



THE treaty with Spain is by the daily papers of this morning declared to be as good as signed, and the early closing of the incident is expected.

OMAHA can't afford, in this exposition matter, to fly in the face of the almost solid public opinion against the holding of the exposition. If she does, she will rue the day when the decision to do so was made.

JUDGE ABBOTT of the Hayes Center Republican has leased his newspaper and job office to C. M. Reynolds, who is now in full charge and contract. Mr. Reynolds has a heroic model to follow and he can't do anything better than copy the grand old Roman closely.

THE house, Wednesday, passed the anti-ticket scalping bill by a vote of 119 to 102. This is the culmination of a struggle of over ten years duration on the part of railroad companies to down the business of ticket scalping. The wisdom of the measure is yet an undemonstrated problem.

THE president's message to congress, which convened on Monday, is in keeping with all his public and political utterances: wise, conservative and dignified. The paper covers the facts fully, fairly and frankly as the situation would permit, and leaves to congress the great work of completing the movement and projects now so grandly under way. His suggestive wisdom lacks the dictatorial spirit of the gentleman who preceded him in the presidential. As a state paper it will be memorable one, dealing as it does with a new and glorious epoch in American history.

RED WILLOW.

There will be an oyster supper at Mr. Binck's, Saturday night.

Mollie McKey has been suffering with lagrippe for some time past.

There is to be a basket social at the Willow sometime in the near future.

Mrs. Byfield has a fine lot of spring chickens, as the result of an experiment with the Sure Hatch incubator.

Nettie Helm is spending most of her time with her sister Lu. Myers, helping care for the little blonde maiden that came to live there two week ago.

Jacob Taylor departs Thursday, for Ohio. Some think there is a powerful feminine lode-stone attracting Jake away from fair Nebraska. The good wishes of his new made friends go with him.

This neighborhood will soon be noted for its fine hogs. Horace Taylor has lately come into possession of some fine Duroc Jerseys and Mrs. Byfield swapped ducks for a Poland China sow with an aristocratic pedigree.

Mr. Benjamin Baker departed, Wednesday morning, on a pantry tour. Pretty near all the women of Red Willow county are made widows, temporarily, by the craze for peddling portable pantries. If the men are all as good agents as the man who sold the counties to them, we predict a lull in farming next year.

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BARTLEY.

E. E. Smith shipped three cars of cattle and Oliver Bush to Denver, this week.

Prof. L. V. Patch and Harry Aden made a trip to Cambridge, Sunday, returning on No. 5.

Dame Ramor has it that the wedding bells will be both loud and numerous here, this month.

B. F. Sherwood and Howard Miller of Cambridge were doing business in our village, Tuesday.

Frank Unteidt sold E. E. Smith, this week, 140 porkers. They averaged about 300 pounds apiece.

Mrs. J. C. Moore and children were over from Tyrone, this week, visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Baker.

Rev. Foutch began a series of revival meetings, Sunday evening. Presiding Elder Hale preached on Monday evening.

The little folks spent a merry evening at the home of W. E. Rollings, Thursday. It was a surprise on the twins.

Seven new members were taken into the Star of Jupiter lodge, last Friday night. Refreshments were served and a royal good time is reported.

J. H. Sipe, the hog man from Cambridge, stayed over both Monday and Tuesday nights, on account of the weather being unfit for driving.

Parrish & Smith are improving the appearance of their elevator with a new coat of paint, this week. Painters from Danbury are doing the work.

Mrs. A. Dietsch, who has been very low with typhoid fever for many weeks, is improving slowly and with careful attention will soon be able to be around again.

Mrs. Della Mangus is contemplating moving the hotel over on Main street, which would certainly be of great advantage both to herself and the public generally.

Heber Vickrey and Guy Curlee each received one of J. W. Pepper's silver slide trombones, the first of the week. They expect to shine as musical stars at the Paris exposition now.

Mrs. R. F. Goreley's father arrived, Wednesday afternoon, from Princeton, Indiana, and will spend some time visiting with her. Mrs. Goreley had not seen her father for sixteen years.

James Finnegan, Francis Sells, Dane Fletcher and John Jones are recent acquisitions to the band's membership roll, and they aren't doing a thing less than shattering the atmosphere in their respective neighborhoods.

There will be Christmas entertainments at both churches, this year. The Christians people will have a tree with the usual exercises, and the Methodists will have a treat for the children with an appropriate program under direction of the Epworth League.

The Odd Fellows had a banquet at their last meeting, and all indulged in the elaborate spread freely. Every member was perfectly content and at peace with his fellows except one brother who insisted that it was right and proper that bananas should be served. The oyster was conspicuous in its many forms and phases.

H. P. Hodgkin's dray team took a frisky spin over town, Wednesday afternoon, with a wagon load of chicken coops, depositing them at various points en route and leaving the subsequent extremity of the wagon in Beeson's pig pen. They finally stopped at Fletcher's corn pile where they were captured and taken the shops for repairs while Harry went over the trail on a collecting tour.

The editor of the Indianola Reporter remarks in his latest slop-over of grey matter that without her flouring mill Indianola wouldn't be any better than Bartley. If the editor will come down the village council will find pleasure in designating a guide to show him through one of the finest mills in this western country, and he may go boating on the waterpower auxiliary. And we could also direct him with pride to our university and carriage factory. Indianola must not think that because she has a watch factory and paint mixing establishment she is the only tin can in the alley.

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PROSPECT PARK.

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Walter Sly shucked 1,080 bushels of corn for Eugene Dunham.

W. G. Dutton is losing some cattle. Several have already died.

Preaching at the school-house on the 11th of this month by Rev. Vivian.

One of Mr. Smith's boys had his face badly mashed by a kick of a horse, lately.

Warner Anderson is suffering with a broken leg. Gesta is also on the sick list.

Mrs. Barnes found one of her hogs, shot and lying in a neighboring field, recently.

Arrangements for a Christmas tree at the Prospect Park school-house are progressing favorably.

Plans are being laid for a basket supper in the new school-house in the Anderson district, in the near future.

THE First Nebraska volunteers, now at Manila, will likely be soon relieved by regular troops and will come and be mustered out. It is stated that the Third regiment is likely to go to Cuba for garrison duty and will be the last regiment to be mustered out.

The government should not fail to give the government ownership of telegraphs and telephone a trial in Porto Rico.

NORTH COLEMAN.

Henry Mitchell and family have moved near McCook and are missed in this locality.

There was a hunt just north of here on the same eventful day as the Spring creek hunt. James McCoy killed fifty-four bush rabbits, four jack hares and twelve quails. Their Thanksgiving supper was held in the Dueland school-house. It is safe to surmise that it passed with all pleasing particulars.

The annual hunt came off as previously scheduled. Ed Shepherd and Harry Groves were elected captains and there were twenty hunters chosen on each side, but some of them did not report. The ones who did meant business and several of them were very successful. Lee Summers carried off the highest honors, making 202 points. Captain Shepherd's side won. The supper, Thanksgiving evening, was a complete success, the school-house not being so crowded as sometimes on such occasions. The winning side wore ribbon badges displaying the number of points the bearer had made in the hunt. Suffice it to say that all had a good time and returned home with a stomach replenished with the delicacies of the season.

TYRONE.

J. Coe had a rib broken Tuesday.

Rev. Robertson preached here last Sunday.

N. Walton's new frame house makes a fine appearance.

Sam Young finished up several jobs of threshing here, last week.

Mrs. J. C. Moore and children are visiting her parents in Bartley, this week.

Our Jim says he will have to get smoked glasses; the new wagons make his eyes tired.

Our own and only Uncle Billy is said to be "all sicklied o'er with the pale cast of thought". It's a boy.

GEORGE CROSS of Fairbury has been named for postmaster of that thriving city.

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