

M'COOK TRIBUNE.

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The poultry and stock show at Hastings was well attended.

The fire companies of Fremont will organize a mutual beneficiary society.

Old soldiers at the Milford Home return thanks for furniture donated.

Maj. J. H. Showalter of Fremont wants to succeed Frank White as U. S. senator.

Nebraska City's salvation army will give a free dinner to the poor on Christmas day.

An Otoe county patriarch of sixty-four was recently married to a blushing widow of sixty.

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H. P. Knapp shipped a fine load of mules from Ithaca place last week to the St. Louis market.

An Indian on the reservation near Rushville killed himself to escape arrest for horse stealing.

G. E. Jones of Nuckolls county sold a brood sow the other day that tipped the beam at 665 pounds.

Mr. Baker, late agent of the Gilcrest Lumber company at Oconto, was convicted of embezzling \$140 from his employers.

The residence of Joseph Metzner of Arapahoe was destroyed by fire. The contents were saved. Loss, \$600; insurance, \$400.

A Boedecker of Plattsmouth was repairing a corn sheller when the horses suddenly started, and now he has but one thumb.

The 15-month-old infant of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hardy of Elk Creek swallowed a safety pin and the crisis passed without injury.

A hedge fence deal was worked at Wayne, and the Republican says it was a clear case of "a smooth confidence man taking in suckers."

The mayor and councilmen have started a subscription list for the benefit of the south Omaha hospital and headed it with an individual donation.

The Ord irrigation district is making arrangements to sell their \$50,000 of bonds, and will push the work of ditch construction as rapidly as possible.

Fire broke out in the residence of I. F. Leedom of Dakota City. The building and contents were destroyed. Loss about \$1,000, with small insurance.

Several cases of diphtheria have been reported to the David City board of health in various parts of that place, and it is feared that it may become an epidemic.

George Smith, aged 22, son of Wm. Smith, a farmer near Octavia, was killed by kick from a horse. The horse was sick and young Smith was attending to him.

Hog thieves are operating north of Pierce. One farmer went to town and loaded up with shot and shell and there may be a few human corpses laying around there ere long.

At Lincoln C. J. Wineinger was bound over to the district court in the sum of \$500 to answer to the charge of bastardy preferred by Mary Cizek. He gave bond and was released.

The people of Milford have decided to hold an election, and the candidate receiving the highest vote will be the next postmaster, providing the wishes of the community are respected.

There is no market for shelled corn at Winside, there being fear that it will heat. If ear corn is taken 80 pounds to the bushel is required for which the holder is paid ten cents.

A Lyons farmer comes forward with the statement that corn is not the stuff to burn. He says coal is cheaper and he advises farmers to sell their corn, even at the present prices, and buy coal.

Frank Fredahler, a student at the institute for the blind, Nebraska City, fell from a second story window, striking on the brick walk, fracturing his skull very badly, and at this writing is very low.

There is a probability that the hour of meeting originally fixed for the bi-metallist state conference at Lincoln, may be changed from 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Jan. 6 to 11 o'clock, a. m. of the same day.

A black mare, 8 years old and weighing about 1,100 pounds, was stolen from Green Swazey's barn at Elkhorn. An unknown man was seen the day before walking west with a saddle, and he is supposed to be the man who stole the animal.

D. W. Stevenson, for several years a resident near Monroe, left for parts unknown the other night. He abandons his farm, which, it is claimed, is mortgaged for more than it is worth. He is said to leave other debts.

D. S. Zimmerman, representative-elect for York county, was repairing a fence at his suburban residence, and threw his coat and vest over a post. When he returned to get them, both articles, with the valuables they contained, were gone.

Mrs. Smith, wife of the Missouri Pacific section foreman at Paul, was so severely beaten by her husband as to require medical aid. Smith has been in jail for beating his wife before. The county attorney of Otoe county will have a warrant issued for his arrest.

A. D. Dort of Burchard has just finished husking 6,000 bushels of corn from eighty-five acres of ground. He planted and cultivated this entire field alone, besides doing his other farm work, with the help of one man, did the husking.

A result of the meeting of Cuban sympathizers in Lincoln, is the circulation of a report that an agent in the city enrolling names of volunteers for Cuban service. A number of members of local military companies are said to have signed and are to report at Kansas City at the proper time.

NO EUROPEAN OBJECTIONS.

A four year old son of J. B. Moody of Mason City was run over by a heavily loaded wagon and fatally injured.

A special election was held at Hastings to vote on the proposition authorizing the city council to issue bonds in the sum of \$8,000 for waterworks improvements. The proposition carried by a majority of 123.

The Blair horse collar factory, which was not rebuilt after being burned down some months ago, is being resuscitated. A new company has been organized and it will begin to manufacture collars again and will tan its own leather.

Prof. Dutton, formerly of Colridge, who is prospecting for coal near Ponca, has reached a depth of 300 feet without finding a vein of sufficient thickness to bank on. The Austin mine, with a two-foot vein, is furnishing the town and surrounding country with good fuel.

The decision of the supreme court, holding the sugar and chicory bounty law unconstitutional, has given those industries a hard blow. The loss to the beet and chicory raisers in Dodge county alone from failure to receive the extra \$1 per ton for beets of the required standard, and the \$1.50 per ton for chicory, will run well up into the thousands.

Superintendent John T. Mallalieu of the Boys Industrial school of Kearney was at the state capitol last week. He reports that all but two of the twenty-eight lads who escaped from the school have been returned, the most of them having returned voluntarily. At the time of their escape Mr. M. was in the city of Kearney buying Christmas presents for them.

The Oxnard sugar factory has issued a circular to farmers to ship their beets in by Dec. 20. This year's crop has proven to be the largest and most satisfactory of any since the factory commenced business, and the total output will reach nearly 12,000,000 pounds of fine granulated sugar. The intention of the factory people is to close up the factory on beets Jan. 7.

Sam Winnegar, Wm. Winnegar, James Reynolds and a man named Bruning, who were recently arrested in Hastings for robbing hencoops, were turned over to Sheriff Dean of Grand Island. Hall county has charges against them for grand larceny. The prisoners kicked on going to Grand Island, preferring to stand trial and sentence for petit larceny in Hastings.

Lovell Vandever, living four miles west of Stella, was seriously injured while stacking corn with a hay derrick. The rope broke and the beam fell, striking him on top of the head, knocking him from the top of the stack to the ground, where he lay unconscious for a long time. Medical aid was summoned and the injured man was carried to the house, where the wound was dressed.

The Nebraska beet sugar association will meet in Hastings February 2 and 3. Among the objects is to devise ways and means for securing additional beet sugar factories. The governor is authorized to appoint twenty delegates. The members of congress, Gov. Holcomb, all state officials and members of the legislature and county boards are also designated as delegates. Reduced rates will be made on all railroad lines.

Dr. Rathernel of Denver was in Calhoun the other day and went over to the Wagner farm, on which it was claimed gold in paying quantities was discovered last spring. He declares that there are several gold veins, one of which will run \$50 to the ton in gold, and all of which will pay to work. The news has revived the excitement there that existed when the first announcement that gold had been discovered was made, and owners of adjoining farms will begin sinking shafts at once.

The secretaries of the state board of transportation have prepared the copy for the biennial report of the department, and it has been sent to the printer. The only recommendation of moment in the report was prepared by Secretary Dilworth, which is to the effect that the board, now composed of five members, state auditor, secretary of state, treasurer, land commissioner and attorney general, should be abolished and the appointing power of the secretaries placed in the hands of the governor.

A distressing accident happened one and a half miles south of Edinola, at the residence of Wm. Smith, in which Geo. Smith was killed. The young man and his father were doctoring a sick horse which had given them considerable trouble. They had both worked with it some time, when the father was called away. On returning, his son George, a young man about twenty-four years, was found lying on his face near the horse, apparently dead. Efforts to revive him proved unavailing. He had been kicked in the breast by the sick horse.

Secretary Williamson of the Nebraska Club is in receipt of a letter from a resident of Bennett, Pa., representing a colony of German-Americans wishing to locate in the west; also a letter from Gov. Holcomb, to whom the same party had written. Besides giving the communication careful attention, the matter has been referred to various local clubs in this state, so that altogether the Pennsylvania citizen and his colony are in a fair way to get all the desired information, together with several warm invitations to "come to Nebraska;" also a very positive impression that Nebraskans are wide awake and ready to extend a hearty welcome to all good new comers. This sort of work is what commends the Nebraska Club to the ready support of the people of this state.

Burglars entered the house of John Andresen, a farmer living two miles east of Elkhorn and secured \$8 for their labor. As Mr. Andresen has been in the habit of keeping large sums in the house, the opinion prevails that the thief was not a stranger.

A large number of Hastings business men held a meeting in the court house for the purpose of discussing the beet sugar meeting to be held there in February. Committees were appointed to make all necessary arrangements for the entertainment of the Nebraska beet sugar association, which meets Feb. 2 and 3.

REPORTS OF SPANISH AID IN CUBA FALSE.

DENIED AT WASHINGTON.

Congressman and Senator-Elect Money of Mississippi to Visit Cuba and Make a Personal Investigation and Interview General Weyler—Captain General's Latest Interview.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—It is denied officially and authoritatively that any European government either directly or indirectly has made any representations whatever to the United States to restrain or prevent its free action in connection with the Cuban insurrection. A similar report was denied by authority several weeks ago. A. Von Brauning, secretary of the German embassy, said that so far as the embassy here was concerned no such intimation had been received. He discredited the whole story. "We have not heard a word concerning Cuba," said he, "for three months."

Senator-elect Money of Mississippi, now a member of the House foreign affairs committee, proposes to leave Tampa, Fla., next Saturday morning for Havana, to remain a week or ten days in Cuba. He will seek an audience with Captain General Weyler and will ask him to provide an escort and a flag of truce, so that he can go into the heart of the territory occupied by the insurgents, with a view of finding out what is going on. Mr. Money says he is determined to make as lengthy a journey into the interior of Cuba as his time will permit, and it is understood that he will endeavor to communicate with the insurgents whether Captain General Weyler grants him permission or not. He realizes that it will be a risky thing for him to proceed on his own account if a permit is refused him. However, he is so anxious to have trustworthy information that he will take the chances, even if he finds himself later locked up in prison. It is his intention to state frankly to the captain general that he visits the island because it is impossible to procure from President Cleveland or Secretary Olney any official information regarding the condition of affairs in Cuba, and, as a member of Congress and of the House committee on foreign affairs, he wishes to know what he is doing before he casts his vote for or against any one of the several resolutions pending.

Mr. Money was an officer in the Confederate army during the war under General Forrest, and his four years' service in the field whetted his interest in military operations. He thinks that his visit will at least enable him to learn more than he could by depending on the State department for information.

Weyler Talks. Pinar del Rio Rebels Declared Helpless—No Cruelty to Those Who Surrender.

New York, Dec. 28.—A dispatch to the Herald from Camp Arroyo Grande, foot of the Rangel Hills, Pinar del Rio province, December 25, via Havana, Cuba, says: "In an interview with your correspondent, Captain Weyler said: 'I have twenty-six battalions, ranging from 800 to 1,000 men each, occupying all the hills of the province. These columns have destroyed everything in sight and have been able to subsist on the cattle of the insurgents, which were found grazing in the hills, and with whose destruction died the remaining hope of sustenance. They must either starve or submit and some may prefer to do the former, owing to their remarkable apathy.'"

"But why are there so few presentados, general, in other words, persons willing to lay down their arms?"

"That point is easily cleared up. I know that they have held meetings with the idea of coming in as presentados, but have been told that I murder them all, which is absurd, is it not? Certainly I shall not harm them, knowing that they hope to throw away their arms and pose as pacificos."

"You can tell pretty well by the number of arms given up how many have been concealed, can't you?"

"I am not sure there are more arms than there are insurgents. They show their desperate condition. I can tell you that I know positively that Maceo himself went three days without food before he was killed."

"You still believe him dead?"

"Beyond a doubt, certainly. We even know where his body is, but we do not like to disinter it, as it would savor too much of the profanation of a grave."

"Why has Aroas left the trocha with 8,000 men to take part in the active campaign?"

"Because the necessity for the trocha as a defensive line no longer exists. There is, however, a considerable force there still—amplified sufficient for all present purposes."

"Do you expect to capture Rius Rivera?"

"I don't think Rivera will show himself at all," said General Weyler. "We never hear from him, but sometimes do one of the Ducasse brothers."

John Drake Townsend Dead. NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—John Drake Townsend, eminent lawyer and politician, died suddenly at Christmas dinner.

Brutal Jefferson City Murder. JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 28.—The body of a 12-year-old colored girl was found in the rear of Stamfis' furniture store with the head crushed and the abdomen cut open. Tobe Lanahan, a negro, was arrested, but the evidence against him is meager and circumstantial. A lynching is possible.

A Negro Boy Shoots a Policeman. PARIS, Ky., Dec. 28.—Johnson Howe, a 15-year-old negro boy, fatally shot Policeman Lacy at Cynthia's Christmas eve when the officer attempted to arrest him. Last night he was brought here for safe keeping.

O'DONNELL WHIPPED.

Easily Knocked Out by Peter Maher in 27 Seconds.

New York, Dec. 28.—It took just twenty-seven seconds' time for Peter Maher, the Irish pugilist, to again demonstrate his superiority in ring tactics and hard hitting qualities over Steve O'Donnell, the Australian boxer, in the arena of the Greater New York Athletic Club at Coney Island. Both men were in excellent condition and trained to the hour. Each of them was confident, but Maher's backers made him a hot favorite by laying odds ranging from 3 to 5 to 1 on the Irishman's chances of winning.

From the outset Maher never left the result in doubt. He rushed at O'Donnell the moment the referee called time, and O'Donnell assumed the defensive. The big Australian led his left for Maher's body, but the Irishman blocked the blow with his right hand glove. Then Maher sent his left to the chin and swung again with his left on the face. He put O'Donnell to the floor a second time with a left on the chin, and, after the Australian regained his feet, Maher landed a left smash on the jaw, following it quickly with a left half-hook, which sent O'Donnell down in a heap. Steve rolled over on his back in a helpless condition, and the referee slowly counted him out.

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SOME HOROSCOPES MADE BY PROF. CUNNINGHAM.

Readers Are Invited to Send in Data and Have Their Indications Printed Free—Planets Indicate Events, but Do Not Cause Them.

THE horoscope of William McKinley made by Prof. Cunningham a year ago indicated that he would become president of the United States March 4, 1897. The astrologer visited the McKinley home at Canton for the purpose of obtaining exact data. He was cordially received by Major Meley, Mrs. McKinley and the president-elect's aged mother. Prof. Cunningham is at present making a horoscope of the McKinley administration, beginning at noon March 4. It will be printed in March. Persons wishing to have horoscopes made should remember to give Christian name, place of birth and residence, date and year of birth, hour and minute if possible. If you do not know the hour, send two two-cent stamps for particulars. Correspondents should also bear in mind that the astrologer wishes it distinctly understood that he treats the position of the planets at time of birth merely as indications and not causes. A planet may signify an event, like the star of Bethlehem for instance, but of itself it has no other connection with it. Correspondents are answered free in these columns. Address Prof. G. W. Cunningham, Dept. 4, 194 Clinton street, Chicago, Ill.

Answers printed in order as received. Here are some for this week:

Frank, Notre Dame, Ind. You have the zodiacal sign Scorpio rising, with Sagittarius intercepted on the ascendant, and Mercury, Venus and the Sun also there, consequently you have Mars, Jupiter, Mercury, Venus and the Sun for ruling planets. You are above medium height, and well proportioned body; medium to dark complexion, hair and eyes; the eyes have a peculiar sparkle and sharp sight. You are stirring and energetic, and will always have an ambition for a large business, with plenty of rush to it. You are fond of anything that has a mystery connected with it, and are very original and inventive in your ideas. You are also fond of pharmacy pertaining to chemistry and anatomy. You have good command of language, and you are also a deep thinker, and do not always tell everything you know. You have strong intuitions, and have a good knowledge of many things without ever having had to study to learn about them.

Miss Mary K., Galva, Ill. You have the zodiacal sign Scorpio, which Mars rules, rising at your birth and therefore Mars is your ruling planet or signifier. Scorpio usually denotes a person of medium height; well set and compact figure; rather short limbs; the complexion not very clear and oftentimes freckled; the hair dark and of luxuriant growth; you are reserved and secretive in your nature and keep your business secrets to yourself; you are ambitious, stirring and energetic and inclined to take the lead in anything in which you become interested; you are not very yielding in your disposition and when opposed are liable to lose control of your temper; you are fond of anything that is of a mystical character and easily become interested in anything relating to chemistry; you are a great admirer of surgeons, soldiers, firemen, etc., when they perform any operation that requires skill or any act of bravery, soldiers on dress parade, etc.; you also take quite an interest in war and navy news and all kinds of military affairs.

John M., Brooklyn. You have the zodiacal sign Leo, which the sun rules, rising at birth and therefore the Sun is your ruling planet or signifier. The sign Leo usually denotes a wiry, muscular, slender figure, with wide shoulders in proportion to the rest of the body; the complexion fair and ruddy; the hair and eyes light; the eyes are large and in some cases they would be called "popeyes." You are of a sunny, cheerful temperament; you are charitable and generous, too much so for your own good; you are very restless when not busy at something; you are very apt to borrow trouble in some way or cross bridges before you get to them; you are apparently quick tempered yet seldom get your deep anger aroused; yet when you do you become very fierce like the lion; when your anger is once aroused you will give somebody that was the cause of it the full benefit of your opinion regardless of their position or rank. You have more than average pride and ambition and have a natural gift of language.

A Towel of Blotting Paper. Paper has been put to a variety of uses, but its most curious employment is foreshadowed in the recent patenting of a blotting-paper towel. The idea is that a person on stepping out of his morning bath, instead of rubbing himself dry in the orthodox manner, should envelop his body in a towel of blotting-paper, which will, without trouble, and in a few seconds, absorb all the moisture upon his skin. The idea is ingenious, but it does away with that wholesome friction which many believe to be so beneficial to the skin.

THE ENTIRE PHILIPPINE COLONY IN REVOLT.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A Madrid dispatch says: "In order to secure the success of the next loan the government is straining every nerve to conceal the true situation in the Philippines. The whole country is in revolt, and scattered bodies of Spanish troops have been hemmed in by the rebels. It is rumored that a certain proportion of German reserve officers are in the insurgent ranks."

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Private advices from Manila, Philippine islands, reached here to-day and are verified by an account that appears in the Hong Kong Press, received per Belgic. The news contained in the communication deals with the attack of the Spanish on the Novleta isthmus, and the attempt of the Spanish to dislodge the insurgents in Cavite and Viejo. At the end of the campaign, which lasted until the 14th of November, the Spanish authorities sent out dispatches reporting that the attack had been successful, and that the rebel loss was very heavy. The Spanish claimed to have lost about 25 killed and 100 wounded. It is now learned that the great victory that the Castilians predicted ended in ignominious defeat. The rebels held Novleta against warships and troops. The Spaniards retired after suffering heavy loss.

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