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There are not less than 250 telegraph offices in New York City.

The Fullerton Telescope talks of wells in Nance county, 175 feet deep.

It is claimed that the United States imported 15,000,000 coconuts last year.

In Maryland nearly one-fourth of the counties are under prohibitory law.

The Grand Army of the Republic has a membership of over 6,000 in this state.

It is declared that drunks now form 55 per cent. of the insane persons in Paris asylums.

ATTORNEY GENERAL GRAY received the vote of every member of the legislature of the state of Delaware for U. S. senator.

The front wall of W. D. Johnson's new building at Hastings fell the other day, causing serious damage, but no one injured.

CONGRESSMAN DORNEY has expressed a very favorable opinion of President Cleveland, his cabinet and the probable course of the administration.

It is stated upon good authority that the yearly consumption of meat in the United States per capita is 130 pounds; in England, 104; France, 74; Germany, 69.

The President's announcement that he will send no nominations to the Senate but those actually needed, has caused an exodus of a disgraced horde of office-seekers.

A SPECIAL AGENT of the C. B. & Q. road recently in San Francisco says his company will probably construct a line from Denver to Ogden, to compete with the Union Pacific.

ARKANSAS is about to establish a standard of morals. The Senate has passed a law prohibiting base ball playing on Sunday, and making the offense punishable by a heavy fine.

The governor of Maine, in his annual message says that the constant agitation of the subject of temperance has created a firm adherence of the people to the principle of prohibition.

A WONDERFUL wind storm visited Mount Washington, N. H., on the night of the 20th. The storm traveled at the rate of 100 to 140 miles per hour. Net morning it was 45 degrees below zero.

A CITIZENS' meeting at Grand Island is called to nominate a ticket. The call says that "Grand Island is being filled with gamblers and overrun with prostitutes, to the utter disgrace and demoralization of our city."

A RECENT report comes from Winnipeg that the Northwestern Indians are dying in large numbers from a singular disease, the first symptoms of which are the stiffening of the knees and joints, from which death soon follows.

THE BRITISH commander the other day instructed Commander Wilco, of the "Yantic," now at New Orleans, to supply his vessel and hasten to Livingston, Guatemala. He goes under orders to use every exertion to protect American interests.

GEN. SHERIDAN at Washington City has received a dispatch from Gen. Hatch stating that upon the receipt of the President's proclamation concerning the Oklahoma lands, most of those preparing to invade the Indian Territory decided to return home.

A HEART rending accident happened at Hastings, Neb., the other night. Karl Alexander had in his hands a revolver, which was accidentally discharged, killing Edson Harvey, a boy about seven years old. The boy who had the pistol was about eleven years old.

J. W. ROGERS, of Lincoln, adjusting agent of the German Insurance Company, was found dead in bed the other morning in his room, over McLain's restaurant. He died from heart disease doubtless as he has been so troubled for some time. His home was at Freepport, Ill.

THE following appointments have been confirmed: Col. Nelson H. Davis, inspector general; with the rank of brigadier general; Lieut. Col. A. Baird, inspector general, with the rank of colonel; E. Clark, assistant secretary of the interior; S. D. Jackson, U. S. marshal of the western district of Texas.

THOMAS BALLARD the other evening at Omaha entered the basement barroom of the St. James Hotel, and deliberately shot and killed the bartender, Henry Verpoorten. Ballard had been on a spree for several days which combined with a spell of jealousy is supposed to have excited him to the commission of the murder.

ABOUT fifty masked persons the other morning at Spring Ranch, Neb., not far from Hastings, took Tom Jones and Mrs. Taylor from their home and hung them to an iron bridge. They were charged with some crime committed in that vicinity. Among other crimes the murder of Edwin Roberts. The coroner's verdict was that they met death at the hands of parties unknown.

We are indebted to the New York Tribune for recent returns from the spring elections held in that state, and is given as a fair indication of the drift of opinion. It states that in the contests which have taken place in forty-six of the sixty counties, the republican gains are large, and happily foretell the victory that is to follow in the fall. In nearly every county there have been republican gains, showing a net gain of forty-three supervisors.

The State Journal strikes at one of the nonsensical attractions (?) of the State Fair which the management did not decide to drop in the following bit of satire:

We observe that the board of managers of the State Fair have retained the chariot race as a feature of the annual exhibition. We are delighted to see it. The intimate relation between the improvement of agriculture and the spectacle of a half-waked woman driving four old pligs at a gallop around the race track is so intimate and vital as to need no comment. If the woman should fall to appear in a costume abbreviated at both ends and slash her plugs and holler "Hi Yi!" at 'em two or three times around the ring, we are satisfied that corn would milder and apples turn to seedlings. Should the chariot race managers fail to receive a check for six or eight hundred dollars of the kind, apart of contribution to the dissemination of horticultural and agricultural information, there is no doubt but every cow in the state would give bloody milk. For averting these great evils, the board of managers have the sincere thanks of a happy and much-relieved people. We regret to observe, however, that they have neglected to incorporate into the exhibition the instructive spectacle of a gressed pig race.

Another abuse of the object for which fairs are intended, having no recommendation except that it is a "drawing" feature to swell the gate receipts, and might be replaced by an attraction of the same nature which would not be a farce, is the custom of paying a large portion of the fund for premiums to a lot of old, spavined and ring-boned "spellers" under the guise of prizes of encouraging the breeding of speedy horses.

On the subject of the return of unearned land grants to the government, Senator Van Wyck, made the following pointed remarks in a speech before the Senate the other day:

"Twenty and thirty years ago congress was recklessly to any corporation applying for lands. Now the executive department and congress refusing to restore unearned lands to the public domain will be judged by the people as guilty of a crime against the nation. The tide of our own and foreign populations, which years ago laid the foundations and reared the structure of great states in the west, is now repelled by the desert lands, the arid plains, the sandhills, the sagebrush, and in its reflex is gathering at the border of the Indian lands impatient to enter. Federal bayonets are pointed against the breasts of hardy pioneers like me, in that class who carried the flag of the Union in advance of civilization over mountain peaks and furled it by the waves of the broad Pacific. No bayonets to drive out the cattle syndicates already in Oklahoma, and to destroy fences illegally enclosing millions of acres of public domain!"

W. W. W. JONES, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, calls attention of the people to the change made in the school law by the legislature. At the business of the annual meeting under the change it will be necessary now for the voters to provide for what school may be desired between the time of the annual meeting and the second Monday in July, in addition to the full year from the second Monday in July, 1885, to the second Monday in July, 1886. In other words, for fifteen months' school instead of one year's school. The change affects cities of the second class, in that the tax estimate is made to the county commissioners instead of the city council. The officers to be elected at the coming meeting do not, in country districts, take possession of their office until the second Monday in July. The present board holds until that time. City boards are not affected in the change in the school year.

The Fremont Herald shows the right spirit in its course with reference to Judge Post and his action in the Boers-Sang case, and in doing so gives the Judge well-merited praise, as against some criticisms of the North Bend Mail: says the Herald:

"He was the umpire selected by the law to decide the question. He is not a resident. He is entirely a disinterested person. He is regarded as one of the ablest lawyers in this State. As a judge he is the peer of any of his colleagues, in the various judicial districts of the State, in purity, learning and judicial fairness. There is hardly a lawyer of the bar of this city but resents indignantly this cowardly and low attack made in the Mail on Judge Post. It looks black as if the cabal in this crushing out process do not propose to save any person."

CONGRESS several years ago passed a law authorizing the government to furnish a marble head and foot stone for every Union Soldier's grave in the country, not otherwise provided for. Doubtless the members of the G. A. R. in this vicinity will see that the law is executed in this part of the state. It is claimed that the stone furnished is a nice substantial marble slab, with all the lettering necessary, giving name of soldier, his age, regiment, company, date of death, &c. It is sent to most convenient railroad station at government expense, on the guarantee of a responsible person that it shall be properly placed in position at the soldier's grave named in the application.

Two wayfaring gentlemen usually designated as tramps, called at the residence of Mr. Webb at Fremont the other morning and demanded coffee. The door was closed on them. They then assaulted the mansion with their fists, while the man slave of the mansion was looking after his munitions of war. Webb opened the door with the mouth of his cannon pointed at the wayfaring gentlemen, and graciously inquired if they were sure it was coffee they wanted. They concluded they didn't want anything. So sayeth the Fremont Herald.

Mossyova's U. S. Hotel, at Stearnsville, Ohio, was burned one evening last week. The second, third and fourth stories were used as a hotel, the first floor being occupied by store rooms and the Western Union telegraph office, were all burned out. The total loss is placed at \$135,000.

A Brief Digest of an Address as the Federal of the late Major Frank North, by Rev. Robert Deberry, M. A.

MY DEAR FRIENDS:—When I started on this melancholy errand, which has brought us together here to-day, I thought that mine was to perform the part of an affectionate friend to a bereaved family, rather than to take the conduct of this religious solemnity. I supposed that the Rev. Mr. Goodale, the priest of this parish, would be present, and he, of course, who has lived long among you, intimately knows and is known by you, would be the proper person to speak now, when your tenderest sympathies, and the springs of deeper human feeling are moved so mightily. I might justly have assisted him, which indeed I hoped to do.

It seems to me, though, that this occasion demands that something be said beside the church's appointed sermons, so soothing, tender, comforting and hope-inspiring as it is, to those dear friends who mourn, alas, a much-loved, but now lost one.

I shall have to ask you to overlook my unstudied statements, and to believe that if I do not speak wisely and worthily of our departed friend, I will speak at least kindly and affectionately.

Friends, this is no ordinary funeral. A great man has fallen among us, and his remains lie now for the last offices of religion, honor and reverence affection at our hands.

If Major Frank North had lived in other days and in other lands than ours he would have died a Knight or an Earl and a blazoned coat of arms would have rested on his funeral pall. In our simpler and as we believe better days, he has justly earned the title of "Nature's Nobleman." Bold as a lion, gentle as a woman, simple as a child, he was a pre-eminently grand representative of the pioneer of Nebraska, he has made himself an honorable place in the history of our state, in the civilization of the great west. His name is known to this great nation, associated with noble actions. He will live in story as long as we are capable of appreciating the brave, the simple-hearted and the true. Those who knew him by reputation admired him, to know him personally was to love him.

Called by the loss of his father to the dignity and responsibility of a man when but a mere child, he became the prop of a noble and dear mother, and under the guidance of the orphan's father he grew into a famous defender of the frontier settler, an industrious and successful developer of the great resources of this new state, and a wise and conscientious representative and adviser of the people.

It may be said in justice to the old settlers of Nebraska that their homes, for love and tenderness, for purity, fidelity and simplicity, are among the most beautiful models to be found in any country. The founders of these homes are fast falling around us now. The places that knew them, know them no more, the long-familiar faces are fast becoming long memories. As we follow the solemn processions, hear the oft-repeated "ashes to ashes," count the empty places by the old firesides, a chilly sense of desolation creeps over us. Shall we see their like again? Among these old model homes, our heritage from the past and our earnest for the future, was the home of our dear departed friend. And it might be truly said that the teachings and example of the respected and revered mother of our deceased friend had much to do in forming his character.

Brave and merciful as a soldier, trusted, tried and true as a citizen, as a neighbor the esteemed, loving and loved friend of every man and the enemy of none, he was an affectionate and dutiful son, a tender, loving and indulgent husband, and a most thoughtfully and self-denying father.

No matter how or where engaged hardly a day was ever permitted to pass by him without writing to his daughter.

Now his story is told, his struggle is passed and he has early gone to his rest. His history is brief but eventful, and one of which none need be ashamed.

The changes and chances of this mortal life threw him into a strangely mixed and confused whirlpool of humanity. He mixed as indeed he had to mix with the bad as well as the good, but he was always the same good man and true. Since it has been my privilege to know the North family, now these seven or eight years, I have felt a pride in this man as a citizen of my adopted state, a friend and a brother.

As his remains lie here before us, and his memory must be ever with us, as a sacred thing, we cannot but be sadly impressed with the vanity and fleeting character of all earthly hopes and relations. What more? Only this. My dear friends, may God help each of you, and may he help me, in the midst of this poor world of dying men, sorry partings, and sad farewells, to have our faith so fixed on the Living, Loving One, our hope so anchored on the Rock of Ages, that life's final fever, ever, we may have a sure resting place in Him, and that at the glorious Easter Day we may wake to a happy meeting and unending reunion.

Supervisor's Proceedings. TUESDAY, March 17, '88. Board met at 1 o'clock p. m. All present but Sup'r Wilson. Minutes of previous meetings read and approved.

After the approval of the bonds of the assessors of Grand Prairie, Joliet, Look Creek and Woodville townships, the assessors of the county who were all present except Dickinson of Grandville and Blecher of Walker, united with the Board in a general consultation as to basis of equalized assessed valuation of stock and real estate for the current year. After full and careful consideration the following rates were agreed upon:

Meat cattle, 1 year old, \$5; 2 years old, \$8; 3 years old and over, \$12. Horses, 1 year old, \$15; 2 to 3 years old, \$25; 3 years old and over, \$35. Mules, 3 years old and over, \$35. Hogs, \$1 per 100 lbs. and no hog to be assessed for less than 50 lb. weight. Sheep, 75 cts. per head. The average value of land in state is \$4.46 per acre for improved land, and \$2.75 per acre for unimproved. The assessment to be made as near as possible to the state average.

Clerk was instructed to have circulars printed embodying the above decision, and mail a copy to each assessor in the county. Board adjourned until Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, March 18, '88. Board convened at 9 o'clock a. m. All present but Sup'r Ernst and Wilson. Petition of E. F. Powell for drugist permit in Platte Center, also remonstrance against granting the same, were presented and read, and on motion of Sup'r Klerman the whole matter was referred to the county attorney.

Petitions for various public roads presented and same referred back to petitioners to procure free right of way.

In the matter of the Platte Center road Michael Maher was allowed the sum of \$100 as damages in full by the location thereof, and on motion the road was declared duly established.

In the matter of the petition of Margaret Cleary and others for the vacation of a part of the Columbus and Madison road, and the location in lieu thereof of a section line road. The clerk was instructed to notify S. C. Gray to pay John Slavin the amount of \$40, being the award of the appraisers to said Slavin for damages sustained by the location of above road.

Application of B. Musgraves for rebate of taxes, was referred to committee on claims.

Following appointments to fill vacancies were made: Thomas Jones, constable for Joliet township; Joseph Treeman, J. P. for Woodville township; John Gannon, J. P. for St. Bernard township; J. K. McFarland, J. P. Butler township; A. J. Williams, J. P. Look Creek township.

In the matter of the petition of Wm. J. Wynand and others for vacation of part of the "Newman's Grove and St. Edwards" road, the prayer of the petitioners was granted and the part of road described declared duly vacated.

In the matter of the petition for the location of the "Alexander" road in Monroe township, the prayer of the petitioners was granted and road declared duly established.

John S. Orue was allowed the sum of \$400 as payment in full for all damages sustained by the location of the Jacob Libby road No. 2.

Written contract between the County and C. D. Evans, M. D., county physician, presented, read and approved.

Board adjourned until 1 o'clock p. m. At the afternoon session all members were present except Supervisor Wilson. Several official bonds were presented, examined and approved.

Upon motion of Supervisor Maher, the clerk was instructed to furnish to the COLUMBUS JOURNAL, a summary of the proceedings of this board, for publication.

Upon motion of Supervisor Terwilliger the county clerk was instructed to have fifty copies of the bar docket printed, for the March and October terms of the district court.

The resignation of E. C. Reber, as constable for Humphrey township presented and accepted.

Application of Mr. Widholm for rebate of taxes erroneously assessed, was referred to committee on claims. The township treasurer tax receipt of F. W. Anderman was referred to Sup'r Olson of Creston.

The sheriff was instructed to notify all parties interested in the application of E. F. Powell for drugist permit, also remonstrance against the same to appear before the Board on Thursday at 10 o'clock a. m.

The sum of \$4.61 was allowed H. Wendt for erroneously assessed taxes paid on N. W. 1/4 of N. E. 1/4, Sec. 5, T. 19, Range 1 west.

Clerk was instructed to procure 12 justice of the peace dockets.

The county treasurer presented report with name of each person of uncollectible personal property tax for years 1870 to 1878 inclusive, and clerk was instructed to place same on file.

Upon motion the work on the "Meridian" road from the city limits of Columbus to bluff north was apportioned to road district No. 25.

On motion the petition for the "Hoblen" road was referred to Sup'r Newman.

Druggist's report of E. F. Powell of Platte Center received and ordered placed on file.

County treasurer presented list of real estate upon which taxes had been paid twice for year 1884, by different persons, and he was requested to report the total amount of such duplicate payments at the next meeting of the Board.

County treasurer also presented a list of lots belonging to the city of Columbus, which have been erroneously placed upon tax lists for several years. Board ordered same cancelled.

By information obtained from the U. S. land office at Grand Island, it was shown that the S. E. 1/4 of Sec. 30, T. 17, Range 1 west, had been erroneously assessed for several years, and for delinquent taxes, and a treasurer's deed issued to J. A. Hood, therefore upon motion it was ordered that the clerk notify the said J. A. Hood to re-convey the said described property by quit claim deed to Platte Center.

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