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NEBRASKA ITEMS.

The Nebraska City News says that while parties were quarrying rock near Eulo, they found an open space in the ground representing a vault. There was a sword found and some parts of a skeleton. No one knows whether the bones were human or whether they belonged to an animal. The only proof they have to show it to be the work of man is the sword found in the opening. The general opinion is that this is a natural cave formerly used by some race of people as a lodging place.

Kearney along with numerous other Nebraska towns is preparing for a big building boom the coming spring and summer.

The county commissioners of Keith county have ordered a vote on a proposition to issue \$12,000 in bonds to build a bridge across the South Platte river.

During the snow storm in October last a drove of ninety-four fine sheep put in an appearance at the farm of Sylvester Haws, near Lowell. Strange to say no one has yet claimed them. It is supposed they struggled away from a herd brought through Lowell about that time.

Hastings Journal: The favorable fall and open winter give promise of the best spring for years for successful tree-planting. If our planters will use as much care in purchasing trees and plants as they would in buying a horse, and will then carefully and steadily cultivate them, or otherwise suitably care for them, they may expect decided success. In considering where to purchase, remember that to get varieties adapted to our locality and to receive them in perfect condition is half the battle.

Fremont Tribune: Of all the steam threshing rigs that were sold from Fremont the year last we have to learn of one that has not made money for its owner. They all report a big run of work.

Fremont Tribune: S. Wilson Beaver, of Saunders county, has created a boom in Nebraska's population. His wife one day last week presented him with triplets, two boys and a girl. The mother and children are doing well, but the father is scared half to death. We'll let Mr. Beaver off now for three years.

Some of the papers have published statements that the West Point paper mill has been sold by the sheriff. Sheriff Beemer, says the Republican, did get his grip on it, for a judgment obtained for a claim that the company did not think it right for them to pay, but the grip was shaken loose before the day of sale arrived by the payment of the lien.

A family of eleven persons in West Point named Chambers, narrowly escaped death a few nights ago by coal gas. All were unconscious, but by hard labor from many willing hands were finally rescued from danger and death.

Hartington's daily average shipments of live stock to Sioux City and elsewhere is five cars.

Hartington has a Sunday school with five officers, three of whom are lawyers.

A good many homesteads are being taken up this winter in Brown county.

Judge Brown, of Franklin county, lost eight head of fine young cattle within ten days, of a disease known as dry murrain. Many think the disease is caused by smut in corn, but Mr. Brown's cattle had not been running in the stalks.

Walter McKinney, of Buffalo county, was accidentally shot on the 8th while pulling a gun from a wagon, from the effects of which he died in a few hours. The deceased lived about twenty miles northwest of Kearney.

Valentine has arrived at that point where it is concluded best to incorporate.

Geneva Enterprise: Col. Tappan is now at Red Cloud agency. This agency is where he expected the most difficulty in securing Indian children, but he has been quite successful, having secured fifty. He anticipates no trouble in securing children from the other agencies, as they have been ready to come for some time. Having chartered a special train, he will be ready to return as soon as he gets word from Col. Mitchell that the building is ready for them.

Fremont Tribune: Valley county boasts of a horned hog. It is the property of Mr. Dave Ruhle, who lives a few miles from North Loup. It seems that the young porker was turned loose in the corral, and that an old brindle cow adopted it. Mr. Ruhle soon discovered that the cow was suckling the pig, whose squeal was changing into a bleat. About four weeks ago he thought he noticed a couple of slight protuberances on the head of the young porker. On closer examination he found a distinct pair of horns growing. Since then the horns have continued to grow until now they are fully two inches long, and the pig has improved in its bleat until it bellows exactly like a yearling calf. In every other respect it is a perfectly developed pig.

Father Boyle, of Fremont, was presented by his congregation with a purse amounting to \$14.

Beatrice Express: On New Year's night a stranger stopped at the City Hotel in Wymore, and was soon taken violently ill. He went into spasms, and remained unconscious until the next afternoon at 4 o'clock, when he died. Coroner Walsh held a post mortem examination Thursday, and the coroner's jury found that he had died from some cause to them unknown. Papers found on the stranger's person gave his name as Wm. L. Cox, and it is supposed that his home is in Kansas.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

GENERAL.

Mayor Martin, of Boston, was inaugurated on the 7th, and his message fixes the gross city debt at \$42,544,123, an increase of nearly \$1,500,000.

Judge Love, of Keokuk, Iowa, who has been frequently mentioned in connection with the circuit judgeship resigned by McCrary, utterly refuses to become a candidate for the position.

Three hunters, Henry Shields, Edward Shields and James Anderson, were frozen to death on the prairie in the Chickasaw nation, the night of the 5th inst.

Reports from twenty-six leading clearing houses in the United States for the week ended January 5th, gives the total clearances at \$1,031,846,086, being a decrease of 3.09 per cent. compared with the corresponding week last year.

A gentleman of Chicago forwarded a small donation to Sergeant Mason on the occasion of his liberation from prison. He is now in receipt of a letter from "Betty" Mason, dated Locust Grove, Va., stating she does not know the present whereabouts of the sergeant. He was in Philadelphia the last she heard from him, several weeks ago.

The woman suffrage party state executive committee of New York denounce Senator Edmunds' proposition to disfranchise the women of Utah as a gross wrong to non-polygamy and to polygamist by compulsion and as punishment without trial for those who believe in polygamy. The New York senators and representatives have been called upon to resist the proposition.

The annual meeting of the Iowa Cane Growers' association was held at Des Moines on the 8th. An address was delivered by Hon. C. F. Clarkson, president. Reports of production, mode of culture, etc., were made by a number of persons, widely scattered over the state, all reporting good success, and many samples of syrups and sugars made by members were exhibited.

The Illinois railroad and warehouse commission gave a decision holding that the state freight rates for live stock apply to ear lots, without respect to size or capacity of the cars. The point was raised against the Burlington road, which claimed the right to charge more than the specified rate, owing to the fact that their cars are thirty and thirty-two feet long, while the usual size of cars is twenty-eight feet.

The president, in a special message to congress, recommends an immediate appropriation of \$100,000 for Mississippi river improvement.

Secretary Folger has submitted to the senate an itemized account of the expenses incurred in the star route cases.

DeLong's remains will be placed in a temporary vault upon their arrival at New York.

The O'Donnell correspondence was referred to the foreign affairs committee.

A bill has been introduced in the Virginia legislature to prohibit Sunday trains.

Brewster Cameron, general agent of the department of justice, has tendered his resignation to accept the position of receiver of public moneys at Tucson, Arizona.

All railroads at Kansas City on the 8th made a reduction of \$4 on New York tickets of the first class and \$3 on the second class.

An Independence (Mo.) special says: Frank James' condition is growing worse very fast. His friends have given up hopes of his recovery.

Robert Bunner, 85 years old, living alone in Kentucky, was found on the 8th burned to a crisp, his clothing having taken fire during the night.

E. D. Atchison was taken from jail at Monterey, Va., and hanged by a mob.

The concurrent resolution requesting the Texas congressmen to urge the passage of the bill giving the Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas railroad the right of way through the Indian Territory, passed both houses of the Texas legislature on the 10th.

A New York jury gave Bridget Cronin six cents damage in her suit against Rev. Florence McCarthy, of Brooklyn, for \$50,000 damages for alleged assault.

The Kentucky legislature is making slow progress in the direction of selecting a United States senator.

The Kentucky whisky pool ordered the capacity of production for this year to be reduced 66 2/3 per cent. below the average production of the past two years.

Grave fears are entertained at Pittsburgh of disastrous floods if the present warm weather continues.

The Chinese fear that the French are entertaining designs upon Canton, and the people are very uneasy. Hai Phong reports say that Admiral Courbet would advance upon Bac Ninh without awaiting reinforcements.

The French government, it is reported, has been assured that England has urged China to accept the accomplished facts and arrange terms of peace with France.

It is stated that the Egyptian government has given orders to evacuate Khartoum. The guns will be spiked and the powder destroyed. It is believed that all efforts will now be concentrated in the defense of Massawah and Suakim.

The Paris Figaro asserts that direct negotiations between China and France will be resumed on a basis on the new frontier of Tonquin and the amnesty of the

Black Flags. China will also guarantee the free navigation of the Song Noi river to Lao Kay.

The whiskey men of Louisville have sent out a circular asking constituents to impress their representatives in congress on the necessity of pressing the bill which provides for the extension of the bonded period of two years on the present stock of whiskeys.

A vacancy will soon occur in the grade of brigadier-generals by the retirement of Wesley Merritt, superintendent of the West Point Academy. Col. D. S. Stanley of the Twenty-second infantry, is prominently mentioned as likely to receive promotion.

The Newark canal and Passaic and Hackensack rivers are being dragged for the body of Chas. Delmonico, who has been missing for more than a week.

The United States treasury gives notice that the principal and accrued interest on \$10,000,000 three per cent. bonds, issued under the act approved July 12th, 1882, will be paid on the 15th of March, 1884. The interest will cease on that day.

CRIME.

A depraved, vicious looking colored boy named Elphonso Mell, 15 years of age, was in the dock of the criminal court at Washington on the 8th, for committing a series of atrocious deeds. He lives with uncle, a respectable colored man, who testified that about the 20th of last month the boy bought a box of "Rough on Rats," and a quantity of arsenic. He went home and put the contents in three quarts of milk with the intention of poisoning the family, but failed in the attempt. The next day he renewed the attempt, putting poison in a bucket of water and Benjamin's eight children drank from the bucket and were taken with violent pains in the stomach, but all recovered. He also gave arsenic to the cattle, which made them sick, killed one pig, and did many other vile acts.

Detective Kallaher at Flatbush, L. I., has arrested the supposed murderer of Fannie Gaskell, near Elmira.

A masked mob at Weisser, Idaho, took Chas. Dieterli, the murderer of Buck Bogie, from a cell, and shot and beat him, and then dragged him half a mile to a slaughter house and hanged him to a windlass used by the butchers.

Chas. D. Holmes and Henry Jackson have been indicted for starting the last three large fires at Red Bank, New Jersey, causing a loss of upwards of \$400,000.

Near Buffalo, Texas, a sheriff's posse, searching for the desperate negro, Sandy Robinson, surrounded his cabin on the Bannerman plantation on the 9th. James Lathrop, one of the posse, opened the door and was shot dead by Robinson, who seized Lathrop's gun and escaped.

A plot to burn the Forster grammar school, at Somerville, Mass., was prevented by the janitor extinguishing the flames. Several hundred children were in the building at the time. The miscreant is unknown.

George Layton and Lawrence May, arrested for the murder of August Deltz, at Rockway, N. J., August 11th, were found guilty of manslaughter with recommendations for mercy.

Near the Colorado river, on the 12th, the San Angelo stage, south-bound, was halted by four mounted men, who robbed the mail sacks and passengers, and then delayed the coach until the arrival of the north-bound stage, which was also plundered of a large quantity of registered matter south-bound. It is believed that the road agents made a heavy haul.

WASHINGTON.

Rosecrans' bill to equalize the bounties of soldiers of the late war provides for the payment to non-commissioned officers, musicians, artificers, teamsters and private soldiers who served in the war, including those mustered into service under the president's first call for 75,000 troops, who actually served ninety days or more, and who were honorably discharged, eight and one-third dollars per month for the time of actual service between April 1, 1861, and May 7, 1865, the amount of all bounties previously paid to be deducted in computing the amount due under this act.

John G. Gassman (Neb.) was confirmed on the 9th Indian agent for the Crow and Creek Indians, Lower Brule agency.

The house committee on military affairs has authorized General Slocum to report a bill for the relief of Fitz John Porter.

Twenty presidential postoffices, the majority in the west, were, through the recent readjustment, thrown out of the presidential class, because the annual receipts fell below \$1,000. As there is no law providing for a reduction of postmasters' salaries, the department finds difficulty in deciding how the required change shall be made. It is probable the twenty offices will be abolished, and immediately re-established as fourth-class offices.

A democratic member of the ways and means committee says the action of the protective democrats of the house is still a matter of doubt, but that the action of the democratic committee will be conservative and calculated to unite the party in favor of tariff reforms.

The committee on commerce will give precedence to inter-state commerce bills. Its chairman is instructed to report back at any time for reference to the committee on rivers and harbors, for all river and harbor appropriation bills and papers.

The house committee on military affairs will report favorably the bill relative to the date of mustering in certain officers.

The object of the measure is to pay these officers for all the time served. In some instances it is known that officers served a year before being mustered in.

Mrs. Lucretia E. Patterson, wife of ex-Senator John J. Patterson, of South Carolina, died of heart disease on the 8th.

Mr. Hill has introduced a bill to require a government building to be constructed in every town and city in the Union in which the postmaster draws a salary of \$1,000 and over. He says this policy will save the government \$1,000,000 a year in rent.

The commissioner-general of the land office has submitted to the secretary of the interior papers relative to the adjustment of the grant of public lands in the state of Kansas for the Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe road, together with a complete record of the case while before the interior department, and an exhaustive opinion on the questions involved.

The banking and currency committee was organized this morning. The general question of legislation to prevent the contraction of the national bank currency was briefly discussed.

Representative Willis, Chairman of the committee on rivers and harbors, says the committee will consider the recommendation of the Mississippi river commission for an immediate appropriation of \$1,000,000. It is expected that a favorable report will be made to the house next week.

At a meeting of the senate committee on post-offices and post roads, it was determined to begin one week hence the consideration of several measures proposed to establish a postal telegraph.

The house committee on public lands will hear argument on the question of forfeiture of the Texas Pacific territorial land grant now claimed by the Southern Pacific. The United States has filed in the court of claims a counter claim against the Union Pacific company for \$890,067 alleged indebtedness, including 5 per cent on the net earnings.

The sub-committee of the house committee on public lands, to whom was referred the question of order in the land grant forfeiture bills to be considered, reported that the consideration will be begun immediately.

The bills of Anderson and Sumner, relative to postal telegraph, were referred to a sub-committee. Bingham, a member of the sub-committee, says that no action toward formulating a bill will be taken for ten days or more.

At a meeting of the house committee on postoffices and post roads, Mr. Money was authorized to report to the house favorable action on the bill making public roads and highways post routes, and giving the postmaster general power to establish postal service wherever, in his judgment, the public welfare required it.

The senate committee on foreign relations, at a meeting on the 12th, took up a bill prepared by the Pacific coast delegations, introduced in the senate by Senator Miller (Cal.), amending the Chinese immigration act of the last congress. The discussion was long, and the bill was finally referred to a sub-committee consisting of Miller, Wilson and Morgan. The tone of the debate gave warrant to the opinion that a measure for the purpose of correcting the defects of the present law, and the prohibition of the importation of Chinese laborers will be reported by the committee.

A call for \$10,000,000 three per cent. bonds was issued on the 12th.

An influential committee of local lawyers waited on the president to urge the re-appointment of District Attorney Corkhill.

FOREIGN.

CANADA.

The funeral at Toronto on the 6th of the victims of the late railway catastrophe was attended by an immense multitude. Business was entirely suspended and the employes of many firms participated in the cortege. The fronts of a number of establishments were draped with mourning. The coffins were conveyed in sleighs draped with black and preceded by a gun-carriage with a coffin containing the remains of Sergeant Mulligan, of the Royal Grenadiers. The procession was an hour passing a given point. Ten bodies were interred in St. James Episcopal cemetery, eight in St. Michael's Roman Catholic cemetery, one in Necropolis, and one in Mt. Pleasant. All the patients are doing well except Alexander Turriff, who is in a critical condition. Turriff's brother was among the killed.

FRANCE AND CHINA.

The Pall Mall Gazette learns that the Marquis of Tseng, Chinese ambassador to France, has not held any communication with the French government since the capture of Sontay. Also that the menaces of the French press with regard to indemnity for the expenses of the Tonquin campaign will not deter China from asserting her rights.

DUTCH EAST INDIES.

The government of the Dutch East Indies has sent troops to the west coast of Acheen to compel the rajah to surrender a crew of twenty-five men of the steamer Nisero, wrecked there in November last. The vessel was plundered and destroyed by the Acheeneses. Among the captives are Second Officer Moore, two Italians, two Americans, two Germans and two Norwegians. The British gunboat Pegasus, sent there for relief in December, was unable to communicate with the rajah, and British Consul Kennedy reported that if the Pegasus had fired upon the tribe, the prisoners would have been massacred.

ITALY.

A Rome correspondent says: The conversation of the pope and crown prince of Germany consisted of two parts. One will remain absolutely secret, and the other will be published at the proper time. The pope has informed the cardinal that he has assigned to the secret archives a detailed account of the conversation, that posterity may have a statement of importance.

GERMANY.

Emperor William sent this letter in reply to congratulations sent by the magistrates of Berlin on New Year's day. "I praise God in His goodness that it has still been vouchsafed me to inaugurate a proud monument on the banks of the Rhine, which is designated not only as a perpetual commemoration of the happily regained unity of Germany, but as also an earnest sign of the invigorated and true might of the united German empire. The grand festival in honor of Martin Luther's birth, in which, after four centuries, the whole of evangelic Christendom united with me, will not the less ever remain for me an elevating reminiscence. It affords me the greatest satisfaction that New Year has come under circumstances which verify the hope of quiet and undisturbed times. I am convinced that, under the blessed protection of peace, of the maintenance of which I have obtained fresh guarantees through personal intercourse with friendly princes the nation will in future find prosperous development."

EGYPT.

A Cairo dispatch says the steamer conveying the last reinforcements for Suakin has been wrecked on the Red sea near that town. The troops and crew were saved, but the ammunition and mules were lost. The government is considering the best means of evacuating Soudan. Troubles have broken out in the provinces of Benf, Surf and Fayowh. Bedouins are harassing the population.

GERMANY.

The Berlin Vossische Zeitung states that Bismarck has directed inquiry to be made whether the exemption laws which allow Bremen and Hamburg provision ships with American pork should not be extended to Prussian ports.

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The minister of war have drafted the statement regarding the proposed evacuation of Soudan, showing that 21,000 men and 84 guns are in Soudan. The removal to Khartoum of the ammunition stored at Massala would require 4,000 camels, or 6,000 if the material of the Abyssinia frontier is also removed. It will be necessary to make the journey by river, which will take three months and require 1,300 boats. Several Bedouin tribes along the Nile between Khartoum and Berber have declared for El Mahdi. Orders have been sent to Khartoum for the civil population to quit the town immediately.

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A Frightful Affair at Belleville, Ill. St. Louis, January 6.—The institute of the Immaculate Conception, Sisters of Notre Dame, at Belleville, Ill., burned last night. There were about sixty pupils in the school ranging from ten years to full grown, all girls, and several teachers, besides other inmates of the building. The fire is said to have started near the third story, which is used as a dormitory, and an attempt was made to extinguish it, but this failing, efforts were made to remove the pupils. The flames spread so rapidly, however, that no order could be preserved. Panic seized both the children and the sisters, and it was a wild, confused rush to escape. Forty or more pupils are known to have got out, or were taken from the building and given shelter in neighboring houses, but several in their fright jumped from windows and were either killed or badly injured. Miss Mary Campbell, a teacher, of East St. Louis, leaped from a third-story window and died in a few minutes. Another, name unknown, climbed to the roof port, and either fell or was blown off and fatally injured.

When the ruins were sufficiently cool volunteers went to bring out the bodies. It was a terrible sight. At times the searchers would find two or three charred masses huddled closely together, seemingly seeking protection in one another from the advancing flames.

Instead of being two, as at first supposed, the total known deaths is twenty-seven, twenty-two of which are pupils and five sisters, among the latter the sister superior. On the fourth floor the pupil boarders with three sisters slept, on the third floor the remaining sisters, and on the second or floor above the basement what are termed orphans or half orphans slept.

Washington, January 11.—The sub-committee of the appropriation committee, consisting of Solomon and Fallett, to-day prepared a pension appropriation bill, which they will report to the full committee on Monday and which will probably reach the house the same day. The bill, as agreed upon, provides for a reappropriation of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1883, amounting to \$39,000,000. The balance of the appropriation for the present fiscal year unexpended at the close of the present year is estimated at \$2,600,000, and a fresh appropriation of \$15,000,000 is recommended, making \$50,000,000.

KOKECK, IOWA.—Dr. E. E. Fuller: "I have used Brown's Iron Bitters in my own family with excellent results."

A Chicago detective has partially reformed becoming a bank robber.

A stump speech—"Give us the butt of your cigar, mister."

How many creditors miss their dues when nature's debt is paid?