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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1906.

Jim Hudson was in town Monday on business.

Max Viertel was down from Crookston yesterday.

Barnes will see you at the hotel about your eyes, Friday, Jan. 11.

D. Stinard and G. A. Chapman make a change in their ads this week.

James H. Quigley went up to Cody last night to look after extensive repairs that he is making on his ranch.

Dr. Barnes, eye specialist of Omaha, will be at the Valentine House, Friday, Jan. 11. Don't forget the date. 503

Supt. R. H. Watson went down to Lincoln Tuesday night to attend the state teachers' educational association.

The ice harvest will probably begin next week. The railroad company is making preparations to put in another track to their ice chutes, thereby doubling their working capacity.

"In A Woman's Power," the attraction that will appear at Church's opera house Tuesday, Jan. 1st, will be given this season with a stronger cost than has ever been seen in the play before. The play still retains that strength and intensity that has in the past won its way to the hearts of the public.

Jake Stetter buys cattle and hogs and anything the farmers have to sell. Office is where Lee's barber shop was, east side of Main street. If you want to buy or sell anything see me. No deal is too large and none are too small. J. W. STETTER, 50 Valentine, Neb.

The recently erected building by the Red Front Merc. Co., on Cherry street, has been rented by Thomas H. Watkins for the purpose of a roller skating rink. He has installed all modern appliances pertaining to same. Will open, free to all, Monday evening, Dec. 31. Everybody is cordially invited.

O. D. Carey came down from Rosebud Boarding School November 25 on his annual five weeks vacation. Mr. Carey has not spent all of this time in Valentine but has been visiting among old time friends and neighbors throughout the country. He returns to the school, where he is head gardener, tomorrow.

U. S. Weather Bureau Report for week ending Dec. 26.

Daily mean temperature was 8° above the normal. Highest was 53°; lowest 21°.

You can get a case of 24 bottles of Webb's soda for 75c, delivered to your house. Try a case. Telephone 117. 31

On account of bad weather last September, the labor day parade in Valentine was postponed till this forenoon, when the drayers' union, led by our famous town band, paraded Valentine's principal streets. The local organization was not out in full force, but made a very creditable showing. As the parade passed the reviewing stand, Walking Delegate Hon. Col. Harrison, in a short speech, complimented the union and urged them to stand for each other for higher wages. The order of the parade was as follows: St. Perkins' brass band, Frank Randall's float, Ed Keys' float, Charley Breuklander's float, drawn by a pair of snow white steeds, and Mac Cramer's chariot.

The Shakespeare club, which was organized a year ago by Mrs. A. M. McLean, will be at home to a small number of their friends Friday evening, in the production of two one-act plays, the characters of the first being those that have been made immortal by the pen of Shakespeare. This club composed of the younger people, has made wonderful progress in the study of Shakespeare. Due to the painstaking efforts of Mrs. McLean, they have carefully studied the greatest of English classics, and now will endeavor to present their conceptions of Shakespeare's characters upon the stage:

PLACE AUX DAMES, OR THE LADIES SPEAK AT LAST.

Juliet—Mrs. Romeo Montague Ennis Boyer
Portia—Mrs. Bassanio
..... Josephine McLean
Ophelia Alice McLean
Lady Macbeth Hazel Graham

GOSSIP

Miss Adaline Von Lindon Mary Easley
Miss Marion Lee Alice McLean
Miss Dorothy Green Gertrude Quigley
Miss Hester Beacon Josephine McLean
Miss Beatrix Von Kortland
..... Laurentia Haley
Miss Jeannette Durand Margaret Haley

The churches in this city held their customary annual festivities Xmas eve, which were well attended and showed a great deal of careful and painstaking work for those who drilled the children. The Presbyterian church was nicely decorated with evergreen and holly and in the corner stood a large Xmas tree, glittering with ornaments and sparkling with light. A fine program was rendered by the Sunday school children and presents were distributed. Every child in the church, including Charley Sherman, John Bachelor and James H. Quigley, received a Xmas bag of candy. The exercises at the Methodist church were well rendered and were greeted with much applause. The church was beautifully decorated. A large old-fashioned fire place was erected in the middle of the church and added much to the thought of the old time Christmas eves. After the program, gifts were distributed and boxes of candy given to the children. It has come to our notice that some of the young gentlemen of Valentine so far forgot themselves Christmas eve in the M. E. church that they couldn't or wouldn't act as gentlemen. After having grown to manhood, perhaps, they will, when they grace their presence on such occasions, and especially in a house of worship, which should always be considered sacred, know how to conduct themselves as gentlemen, or stay away altogether.

Did you know that our

Coffees and Teas

are the FINEST in town?

'Nuff Said.

T. C. Hornby.

Fischer's Orchestra gave a very pleasant masquerade ball Christmas night. Although not all were masked, the attendance was large and all agree that it was the most enjoyable of the year. Miss Bessie Holsclaw received the prize for the best ladies' costume, which was—well, it will suffice to say that Wallace McDonald purchased it—, and a Mr. Melton received the gentleman's prize, which was a pair of suspenders. The music furnished by the orchestra was first-class and up-to-now and they certainly know how to please the dancers. The orchestra has an engagement at Long Pine New Year's eve.

W. C. T. U. Column.

The regular meeting of the union will be held Wednesday evening of next week in Bethel hall at 7:30 o'clock. Notice the change, which is on account of New Years Day.

It was decided by the supreme court that the law concerning gambling, especially the section that was in dispute, is constitutional. Now what? "Shall we be Union" in our efforts to put an end to this menace? What good ever came to anyone to persist in the violation of law, or to a community to allow the violation of law to exist? Let us be constant in urging the enforcement of law. Supt. Press work.

WORK FOR CONGRESS

Unfinished Business That Will Require Attention.

SHIP SUBSIDY WILL BE PRESSED.

No Prospect of Tariff Reform or Currency Legislation—Late Elections Have Chastening Effect on Republicans—Many Reform Measures Being Discussed.

Congress finds itself with a formidable list of unfinished business on its hands that, with the appropriation bills, will fully occupy its time until March 4 without attempting any of the new measures that have been recommended by the president. As the stand patters will have entire control, there will of course be no consideration of pending bills for tariff revision, although the chastening effect of the defeat of many Republican members on that issue and the great reduction of the majority by which nearly all of them were elected will cause many to pause in their extreme stand pat attitude. The list of unfinished business is: Immigration restriction (in conference).

Santo Domingo treaty. Isle of Pines treaty. Decision in Senator Smoot's case. Campaign fund publicity. Prohibiting corporations to contribute to campaign fund.

Ship subsidy. To make Porto Ricans United States citizens.

Reduction of tariff on products of Philippines. United States to own its embassies and legations abroad.

To build government powder factory.

Appalachian and White mountain forest reserves.

Copyright revision.

Modification of Chinese exclusion law.

Prescribing punishments on high seas.

Codification of revised statutes.

Navy to have biggest battleship afloat.

Removal of customs duty on works of art.

Swamp reclamation similar to irrigation statute.

Cable to Guantanamo and canal zone.

Anti-injunction bill.

Eight hour law.

Nominations of isthmian canal commissioners.

Army and navy dental surgeon corps.

Increase of artillery corps.

To punish improper use of stars and stripes.

Retirement of superannuated federal clerks.

To establish postal savings banks and parcels post.

Limiting working hours of railway employees.

Of these measures there will be but few bills that will be brought to a vote, and the Smoot case, the Santo Domingo treaty and the reduction of Philippine tariff will be ample to occupy all the time the senate can spare from the consideration and passage of the necessary appropriation bills.

In the house legislation depends upon the will of the speaker, and any bill he approves can be put through in short order, and such as he is opposed to is hardly likely to be considered. His opposition to the ship subsidy bill at the last session prevented its report from the committee, and unless Speaker Cannon has changed his mind a favorable report and a special rule for its consideration will be impossible in spite of the efforts of the steamship trust and other predatory interests to have the bill brought to a vote. It is quite possible that there will be enough Republican votes added to the Democrats to defeat the bill in any case on similar lines to the division of the committee, which is exactly evenly divided.

Another matter that looms up for the consideration of congress is the currency bill proposed by the Wall street and other bankers. It is a subject which the majority of congress will be very loath to deal with, so it is quite probable no such law will be passed at this session. Such great measures as an income tax or an inheritance tax will require long and serious consideration and therefore will not be seriously attempted.

The fact that many reform measures are being discussed by Republican members indicates that the result of the election in several states showing a general trend toward Democracy may have a useful effect in influencing Republican votes toward more liberal legislation in the interest of the great mass of the people. The old Republican leaders, however, are still just as firm stand patters in sentiment, and no reform that will prevent the trusts and corporations from plundering the people will willingly receive their sanction.

Congressional Spelling.

There are indications of a factional fight among the Republican members of congress, those members who have been re-elected taking strong grounds against the president's spelling reform and those members who were defeated for re-election warmly advocating that the country must stand by Roosevelt and his queer spelling be forced into use by law and the free use of the big stick if necessary. General Grosvener heads those who uphold the president, and their opponents are unkind enough to hint that they are open to "something equally as good," as the reason they are willing to spend so much time revising their usual orthography, which, by the way, is none too perfect.



The Wonderful Growth of
Calumet Baking Powder
Is due to its
Perfect Quality
and
Moderate Price
Used in Millions of Homes

TAINTED MONEY.

Will Restitution to Corporations Be Made?

The story is circulated in Washington that President Roosevelt demanded some time ago that Mr. Cortelyou, chairman of the Republican national committee, and Mr. Bliss, the treasurer of the committee, arrange to repay from the funds on hand \$148,000 received from the life insurance companies for the campaign fund of 1904. These officials are reported to have obstinately refused to make restitution of the tainted money, although there was over \$400,000 balance in the bank to the credit of the committee. If the president feels so strongly that this tainted money, which rightfully belongs to the widows and orphans of the policy holders, should be returned it would seem that he is in a position to cause restitution to be made by demanding that Mr. Cortelyou return the contributions. In case of refusal he can call for the resignation of Mr. Cortelyou as postmaster general and as chairman of the Republican national committee, which would bring the matter to a climax. As nearly two years have elapsed without restitution being made of these large amounts of money by the Republican politicians involved, it is difficult to believe that there is any real intention of making restitution of the tainted money.

There is another phase of this question that even restitution will not offset, for it will be remembered that President Roosevelt denied that either he or Mr. Cortelyou had knowledge of any such campaign contributions from corporations, when Judge Parker charged before the election of 1904 that such contributions had been received. It will therefore require not only restitution of the tainted funds, but also an apology to Judge Parker, to clear up this noxious Republican mess. It would be pleasant to record that the Republican politicians, even while knowingly having received the tainted money, are willing to show fruit meet for repentance and in future, when receiving similar contributions, will insist that the appearance of evil shall be avoided.

Republicans and Labor Legislation.

Now the excitement of the election is over and Republican politicians can for the time open their hearts to the protected trust magnates we are beginning to learn some truths about labor legislation. Congressman Littlefield told a convention of manufacturers and employers at New York that if Mr. Gompers' labor bills, which the congressman so strongly opposes, could be reported from committee they would pass the house "today" by "an overwhelming vote."

More Scandal.

The patent attorneys are calling upon the commissioner of patents to resign, charging that he has demonstrated his belief that "public office is a private snap." Will there never be an end of these Republican scandals?

A present joy is worth a thousand past sorrows or future tips.—State Journal.

Mother Goose.

The most popular children's book ever written was "Mother Goose's Melodies." Mrs. Goose, or Mother Goose, as she was familiarly called, was the mother-in-law of Thomas Fleet, a Boston printer early in the century. When his first child was born his mother-in-law devoted all her attention to the baby and, it is said, greatly annoyed Fleet by her persistent and not particularly musical chanting of the old English ditties she had heard in her childhood. The idea occurred to Fleet of writing down these songs and publishing them in book form. The oldest extant copy bears the date of 1719. The price marked on the title page was "two coppers." This account of the origin of Mother Goose is discredited by some critics, who declare that in 1697 Perrault published "Contes de ma Mere l'Oye," or "Stories of Mother Goose." The name Mother Goose was familiar in French folklore, being used by writers of this literature over a century before the time of Perrault.

Measures.

Teacher—Now, you have all studied about liquid measure, and I think you know it. Johnny, you may now tell me what measure treats of inches, feet and yards. Johnny—Tape measure, teacher.

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The Status of a Meteorite.

A meteorite fell on a Vermont farm in 1896. It was a valuable meteorite, and the landlord at once stepped up and claimed it. "All minerals and metals on the land belong to me," he said. "That's in the lease."

But the tenant demurred. "This meteorite," he said, "wasn't on the farm, you must remember, when the lease was drawn up."

The landlord perceived the justice of that claim. He thought a moment. Then he said decisively, "I claim her as flying game."

But the tenant was ready for him. "She's got neither wings nor feathers," he said. "Therefore, as ground game, she's mine."

They continued their argument, and in the heat of it a revenue officer, arriving with a truck, proceeded to put the meteorite aboard. "I claim her for the government," he said, "as an article introduced into the country without payment of duty."

Self Made Man.

A rich financier said to one of our confreres who has more wit than wealth, "When I began business, sir, I had nothing."

"But those with whom you did business had something."—Independence Romaine.

New Hotel. Near Depot.
Electric Lights.
Chicago House,
J. A. Hornback, Propr.
Good Rooms. Guests for Trains a Specialty. Good Service.

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Linens and Mexican Drawn Work
Good assortment of Christmas Candies.
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