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OVER THE STATE.

THE LATE JAMES T. ALLAN.—At the late meeting of the state horticultural society at Lincoln ex-Governor Furnas delivered a memorial address on the life and services of the late secretary of the association, James T. Allan, who passed from this life a few weeks ago. Among other things he said: I had the honor and good fortune to know, and be intimately acquainted and continuously associated with the late and lamented James Thomas Allan, for over a quarter of a century—thirty years. I use these terms in their fullest, broadest and most comprehensive import. To know the man as I have known him, was both an honor and good fortune. Few men knew him. He was modest, retiring and unassuming. Yet a volume—an encyclopedia of rare worth. His educated, well trained brain, vivacious and indefatigable pen knew only too well to better his words and promote the welfare of his adopted land. "The world is better and wiser because of his existence" and labors. Along the highways, and in every nook and corner of this state, are the groves, orchards, vineyards, gardens, lawns and flowers, evidences of his work, monuments as enduring as time itself. The inspired penman knew whereof he wrote, in saying: "They rest from their labors, and their works do follow them."

Referring to that particular branch of work to which he had long, and especially of late so assiduously devoted himself, I quote his own words: "The study of horticulture resembles that of life. The horticulturist lives, labors and dies. As the plant furnishes food for a new and superior life, so do his works follow him. Weighed with the toil and work of a lifetime, he has laid himself down beneath the cypress to rest till the great awakening. Summer's heat, nor winter's blast affect him, and as the years succeed each other nature will pay her tribute to one who worshipped at her shrine, and read her open book of teachings, with all its beauties, by decking his grave with verdure and the earliest flowers of spring. So his companions in horticulture will follow till, like him, they are lost in the mists of futurity. Whoever engages in the work will find an increased longing to enter the inner temple of nature to learn how perfect are her works, in causing plants to grow and flowers to bloom, and thus be led to a higher, holier and happier life, and to a better land to which the human soul is invited by visions of beautiful trees and flowers."

These indicate the thought and soul of the man better than I have language or pen to portray. He could have contributed much of the early history of Nebraska, and often promised me, as president of the State Historical society, to do so. He held honorable and responsible positions in the state, especially in connection with the postal service at Omaha. He was for years president of this State Horticultural society, and as all know, was its efficient secretary at the time of his death. He was associated with me in connection with the state exhibit at New Orleans last winter, where he rendered inestimable service in many ways. While there his health was much improved, and I hoped for him a new lease of life.

MISCELLANEOUS STATE MATTERS.

The commissioners of Lancaster county estimated the expenses for 1886 at \$146,476. This is an increase of \$17,000 over last year.

HERE is the composition of Willie Frank, an Omaha school-boy in the fourth B class: GENERAL GRANT.—General Grant helped us to fight the Mexican War and the Civil War. He was president for eight years and because he helped us fight he was not a coward. He ate at the Queens' and Kings' houses and all the people would ask him to come in and eat with them. He traveled over the world and then the people gave him money. I do not think he was very rich because when he came home he had to pull money out of his pocket. When he was poor he wrote a book, so when he died his wife could get money for it. He was a good man all his lifetime. He died at the last of July and everybody was sorry. He was buried in the place of Riverside Park, N. Y. City.

THE M. E. people of Beatrice are having quite a religious revival. There is a large and increasing attendance.

A SPECIAL election will be held in Loup City, February 23, for the purpose of voting on the question of issuing bonds to the Omaha & Republican Valley Railroad.

THE manager of the Hastings opera house cancelled the engagements of several companies because the heating apparatus of the opera house was out of order.

ARLINGTON wants its postoffice to have money order privileges.

FREMONT is expecting the pipe for its water works every day, as well as a man to see that the distribution is properly made.

KEARNEY is to have a new hotel 130x150 feet, three stories high.

MRS. E. ROBINSON, living on the Abe Sinclair place, near Tekamah, came near being bitten by a mad dog one day last week. The dog was apparently all right until Thursday, when Mrs. Robinson noticed that he acted curiously. Fearing that hydrophobia might be the cause, he instructed his wife to be very careful about opening the door, lest the dog might spring into the house. Mrs. Robinson had occasion to open the door Thursday when the dog made a jump for her throat, only being prevented from biting her by the door being shut quickly and catching the dog, in which position Mrs. Robinson held him until her husband came and killed him. Fortunately no damage was done.

WASHINGTON special: Gen. Holman is here to see about the sale of the Winnebago lands and to secure patents for the Sante-Sioux Indians and the rights of citizenship which they claim under the treaty. These matters, however, are already partly provided for by Senator Manderson's amendments.

THE Nebraska state firemen's association elected the following officers: President, J. Butler, Omaha; first vice president, A. C. Lederman, Grand Island; second vice president, W. H. Newbury, Lincoln; secretary, I. L. Lyman, Lincoln; treasurer, W. R. McCallister, Grand Island.

THE commissioners of Richardson county estimate the expenses for the present year at \$111,600.

FOUR school houses and fifteen teachers guide and shape the young idea of Blair at an annual cost of \$7,435.

THE state horticultural society, in session in Lincoln, passed the following resolution: That the Nebraska state horticultural society request its members of congress to favor a liberal appropriation to the department of agriculture for the purpose of providing for the study of fungi injurious to vegetation.

SPECIAL from Chadron: W. C. Childers, a freighter between this place and Fort Robinson, was found frozen to death in a cabin on Cottonwood Creek, about ten miles west of here. Childers started from Chadron with a load of fruit bound for Fort Robinson, and later his body was discovered in a cabin frozen stiff, but covered with blankets. It is supposed that he was nearly frozen before reaching the cabin. Deceased leaves a large family in destitute circumstances.

A SIXTY-ACRE cemetery has been laid out near Hastings.

A SAUNDERS county blacksmith is the possessor of an English silver watch 228 years old. It was made in Liverpool in 1658, and keeps time with the best watch of modern make.

MR. PACE, living a few miles northeast of Nelson, reports hundreds of rabbits covered by a snow-drift in a plum thicket, in which they harbor. Many of them have since worked their way out, but still make the drift their refuge.

HENRY G. J. LEHMAN, of Omaha, fell under the ears at Lincoln and had his leg so badly injured that amputation was necessary.

At Lincoln last week a man was robbed of \$180 at the B. & M. depot. He had been working on a farm near Seward the past summer, and with the amount saved was on his way to his home in Illinois. His loss represented all he had save a few dollars.

A. M. DAY, a Lincoln jeweler, is in trouble financially. His liabilities, which are estimated at \$10,000, exceed his assets by about \$2,000.

A CEMETERY association has been formed at Hastings and sixty acres of land purchased, which will be improved and laid out.

THE Beatrice Canning company intends to put up at least 1,000,000 cans of corn next year.

MISS JENNE E. BURTON, for several years deputy clerk of Adams county, has removed to Washington and opened a pension claim agency.

THE Beatrice Express says the somewhat notorious case of Aspinwall vs. Aspinwall, which has been in the courts for several months past, has come to an abrupt conclusion. It was the suit of Lena Aspinwall vs. Oliver Aspinwall, for divorce and alimony, on the ground of cruelty, in which the defendant responded that they were never legally married. About a week ago both parties filed a stipulation dismissing the suit and entering into an acknowledgment that they did the same of their own free and voluntary act and deed.

W. H. WHITNEY, of Arlington, is probably one of the oldest locomotive engineers in the state, if not in the country. He began railroading in 1845 and for thirty years he sat on the right hand side of a locomotive cab and handled the lever and throttle. He pulled the throttle on the first engine that ever entered Jersey City. He also was on the right side of the first engine that ever came into Omaha over the C., St. P., M. & O. railroad.

THE young town of Cambridge, Furnas county, expended \$85,605 in building improvements last year.

THE right of way for the Elkhorn Valley road through Fremont will cost \$25,000. The price is said to be very reasonable, and will doubtless be acceptable to the officers of the road.

A HARTINGTON special says: Affidavit was made before the proper officer, under section 2, page 360, Compiled Statutes of Nebraska, 1881, for the purpose of securing the award provided for in that section for the discovery of coal. The coal is of excellent quality of hard, or a very fine quality of soft, and discovered on the north half of section 32, township 33, north of range 2 east, and belongs to Mr. Gerhard Kohls, an enterprising German farmer and a large land owner in Cedar county. At a depth of 460 feet the vein is over six feet in thickness.

GEO. M. ALFORD, a brakeman employed on the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha road, while coupling cars near Florence, met with a painful accident which cost him three of his fingers.

JOHN G. BRUNER, one of the prominent pioneers of Nebraska, died at his home in West Point last year in the eighty-fourth year of his age. Mr. Bruner's aged wife survives him, the couple having celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their marriage on August last.

THE citizens of Tecumseh are agitating the formation of a stock company to start a packing house.

MRS. JOHN ALEXANDER, of Hastings, asks for a divorce from her husband, who is on the night police force of that city, because she alleges that he is intimate with the wd women.

PLAINVIEW's new school building is ready for occupancy. The structure cost about \$3,000.

THE annual meeting of the Beatrice canning company was held last week, at which the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: S. C. Smith, G. W. Washington, J. Klein, Thomas Yule, C. M. Root, John Ellis, H. W. Parker. A dividend of 10 per cent was declared upon the capital invested. It was also voted to increase the capacity of the factory. It had become evident that the demand for goods was greater than the factory could meet. The stockholders are well satisfied with the business of the factory since it started, and will make preparations for a big year's work next season.

KEARNEY has an average school attendance of nearly 600.

BEATRICE is having a great religious awakening. Protracted meetings have been held for some time and the attendance is constantly increasing.

THE Congregationalists of Omaha have collected \$25,000 toward a new church to be erected some time the present season.

A YOUNG man named Teetsaw has been arrested at Kennard charged with stealing a registered letter from the postoffice at that place.

EX-GOV. ST. JOHN, of Kansas, recently made a political temperance speech at Lincoln, advocating absolute prohibition.

THE system of water-works that were constructed by Fairbanks & Co. were tendered to the city council of Blair some time ago, but were not accepted on account of the insufficient supply of water. There seems to be no immediate prospect of a niceable adjustment of the matter, and quite likely it will go into the courts.

THE Inter-State Fair association of Wyoming and Blue Springs has been a financial success from the beginning, and the second annual fair will be held in September. The street car track has been extended to the fair grounds.

THE Gage county agricultural society has elected the following officers: President, P. J. Myers; first vice-president, W. D. Nicholls; second vice-president, C. B. Dempster; secretary, C. G. Hoyt; general superintendent, A. W. Bratt; treasurer, Joseph Ellis; board of managers, A. V. S. Saunders, Jacob Klein, John Ellis. The time of the next county fair was set for September 7, 8, 9 and 10 at Beatrice.

POSTMASTER KLOKE, of West Point, denies the report that he endeavored to resign in favor of some democrat, for a cash consideration.

PROF. STRASSBURGER, of Omaha, has eloped with Anna Schafer, a German girl from Lincoln, taking with him \$300 belonging to his wife, who is an invalid.

JACKSON blacksmiths have adopted a regular scale of prices for work in their line.

AN Atkinson man marketed a 600 pound porker, and it wasn't so very fat either.

C. T. JOHNS, of Ponca, has over 1,600 head of cattle on his ranch in the Loup valley.

A SON of John Moies, of Jefferson county, while engaged in shelling corn one day last week got his clothing caught in the tumbling roll of the horse power and had an arm broken and was otherwise bruised.

THE village fire ordinance of Schuyler has been found lacking, and a movement is being made to pass another, remedying the defects. The new one has been read once, and contains provisions declaring it to be a nuisance to erect wooden buildings within certain limits, and prescribing a penalty therefor.

MR. TRUVEY, aged 68, of Custer county, suddenly fell dead week before last while busy about the house doing chores. It is believed that death resulted from heart troubles.

THE case of Mr. J. E. Baldwin, who was charged with having hit a man named Trester with a five-pound weight some time ago at North Loup, was tried at Ord. Mr. Baldwin was accompanied to Ord by his counsel, Reddon & Clarke, and a multitude of friends, says the Mirror, and after hearing the case the justice decided that the blow was entirely justifiable, and the defendant was triumphantly acquitted.

THE prospects for a canning factory at Falls City are said to be improving.

A COMMITTEE at Wymore has issued an appeal to the citizens for aid for the poor. OMAHA has extended its fire limits, and hereafter all within the prescribed ground must put up brick or stone.

THE charity ball in Omaha this year will be held in the new exposition building, that covers half a block.

A COMMITTEE of ladies at Tekama has been looking after the poor of the place and doing much toward relieving their wants.

THE body of Wenzel Lapour, lynched at Schuler, according to Coroner Miles and Mr. Cannon, was interred in the Schuyler cemetery, and not shipped to the Omaha medical institute as reported. The Herald of that place says it is strange that some medical man did not claim the body for dissecting purposes, as no trouble would have been experienced in getting it.

THE board of directors of the inter-state fair association held a meeting at Wymore, at which it was decided to hold the next annual exhibition the week following the state fair.

A TREMENDOUS ice crop is being gathered in all sections of the state. Fears of the famine that prevailed in the early days of winter is a thing entirely of the past.

AARON CEE, who was struck by a snow plow near Columbus, January 4, and who wandered insensible on the prairie for several hours and was finally found nearly frozen, had all the fingers on both hands amputated a few days ago.

TWO CLERKS in the B. & M. railroad office at Omaha have been jailed for forgery. Tickets sent in for cancellation were altered so as to be saleable to brokers, and in this way it is supposed the road has been swindled out of thousands of dollars.

THE Albion News says that one evening last week the team driven by the mail carrier between that place and Dublin, came into town without driver or mail sacks. The team was captured and cared for and surmises were indulged in as to what had become of the driver. Foul play was suspected, but the next morning about 8 o'clock the missing man came striding into town with Uncle Sam's pouches on his shoulder. At Roselman postoffice where he stops to exchange mail he had taken the sacks and went into the house, leaving the team as usual unhitched, but as it was a cold day, and, becoming impatient at the attendant's long stay took to the road without guide, making the distance safely, but leaving the mail behind.

KEARNEY has a new hotel on paper, and there is strong hope that the structure in brick and mortar will rise some time during the present year.

THE new county commissioners of Dawes county have removed the county seat from Chadron to "Section 20," near that town, which they claim is the legal county seat.

THE WYOMING LEGISLATURE. Gov. Warren, of Wyoming, transmitted to the legislature a communication from the secretary of the interior showing the enormous expense incurred by the Arizona legislature in creating officials for that body. The list includes fifty clerks. It is evident that the Wyoming legislature will not need such a warning, as it is a remarkably economical body, and has refused so far to take any newspapers, has no committee clerks, and no unnecessary officials.

STILL READJUSTING. In the Virginia senate a joint resolution was offered proposing an amendment to the state constitution providing that all evidences of state debt outstanding not already funded under the Riddleberger bill, which are not presented and funded in accordance with the provisions of said act within ninety days after the ratification of this amendment by the people, shall be forever barred.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS AND NOTES.

A Record of Proceedings in Both Branches of the U. S. Congress.

SENATE.—In the late Senator Dawes, from the committee on Indian affairs, reported favorably a bill prohibiting under a penalty of fine and imprisonment, the trespassing on Indian lands. Senator Van Wyck introduced a bill to prevent the commutation of American coin. It is as follows: Section 1. Any promissory check, draft, bill of exchange, or any contract or agreement requiring payment of money which stipulates and requires payment thereof to be made in gold coin alone shall be void and of no effect. Section 2. In any prosecution of any such note, check, draft, or bill of exchange, or any contract or agreement requiring payment in gold coin in any territory of the United States or in any federal courts besides the ordinary courts charged against the plaintiff, the court shall also allow 10 per cent of the amount of such note, check, draft, or bill of exchange, or of the contract or agreement, as a part of the costs to be paid by the plaintiff. Section 3. Any person, or agent, or attorney, or any person who shall demand or receive any such note, draft, bill of exchange, or other contract or agreement requiring payment of money in gold coin, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$100 or more than the full amount mentioned in such promissory note, draft, or bill of exchange, or contract of agreement.

HOUSE.—Bragg announced the death of his colleague, Rankin, and offered the customary resolutions, which were unanimously adopted and, as a mark of respect to the memory of the deceased, the house adjourned at 12:15. The speaker approved Messrs. Bragg, Stewart, Gunther, Carlton, Hammons, of Illinois, and Johnson, of New York, as a committee on that part of the house to accompany the deceased to his home in Wisconsin.

SENATE.—A joint resolution from the house of representatives was placed before the senate, appropriating money for the relief of the Northern Cheyenne Indians. It provides, among other things, that members of any "tribe or nation" under the jurisdiction of the United States shall be eligible to appointment as postmaster, mail agent, postal clerk, deputy collector of internal revenue, deputy marshal, Indian agent or Indian inspector, or to any other office relating to the government of an Indian tribe or nation. By Van Wyck—to increase the pension to widows and dependent relatives, and granting a pension to invalid and dependent soldiers and sailors. It provides, among other things, that the pension now granted widows or minor children of deceased soldiers and sailors shall be increased from \$8 to \$12 per month. By Cullom—Increasing the pension for total disability and for total helplessness to \$100 per month. By Bowen—Providing that no pension shall be granted by the United States to cancel land patents after three years from the date of entry.

HOUSE.—Bills and resolutions were introduced as follows: To limit the jurisdiction of the United States courts in patent cases, and to protect persons, who without notice are bona fide manufacturers, purchasers, vendors or users of articles for exclusive use, manufacture or sale, of which a patent has been or may hereafter be granted. By Mr. Willis, of Kentucky—Providing that in the employment of labor on public works preference shall be given to citizens of the United States, and prohibiting the employment of convict labor. To prohibit the importation of pauper labor. Authorizing the payment of postal notes by money order offices. Fixing at \$5,000,000 the maximum limit of the capital stocks of national banking associations. For the relief of railroad mail clerks who have been in the postal service for twenty years. A resolution calling on the secretary of the interior for copies of any and all contracts or leases which are now in force on the public lands of the Southern Pacific Railroad company and any railroad to which land grants have been made or which have received bonds from the United States. Also for a copy of the charter of the Southern Pacific Railroad company, and for a copy of the contract of the Pacific Mail Steamship company and any of the subsidized roads. Mr. Morrison, of Illinois, from the committee on ways and means, reported a bill relating to the taxation of fractional parts of a gallon of distilled spirits. Mr. Adams of Ohio, from the committee on coinage and currency, reported a bill to enable national banking associations to increase their capital and to change their location and name. Placed on the house calendar.

SENATE.—This being the day appointed for senate addresses in memoriam of the late Vice-President Hendricks, the galleries of the senate began to fill at an early hour. When, therefore, at noon the president pro tempore (Mr. Sherman) called the senate to order all the seats in the galleries were occupied, the larger proportion of the occupants being ladies. Mr. Voorhees called attention to the public loss in the death of the late Vice-President Hendricks. For the eminent citizen of the republic, he said, who lately fell from his place and who now sleeps in honor in the bosom of the state he has left behind him a noble and faithful citizen, and one who has done more than has already been done by the tongue, and by every method which human affection can inspire. All the honors due to the most illustrious dead have been paid by the chief magistrate of the government, by the authorities of the states and by the unstrained affection of the people. 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