

ALL HOME PRINT.

THE 53d congress resumed its session, Wednesday, and the pie counter is more crowded than ever.

THE democratic ways and means committee have decided in favor of submitting an income tax bill to congress.

THE Omaha Bee has taken one of its streaks of economy as applied to the management of the state's institutions.

It is stated that the Burlington contemplates improving its train service between Kansas City and Leavenworth.

If Cleveland wants to do the clever thing he will hand the nomination of genial Calhoun into the senate for the Lincoln post office at once. Cal is the only applicant who deserves serious consideration. He ought to have it without further delay.

OMAHA is making a loud bid for the establishment of a beet sugar factory there. The Republican valley is capable of producing the very richest beets, and would seem to be the natural, logical location for an establishment of that kind. And of course McCook is the natural location of the valley.

THE Grand Island sugar factory has made contracts up to date for 1,770 acres of beets. The farmers in the vicinity of Sutton have agreed to raise 100 acres, and those near Red Cloud will plant the same acreage. It will pay the business men of Cay and Webster counties to give their farmers every possible encouragement in their new work. If you can make beet growing a success under present conditions—and there is no reason why you should not—in a year or two the county seats of both counties will be able to secure sugar factories.—State Journal.

THE report just issued by Dun & Co. shows that the commercial failures in the state of Nebraska in 1892 numbered 207, representing estimated liabilities of \$1,829,691 and assets of \$1,433,373. The record for 1893 shows 350 failures, with estimated liabilities of \$2,888,920 and assets at \$2,125,475. This is not an alarming increase, when all the circumstances are taken into consideration. A comparison of the failures by quarters brings out the encouraging fact that the increase in the last three months of 1893 was only ten. This indicates that the panic stepped on business much more lightly at the close of the year than before.

ALMOST every paper we pick up in these wintry days has a sermon on the widespread poverty that afflicts the land, and the necessity of charity towards "God's poor." There are no God's poor. They are man's poor, for he made them such, and he ought to take care of them for that reason. The pretense that God made these poor and gave them to us that we might elevate our souls by the exercise of charity towards them is a miserable fraud and subterfuge. If God needed or wanted any poor he would have made the earth barren and infertile. As he made it capable of supporting all the people he made, and made them all capable of earning a living from its generous bosom, there evidently were no poor in his scheme. The poor have come as a result of men's mismanagement, and the attempt to saddle them off on God is a cowardly and weak evasion.—Lincoln Herald.

LIBBY PRISON HIS FATE.

A Former Prisoner Visits It at the Fair and Meets His Death.

There was an incident in connection with the World's fair which occurred about a week prior to the fair's official closing that has not been so fully commented upon as it might have been. Among the visitors to the fair during the closing weeks was Marcus Conant from Mayport, Duval county, Fla. The object that had the greatest interest to him was the re-erected Libby prison. It is no wonder that he was interested in that exhibit, for as a wounded prisoner he had lain and suffered in the old prison when it stood in Richmond. As a boy of 18 Conant had enlisted in the Eleventh Massachusetts regiment. He was wounded in the battle of Bull Run, was taken prisoner and was among the first Union soldiers placed in the Confederate prison house. He eventually made his escape and was not recaptured.

Immediately upon his arrival at the Chicago fair, Mr. Conant turned his steps to the spot on which Libby prison stood. What was his amazement on entering the place to meet among the visitors a companion who had been among the number of those who escaped with him from Libby 30 years ago. They held a long conversation, and after his companion had left the building Mr. Conant threw himself upon the ground in the identical spot upon which he had slept as a prisoner. While lying there he was seized with a violent pain in the ear and returned to his hotel in great agony. The pain could not be alleviated, and a few days later he died without having recovered from the singular attack. Mr. Conant had for several years been a government contractor, and was at one time regarded as a man of large means.—New York Advertiser.

Two Ways of Seeing a Picture.

An artist had sold a picture for an exorbitant price, and the purchaser sued to recover. The barrister for the purchaser was making the artist uncomfortable by his questions.

"Now, sir," he said in that pleasant, ingratiating manner of lawyers with a witness, "do you think anybody could see beauty in that picture?"

"Some persons certainly could," replied the artist.

"You think the initiated in technical matters might have no difficulty in understanding your work?"

"I am sure they would not."

"Do you think you could make me see any beauty in that picture?" this most superciliously.

"Probably not now, sir," and the artist was most humble, "but once I could have done so easily."

"Now, sir, how is that? I don't understand you. Explain, if you please."

"That's quite easy, sir. I could have done it simply by employing you as my counsel in this case."—London Tit-Bits.

A Street Cleaning Scheme.

A street cleaning contractor says that the value of electric street railways as helps in keeping streets clean and watered is not yet appreciated. If his ideas were carried out early every morning, in a city like Boston large cars built after the fashion of the gravel cars run on steam roads would be sent over all the lines of track, and garbage and refuse, gathered along the way, shoveled into them. Following these cars would come large watering cars able to wet down the streets from curb to curb. The advantages of this system over the present one of carting off refuse and dragging watering carts by horses are that it is cleaner and faster. There would have to be no waiting for carts to go off and unload, and an item of saving would be in the reduction of the number of men needed, as, under the electric system, it is estimated that the work of street cleaning could be easily done by two-thirds of the number now employed.—Exchange.

The Cream of Tartar Tree.

The oldest tree now extant is probably the baobab (Adansonia digitata) of Africa, alias the sour gourd or cream of tartar tree (Adansonia Gregorizii) of Australia. This remarkable tree has a rather short and branching trunk not more than 60 or 70 feet high, while its girth at the ground is from 85 to 95 feet. One of them has names cut upon it which date back to the fourteenth century, and the naturalist Adanson, who gave the genus its botanic name, calculated from certain data that its age must be upward of 5,000 years. The hollow trunks of these trees, which are capacious enough to hold comfortably 30 or 40 bodies, are used as tombs by the native Africans, where the suspended corpses soon become thoroughly mummified and preserved.—Boston Transcript.

Javanese Music.

The Javanese musical instruments are made mostly of bamboo. They also played upon a pipe, or whistle, which was about 3 feet long and 6 inches across. This sounded like the hollow roar of a lion. Another was a bundle of tubes of different lengths, which covered the small boy who carried it like a big saddle. A log hewn out with two strings stretched across it served as a drum. A zither of 16 strings and a mandolin of two completed their outdoor band, while inside one could hear other music made by gongs of wonderfully pure and beautiful tone.—St. Nicholas.

The Angora Cat.

The Angora cat is peculiar. When its fur is entirely white, the animal is invariably blind, but when there is even the slightest tinge of color the vision is as perfect as in any other normal cat. This phenomenon is not accounted for. The only case of a similar kind known is that of the fishes in Mammoth cave, which have no eyes.

Superfluous.

First Student—What are you doing with two wardrobes? I see one of them is empty?

Second Ditto—Yes. That's where I keep my clothes when they are paid for.—Ulk.

DANBURY NEWS.

A. C. Furman is having a well bored.

Frank Everist's family now occupy their new residence.

Mrs. Ewing of Decatur is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Eno.

A little son of Mr. Pratt is very sick with membranous croup.

School commenced on Tuesday morning, after a week's vacation.

Protracted meetings will commence at the M. E. church, January 10th.

Little Cliff Birbridge nearly had an eye put out by a shot from a "niger shooter."

Messrs. Flint and Graves, the musicians, were in town, Thursday. They will give an entertainment here soon.

MARRIED—At Oberlin, Kansas, Thursday, December 28th, Abijah Leslie and Etta Hervey, both of Danbury, Nebraska.

Clem. East's carpenter shop was moved, Tuesday, onto Mr. Toner's farm one-half mile east of town, where it will be made into a granary and corn crib.

It has been reported that Mrs. S. R. Messner is worse. We have been asked to correct this mistake. Mrs. Messner has continued to improve and is now able to be out.

Rev. E. B. Boggess preached in the M. E. church, Wednesday evening, and will preach there again on Sunday, January 7th, at 11 a. m. Rev. Boggess is a speaker of uncommon force and eloquence.

Dr. DeMay would like it understood that he is not hard to settle with. He will take long-time notes, having taken one the other day for ninety-nine years, six months, and five days, to bear interest after maturity.

VAILTON NOTES.

Weather continues warm at this writing.

Farmers are all busy getting up wood for winter and summer use.

Considerable corn is being hauled from the Beaver creek section.

J. P. Squire arranged some real estate matters while here, recently, leasing etc.

Mrs. Dutcher was a sufferer from an aggravating cold, last week, being confined to bed for considerable time.

Mrs. Samuel Reed of Wanneta visited friends near Vailton, about Christmas. They have a good farm just north of us.

Joseph Williams purchased the Cooley farm on Spring creek south of the postoffice, a pretty fair tract with timber and water.

We are sorry to lose neighbor Rodger's family for a season, also Bennett of the same place, who returned to the eastern part of the state earlier.

James Harris has his commodious barn nearly completed. The structure is built in the north bank and will defy cold, cyclones and blizzards; also has great space for corn and hay on upper deck.

RALPH.

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ACCORDING to the census of 1890 Nebraska stood third in rank with the other states in the union with respect to its per capita state debt. The census took only the bonded indebtedness into consideration. We wonder where Nebraska would stand in a table showing both the bonded and floating debt in 1894?—Bee.

THE auditor insists that his books are right, and the treasurer, who has two of the most competent bookkeepers in the state in his office, is very confident that there is nothing wrong with his books. But there is nothing very serious in the situation. The error will be found after a little search, and the office at fault will invite the other office out to have something, and everything will go on at the state house as smoothly as usual. There is no occasion to call out the militia just yet.—State Journal.

FEARLESS devotion to duty, such as was displayed by Conductor Atwood in his attempt to warn passengers of an inevitable collision on the Union Pacific Tuesday and which resulted in his death, deserves more recognition than can be given in a mere newspaper account of the wreck. So frequent complaints are made against the reckless negligence of railway trainmen that instances such as this, where faithfulness to employers and a sense of responsibility for the passengers has been guarded more jealously than life, should not be overlooked. Happily the negligent and selfish railway employe is still in the small minority among his fellows.—Bee.

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Stockholders' Meeting.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of The McCook Irrigation and Water Power Co. will be held at the secretary's office in McCook on Wednesday, Feb. 7th, 1894, for the purpose of electing directors and transacting such other business as may come before said meeting.

McCook, Neb., Jan. 31, 1894.

CHARLES A. HANNA, President.

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