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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1895.

THE house passed the regular pension appropriation bill with but little discussion.

THE streets of Boston were damaged by the storm last week to the amount of \$100,000.

PERCY DELMONT of New York has been confirmed envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Spain.

At Washington Dec. 15, R. B. Hostetter and A. P. Ingram, of Illinois, were appointed special examiners in the pension office.

THE Central railroad cotton warehouse, Savannah, Ga., burned on the afternoon of the 13th with its contents. Loss \$200,000.

THE president has pardoned 136 convicts during the fiscal year ending June 30 last, and granted amnesty under the Edmunds law in three cases.

THE senate sub-committee has decided to report favorably the bill providing for the retirement of W. S. Rosecrans with the rank of Major-General.

An Emporia (Kan.) drugist sold a woman whisky to cure "sea sickness," and he says that it is a prevailing sickness in that latitude and longitude.

In Chelsea, Me., two sisters manage a sixty-five acre farm, besides doing considerable of the heavy work and attending to their regular household duties.

PLATTE is classified among the nine democratic counties of Nebraska, the others being Sarpy, Douglas, Dodge, Colfax, Pierce, Cuming, Cedar and Dixon.

H. W. HARDY, late prohibition candidate for governor, has asked the courts to have a saloon which is next door to his furniture store, adapted as a nuisance and an injury to his business.

THE house committee on invalid pensions authorized a favorable report on the senate bill granting a pension of \$3,500 a year to Irene Rucker Sheridan, widow of the late Gen. Sheridan.

OUT of ninety-nine indictments returned by the United States grand jury at Dubuque for northern Iowa for selling liquor without government license.

L. B. BELL, of Greenville, Ohio, pleaded guilty to complicity in the robbery of the treasury of Darke county, for which treasurer Simons is now serving ten years' time in the Ohio penitentiary.

WORD reached Denver on the 12th from Quary agency, Green river, Utah, that Colorado, the celebrated chief of the Southern Utes died on the 11th of pneumonia.

THE Boston Musical Herald presents unusual attractions in its Xmas number. It is especially strong in its editorial department, while its Question and Answer, Review of New Music, Musical Reading Course, and other departments, make the journal invaluable to students of music.

VICE-PRESIDENT MORTON and wife reached Indianapolis at 6 o'clock on the evening of the 12, on a special train. They came on a visit to Gen. Harrison and wife, and drove in carriages immediately to Gen. Harrison's residence.

The president and vice-president-elect slept under one roof on the night of the 12th. This is the first visit and commensalation between president and vice-president-elect.

Two strangers from Arizona on the 13th entered the San Bernardino national bank and one of them presented a check to be cashed. Cashier Morse told him he would have to be identified.

Some words followed, when the stranger drew a revolver and shot Morse through the body. The latter returned the fire and put two balls into his assailant.

It is thought that Morse and his assailant will both die. It is believed the man entered the bank with the design of robbery.

The Washington Star of a recent date says: "Mrs. Senator Paddock and Miss Paddock, after a week's visit in New York, have joined the senator at the Portland for the winter."

Mrs. Paddock will have as her guest during the session Miss Claire Rustin, of Omaha, who will be an acquisition to the literary and musical circles of Washington.

Mrs. Paddock also expects a short visit from her recently married daughter during the session."

A BOLD attempt at bank robbery was made in Denver, Col., Dec. 13, in the afternoon, at the People's Savings bank.

While a part of the force was absent at lunch a stranger entered and engaged the cashier in conversation. His pal sneaked in at the back door and entered the vault, but before he could secure any money, Mr. Stanwood, the bank teller, noticed him. Rushing to the vault he covered the thief with a revolver and ordered him to hold up his hands, which he did until the patrol arrived and took him to jail. The first robber escaped.

THE Omaha World reads a pretty good lesson to a certain line of politicians, over the left shoulder of ex-Governor Furnas, who in an interview with a reporter the other day, had said that personally he was averse to his appointment as commissioner of agriculture, but, etc., etc.

The World stily inquires, "What is the use of cant that everybody understands? The World does not wish to be considered as criticizing ex-Governor Furnas himself so much as the habit into which he and other politicians have fallen of indulging in the cheapest variety of vanity. Let us have a reform. It is not dishonorable to seek an honorable office honorably.

If we want a woman in marriage we don't go about securing her by telling her that while personally we are averse to her, as a promoter of the inauguration of well-to-do we feel bound to solicit her company for life. Why shouldn't we be as honest in politics as we are in courtship?"

To be sure! This class of politicians have all manner of ways of informing the public—they are "in the hands of their friends;" they have "been appealed to;" they have "been assured that they would receive the support," etc., etc.

The better way is, if you are a candidate, to say so, and then these other expressions are all right and proper enough, but to endeavor to lead people to believe that an office is going begging for your acceptance when you know and they know that you are anxious to obtain the position, makes everybody "tired."

DR. J. C. AYER & Co., Lowell, Mass., manufacturers of the celebrated Ayer's Sarsaparilla and other standard remedies, kindly send us a neatly-bound set of their Almanacs for 1896, containing not only calendars adapted to the various meridians of the United States, but to foreign lands as well.

It makes a convenient and reliable volume of reference, the calculations being the work of a practical astronomer, and the historical and other information tabulated with the greatest care and skill.

In addition to the almanacs in ten tongues, the book contains specimens of pamphlets issued by the firm in eleven other languages and dialects—making a curious and very interesting feature of the volume.

We understand that, of the Almanac alone, the firm issues not fewer than fourteen millions annually, being, in all probability, the most widely disseminated work of the kind in existence, as it assuredly is among the most accurate and trustworthy. It can now be had, in its familiar yellow cover, at all the drug stores.

SHORTLY after 6 o'clock on the morning of the 10th at Chicago an attempt was made to destroy Shufeldt & Co.'s distillery in the northern portion of the city by means of dynamite.

At about midnight the neighborhood was shaken by a tremendous explosion, shaking buildings and breaking panes of glass in surrounding houses and causing people to rush into the street in great alarm.

An investigation showed that a bomb had been thrown probably from the street into a detached warehouse used for storing high wines. The building was shattered. Hoops were burst of many of the casks and heads of some of them driven in.

Very few minutes after a package wrapped in paper was discovered lying in the street. It contained several sticks of dynamite and some fuzilating caps.

THE state supreme court has decided that a vendor who sells real estate after the first day of April in any year, in the absence of a contract to the contrary, is under the statute, liable for the taxes on such real estate for that year.

Taxes on such real estate on and after the first day in April in each year, and a party who executes a conveyance with a covenant against incumbrances in effect against the payment of taxes on the land sold for that year and parcel evidence of a contract made with the vendor before the making of the deed to pay such taxes is not admissible to vary the terms of the covenant.

As Iowa farmer has constructed a corn crib on a novel plan that may be an improvement. The sides and ends are tight, but the bottom is made of "slats," affording free circulation of air through it.

Two ventilating chimneys are inserted in the roof, and the theory is that the air will pass in a continuous stream from the bottom up and dry the corn thoroughly and keep out mould.

This may be an improvement on the old plan, which relies on the horizontal movement of the air through the slatted sides.

THE Lincoln Call, which is now paying some attention to what the republican boys are thinking of, says:

"The Lansing and Jim Caldwell are each trying to secure the office of district attorney. Brad Slaughter wants to be U. S. marshal. Walt Seely wants to be collector of internal revenue and Billy Hamilton wants to render services to our government at Springfield."

Captain Paine wants a land office. Mr. Scott, who was on the reception committee to receive Harrison a year or two ago when he came to Omaha, Brad Slaughter wants a land office. Patrick Egan wants to be minister to France. F. C. Severance wants to be U. S. bank examiner."

THE Christmas number of the Boston Musical Herald is freighted with valuable and well digested intelligence for all students of music.

Its three Choice Xmas Carols will be especially appreciated by chorists and Sunday School superintendents.

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NEBRASKA NOTES. Gov. Thayer was confined to his room several days of last week, his trouble being bronchial affection.

Over thirty cases of diphtheria are reported in Plattsmouth. The schools have closed in the city.

On the 14th several cases of scarlet fever were reported in Stromberg, but as yet no deaths. It appears to be in a light form.

The citizens of Superior have decided to build a magnificent hotel on Central avenue. The necessary steps have been taken to organize a company for that purpose.

The trial of John S. Wolf, Jr., charged with murder in the second degree, for shooting Richard E. Brewer at Cedar Rapids, November 7, 1895, ended at Albia on the 14th, the jury acquitting the prisoner.

Young ladies of Schuyler are making arrangements for a leap-year ball—the last of the season.

On the night of the 11th burglars attempted to blow open the safe of the Central City mill but failed. The safe was wrecked.

A two year old child of Babe Jensen, living near Central City, pulled a kettle of boiling water on itself a few days ago fatally scalding it.

Mr. A. H. Osborn, member of the town board at Osceola, and an old pioneer and respected citizen of the town, was buried on the 12th aged seventy years.

The failure of the dry goods house of John Stich of Hastings, on the evening of the 15th, is the heaviest on record in western Nebraska. Liabilities will exceed \$80,000.

The board of health at Osceola, had a meeting on the 12th and all public meetings and schools were forbidden and closed, and all houses where scarlet fever exists are to be quarantined.

Nelson A. Barnes, by a change of venue from Central City, Merrick county, on trial in the district court at Columbus, charged with the embezzlement of \$300, was acquitted last Saturday.

N. B. Durkee, a prominent and wealthy farmer living one mile east of Barneston, committed suicide on the 14th by hanging. He was found hanging in his barn at 4 p. m.

A violent fit of indigestion is assigned as the cause. J. L. Butts jumped from a freight train near Ord one night last week, when the train was at full speed, breaking his neck and lower jaw, causing instant death.

Harry Hanna, city ticket agent of the M. P. & L. Lincoln, the State Journal says, returned from Ohio Saturday morning. The weather in the east ought not to be mentioned on the same day as the Nebraska article, according to his story.

Simon True, near Newark, while tending a mill for breaking corn for feeding cattle, had his hand so badly mangled that amputation was found necessary.

The knives caught his mitten and with it drew his hand into the machine. Gov. Thayer's condition was not so favorable on the night of the 15th, having over exerted himself talking to too many visitors.

He has improved, and now feels better than he has felt for several days. His physicians forbids him talking to any visitors.

On the 12th at Humbolt Moses Davis assaulted Wm. Harper and fractured his skull with the butt end of his revolver. The doctors removed the fractured part of the brain, and it is their opinion that Harper cannot live. Irritating cause—Harper accused Davis of stealing his coat.

On the 14th a man was run down 15 miles west of Benkleman by the B. & M. train No. 4, a passenger, and instantly killed. Papers on his person show that he was drawing a pension on account of almost total deafness.

His name as shown by the papers was Albert H. Morfeyke. As train 16 on the Burlington & Missouri, known as the Kansas City and St. Louis ferry, drawn by engine 3, driven by Engineer Dietz, approached the station at Dawson, when almost to it he struck a wagon in which was a young man named McGair and his niece, Miss Quinlin, the latter about 20 years old, killing them both.

The well known homoeopathic physician, Dr. G. W. Williams of Omaha, was found dead in his room on the morning of the 16th. But forty-eight hours before he had been in good health and had been arrested for the grave charge of having performed an abortion on one Lottie C. Stevenson, of Omaha.

At Plattsmouth one afternoon last week, the arrest of two suspicious characters was made by Officers Fitzpatrick and Grace. Upon being searched, there was found a complete set of burglar's tools, with a funnel for blowing powder into safes (one of which can open almost any door) a revolver and a knife.

The Wahoo Democrat wants a law passed to exempt debts from taxation, which is a good idea. It further says it is nothing about a steal for the state to tax a farm for all it is worth when it is mortgaged for half its value.

The Democrat will look up the figures it will find that the land of Nebraska is assessed for only about a tenth or a twelfth of its value.

Broken Bow is becoming somewhat famous. Here is the latest: "A B. B. young man took his best girl to a dance in the country the other night. He fell asleep on the way home and the young lady took the reins, resulting in an overturned buggy and a runaway.

The youth forsook his sweetest to chase the flying horses, and the girl was obliged to walk into town and carry the laprobe.

Mrs. John Deiter, aged about 40 years, died last Friday at her home, six miles southwest of Madison. She had been sick with typhoid fever, but had recovered sufficiently to attend to her children, who were also down with the fever, when she was taken with the fever, and a female complaint occurring at this time, she was again prostrated, from which she never recovered.

She was buried on Saturday at the cemetery at St. Bernard. She leaves a husband and nine children, besides a host of friends to mourn her loss.—Chronicle.

A. C. Tyrrell, of Madison, started a sample of honey to the Paris exhibition last week. The honey is from Melissa, a honey plant wonderfully productive, introduced into this country and Canada by Mr. Tyrrell some years ago.

Mr. Tyrrell is an enthusiastic spirit and can tell more about bees in five minutes than the average man could find out in a lifetime. To Mr. Tyrrell Madison is indebted to the honor of being the only town in the state that will be represented at the Paris exposition.—[Norfolk News.

The Burtonian has lifted the lid from a Tekamah hell-hole and exposed the impa within. One of them, well named Lowe, threatened to blow the editor's colossal brains out, but, undismayed, the Burtonian continues to sail into the gang who are conducting the dive, telling them to shut up and move on.

The good citizens of the town are, of course, behind the paper. One hundred and twenty of them came out in a card endorsing its fight on the hoodlum element.—[Preston Tribune.

It is a known fact that the saloons of Schuyler violate the liquor laws and ordinances continually. The back doors of these places are open to the public every Sunday and visitors there on this day are numerous.

Our police cannot help but know it, but little concern it gives them. This city pays \$115 a month for police services. Can the taxpayers figure out wherein they get value received?—[Quill.

There are ninety-seven national banks in Nebraska, with loans and discounts aggregating \$14,849,380; circulation, \$1,541,000; aggregate resources, \$22,035,183; capital stock, \$6,235,000; surplus, \$1,083,450; profits undivided, \$627,618; individual deposits, \$10,796,291.

Nebraska has 125 private banks, with a capital of \$24,921,292; surplus, \$677,848; and deposits aggregating \$3,847,000.

On last Tuesday week Mr. U. C. Guss, our lumberman, had a sharp pointed chicken stuck in his throat and caused him such trouble that he was compelled to go to Seward, trust haste and engage the services of Dr. Reynolds in removing it, which was done by a long rubber tube and swab being run down his throat.

Mr. Guss now carries the bone in his pocket, which is a more convenient place than his throat.—[Uluses Dispatch.

The citizens of Ashland came near having a big fire on the morning of the 14th in the store of Ed. Wolf on Main street, near the B. & M. depot. The alarm was immediately given. The hose cart was stationed on the same block, and a stream of water was in a few minutes turned on and the fire subdued.

Nothing but the promptness of the Brooklyn boys saved East Ashland from a severe fire. The stock of goods, mostly groceries, were badly damaged by water and fire. The loss was partly covered by insurance of \$600.

The governor has issued proclamations calling for elections in Scott's Bluff, Banner, Kimball and Deuel counties to be held on the 15th of January, 1896.

These elections are to be held to elect county officers and locate county seats. It will be remembered that at the general election in November the voters of Cheyenne county decided that the county was too large, and that the counties named should be cut out of its boundary.

Petitions having been received by the governor praying for county organization, the proclamations calling for the elections were accordingly issued.

Dr. Billings, state veterinarian, has been experimenting with inoculation of hogs as a preventative of hog cholera in the vicinity of Ulyses, and the results have been most damaging to our farmers.

Farmer H. H. Hess is the heaviest loser. Out of 260 head inoculated, 230 are dead; had they never been tampered with, all probability they would be alive and well, as no cholera has been in the neighborhood previous to the inoculation.

Farmer Hess is therefore \$1,000 out of pocket. Louis Lindner, D. L. Sylvester, and Charley Walker are all losers of hogs, the result of inoculation at the hands of the state veterinarian. Truly, inoculation is a fraud, and Dr. Billings ought to be vented far and wide as a man going about doing evil rather than good.

State papers should pass him around.—[Uluses Dispatch.

It is gratifying to reflect that there is no state in the Union in which business is better or the people more prosperous than in our own state of Nebraska.

Recent interviews by the Lincoln Journal with the president of the Lombard Investment company, and the manager of the company in Lincoln, show that that company is not loaning one half the money in the state that it formerly did.

Farmers in the eastern part of the state are getting out of debt very fast, and many of them have money of their own to loan.

This state of affairs is rapidly extending westward and the time is soon coming when the farms of Nebraska will be practically free from mortgages.

Of course there will always be some mortgages and some farmers who are behind in their mortgages, but the majority of farmers who conduct their business with care and attention are sure of acquiring a competency.—[Seward Reporter.

CITIZENS OF NEBRASKA during the past week, and reported for this paper by A. S. Snow & Co., patent lawyers, opposite U. S. Patent office, Washington, D. C.

Benj. M. Clay, harness maker; D. L. G. W. Maxwell, farmer; morning machine; O. M. Miller, Lockridge, Wright motor; C. Thompson, Omaha, appliance for etching on glass, etc.; J. Toney, Omaha, hay sizer and pulley.

A Novel Feature. "The Star," a home and household journal, devoted to agriculture, fancy work, stories, etc., makes an entire new departure in offering to every subscriber thirteen novels, bound in pamphlet form, by the best authors, "Duchess of Burgundy," Charles Dickens and others, 8 pages, forty cent, note, the Star one year and 13 books will be sent to any address. W. R. Sanders, publisher, Pavillion, Genessee Co., N. Y.

SENATOR PADDOCK's bill to provide for the erection of a government building in every town in which the post-office receipts exceed \$3,000 a year, is meeting with considerable favor among congressmen; there are many things to be said in its favor; the government will own the property in which the postal business is done, instead of paying a rental; the expenditure of the money will be a direct benefit to each community; acrimonious disputes about the location of post-offices will be avoided, after the location of the building. The bill has been reported favorably by the committee on public buildings and grounds.

We expect to see it become a law. Mr. Paddock is usually very successful in engineering his measures through congress, because he makes them so palpably good that it is hard to say him nay.

THE Broken Bow Tragedy. BROKEN BOW, Dec. 13.—The particulars of the tragedy which occurred here the other day are about as follows:

The trouble grew out of the fact that King's cattle had been in the habit of trespassing on the land of DeMerritt and destroying his corn. They had had trouble for several years over the matter, having had one lengthy lawsuit in which DeMerritt was beaten.

On the morning of the tragedy DeMerritt with his nephew, a boy about 15, went out to the corn field to gather corn, taking the dog along, as DeMerritt stated to shoot some chickens. When they arrived at the field they found the cattle of King, about twenty in number, in the corn.

DeMerritt started to drive them to his pasture, where he intended to keep them until the damage had been made good by King. He had not gotten them out of the field when King came along on horseback and what occurred between this and the shooting is not clear.

DeMerritt's nephew stated that the only conversation that occurred was that King, springing a rifle up to within about forty steps, exclaimed: "You son of a b—, I'll fix you," and reached his hand toward his hip pocket. DeMerritt then drew up his shotgun and fired, killing both horse and man. DeMerritt then came into town and gave himself up. He has been taken to the jail at Platt Creek. DeMerritt is a small man, five feet four inches tall, and is unmarried.

He owns 100 acres of land adjoining that of King's, who is a wealthy farmer owning probably 1,000 acres, where he lived with his wife and large family.

THE Late Mrs. Sherman. Gen. Boynton's Washington dispatch in Cincinnati Commercial Gazette: The death of Mrs. Gen. Sherman causes widespread and most sincere sorrow in Washington. It is a sorrow that reaches down, and will be most deeply felt among the unfortunate and those who move in the lowly walks of life.

While the official position of her husband gave her high standing and exalted her to the social scale, and while she commanded respect and the respect of all who crossed her path, she was never drawn towards its glitter or even its more solid attractions.

She was one of those who delighted most in going about doing good. To be active and foremost in charities was her more congenial work than to be principal or assistant at brilliant receptions. The gems in her crown of rejoicing will be the tears that will fall from the eyes of thousands among the poor, the afflicted, and the humble as they read of her death.

She was the most prominent Catholic woman in the United States. There was no more devoted Christian than she. She was not merely a member of that organization but Mrs. Sherman. She gave her strength and her influence to her church, and exerted them to their utmost, both along the line of its benevolent work and in the councils of the church, where she exerted much power.

She gracefully and faithfully performed all her social duties which her position entailed upon her, but she gladly turned as she could for opportunity, from those social attractions which would have been a temptation to her vanity, and found her chief delight in being about the Master's business. The rich and those decorated with social rank respected her and loved her.

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All religious truth was to her as self-evident. She walked in the sublime faith of the reality of the unknown, and in her consciousness grasped not hopes only, but looked far out upon certainties, and the shores of the unseen world were as palpable to her as the solid earth.

She was a lady whose simplicity was the evidence of her cultivation, and whose devotion to husband and children was as admirable as if her whole life was absorbed in her relations of wife and mother.

It was her happiness to be kind to her neighbors, and she was ever ready to take her share of the general in the troubles of her stormy life, and no man ever had more loyal and loving help than she.

Her life was a lesson to all who saw her. Her life was a lesson to all who saw her. Her life was a lesson to all who saw her. Her life was a lesson to all who saw her.

RENOVATIONS OF AN OLD STEELER. AT the first session of the legislature a charter was passed for a ferry across the Loup River. The incorporators were James C. Mitchell and others. Mitchell was the founder of the town of Florence, which in early times was not inconsiderable rival of Omaha.

It was claimed by him that the river at that place had a rock bottom, and consequently when the Iowa railroads built to the Missouri river, that they would come to Florence instead of Omaha, on that account, he having no premonition of the erection of stone piers on pile foundations, and the sinking of pneumatic cylinders, so near in the future. He was styled "The King of Rock Bottom," and the motto at the head of his paper, the Florence Courier, was "We had rather be in the right place on rock bottom, than to have the capital of the territory."

He was a small man about 55 years old, with iron-gray hair, and firm and determined. In his early days he had been a sailor and had followed the sea for years. He was devoted to all his energies to building his town, in opposition to Omaha, and investing all he could raise in buildings. When the hard times of 1857 came on he and his wife fled to the west.

There was an immense emigration to the newly discovered gold mines in Colorado and his ferry stock was about the only property he had that was productive, and he came out here to give it his personal attention, and remained during the season. Our townsman, John Rickety, was then the proprietor of a steam saw mill, and sold him lumber and found it necessary to commence suits to collect the amounts due him.

At this time the office of sheriff was vacant, the incumbent having moved away, and no one was willing to take the office, nor would any one hold the office of constable. There was no justice of the peace and when he issued a summons he had to specially authorize some person to serve it.

At one of the suits of Rickety vs. Mitchell the litigants became quarrelsome, the lie was exchanged, whereupon the ex-sailor arose, shipped the magistrate's hatchet (which he kept to split his kindling) as ballast, and steered for the rock, preceded by about half a minute by Mr. Rickety, who had suddenly recollected an engagement which he had in another part of the town. The justice, appreciating the impossibility of sup-

porting his dignity as well as that of the people of Nebraska in holding court in Columbus without the assistance of an officer in court, became demoralized and addressed a letter to the county clerk to the effect that he respectfully returned to the people the trust they had invested him with.

Mr. Mitchell is well remembered by the early settlers, though having been dead over a quarter of a century, is forgotten by the rest of the world. He was one of the group of remarkable men of the early days, the founders of the state who have passed to the beyond.

They had, it is true, the imperfections of humanity, but they builded better than they knew and founded a commonwealth. He was a member of the upper houses of the first legislature and was appointed commissioner to locate the capital building in Omaha. He was an interesting conversationalist, with a large fund of knowledge acquired by foreign travel.

In 1859 the ferry was sold to O. P.