

The mother of Hon. S. S. Cox, died on the 3d inst., at Zanesville, Ohio, aged 84 years.

The Fremont Herald recommends buckshot as a remedy for that tramping community.

It is reported that a mad dog a few days ago bit several cattle belonging to Senator Van Wyck, near Nebraska City.

HENRY M. STANLEY hopes to visit the United States by the last of this month. He will be able to stay but a short time.

The President sent to the Senate 173 nominations. Of these 159 were confirmed, two rejected and twelve not acted upon.

The New York Tribune says thirteen young ladies were admitted to the practice of medicine in that city Wednesday night.

PARIS government advises from Pekin state that the Chinese government adheres to the peace preliminaries signed on the 4th instant.

A LATE dispatch received at Paris from Berlin says Prince Bismarck assures a banker that in spite of the incident of Penjdeh, the czar hopes to preserve peace.

WARHO had a fire the other day at the fair grounds, which got away from boys burning trash in the field, thence to the fence and into the stables, destroying about \$1,200 worth of property.

MR. LAUREY, an old man of Kearney, Neb., while out plowing the other day died suddenly in the field. He was found sitting in the seat of a sulky plow, leaning against the handle, dead.

ACCORDING to request of government at least 1,000 men were on the road to Aspinwall last week, sent especially to protect the lives and property of American citizens in that disturbed country.

NELSON, Neb., town election was fought with great vigor on the license question, and the board elected were pledged to carry out the wishes of the majority; the result was "no license," by a large majority.

"GET as much force of mind as you can. Live within your income. Always have something saved at the end of the year. Let your imports be more than your exports, and you'll never go far wrong."

CHARLES E. STEVENS, a prominent citizen of Arrapahoe, Neb., died suddenly recently of heart disease. He was engaged in painting a house and was found by his son lying partly on the ground and against the house, dead.

The senate at Washington adjourned without a president pro tem. In case of the death of the President and Vice President, the country would be without an executive head, and would remain so until provided for by congress.

MISS IDA C. SWEET, pension agent of the Iowa district, declines to resign her office at the request of commissioner Black; placing her case on the faithful discharge of her duties she will have to be removed as she will not resign.

THERE was the other day at London a slight renewal of the war feeling on the stock exchange, owing to reports from St. Petersburg that the chief of staff of the Russian army had obtained the czar's assent to the acceleration of the preparations for war.

JUDGE VAN BREUNT granted the other day the motion in behalf of Mrs. Dudley, who shot Rossa, for a commission to be sent to England to examine witnesses regarding Mrs. Dudley's sanity. Proceedings in New York are stayed in the meantime.

The primary Oratorical contest of Hastings college came off the other night at Hastings before a large audience, and resulted in favor of Mr. J. H. H. Hewitt, and he will represent Hastings college in the State contest to be held at Hastings this evening.

ACCORDING to the new method of book-keeping at Washington the condition of the treasury, based on the latest returns, shows an excess of available assets over demand liabilities of \$16,418,692. By this statement the net cash is \$206,368,664; net liabilities, \$189,949,572.

CHARLES NUTT, a miller employed at the mill at Wilber, Neb., became entangled the other day in the gearing of the mill, and had his arm so badly crushed that amputation will be necessary. It was not ascertained at the time whether he had received any internal injuries or not.

The comptroller of the currency at Washington is informed by the examiner in charge of the suspended Exchange National Bank of Norfolk, Va., that the bank is insolvent and will have to be placed in the hands of a receiver. The amount due the depositors alone is over \$300,000.

The attorney general has rendered an opinion to the secretary of the interior which holds that the order of President Arthur, opening the lands in the old Winnebago reservation, in Dakota, to settlement is inoperative, because the Sioux Indians hold a title to the lands under the treaty of 1868.

The close contest in the municipal election in Chicago, has been complicated by the theft of the ballot-box of the Third precinct of the Third ward. A man by the name of Keefe has been arrested by the police charged with stealing the box. Warrants have also been issued for the arrest of three others implicated in the matter.

Nebraska is not favored with very many democratic newspapers, and the chief of what we have are not so unanimously harmonious as they might be. The fact is that several of them are more than inclined to protest against the autocracy of the Omaha Herald, chief among which is the Fremont Herald, edited by Nat. Small, Esq., a thorough-paced democrat of independent mould. Speaking of Dr. Miller's "abdication," he declares it "one of the most remarkable omissions of the 19th century." It will be remembered that the good Doctor published "a necessary notice" to the effect that he would not sign any more petitions for office for anybody. Mr. Small proceeds to philosophize upon the subject, and show the inner springs of motive acting upon the good doctor. The only excuse that we can tender our readers for referring to this subject is the interest that all of us must now take in our democratic brethren. If they wipe the floor with each other, so to speak, we should soon see in Nebraska not enough of them left to make a political campaign half-way interesting. The democracy must preserve their autonomy, if our wish can prevail, but in the meantime if they will fight, we cannot shut our eyes to the sight, and our readers should understand something of the *casus belli*, as delivered from one of the head-quarters. The Fremont Herald further:

Miller and Boyd set themselves up as the almoners of federal offices in this state (see Boyd letter); transacting their business upon these false pretenses they used the promises of these offices to obstruct and prevent the Democratic party, through its organization, the State Committee, to advise the appointing power in the matter of the bestowal of these offices for the benefit of the party. As usual in such cases one office was promised to a large number of official seekers while in truth and fact as far as in them lay they had pawed it, each office, to a single representative of the gilded political three-ball shop. The offices are being pawed—but in soak; the many promises for them are still outstanding and to be met. The mails bring to the senior member, of the Mrs. Mandlebaum firm, reminders of these obligations. The day of payment draws nigh, and to escape writing twenty letters in favor of twenty men for the same office, M. L. George withdraws, throwing all the responsibility upon the surviving party—the poor old man. The idea sought to be conveyed in Miller's open letter is that he is so pressed with business that he had not time to give answer to solicitations, under former promises, for his aid in obtaining offices, and through this plea he thinks to get relieved from the consequences of former promises. It is easier to promise than to pay, and refusals and neglects to pay are evidence of bankruptcy. An assumption of power and greatness is attended with difficulties and means.

Our Prairie Post-Hole. J. D. Calhoun, of the State Journal, who is now sojourning at New Orleans among other items sends the following to his paper, which is a fair illustration of how Nebraskaans do away with the laborious exercise of turning a stubborn agur, boring vacuums for fence-posts: "By the way, Bonnell and I are partners in a story that my vanity suggests is worth repeating. At the dinner table one day, surrounded by people from other states, Bonnell said the only trouble and labor involved in making post-holes around a farm in Nebraska was the planting of a beet seed every eight feet along the line where it was desired to build the fence. In the fall when the vegetables were extracted from the ground, there were the holes all ready for business. The assertion was made with that quiet, matter-of-fact air of sincere gravity that always characterizes the Nebraska man when exploiting the resources of the most fertile prairie in the world. A curious sort of silence fell upon the company and the land-lady turned to me, "Is that really a true story, or is it a chip from the Nebraska hatchet of which Mr. Thurston told us?"

And I replied, "Madame, it is in every respect entirely true and moderately drawn. And the only reason that portion of the beets which grows above the ground is not utilized for food is that the vegetable as produced in Nebraska is so sweet and not at all the stock would eat them all to the ground—and thus destroy the fences."—Ex.

A CORRESPONDENT asks whether it is true that Secretary Lamar caused the flag over the Interior Department to be placed at half-mast on account of the death of Jacob Thompson. Yes, it is true that Secretary Lamar did this thing, and there is no reasonable excuse for such an affront to the patriotism of the ever loyal people of the United States and the feelings of honest and honorable men. If, as has been reported, it was done after a cabinet consultation and with the consent and approval of the President and the rest who sit around his council board, so much the worse. The proceeding is shameful and outrageous.—Chicago Tribune.

An order for six fast iron cruisers of the "Emeralds" pattern has been received at New York. These vessels have been ordered by private gentlemen, just as they might order steam yachts, but will be for sale when completed and the offers of only one European government will be entertained, which, it is believed, will be Russia. The cruisers are to have three paramount features—nine knots speed, coal-carrying capacity for twenty-five days steaming and buoyancy for three steel cannon of large caliber.

The other day additional troops for Aspinwall left the navy yard at New York in a quiet manner. There were five companies of fifty men each, under command of Capt. Higbe. One hundred and fifty sailors and six guns left the Brooklyn navy yard the same day with the marines, in command of Capt. McCall.

The next meeting of the State Teachers' Association for Nebraska, D. T., states that F. G. Small an attorney of Harold, mysteriously disappeared from that place last December. The murderers have just been found and are two prominent citizens, J. H. Bell and F. Bennett, both attorneys. Bennett has confessed the murder, and says Bell killed him with a hatchet. They then took him twenty miles north of Harold and buried him where he was found the other day. Both are in jail at Pierce and lynching is probable.

There is no longer any doubt that gold quartz has been discovered on P. T. Convey's farm, in the range hills about twelve miles west of Papillion, Neb. Samples of the rock have been assayed by Omaha, St. Louis and Chicago experts, and in every instance have been pronounced worth working. Steps have been taken by C. Behrendt and J. Zimmerman, of Papillion to put in machinery and work the lead. Future developments will disclose its richness.

THE first cyclone of the season struck Waverly, Missouri, the other night, tearing things up generally and spreading destruction in its path, lifting up and dashing to pieces a large number of buildings; among others the Christian church was picked up and dashed to the ground, reducing it to kindling wood. In this storm no lives were lost, all having sought safe places a moment before. The damage to property will amount to \$100,000.

MR. McMILLAN in a street car the other morning in Newport, Ky., met John L. Cummings, clerk in the First National Bank of Cincinnati, and fired three balls from a revolver into the victim's chest, causing instant death. He killed Cummings in revenge for the ruin of his daughter. McMILLAN immediately gave himself up to the police.

THE Sioux City Journal states that an emigrant on reaching Hoekins rounded up his brood to find one missing. Hastily telegraphing ahead on the train the conductor found the innocent, tow-headed darling curled up in a seat sweetly dreaming. He was aroused and returned to the anxious parents by the next train.

THE Paris bourse was demoralized the other day. The heavy declines in London and Berlin produced a panic, and all international stocks fell heavily. Sales were forced to secure any price obtainable, owing to fears that many engagements would go unmet and that prices must recede much further still.

G. S. MAYO, who is known as the editor of the Chicago Post and Courier, also the Illinois Agriculturist, has been arrested by the postal authorities. Cleveland's postmaster general will do the country an excellent service if he would deprive all the fraudulent or would-be fraudulent papers of the use of the mails.

RECENT news from Phoenix, Arizona, states that Mormon Bishop Stewart and Elder C. J. Robinson, indicted for polygamy, were permitted to plead guilty in a lesser court to the indictment of unlawful cohabitation. The judge sentenced them to ninety days in the territorial penitentiary.

EDWARD LAMBERT of Chicago the other day called at the residence of Mrs. Ann A. Mulligan, his mother-in-law, to see his wife, from whom he had been estranged, and while there shot and killed Mrs. Mulligan, and also shot and dangerously wounded his wife and then killed himself.

It is stated at London that the Queen will return to England immediately, in view of the crisis in the relations between Russia and England. Sixty thousand men from the army reserves and the whole militia will be called out. The naval reserve will be used for home defense.

ONE of the strikers at the McCormick reaper factory the other day attempted to stop one of the company's buses at Chicago on its way to the works, and A. S. Pinkerton, a detective inside the bus, shot the man dead. Trouble is feared.

SO FAR the prince and princess of Wales and their eldest son Prince Albert Victor have been everywhere received by the people on their visit to Ireland with demonstrations of kindness and loyalty.

A MEETING of cattlemen was held on War Bonnet Creek, Sioux county, a few days ago, to discuss the question of "What shall we do to be avenged?" from the incoming tide of immigration.

THE latest report from Madrid gives forty new cases of supposed cholera at Jativa last week and twenty deaths. That subsequently on the 7th inst., thirty new cases occurred and seven deaths.

News Notes. ONE cattle ranch in Wyoming embraces a million acres. O'NEILL has voted \$4,200 in bonds for a new school building. THE United States controls three-quarters of the cornfields of the whole world. SCIENTISTS hold seventeen distinct theories as to the cause of earthquakes. THE Grand Army post of Creighton is building one of the finest halls in the State. THIRTY-FOUR female Arab soldiers were killed in a recent battle with the British.

THE making of orange wine is proving a successful business on the Pacific coast. ROBERT INGRAM was held up in the streets of Omaha the other night and robbed of \$13. TOURS has adopted the electric light, the first city in France outside of Paris to do so. THE King of Siam, although not yet thirty years of age, has 1,000 wives and 263 children.

THE greatest height of an ocean wave is said to be about thirty-five feet above the level. A LICENSE fee of \$1 a day is said now to be charged skating rinks of all kinds in Newark, N. J. TEN-SEVENTHNS of all the voters in the United States are said to be engaged in farming pursuits. On a farm near East Aurora, N. Y., was discovered recently a belt of solid salt sixty-five feet thick.

Most of the streets of Delaware and eastern Maryland towns are graded and ballasted with oyster shells. THE custom of decorating rooms by strewn roses on furniture, bedding and floors is extending in Paris. NEARLY six bushels of wheat to each inhabitant is the average consumption of the United States annually. AFTER the death of a man at Biddeford, Me., over \$10,000 in cash and bonds were found concealed in his bed.

PARIS contains 10,000 children of both sexes, waifs and strays, who are in need of help from the benevolent societies. A PUBLIC speaker recently made the statement that no Connecticut regiment ever lost a flag during the civil war. It is estimated that half the wheat crop of Kansas will prove a total loss. Farmers are plowing their wheat fields and sowing their grain.

AMONG the 1,200 laws regulating the French press is one, centuries old, which threatens the proof-reader with death for even one blunder. THE largest prune orchard in the world contains 16,000 trees. It is located one mile from Saratoga, Cal., and was recently sold for \$75,000. SPECKLED trout come up in the water of some artesian wells in Nevada. The supposition is that they came from subterranean lakes.

MISS S. WEEKS recently took the oath as Deputy Register of Deeds for Osborne county, Kansas. Her appointment gives general satisfaction. A REPORT comes from London stating that forty thousand coal miners are now on a strike in Yorkshire alone, against a 10 per cent reduction in wages. THE mother of the first child born in Eagle City, Arizona, received a present of \$5,000 in gold dust from the enthusiastic miners of that region the other day.

THE Blue, The Grey, and Grant. They sat together side by side, In the shade of an orange tree; One had followed the flag of Grant, The other had fought with Lee.

The War Cloud Again Gathering. BRILL, April 8.—The belief hitherto attained in official circles that peace would be maintained between England and Russia has undergone a distinct change. The dispatches from St. Petersburg say the war party is getting the upper hand and that the czar has agreed to appoint General Gourko and General Kouropotkin to leading commands in the Afghan campaign in the event of war. Each will head an army corps of 50,000 men. Prince Doudoukoff Kourakoff, governor of Caucasus, takes a staff of military surveyors to Mery to report upon the progress of the massing of troops and the condition of the camp-sites. He will command the third army corps.

In some of the German cities it is stated that a bell is placed above the public receptacle for the dead, and the hands of the corpse fastened to the rope, so that it may be rung by the chance victim of burial before death. A YOUNG lawyer of Sylvania, Ga., went through that town the other day driving a portion of his first law fee—a yearling steer. The fee consisted of \$8 in money, a stack of fodder, a silver watch, an old sow and the yearling.

Life. Life is dearer to us than anything else. If we were going to be deprived of it we would not be happy because we would want life. If we had no life we would not know anything. It is life that makes us happy and life alone. What would this world be if there was no life? It would be desolate and no man would want to live here. Guiteau's life was so dear to him that he and his friends and relatives tried to make believe that he was crazy to save it. But he did not think that Mr. Garfield's life was dear to him, and he did not act as if he did. Every man prizes his life above every thing else. If there was no other world and we were going to be deprived of life in a way that it would not hurt us, we would not be happy. Why? Because we would not want to die, we would want life. But if we knew that we had done good all our lives and we were dying and we knew that we were going to heaven I think we could be happy. God gave us life to work, to be useful and obey his commandments, but not to steal and take the life of our fellowmen. If we had sinned and we were going to die we would want to live because we would want to live longer so that we would not be punished for our sins so quickly. But there is another world and when we sin we will get punished for it after we die; and some times before.

"Papa what is the name of that book?" asked a little boy of his father who had just returned from his office. "That, my son, is a bible." "Yes, my father," said the fond wife, "but remember it was only by accident that he found it out. Her husband stared at her, but she said, 'You needn't look surprised, Sam, for I saw you take it up this morning and open it, you glanced at the top and saw what it was, you were looking for the book entitled how to play cards, billiards and poker.'" CHARLES D. WILSON.

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NOTICE TO TEACHERS. J. E. Moncrief, Co. Supt. Will be in his office at the Court House on the third Saturday of each month for the purpose of examining applicants for teacher's certificates, and for the transaction of any other business pertaining to schools. 567

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FINAL PROOF. U. S. Land Office, Grand Island, Neb., March 21st, 1888. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Clerk of the District Court at Columbus, Neb., on Thursday May 7th, 1888, viz: John Bude Homestead No. 9837, for the N. W. 1/4, Section 2, Township 19, north, Range 1 east. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Henry Hunteman, John Hessel, Wendelin Brauner, and Theodore Wenk, all of Columbus, Platte Co., Neb. C. HOSTETTER, Register.

FINAL PROOF. U. S. Land Office, Grand Island, Neb., March 11, 1888. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Judge of the District Court at Columbus, Nebraska, on the 23rd day of April, 1888, viz: James T. Maclean, Homestead Entry No. 19266 for the S. 1/4 of the N. E. 1/4, Section 20, Township 19, north, Range 3 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Sol. Dickinson, of Monroe P. O., Platte County, Nebraska; J. M. Hood, J. W. Clark and J. M. Robinson, of Postville P. O., Platte County, Neb. C. HOSTETTER, Register.

FINAL PROOF. U. S. Land Office, Grand Island, Neb., April 1st, 1888. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the District Court at Columbus, Nebraska, on the 23rd day of April, 1888, viz: Friedrich Mackenstadt, Homestead No. 8428, for the S. E. 1/4 of S. E. 1/4, Section 17, Township 18, north, Range 1 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Herman Tabke and Herman Wurdeman, all of Columbus, Platte Co., Neb. C. HOSTETTER, Register.

FINAL PROOF. U. S. Land Office, Grand Island, Neb., March 22d, 1888. Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before the Clerk of the District Court at Columbus, Nebraska, on Saturday May 9th, 1888, viz: Charles Gertsch Homestead No. 9251, for the E. 1/2 of S. E. 1/4, Section 12, Township 18, north, Range 1 west. He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of, said land, viz: Herman Wilke and Henry Rickett of Columbus, Platte County, Nebraska; Henry Welch and Frederick Lutgenschen, of Shell Creek, Colfax County, Nebraska. C. HOSTETTER, Register.

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