establish courts of justice, which will have jurisdiction over the foreigners of that country as well as the natives. It is understood that the United States government has given a similar reply to the Japanese proposition.

RUSSIA.

Beside Jablonski, who took part in the murder of Lieutenant Colonel Sudeikin and nephew, two men, the actual murderers, have been arrested. Important papers relating to the nihilists were found at the late residence of Sudeikin.

FAVETTEVILLE, ARK.—Rev. T. J. Reilly says: "I used Brown's Iron Bitters for indigestion and chills with entire satisfaction."

A singular flower grown by a New Orleans man has been christened the Confederate rose—probably because the confederacy didn't rise.—[Norristown Herald]

When you wish to appear beautiful and attractive consult your best lady friend, show her all your dresses and ask her to select the one you should wear, and then choose another.