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NEBRASKA ITEMS.

Hastings Nebraska:—During the last twenty years under the internal revenue law Nebraska has paid \$9,000,000 into the United States treasury, or \$908,000 more than Kansas, Colorado, Idaho, Dakota, Utah, Montana and Wyoming combined. Five years of that time Nebraska was under territorial administration.

In the case of the killing of Jessie Snell at a road house near Omaha on the 28th, the coroner's jury found that "the said Jessie Snell, alias Jessie Wright, came to her death by means of a pistol shot wound, from a certain pistol in the hand of one William Snell, and we do further find that said killing was unintentional so far as William Snell was concerned, but was done by him unlawfully while in the commission of an unlawful act." Snell was held and committed for man-slaughter.

Lincoln is pressing her claims as the most available point for holding the Nebraska state fair, and among other items is one to the effect that the saloon keepers of that city have offered to donate \$1,200 towards paying the expenses of the fair. The only proviso is that the council shall grant them the right to keep their saloons open until midnight during the week of the fair.

Material for the new church building at Hebron is on the ground and work will be commenced at once.

James Agard, a wealthy grain dealer from Rockford, Ill., fell on a defective sidewalk in Omaha, receiving injuries which resulted in his death a few days subsequently.

Two failures occurred in Omaha on the 14th—The Western Steam Heating company, with liabilities at \$22,000, and Henry G. Richter, fur dealer, with liabilities of over \$7,000.

Ainsworth News: Last Thursday Sheriff Simpson brought up from Bassett two young men, Thomas Anderson and John Bolan, whom he arrested upon a warrant issued by the county judge upon an information filed charging these young men with having committed the crime of perjury, in proving up on certain claims near Bassett. It is said that the arrest was made at the instance of the United States land officers. It seems that some time last summer, about 15 or 20 young men from Chicago located on a choice tract of land near Bassett, and proved up recently, and the next day or so after proving up, deeded all the land to certain parties in Chicago. It is claimed that the young men were hired by Chicago parties to locate the claims and paid so much a month for occupying them, and were furnished the money to prove up by these parties with the understanding that the boys should deed the land to the Chicago parties.

Fremont will make an effort to secure the G. A. E. reunion.

Bill Hyke, the reputed chief of the gang of freight-car robbers arrested last week, has turned state's evidence and "bobs up serenely" as prosecuting witness. Vic. McCarty, John McCarty and Bill Petty have been held in \$2,000 each and taken to jail at Omaha to await the March term of court at Papillon.

Omaha Herald: Omaha has become a market in which the products of the four corners of the earth can be found at almost any season. In the midst of January, with the mercury at 30 degrees below zero, lettuce, radishes and pie-plant grown by gardeners near this city, were to be had, and in a few days tomatoes and pie-plant will be in the market. Fresh pears from California obtainable, and occasionally strawberries at a dollar a box are brought from the south.

The Ainsworth News says Brown county's real estate has more than doubled in value in the last six months. While in the town of Ainsworth lots are to-day selling for four times the amount that was asked for them nine months ago.

Stock men in the Niobrara country report their bovines in splendid condition.]

The Union Pacific railroad are changing the smoke stacks on all their engines to a straight pipe, such as are in use on many of the eastern roads. The estimated cost of the change is \$100,000.

The case of Woods vs. Reed, in which the right of possession of about \$30,000 worth of real estate and personal property was involved, was settled in Hastings a few days ago in accordance with the recommendation of Judge Wm. Gaslin.

Standard time has been adopted by the heads of the several departments at the apitol in Lincoln.

Oakdale Journal: A. J. Motter captured a thief on Wednesday which he will keep in prison for some time to expiate his crimes. It is a monstrous owl which measures four and one-half feet from tip to tip of its wings. The owl will be caged and placed in the office of the Commercial house. The bright sun of Wednesday completely blinded the owl and it was with little difficulty that Mr. Motter made the capture.

Hastings, it is said, had \$350 of the G. A. E. reunion fund from last year left over and invested it in street lamps.

Nebraska City Press: An old man named Rhodes attempted suicide on the public highway below Mrs. Donahoo's farm. He was found lying in the road with a pistol wound in his abdomen and an empty pistol by his side. The cause of the attempted suicide, it is alleged, is trouble with his sons, who have shown great ingratitude by not providing for him.

NEWS OF THE WEEK

GENERAL.

The trial of James Nutt for the killing of Duke, in Pennsylvania, is now in progress at Pittsburgh, having commenced on the 14th.

The rush to the Guyotoa mines in Arizona is unabated. Water is scarce and selling at a dollar a barrel. Many new discoveries are reported, and the excitement is so great that the reports are not considered reliable.

The powder magazine of the Cornwall ore hills exploded at Lebanon, Pa., and a workman named Posey was blown to atoms.

Reports from twenty-seven leading clearing houses of the United States for the week ended on the 12th, gives the total clearances at \$10,448,277.57, being an increase of 4.6 per cent. as compared with the same period last year.

As soon as the weather permits thirty-seven construction trains will be put in operation over the Canada Southern division of the Michigan Central railroad for the purpose of double-tracking the line during the ensuing year.

S. A. Bridges died at Allentown, Pa., on the 13th, of dropsy, aged 82. He was a member of congress from the Tenth district, during the years 1848 to 1855, and 1876 to 1878.

Henry B. Payne was elected United States senator from Ohio without opposition from the republicans, both houses voting blank.

Application will be made to Canadian parliament for an act to incorporate a company to construct a tunnel under the St. Clair river, for railway purposes, from Sarina to Port Huron.

The Baptist church at Port Norris, N. J., burned. Two hundred children were attending Sunday school at the time, but were removed unharmed.

It is rumored on 'change in New York that several large grain houses are in a shaky condition, one of the principal ones only putting up half margins.

At the republican caucus of the Iowa legislature Senator Allison was renominated for United States senator by acclamation. Every republican member in the legislature was present, and the nomination was made amid great enthusiasm by a rising vote, and every one of the ninety-one members rose and voted in the affirmative. Prolonged and repeated cheers greeted the result.

The statue to the late Senator Morton was unveiled at Indianapolis on the 15th. Senator Allison was renominated by acclamation by the Iowa republicans.

The bill for an immediate appropriation for Mississippi river improvement gave rise to a heated discussion in the house.

Fourteen people were injured on the Texas Pacific, near Weatherford Texas, caused by a broken rail.

A consolidation will in all probability be formally effected by the Hannibal and Council Bluffs roads with the Burlington, at a meeting for that purpose early in February.

The Indiana republican state committee has issued a call for a convention to nominate candidates for state offices June 19th. The state convention to elect delegates-at-large to the republican national convention will be held here June 17th.

In the case of a man injured while traveling on a railroad on Sunday, the court at Boston instructed the jury that the plaintiff could not recover unless he should be traveling on a mission of necessity or charity.

Invitations have been sent out to all liberal members of commons, requesting their attendance at the opening of parliament, on the 5th of February.

A young man in jail at Anderson, Ind., confined on the charge of bastardy, nearly succeeded in killing his prosecutor.

The plea of emotional insanity has been entered by the defense in the Nutt trial.

No action will be taken on the bills relating to the Hennepin canal project until printed reports of the engineer are received.

A joint republican caucus of senators and representatives was held to appoint a congressional campaign committee. More than 125 members of congress were present. Senator Edmunds presided. Senator Miller, of Pennsylvania, was chosen secretary. In taking the chair Senator Edmunds said the outlook for the republican party for 1884 was at this early period of the campaign better than at any time for the past fifteen years.

The message of Governor Hale, of Wyoming, compliments the people on their prosperity, and predicts a great future. He reviews the mineral and agricultural resources and advises a radical change in the veterinary laws, in order to prevent the introduction of contagious diseases among horses.

Pittsburg glass workers received a proposition from Toledo capitalists to go to that place, build a warehouse, and take a large interest in the concern.

The Bartholdi pedestal committee announce the Travelers' Insurance company, of Hartford, has subscribed \$1,700 to the fund. A special engraving of the statue complete will be prepared for the American press.

Special Officer J. M. Wilson, of the United States treasury department, seized a small package in the mail from Amsterdam on the 18th. It contained diamonds valued at \$20,000.

The general offices of the Indiana,

Illinois and Iowa railroad at Kankakee, Ill., burned a few days ago, destroying all the company's papers and accounts.

George Allman and James Hardy, who were slightly acquainted, met in the hallway of a building on Hudson street, New York. Angry words passed and a scuffle followed. Allman fell, stabbed, and died instantly. Hardy ran, knife in hand.

Commissioner Pierson, of New York, states that according to an arrangement between the four trunk lines represented in the joint executive committee, and the Missouri River, Lackawana and West Shore roads, passenger rates will be reduced to their old basis.

CRIME.

On the 13th, in Alexandria, Ky., Miss Weaver, affianced of Ed. Befer, went to church with Nicholas Biehl. Beier became so enraged that he went to the house of Miss Weaver and demanded his presents. Being refused, he put a pistol to Miss Weaver's head and snapped it twice without shooting. He then went to the back door and shot himself twice, one of the balls penetrating the heart.

John Flemming and Fred F. Loring, of Chicago, convicted before Judge Blodgett, of the United States district court, of carrying on an extensive grain swindle under the firm name of Fleming and Merriam, were sentenced to twelve months in the county jail and pay a fine \$500. A writ of error was granted in the case, however, by Judge Drummond, of the circuit court, and the prisoners released on \$1,000 bail.

The case of Frank James, for the Blue Cut train robbery was called in the criminal court at Kansas City on the 14th, and continued till February 11, on account of illness of the defendant. The case of Charles Ford on the same charge, was also continued to February 11, it appears that Ford is at St. Louis, too ill to attend.

John Eifers, who killed Ben. Haggarty, because he would not pay him four bits, was hanged at San Francisco on the 15th.

John Rippe, a grain buyer at New Albia, Iowa, hung himself in his warehouse. He was aged 39 years. Whisky and a love affair are supposed to have been the cause.

While resisting arrest, W. A. Alexander, a cowboy and noted desperado, was shot and killed on the reservation at Reno, Colorado, by a detachment of soldiers. One soldier was killed and two wounded.

Tommy G. Walker, aged 14, was arrested at Boston for setting fire to a school building. He had a mania for setting fires.

The dead body of Amelia Olsen, 17 years old, was discovered on the open prairie near the northwestern outskirts of Chicago. The deceased was employed as a domestic, and met her death while returning home after nightfall from her place of work. There were evidences that she had met with violence, and the belief is entertained that she was choked and left insensible, and died from the effect of her rough usage, or that combined with the exposure of the cold night. The locality through which the girl passed is infested with a rough class.

Edward Tappan, arrested for connection with the Townsend outrages, at Hunters Point, L. I., confesses that his brother John and himself were concerned in the murder of Mrs. Maybee and her daughter at Brookville. They took their lives by choking them.

A. J. Rogers and Geo. W. Fowler, Pullman-car conductors, connected with trains running between New York and Chicago, on the Pennsylvania railroad, pleaded guilty to the embezzlement of railroad tickets. Sentence was deferred.

At the Nutt trial, on the 18th, medical expert testimony as to the prisoner's mental condition was continued. Several prominent physicians were examined, all of whom agreed that at the time of the shooting of Dukes young Nutt was insane. At the conclusion of the expert testimony the letters that have given the Dukes-Nutt case such fearful prominence were produced by the defense. With the reading of the letters the defence closed.

WASHINGTON.

Senor Romero, the Mexican minister, paid on the 14th the eighth installment of the indemnity due January 31, 1884, from Mexico to the United States.

Follett, who will have charge of the pension bill when it reaches the house, is strongly in favor of abolishing entirely the pension agency business.

Senator Beck has introduced in the senate a bill identical with Willis' house bill extending for two years the bonded period on distilled spirits. Also a bill to provide an act empowering the secretary of the treasury to use the surplus in the treasury for the redemption of United States bonds, but not to be construed to authorize him to pay a premium therefor.

In response to the house resolution the secretary of the treasury has addressed a letter to that body stating that the employes from Indiana in his department received an assessment circular from the Indiana republican state central committee, but he was unable to discover the person who distributed them.

The live stock dealers, through Representative Hatch, submitted to the house a petition asking for legislation to stamp out pleuro-pneumonia by slaughtering all infected cattle and that government inspection be made of all export meats at the expense of the importer.

At a meeting of the house committee on public lands consideration was given the arguments of Pryor in favor of the Texas Pacific land grant to the Southern Pacific. The sub-committee in charge of the forfeiture of land grants to railroads directed the report of a bill declaring the land grant forfeited.

The committee of ways and means has decided not to act for the present on Towns' bill for the restriction of importation of goods from governments which prohibit the imports of American goods. It is thought that the mere introduction of the measure might have the desired effect.

At a meeting of the senate committee on public lands, Senator Van Wyck's bill for the relief of settlers on the public domain in Nebraska and Kansas was ordered reported favorably. It provides for the payment of \$2.50 per acre to persons who took up lands under the homestead or pre-emption laws within the limits of the Northern Kansas land grant. With this sum, the claimant is expected to extinguish the title of the company. Two hundred thousand dollars was appropriated.

Robert Murray, nominated as surgeon-general of the navy, has been confirmed.

The house committee on elections has decided that the seat neither belongs to Chalmers nor Manning on prima facie evidence.

The bill prepared by the cattlemen for the extirpation of the lung plague was submitted for consideration to the following members of the house committee on agriculture: Hatch, Debbell, Winans, Cullen, Wilson and Ochiltree.

Senator Edmunds was present at the meeting of the senate committee on post-offices and post roads, and gave his views upon the points involved in the consideration of the postal telegraph bill, and entertained no doubt of the constitutional right of the government to build telegraph lines, but strongly opposed the purchase of existing lines. The committee authorized the chairman to fix an early day for persons who represented the telegraph interests to be heard.

The senate session rejected the Mexican treaty. A motion was made to reconsider, pending which the senate adjourned until Monday. Beyond these facts the reports in regard to the matter are contradictory.

Senate confirmations: Elias Skinner, postmaster, Hanson, Iowa; Commodore Robert W. Silmfeldt, Alexander C. Rhind, and Thos. Pattison, rear admirals.

The house committee on private land claims has unanimously agreed to report favorably the bill for the relief of Myra Clark Gaines. It provides for the issue of patents for 38,457 acres of land on account of grants made by Spain to John Lynd and Thos. W. Quhart, provided that no mineral lands are included.

FOREIGN.

FRANCE.

Prime Minister Ferry received a telegram from Tricon, French diplomatic representative in Annam, in which he says: "The king and members of the council exercising regency formerly received me today in a ceremony without precedent. It was conducted with oriental pomp. After salutations were exchanged the king requested me to approach, as he desired me to convey to the French government the assurance of his respect and devotion. He expressed the hope that the severity of the treaty stipulation between the two countries would be mitigated. I assured the king of my sympathy and good will."

ENGLAND.

Castelar, in an interview, said: "Like a majority of the Spanish republicans I am favorable to free trade as a means of improving our relations with England, France and the United States. These are our national friends. The English-speaking race on both sides of the Atlantic have no better friend than myself, even though I sometimes have dissented from their foreign policy."

CHINA AND FRANCE.

A letter from Canton, dated December 5th, says that China is determined to fight, and war can only be avoided by France backing clear down. France made an awful muddle of the whole affair by not acting with force at the first. Chinese troops are pouring in from the north and being raised at Canton. The feeling is that the Chinese must rise up as one man and crush the pride of the French, which they pronounce the most troublesome nation that ever existed.

The State Board of Agriculture. Special to the Omaha Republican.

LINCOLN, Neb., January 15.—A meeting of the state board of agriculture convened in the state house this afternoon at 3 o'clock, President McIntyre in the chair. The president appointed Messrs. J. Jensen, W. E. McCloud and W. B. White to act as a committee on credentials. The committee reported that several counties had failed to fill their annual reports, but on motion all were admitted to seats and full privileges. Various unimportant committees were appointed. The report of the treasurer showed the total receipts for the past year at \$29,716; expenditures, \$16,839; balance in treasury, \$3,876. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, J. B. Dinsmore; secretary, R. W. Furnas; treasurer, Chris. Hartman; vice-presidents, R. Daniels and J. B. McDowell. The location of the fair was postponed until to-morrow.

LEWIS, IOWA.—Dr. M. J. Davis says: "Brown's Iron Bitters give the best of satisfaction to those who use it."

THUNDERING INTO FIRE.

Burning of a Passenger Train on the Kinzua Road, and Its Attendant Horrors. Bradford, Pa., January 15.—A stream of waste oil flowing from a tank across the Bradford, Bordell & Kinzua railroad caught fire this morning. A passenger train from Wellsville for Bradford ran into it and the train was immediately enveloped in flames. The track for a distance of 100 yards was covered with oil. It is believed gas coming in contact with the fire box of the engine exploded, firing the oil, which spread like hurricane winds and enveloped the doomed train in an instant. The mass of flames was so intense that the windows cracked and fell in. In less time than it takes to write, the passenger coach and baggage car were converted into seething, hissing fire. It was a terrible moment. One coach was filled and there was a rush for the doors, but the heat was so intense that the panic-stricken passengers were driven back and forced their way through the windows to a landing in the snow. A relief train with surgeons and cots was dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival a terrible scene presented itself. The passenger coach and baggage car were smoking ruins, and the engine lay on its back, having turned a complete somersault. It is definitely known that only three passengers, all women, were burned to death. The dead are Mrs. L. C. Fair, of Kinzua Junction, who was burned beyond recognition. Mrs. Fair was a young woman, and had been married only two years. Her husband escaped by jumping through a window. The second is Miss Kate Moran, of Aliens, N. Y., whose body was burned almost to a crisp. Miss Moran was found hanging outside of the coach window grasping the sill. The other woman has not been identified. The badly injured are: Professor Faught, not expected to live; Patrick Sexton, engineer, terribly burned about the face and hands; Mike Wolsly, fireman, horribly burned about the face and arms; W. H. Belman jumped from the train and is injured internally; Jerry Donegan, brakeman, hands badly cut; Charles Heidriche, express messenger, burned about the head and hands; George McCartney, newsboy, terribly burned about the head and hands and not expected to live; A. N. Carpenter, of Little Genesee, face and left hand burned; Jerry Haggerty, of Ceres, N. Y., badly burned about the face and head; Mrs. Black, daughter and son, of Aiken, burned about the face and hands; John Kasior, of Aiken, N. Y., terribly burned about the face and hands.

HUNG BY VIGILANTES.

Mike Cuddihie and His Wife Strung Up for Murdering a Child by Degrees.

DENVER, Colo., January 19.—Some three months ago, Mary Rose Matthews, a bright, winsome little girl, 10 years of age, was adopted from the Denver Catholic orphan's home by Mike Cuddihie and wife, living on a ranch ten miles from Ouray, a small mining town in the southern part of the state. A few days ago little Rose suddenly died and was buried by the Cuddihies in a distant part of the ranch. The little girl was cruelly treated from the first, the neighbors said, and her mysterious death and hurried burial aroused their suspicions. He exhorted the body, when unmistakable evidences of her cruel death were revealed. The body was covered with knife wounds, one leg was broken and her skull crushed and limbs frozen. She had no doubt been driven out in the winter storm to die. Cuddihie and wife were immediately arrested and jailed. Yesterday they were tried and found guilty of murder. About 1 o'clock a. m. a band of masked men went to the hotel where Cuddihie and his wife were temporarily held in custody, overpowered the sheriff and guard and took the prisoners away. They both cried loudly for mercy, but as they had ever been deaf to the pleadings of little Rose for mercy, so the vigilantes closed their ears to the cries of the prisoners. They were taken outside the town limits, where the woman was hung to the ridge-pole of a vacant cabin, while her husband was strung to the limb of a tree on the opposite side of the road. Their work done, the vigilantes retired quickly. The bodies were cut down and buried by the coroner. John Carroll Cuddihie, a brother-in-law, was arrested with the others, but for want of sufficient evidence, was allowed to go. This is the first instance of a woman lynched in Colorado.

The Stock Raisers' Bonanza.

AUSTIN, Texas, January 14.—A member of the late convention of stockmen estimates that 2,000,000 head of cattle and horses are supported on free grass, and that half of this grass is public property. The net property is 25 per cent. Two million head of stock is worth \$40,000,000. Owners of stock therefore get out of free grass a profit of \$19,000,000 a year, half of which comes from school and state lands. There is no expectation that any legislation to compel profits to be divided with the state will be adopted.

Revival in St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, January 16.—The will of Ralph Sewell, who died suddenly at the Lindell hotel yesterday, was probated today. It bequeaths \$80,000 to St. Louis institutions, \$10,000 of which is to the manual training school of the Washington university, \$10,000 to St. Luke hospital, \$10,000 to the Mission free school, and \$5,000 each to Missouri Theatrical society, Episcopal orphan's home, Memorial Home and German Protestant orphan's home.

A leap year society, for the protection of young men, is about to be organized. Many a young man whose mother would not board himself and a wife will this year be lassoed by some ardent young woman and dragged down to matrimony. The society can not get to work a moment too soon.—Louisville Courier-Journal.