

OVER THE STATE.

NEBRASKA'S EDUCATIONAL HERITAGE

Lincoln Correspondence Omaha Bee: The magnificent and munificent heritage that the state of Nebraska has for its children is never so fully and understandingly illustrated as when the semi-annual apportionment of school funds are made and divided between the counties of the state.

COMPLAINING OF RATES.

Lincoln special to the Omaha Herald: The first complaint which has ever come in to the railroad commission alleging secret rates and rebates to favored shippers was filed in the office of the commission this morning.

MISCELLANEOUS STATE MATTERS.

Red Cloud is promised a \$65,000 depot. A ladies' relief society has been organized at Grand Island. There is talk of a toboggan club and a toboggan slide in Beatrice.

GEORGE GORDON, an aged colored man who has been a familiar figure on the streets of Norfolk for several years, died last week. The Ullyesses Dispatch says that the Northwestern road, as surveyed, runs through the east window of A. D. Sperry's farm house and comes out at the south window.

A LINCOLN correspondent writes: It has been the custom to print the governor's message in a half a dozen different languages, but it is doubtful if it will be done this year.

BUSINESS men of Hastings have just organized an association for buying grain. They will build an elevator and hire an experienced man to operate it, endeavoring to get a fair profit upon their investment.

THE new church at Pleasant Valley will be dedicated the first Sunday after Christmas.

REV. IRWIN, pastor for the past six years of the Presbyterian church at Beatrice, has tendered his resignation.

CONSIDERABLE trouble is being had over the new school house at Mead. The contract was let last August to C. W. Wilson for \$3,800, to be completed by Dec. 1.

NEBRASKA City special: Last evening the board of county commissioners made a final settlement with the bondsmen of ex-Treasurer Simpson, in accepting the tender of \$40,000, the amount of the bond.

THE work of trenching for the street mains for Nebraska City's waterworks system began on the 10th, and will be pushed during the mild weather. It is intended to complete the works by July 1, 1887.

SMUCKLEY'S new elevators have opened up for business.

TWO burglars were captured in Omaha last week as they were in the act of robbing a gun store. They had in their possession twenty revolvers.

THE Farmers union of Oakland has purchased two lots and will erect an elevator at once.

OPERATIONS have been suspended at the recent coal find in Omaha. The well has filled with water and nothing further can be done until a pump, which has been ordered, of sufficient capacity to empty the well arrives.

THE U. P., B. & M. and St. Joe and Grand Island are engaged in a merry war in the state at the present time. The North Bend Mail, says: "The U. P. surveyors completed their line to North Bend, on Friday, and were immediately ordered to Norfolk for a continuance of the line from Stanton toward the northwest."

AN Omaha wife who had been cruelly wronged, forced her husband's mistress at the point of a revolver to surrender an elegant outfit of furniture which had been purchased for the said mistress by the husband of the wronged woman, Mrs. Leeder.

AT Omaha last week the jury brought in a verdict convicting David Rankin, the cattleman, who was charged with fencing in 35,000 acres of government land in Cherry county. Caleb Stem, his foreman, who was indicted on the same count, was acquitted.

LINCOLN has thus far pledged over \$16,000 for locating the Nebraska Wesleyan university in that city. This amount is expected to be swelled to \$40,000.

SEWARD'S canning factory is now an assured fact, and the promoters of the enterprise are advertising for lands on which to grow the fruits.

A RELIGIOUS revival is in progress at Cheney, and a number thus far have professional faith and mended their daily walks of life.

HASTINGS has subscribed \$10,000 of the \$20,000 required to start a factory for the manufacture of a new road scraper. Patrick Deeny, the patentee, is a native of the town.

PROF. C. E. BESSEY will deliver a lecture on grasses and foliage plants before the Nebraska Dairyman's association which meets at Sutton next week.

Mrs. LAURA E. LEGG has commenced a suit for \$5,000 damages in the district court against Chas. Shiverick, of Omaha. She is the re-married widow of Geo. E. Senler, a former employe of Shiverick's, who was killed by falling through an elevator shaft on December 22, 1884.

SAMUEL HARDY, of Boone county, has gone to the pen for fifteen years for murder.

THE matter of the new location for the Beatrice postoffice, which has been under consideration for a month past, was decided on the 10th by a telegram from Washington saying the proposition for the Masonic Temple corner had been accepted by the department. The room is large and will be entirely refitted with 1,200 lock boxes, making it the equal of any office in the state.

BURGLARS who went through an Omaha store, capturing \$600 worth of goods, were arrested in Council Bluffs.

THERE are now seventy-seven organized counties in the state, and eighteen of them are under township organization.

ORDERS have been received by Superintendent Dickey, of the Western Union Telegraph company in Omaha, reducing the telegraph tolls. Commencing at once the maximum rate to all offices in Nebraska will be forty cents per ten words and 3 cents additional for every word above ten; night messages, 30 cents per ten words and 2 cents for each additional word over ten.

JUDGE HAYWARD was presented by the Lincoln bar with a beautiful gold-headed cane, as a memento of kindly recollections entertained for him during his judicial career.

LINCOLN has secured the Methodist university. Fifty thousand dollars in cash and bonds valued at \$243,000 were the inducements offered by the citizens which secured the prize. Omaha and York were the principal competitors, their bids being respectively \$180,000, and \$193,000 in cash and lands.

THE Indian supply depot will not be removed to Omaha for the present. The contest between western cities was so great that the Indian commissioner decided to make no change.

THE sportsmen of Republican City are preparing for a grand wolf hunt on New Year's day.

TAXES in Omaha are very well paid up only a little over 1 per cent remaining unpaid of the total taxes on real estate and personalty for the last five years.

THE latest offer concerning the salt works is considered a fair one by the state officers, but there is a feeling that it will not be best to take action until the legislature expresses an opinion on the subject.

Mrs. ELIZABETH TITUS has sued Beatrice for \$5,500 damages for permanent injuries to her person. While out riding last summer a cobble stone struck the buggy wheel, causing the horse to run away. Mrs. Titus was thrown out and one of her limbs broken.

A COMPANY has been formed at Chadron to supply the city with brick at the rate of 25,000 a day.

THE Nebraska City distilling company wants 100,000 bushels of corn.

At a meeting of the regents of the university last week the university and library committee reporting upon communications from the State Medical society with respect to the appointment of a board of examiners, for the examination of candidates of degrees in the university, reported recommending the approval and appointment of the gentlemen named by said State Medical society to act as such board and inviting them to act in conjunction with the proper representatives of the university in the premises, provided that no obligation or expense be incurred for such service, nor any compensation made therefor by the university. The secretary is directed to notify the secretary of the State Medical society and the dean of the medical faculty of this action.

Mrs. LAWLER was rearrested at Lincoln last week and taken to Kansas in the custody of the sheriff of Harper county, who, immediately on hearing of the woman's release in the United States court at Omaha, secured requisition papers from the state of Kansas and came after her. The sheriff expressed a good deal of surprise that the United States court had released the woman in the face of the testimony and expressed it as beyond any doubt as to her transactions in making away with her husband. The man who was paid by her \$500 to murder her husband across the line in the Indian Nation is in custody and has confessed all the facts in the conspiracy, which are very damaging to the woman. This man will be tried for murder in the United States court at Wichita and Mrs. Lawler will be tried for conspiracy under the laws of Kansas.

THE organization of the Ogallala Social Club has been perfected and a series of dances will be given to its members by the club during the winter.

THE Pine River roller mill was just ready after repairs to commence operations, when a big washout in the dam upset calculations and necessitated postponement of operations for some time.

KEARNEY is rushing her water works with all possible speed.

A SHORT time ago rival grocery firms in Grand Island inaugurated a war on prices, the result of which was that many patrons secured cheap groceries. Now two dry goods merchants are in the fray, the run being on handkerchiefs. One of the firms sold nose wipers for one cent each, and his rival met the cut and went one better by giving handkerchiefs away.

THE largest fish caught this winter was speared last week in Fish Lake, near Howard, by Miss Nellie Meyer. It was a pickered and weighed two ounces less than twelve pounds.

THE seven-year-old daughter of E. P. Winters, while playing with a button hook, got it so fastened under her tongue that in attempting to pull it out she was badly torn in the mouth.

THE new institute for feeble-minded children contains forty-seven rooms, and will accommodate seventy-five to eighty children.

DR. SEMNER has been appointed medical examiner for the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Division 98, with headquarters in Lincoln.

GENERAL MILES HONORED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 16.—The order of the president annexing southern California to the department of Arizona, under command of General Nelson A. Miles, and removing his headquarters from Prescott, Ariz., to Los Angeles, Cal., gives him the command of the whole Mexican frontier from Texas to the Pacific. The territorial extension of the limits of his command is said by General Miles' friends to be a sufficient answer to the charge which has been made that he disobeyed orders in the Apache campaign.

UPON being asked to-night whether the extension of the limits of his command might not be regarded as equivalent to a promotion, the general said: "The fact speaks for itself. I don't care to say anything about it."

FASTED FOR FIFTY DAYS.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—Merlati completed his fifty day fast at 6 o'clock this evening. The doctors in attendance gave him a small quantity of specially prepared wine before giving him food. He is in good condition.

LEGISLATIVE NEWS AND NOTES.

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

HOUSE, Dec. 11.—The speaker announced the appointment of Morrison, Harris, and McKinley as conferees on the Fractional gallon bill, and Cobb, Van Eaton, and Payson on the Allen land bill. Payson (Ill.), on behalf of the committee on public lands, called up the bill declaring the forfeiture of the Ontonagon and Brule River land grant. The bill was passed without revision. [It forfeits 384,600 acres.] The house then went into committee of the whole on the sundry civil appropriation bill. In the course of the general debate Latham, of Texas, made an appeal in favor of the redemption of the trade dollar, and alluding to the standard silver dollar, he declared that its coinage would never be suspended, no matter who might argue to the contrary. Pending further discussion the committee rose and the house adjourned.

SENATE, Dec. 13.—On motion of Senator Hoar, the electoral count bill, as received from the house, was laid on the table and ordered printed. Senator Morrill also offered a resolution instructing the committee on finance to examine as to the expediency of the proposed measure for the maintenance of a system of national banks with ample security and without additional cost to the government. Referred to the committee on finance. Senator Morrill's resolution declaring the promise of making proper provision for the relief of the Indians, and the committee having risen, the bill was passed. As amended, the bill provides that in all cases where any tribe of Indians located upon any reservation created for its use, either by treaty, or by an executive order, the secretary of the interior is authorized, whenever in his opinion any reservation of such nature is advantageous for agricultural and grazing purposes, to cause such reservation to be surveyed, or resurveyed if necessary, and to allot lands in said reservation in severalty to Indians located thereon, on their application, in quantities as follows: To each head of a family, one-quarter of a section; to each single person under 18 years of age, one-eighth of a section; to each orphan child under 18 years of age, one-eighth of a section; to each other person under 18 years, one-sixteenth of a section. Provided, that in case there is not sufficient land in any of said reservations to allot to each individual of the class named, in quantities as above provided, the lands embraced in such reservation or reservations shall be allotted to each individual of each said class pro rata in accordance with the provisions of this act. Rights and privileges of citizenship are conferred upon every Indian born within the territorial limits of the United States, to whom allotments have been made, and upon every Indian who has voluntarily taken up his residence in and adopted the habits of civilized life.

SENATE, Dec. 17.—On motion of Senator Conger, the house bill to extend the free delivery system to the postoffice department, passed by the house on the 9th inst., was taken up and passed. It provides that letter carriers shall be employed for free delivery at every incorporated city, village, or borough containing a population of 500 or more, in quantities as above provided, and may be so employed at every place containing a population of not less than 10,000 within its corporate limits, according to the last general census, or any postoffice which produced a gross revenue for the preceding fiscal year of not less than \$10,000. The fiscal year then took up the unfinished business of yesterday, being a bill to repeal the tenure of office act, and without further discussion the bill was passed; Yeas, 30; Nays, 22. On motion of Senator Conger, a bill passed by the house on the 9th inst., authorizing the employment of mail messengers in the postal service, was taken up, amended and passed and a conference was asked.

HOUSE, Dec. 17.—Mr. Belmont (N. Y.), introduced the following bill, which was referred to the committee on foreign affairs: That the president be and is hereby authorized to appoint a commission to proceed to such places in the United States, or elsewhere, as may be designated by the secretary of state, to take testimony under oath or affirmation in relation to the losses and injuries inflicted since December 31, 1885, by the British authorities, imperial or colonial, upon the citizens of the United States engaged in fisheries on the northeast coast of British North America. Said commission shall everywhere have, in respect to the administration of oaths of affirmation and the taking of testimony, the same powers as a commissioner of the circuit court, and shall be paid the same fees as prescribed for similar services of a commission of the circuit court, together with traveling expenses. The sundry civil appropriation bill was then considered and passed.

RUN BY STRONG DRINK.

New York special: The World's St. John (N. B.) special says: Episcopal circles in New Brunswick are agitated over the fall from grace of the Rev. William Almo Desbrissey, rector of St. Martin's. He is one of a family of preachers and lawyers, all brilliant and eloquent men. William is the ablest of the family, but he contracted an unconquerable appetite for drink. Some years ago he was relieved from his appointment in the provinces and banished to Sable Island as a missionary in charge of that desolate grave yard of the North Atlantic ocean, the dismal scene of so many great catastrophes. His congregation consisted of twenty people, and he was the life-saving service. Absolute prohibition reigns there, except when a vessel is wrecked with liquor on board, when all hands are said to help themselves. The reverend gentleman spent some years in exile in this lonely spot, and it was fondly hoped had conquered his appetite. Two years ago he came back to civilization and delivered a series of exceedingly interesting lectures in Halifax on the weird story of Sable Island. Subsequently he was appointed to the rectorship of St. Martin's, and he has not been able to resist his congregation by his eloquence. One Sunday morning he left the pulpit in what his audience supposed was a state of intoxication. Next Sunday he was too drunk to preach. Then he came to St. John on a regular spree. He will be tried ecclesiastically.

The mayor of Grand Island has gone to California for an extended visit.

SENATE, Dec. 15.—Senator Van Wyck

offered a resolution calling on the secretary of war for information as to how the Missouri river commission has apportioned certain money appropriated in the river and harbor bill for the improvement of the Missouri river and other points in Nebraska and Iowa. The resolution gave rise to considerable discussion. Before coming to a vote on the resolution, the hour of 2 arrived, when the unfinished business of yesterday, the bill repealing the tenure of office act, came up and was, on motion of Hoar, allowed to stand over till to-morrow as unfinished business. Senator Beck called up the bill prohibiting senators or representatives from acting as attorneys for subsidized railroad companies, the question being on the substitute reported from the judiciary committee. Mr. Beck opposed the substitute, and acted as the bill as introduced by himself. Senator Pugh, a member of the judiciary committee, justified the substitute. He was opposed to the bill as reported, but if it were enacted he would have it carried out to its full extent. Without reaching a vote the senate went into executive session, and when the doors were re-opened, adjourned.

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HOUSE, Dec. 16.—The senate bill passed providing that Admirals Rowan and Worden may, after forty years' service, be retired from active service on their own application, with the highest pay of the grade to which they belong. The house then resumed in committee of the whole consideration of the bill for allotment of lands in severalty to the Indians. A number of amendments, recommended by the committee on Indian affairs, were adopted, and the committee having risen, the bill was passed. As amended, the bill provides that in all cases where any tribe of Indians located upon any reservation created for its use, either by treaty, or by an executive order, the secretary of the interior is authorized, whenever in his opinion any reservation of such nature is advantageous for agricultural and grazing purposes, to cause such reservation to be surveyed, or resurveyed if necessary, and to allot lands in said reservation in severalty to Indians located thereon, on their application, in quantities as follows: To each head of a family, one-quarter of a section; to each single person under 18 years of age, one-eighth of a section; to each orphan child under 18 years of age, one-eighth of a section; to each other person under 18 years, one-sixteenth of a section. Provided, that in case there is not sufficient land in any of said reservations to allot to each individual of the class named, in quantities as above provided, the lands embraced in such reservation or reservations shall be allotted to each individual of each said class pro rata in accordance with the provisions of this act. Rights and privileges of citizenship are conferred upon every Indian born within the territorial limits of the United States, to whom allotments have been made, and upon every Indian who has voluntarily taken up his residence in and adopted the habits of civilized life.

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A MOTHER'S DIRE ACT.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 16.—When Joseph Kosa, a cutter employed in a Clark street tailor shop, returned to his home to-night he found the door leading to his flat locked ajar. Vigorous knocking brought no response, and when the door was finally forced the bodies of his wife, Antonia, and his 13-month-old child were seen dangling from the transom of the bed room door, suspended by pieces of a white cord.

The dead woman was a native of Saxony, and 24 years old. She married Kosa less than two years ago, and their domestic relations are said to have been pleasant, but Mrs. Kosa became nearly crazed when her child took sick recently. It is supposed that she committed the deed when temporarily insane.

THE TARIFF QUESTION.

The Statesmen at the Capital All Discuss the Matter.

Washington special: The skirmish lines of the two parties are well advanced on the tariff question. Mr. Morrison says he will endeavor to bring up his bill at the earliest possible moment. That means that he will do so as soon as he discovers that his forces are all here. At present there are some absentees. There have been a number of private conferences to endeavor to determine upon a policy, and the latest conclusion is that it is expedient to force the vote at once. So far as can be ascertained from a preliminary survey of the situation it cannot be discovered that there has been any change since the vote was taken last June. Then Mr. Morrison was unable to succeed in his motion for the reason that he did not have votes enough, and that a considerable number of his own party declined to support him. The protectionist leaders who have been canvassing the situation with a good deal of care during the last few days say they cannot discover that there has been any change in the views of the protection democrats. The only difference is that two democrats who voted with Randall and against Mr. Morrison are dead. The views of the successor of the other have not yet been ascertained. Meanwhile Mr. Randall has not been inactive. He declines to accept any "olive branch," although it is reported that several have been tendered to him. One of the stories of the day, in fact, is that Secretary Lamar and Congressman Hewitt have undertaken to act as intermediaries between the two tariff factions in the democratic party in the hope of being able to come to an agreement upon some bill. Mr. Randall has his sundry civil bill and will use it as a club to ward off the blows of the revenue reformers from whatever quarter they may come.

While it is quite certain that an effort will be made to bring up the tariff question, it still seems probable that no tariff bill will pass. Expressions within the last day or two in the senate, however, on the part of some leading republicans have created the impression that some of the protectionist republican leaders are of opinion that it is expedient to take some action upon the tariff at this session. Those who have been the most conspicuous in advancing this idea thus far are Senators Sherman and Dawes. The speech of Mr. Dawes, which is expected next week, is awaited with great interest. His view is that the \$100,000,000 surplus can be reduced by a reduction of taxation without injuriously affecting the protective interests or interfering with the wages of home labor.

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THE MARKETS.

Table with columns for OMAHA and NEW YORK, listing various commodities like WHEAT, BARLEY, RYE, OATS, BUTTER, EGGS, etc., with their respective prices.