

OVER THE STATE.

NEBRASKA NEWS AND NOTES. THE acreage of fall wheat sown this fall will be very large.

AS COLD weather approaches the coal thief begins his operations here and there.

THE North Platte roller mill is forced to run twenty-four hours a day to supply its patrons.

JAMES R. GARFIELD of Mentor, O., son of the martyred president, was in Omaha a few days ago.

DUCKS, quails, chickens, rabbits and other kinds of game are reported plentiful in the Platte bottoms.

THE members of the German Lutheran church near Lyons contemplate building a church next spring.

W. B. EUBANKS, a prominent citizen of Fairbury, was found dead in a bed at the European hotel in St. Joseph, Mo.

THERE have been more political gatherings and larger ones this fall than ever before in the history of the state.

OWEN JONES, residing four and a half miles north of Plainview, was thrown from a buggy last week and seriously hurt.

BRAKEMAN CHARLIE BOND got his hand caught while coupling cars at Hay Spring. He had three fingers and part of his thumb amputated.

PRairie fire in the Elkhorn bottoms between Fremont and Arlington have inflicted a heavy loss on stockmen, much hay having been burned.

THE Methodist Episcopal conference meets at Randolph December 2, 3 and 4, and an interesting programme has been prepared for the occasion.

THE militia company at Kearney is organized and ready for drill. They have elected officers and will at once spruce up and learn the tactics.

MR. W. NEELANDER, one of the most prominent farmers living near Berea, died a few days ago at Hot Springs and his remains were taken east for burial.

A NUMBER of telegraph operators have recently been discharged at Omaha, and on the 11th of November a ball for their benefit is to be given.

ARTICLES of incorporation have been filed by the Omaha hydraulic press brick company. The capital stock is \$400,000, divided into shares of \$100.

It is estimated that 200,000 sheep have been shipped from Wyoming, over the Elkhorn road since this fall, to feeding grounds in Nebraska and Kansas.

It is hoped by Kearney people that Bishop Graves, who is now in the east, will bring home with him good tidings respecting the Episcopal college at that place.

WEAR CASSADY of Friend held a half interest in his trotting stallion, Charley Burch, to J. W. Allsman for \$2,500. The horse has a record of 2:31 1/2.

THE Lancaster Medical society in conjunction with the Lincoln board of health has commenced a raid upon the quacks of Lincoln and the surrounding country.

J. H. PIERCE, an Omaha attorney, is a fugitive from justice, having been engaged in forgery. Pierce is a bright fellow, but a wreck in the matter of strong drink.

THE farmers' elevator plan is constantly gaining ground at Hooper. About three hundred shares of stock, amounting to \$7,500, have already been subscribed for.

WHAT is styled an indignation meeting of business men and property owners was held in Nebraska City. The occasion for this meeting was the wagon bridge bonds.

THE special election held in Beatrice to vote upon the issue of \$15,000 bonds for the construction of a new system of storm sewers resulted in favor of the bonds by a fair majority.

TOBACCO has been raised in Colfax county this year, and the crop has turned out to the satisfaction of the raisers. Next year an additional number of acres will be planted.

MISS STELLA YOUNG of Ashland has accepted a position as bookkeeper with the wholesale manufacturing company of Katz & Nebens, Omaha, and will commence work November 3.

WHILE Pierce & Co. were threshing for B. L. Gorham, who lives about eight miles west of Pender, the crown sheet of the boiler burst. It was caused by low water. No one was injured.

A HIGH official of a western road, who has been in Wyoming and given some attention to the coal famine, says that it is largely due to the cussedness of the railway employes in that region.

A MAN who gave his name as Goss and came from Ogallala was arrested in Nebraska City with four horses in his possession, said to have been stolen. The authorities at Ogallala were notified.

JOHN KIEWIT, an old resident of Omaha, while directing some repairs on one of his buildings, fell from the roof. His skull was fractured and he received injuries which will prove fatal.

NEBRASKA CITY people are making an honest and desperate attempt to raise a sufficient bonus to secure the location there of one of Oxnard's beet sugar factories, and they have hopes of success.

THE Baptists of Nebraska number, as reported last year, 10,182. They are increasing at about the rate of 1,000 a year. The increase last year was 1,495; 11,070 were enrolled in the Sunday schools. The total valuation of church property is set down at \$421,011. Last year \$118,691 were contributed by the churches for home expenses, and \$7,806 for missions.

Two barns near Fifteenth and W streets, Lincoln, were burned to the ground last week, and with them two valuable horses and considerable hay. The work is thought to have been that of an incendiary.

THE country school teacher, who so mysteriously disappeared several weeks ago from near Blue Hill, has at last turned up. He writes to his wife from California and tells her that he was insane when he left home.

A PETITION is being circulated by the members of the Lancaster county bar that the present term of the district court be adjourned soon, as the time for commencing the November term is rapidly approaching.

GEORGE J. BARRETT, proprietor of the Star livery barn, Fremont, suspiciously left the city the other day. His creditors, believing that he has gone for good, soon took charge of his business and now have it in hand.

THE Standard street railway of Lincoln has been granted permission to erect poles and adopt electricity as a motive power. Its poles are already contracted for, and it is expected that many of them will be set this fall.

A FAMILY of newcomers to Ashland have lost two children by diphtheria. They had previously lost several children from the same disease in the east, and it is supposed the germs of diphtheria were taken to Ashland with them.

THE other day the residence of ex-Warden R. W. Hyers in Plattsmouth was found to be on fire. The fire company soon got control of the flames but the building was badly damaged. The loss on the house is \$800, covered by insurance.

ALBERT BODINUS, an employe of the Detroit iron works on the Tenth street viaduct in Omaha, fell from the structure the other day and sustained injuries that will prove fatal. This is the second fatality on the structure since work began.

THE Union Pacific has established reading rooms for its employes at Grand Island. A good sized library has been provided as well as the leading newspapers and periodicals, all of which, including the use of both rooms, is free to the men for only \$2.50 a year.

By a mandamus order from the supreme court the board of supervisors of Knox county have taken the necessary steps to submit to the voters this fall the proposition to divide the county and form the new county of Union out of the two southern tiers of townships.

THE bad woman question is attracting considerable attention in Lincoln on account of the brazenness with which some of them parade the streets and also on account of Mayor Graham's determined efforts to drive them out of the residence and business portions of the city.

THE Omaha & Republican Valley railroad company last week petitioned the board of county commissioners of Lancaster county to obtain a fee simple title for the right of way across certain state lands between Lincoln and West Lincoln, over which its line was built in 1880.

THE farmers in the neighborhood of South Sioux City have agreed to raise 2,000 acres of sugar beets next season, and the merchants have guaranteed a bonus of \$150,000 in cash and real estate if H. T. Oxnard will put in a sugar factory at that place costing \$500,000.

CHARLES HIMLER of Decatur takes the state cake as a pumpkin raiser. He raised on one vine five pumpkins and says their weight will not very five pounds from the largest to smallest. He took one to town the other day and it tipped the beam at sixty-five pounds. He estimates the weight of the fruit of one little seed at 305 pounds.

A CONFERENCE was had at Gering between the citizens and the members of the Belmont & Froid canal company and R. H. Lawrence and A. Polack of Omaha, representing the Belmont construction company. The canal, which will be nearly 300 miles long and water 175,000 acres of land, will be the largest in the United States.

M. N. PURDY of Homer had the misfortune to lose five head of horses the other night during the heavy rain. His stable was situated near a creek and the water raised and filled the stable and drowned the horses before he was aware of the danger, only one escaping from the terrible death. Will Ream also lost one horse in the same stable.

A. R. THORP, one of the oldest and most universally respected citizens of Nebraska City, was found dead in bed the other day. Mr. Thorp took a short walk in the morning, and feeling fatigued retired to his room to rest, where he was found dead a short time afterwards. The deceased was 86 years of age, and the cause of his death was heart failure.

CHARLES VANCE, who so brutally assaulted Mary Bronette at Covington, from the effects of which she is hovering between life and death, was captured at home and brought to the Dakota City jail. A strong guard was at once placed about the jail to prevent the carrying into effect of the threats of lynching so freely made by Covington parties.

George and Louis Wagner, arrested near Snyder, Dodge county, for an assault on John Hardee a few days ago, were tried and convicted. They have given notice of an appeal to the district court. Hardee is past 60 years of age and the boys are 22 and 17 respectively. Against the two the old man stood no show at all. He was badly bruised and battered in the row. His suit of clothes, worn at the time of the assault, were produced in court, all covered with blood, as evidence of how he was used. An alibi was attempted by the defense but the jury brought in a verdict of guilty.

IN HIS OWN BEHALF.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNION PACIFIC ROAD SPEAKS.

And Defends Himself Against Charges that He is Trying to Work the Road for Speculative Purposes—His Relations With Eastern Roads—The Rates that Are to Take Effect November 1st—Prospects of the Line—Operations of the Army in the Department of the Platte.

The Union Pacific President Defends Himself.

CHICAGO, Nov. 1.—Charles Francis Adams, against whom charges of trying to wreck the Union Pacific railroad for speculative purposes have been made, arrived here yesterday on his way home from a tour of inspection of that system, of which he is president. Speaking of the charges and the general condition of the road, Mr. Adams said:

"The stories about my trying to wreck the Union Pacific are due solely to the imagination of certain ex-officials of the road who were discharged from its service and who are evincing more aptitude for newspapers than they ever showed for running a railroad. They are too silly to deserve a denial. The Union Pacific, for the past six weeks, has unquestionably been greatly overcrowded with traffic, and the local management, in its desire to take care of new business, has undertaken to do more than the facilities at command justified doing. Accordingly there has been a certain amount of disturbance in the movements of trains and a corresponding increase in accidents and delays. This has, however, all been remedied, and during the last ten days the regular movement has been restored, accidents and disturbances have ceased and the whole machinery of the road is now moving with regularity."

"What of your relations with eastern roads?"

"Under the contract between the Union Pacific and Chicago & Northwestern, entered into a year ago, the division of rates was to be rearranged in a way that would materially advance the interests of the Union Pacific. These revised rates are to take effect November 1. It is a matter simply between the Union Pacific and the Chicago & Northwestern. We are, however, ready to serve all other roads and exchange business with them, having no preference to the Northwestern. We have made every arrangement with our eastern connections to amply protect our own traffic and the whole traffic of the business community. Who have no apprehension that other lines in the long run will decline to participate in this traffic on these terms. If the existing rates are sustained no line will have any cause of complaint, but in any event, no matter who accepts or rejects the new basis, we have made ample provision to take care of all the traffic which offers to or from any point we reach. The difference about which so much talk has been made is purely temporary and, in our judgements, by no means serious—in fact, we are inclined to believe that the whole thing was intended more for Wall street than for the freight offices of the roads or shippers here. The only other point which it seems to me would interest the public is that the Union Pacific, in common with all the other roads of the country, has sustained a very great loss of traffic this year and a corresponding loss of income, from the fact that all eastern machine shops have been overcrowded with orders. I have just been over the lines of the Union Pacific. The gross earnings of the company for the current month of October will be probably somewhere between \$400,000 and \$500,000. Had we had the motive power and equipments which were ordered six months ago, and which under ordinary circumstances would have been delivered in August and September, we might just as well have earned for October rising of \$500,000 instead of rising \$400,000. The traffic has been there and we have simply been, from no fault of ours, unable to move it. I do not think I exaggerate by saying that to-day the traffic ready for us to handle and pressing upon us to be hauled is 50 per cent. in excess of our capacity. This we greatly deplore, and, in fact, we suffer from it more than any one else; but it is not a fact which indicates either a lack of prosperity to the country or possibilities to the railroad."

General Brooke's Report.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 1.—In his annual report upon the operations of the army in the department of the Platte Brigadier General Brooke, commanding says: "The practice marches made during the year were beneficial and the mingling of the national guard and the regular army accomplished good results. There has been a falling off in trials by court-martial, both general and garrison." General Brooke says it is impossible to determine at this early date whether or not this is owing to recent activity of authority in behalf of enlisted men or normal fluctuation incident to the service.

Population of the Country.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—The population of the United States, as shown by the census bulletin issued to-day, is 52,380,540. These figures are exclusive of whites in the Indian territory and Indians on the reservation. In 1880 the population was 50,155,783. The increase in the past ten years is 12,324,757, a percentage of 34.57. In 1870 the population was stated as 38,558,971. According to these figures the increase between 1870 and 1880

was 11,597,412 and the percentage 30.08. The bulletin says: "If the figures were derived from correct data such a reduction in the rate of increase in the face of enormous immigration the past ten years would argue a great diminution in the fecundity of the population or the population or a corresponding increase in the death rate. These figures are, however, easily explained when it is stated that the census of 1870 was grossly deficient in the southern states, so much so as not only to give an exaggerated rate of increase of population between 1870 and 1880 in these states, but affect very materially the rate of increase in the country at large."

The omission, the bulletin says, were not within the control of the census office. The census of 1870 was taken under a law which Superintendent Walker characterized as "clumsy, antiquated and barbarous." The census office had no power over its enumerators. In referring to these omissions the superintendent of the tenth census said in his report in relation to South Carolina: "It follows, as the conclusion of the highest authority, either that the census of 1870 was grossly defective in regard to the whole of the state or some considerable parts thereof, or else that the census of 1880 was fraudulent." Those, therefore, who believe in the accuracy and honesty of the tenth census—and that was thoroughly established—must accept the other alternative, namely, that the ninth census was "grossly defective."

What was true of South Carolina was also true, in a greater or less degree, of all the southern states. The omission, in all probability, amounted to not less than 1,500,000. Omitting from consideration those states in which the census of 1870 is known or presumed to have been faulty, the rate of increase between 1870 and 1880 in the remaining states has been very nearly maintained in the decade between 1880 and 1890.

No Federation For Them.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Nov. 3.—There will be no general federation of locomotive engineers with brakemen, firemen, conductors and other railroad employes. As stated last week, a majority report favoring federation presented at the brotherhood convention in this city was defeated. Since that vote was taken the convention has spent considerable time discussing the question, and has finally decided not to federate with any other organization.

The matter has been left with each of the forty-five divisions to act as they may deem proper. They can, if they wish, join hands with other trainmen when differences arise between railroad companies and the employes. This has long been adhered to by the brotherhood and it is seldom the members take part in strikes inaugurated by other organizations composed of railroad employes. The brotherhood believes in maintaining an independent position, hence the refusal to adopt a resolution providing for a general federation.

Crazed by Joy.

BALTIMORE, Md., Nov. 3.—John Tunif, a boiler maker, who was reduced to poverty by ill health and consequent inability to work, has gone crazy through overjoy at recovering \$8,000 back pension money and annuity from the government. He had given up hopes of ever securing his claim. When the good news was received from Washington he became delirious and then raving mad. He imagined a conspiracy to rob him of his little fortune and carried pistols, knives and hatchets to bed with him. Four days ago he attempted suicide with laudanum, but took too much. He next locked himself in his room, barricaded the door, nailed down the windows and refused to eat or drink for three days. When his family tried break the door open he threatened to kill himself. To-day he yielded to his wife's entreaties and came out. Physicians think he will recover.

The Deadwood Saloon Cases.

DEADWOOD, S. D., Oct. 30.—Judge Thomas overruled the demurrer of the defendants in the injunction cases against the liquor dealers. Every saloon in Deadwood was closed by injunction proceedings instituted by the enforcement league on September 3, since which date the matter has been pending in court. The case was ably argued by Colonel W. R. Steele, attorney for the dealers, and as ably defended by States Attorney W. G. Rice, and has attracted universal attention. Further action of the dealers are problematical. Each of the thirty-eight cases thus disposed of collectively may be taken up separately and tried on its merits, but public opinion inclines to the belief that the liquor traffic is done for, for a time at least.

Assassinated in His Bed.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Oct. 30.—Lewis Thomas, a colored man, was killed this morning by an unknown assassin. He was asleep with his wife while his assailant crushed his skull with an ax. The noise of the blow awakened his wife, but in the darkness she was unable to identify the assassin. The sharp edge of the ax struck Thomas on the left side of the head, cutting a gash which exposed the brain. Suspicion points to Frank Shelton, who had a quarrel with Mrs. Thomas last week, and it is thought the killing grew out of a bitter feeling engendered toward Thomas in assisting an officer in attempting Shelton's arrest for assault.

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A REVOLUTION LOOK.

INDICATIONS OF MORE TROUBLE IN SOUTH AMERICA.

Ex-President Blanco Buying Up Arms With Which to Equip His Followers—Tobacco Growers and Cigar Manufacturers Want Reciprocity With Cuba—A Monument to the Memory of the Heroes Who Died in the Far North—Nebraska Land Decision.

A Revolution Threatened.

NEW YORK, Oct. 31.—From present indications another South American revolution is promised. Private advices received in this city today state that Guzman Blanco, ex-president of Venezuela, is in Antwerp buying arms with which to equip his followers for an invasion of his native country. Senor Blanco has been living in Europe for a number of years—in fact ever since it was developed by his defeat for re-election to the presidency that his power in Venezuela was at an end. An open rupture between him and the present Venezuelan government has never before occurred, but it was tacitly understood that he could not with safety return to the scene of his former triumphs new.

According to Senor Don Carlos Perez, who arrived from Venezuela late on Tuesday night, this secret misunderstanding has been made public through an open letter published by President Palacios. This letter is addressed to "Guzman Blanco, former president of the republic," and is a severe arraignment of Blanco's course while chief executive of the country. It states among other things that Blanco alone is responsible for the humiliating position which Venezuela finds herself in relative to the territorial dispute with England, and condemns without stint of words the rights granted by Blanco to the government of Great Britain. It is in response to this open letter, the news of which reached Senor Blanco some time ago, that he is supposed to have made his visit to Antwerp for the purpose of preparing to take active measures against his adversaries.

In Memory of Heroes.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Nine years ago to-day Lieutenant Delong, who was in command of the unfortunate Jeannette expedition, died in the frozen regions of the Lena Delta. There are very few survivors of that unfortunate expedition, but two of them—Engineer Melville, now chief of the bureau of steam engineers of the navy department, and Seaman Linderman. Both were at Annapolis this afternoon when the monument to the heroic death of the men who gave up their lives in the interest of science and for the good of the navy. The monument is a duplicate of the cairn and cross which Melville erected with his own hands over the bones of Delong and his gallant comrades out in the regions of the frozen north before those remains were gathered together and brought to this country for final interment six or eight years ago. Two or three officers of the navy, led by Lieutenant John H. Moore, conceived the idea of gathering together a fund to be used in erecting the monument which was unveiled to-day. Lieutenant Moore was afterward ordered to sea, but has been back on shore duty for about three years. When he returned he resumed his efforts to gather together sufficient funds for the purpose of erecting this monument, and the success of his efforts was demonstrated to-day when one of the most appropriate designs of the kind was uncovered in the presence of a great concourse of people on the banks of the Severn at Annapolis. The oration delivered by Assistant Secretary Soley of the navy department was one of the prettiest things ever delivered upon such an occasion.

They Want Reciprocity.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—The department of state has received a copy of a petition forwarded by the tobacco growers and cigar manufacturers union of Cuba to the Spanish government, urging the negotiation of a reciprocity treaty between Cuba and the United States. The petitioners assert that they are confronted with a simple problem—on one side ruin, stagnation, misery and vague hopes, on the other abundance, wealth and a promising future. The petition says: "The United States buy from us tobacco and sugar to the extent of \$51,000,000, and it is not strange that the American government should make itself strong on the absolute necessity we have of that market so as to demand reciprocal concessions, or, which is the same thing, exemption for their flour, lard, machinery, hardware and other articles in our tariff so as to increase exports to this island. In one word, they want to pay us for the tobacco and sugar they consume with the goods they produce. To-day they only sell us \$10,000,000 or \$12,000,000 and they desire to increase this amount to \$51,000,000. This is what the McKinley bill amounts to."

Kicking Horse Responsible.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Oct. 30.—A Bismarck, N. D., special says: Kicking Horse, the Sioux prophet, seems to be responsible for the most of the trouble at Standing Rock. He claims to have visited heaven and returned to earth to tell the Indians what good things are in store for them. Major McLaughlin ordered him off the reservation and confined several other troublesome spirits in a house. The Indians have been making day and night

hideous. If it were spring instead of fall there would be danger of an uprising, but it is not believed one will now occur. Sitting Bull is doing all he can to ferment a disturbance.

FOREIGN BRIEFS.

The work shops of the wood paving company in Paris were burned. Loss 2,000,000 francs.

The officials and citizens of Quebec gave the Comte de Paris a grand reception on his arrival there.

It is rumored that England is preparing to send another expedition to the Sudan to try to suppress the Mahdi.

The Captain O'Shea divorce case, in which Parnell is named as co-respondent, will be heard in London, November 17.

A Brazilian squadron has left Rio de Janeiro to visit the United States in return for the visit of the United States squadron last July.

The sultan of Vito, East Africa, has refused to give redress for the recent massacres and is preparing for war with England and Germany.

Letters and telegrams from Dublin published in the London papers represent the Irish national league as more closely pressed for money than had been suspected.

It is understood that official inquiries are being made in Berlin to ascertain whether goods which were hitherto obtained from America can be imported from other countries.

As a result of the recently reported attempts upon the life of the czar all of the palaces and many of the official buildings, as well as the public squares and parks of St. Petersburg, have been closed to the people.

A party of Poles while attempting to reach Russian territory with the intention of emigrating to Brazil were fired upon by the Russian frontier guard, whose order to return had been disobeyed by the Poles. Sixteen women and one child were killed.

The parliamentary election in the Eccles division of Lancashire resulted in a victory for the Gladstonians. Mr. Roby, the liberal candidate, received 4,901 votes and Mr. Egerton, conservative, 4,696. In the previous election the liberal candidate received 3,985 and the conservative 4,277.

Mr. Balfour, chief secretary for Ireland, has started on a tour through the western counties in which it is alleged distress prevails in consequence of the failure of the potato crop. Mr. Balfour's object in making the tour is to make a personal investigation as to the truth of the statements regarding the condition of the crop.

The Burlington Showing.

CHICAGO, Oct. 31.—The Burlington report for the nine months ending September 30 shows a decrease in the earnings of \$51,641.22. For the month the net earnings show a decrease of \$128,391. In spite of this poor showing, a Burlington official figures that the road will earn 5 per cent dividends on its \$80,000,000 of stock. This would amount to \$4,000,000. It now has nearly \$2,000,000 applicable to dividends from earnings. To this will be added about \$1,000,000 of interest from bonds in the treasury and land sales, and the fourth million will be gained by net earnings in the next three months.

A Nebraska Land Decision.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 31.—Assistant Secretary Chandler to-day affirmed Commissioner Groff's decision in cancelling the pre-emption declaratory statement of the heirs of Laura F. Bush for the north half of the southwest quarter and the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section 21 and the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section 28, township 1, range 26 west, McCook Neb. The entry for the tract in question was contested by Francis M. Cox.

It is reported that a vessel with 700 emigrants on board has foundered off the Cape of St. Vincent.

John Webb and Henry Switzer, living in the same cabin on the line of their adjoining claims in Oklahoma, were called to their doors by persons unknown and killed. It is supposed that the murder was committed by contestants to the claims.

LIVE STOCK AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

Quotations from New York, Chicago, St. Louis, Omaha and elsewhere.

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